

Prayer For Vocations

Father, we are Your people, the work of Your hands. So precious are we in Your sight that You sent Your Son, Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in Your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. With our hearts You continue to love Your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

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The **Divorced, Separated, and Widowed Catholics of Akron** is sponsoring a talk by **Kathy Tupa**. Her topic will be the "**Grief Cycle of Emotions**," offering hope and encouragement to those working through the loss of spouse or loved ones through death or divorce. Kathy is a retired elementary teacher and she has been a facilitator and teacher for over 12 years with the Divorce Recovery Ministry at the Akron Chapel. This will be held **Monday, April 11 at 7:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls**. Open at no cost to single people of all faiths. Refreshments at 7:15pm. **For more info, call Sue at 330-554-5626.**

Magnificat

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, invites you to a **Breakfast Saturday, April 23 at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 241 S. Main St., North Canton, OH** (different location for this meal only). Join us in a special time of fellowship and sharing. **Mother Margaret Mary of the Religious Community, Children of Mary will be the guest speaker.** Cost is **\$18**; make checks payable to "Magnificat of Stark County" and send to Debby Bentivegna, 5575 East Blvd. NW, Canton, OH 44718. Seating limited. Make your reservations early! **Reservations not accepted after April 16. Doors open at 8:30am with Breakfast at 9am. Optional Mass at 8am at St. Paul's Church.** For more information, please call **Shirley DeOrio at 330-305-1146.**

Camp Christopher Ribbon Cutting Event

Join us on **Wednesday, April 13 at 2pm** as we christen our first new cabin in nearly **20 years!** Celebrate with us and enjoy light refreshments afterwards in our new pavilion. **Held at Camp Christopher (1930 N. Hametown Rd., Akron 44333).** For more information, please visit www.campchris.org or call **800-296-2267.**

Hi Everyone,

The Fr. Hilker Ozanam Center statistics for March 2016 are as follows:

Food Pantry

Total number of people served was 753
Total number of households served was 227
Total number of children served was 300
Total number of seniors served was 90

Clothing Bank

Total number of families served was 168
Articles of clothing given away: 1738
Winter coats given away: 32

Furniture Bank

Total number of clients served was 16
Couches given away: 9
Armchairs given away: 4
Mattresses/box springs: 8
Dressers given away: 2
Misc. given away: 61

Because of Easter we were only open three Saturdays this month. This month also marks the end of the winter coat giveaway program. This season we gave away 641 winter coats! Thank you all for all you do, and please have a very Happy Easter season!

Jim and Cathie Perusek

Iconography: A Vision of This Life

Iconography: A Vision of This Life and the Next will be presented by **Fr. Thomas J. Loya Wednesday, April 13 at 7pm at St. Joseph Church in Brecksville.** Fr. Loya is an experienced iconographer and noted speaker on the subject. Refreshments will be served and a free will offering taken. Any questions? Call **440-526-1818.**

Catholics Returning Home

St. Hilary Parish will be offering "Catholics Returning Home," a six-week series for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church, compassion and healing. There will be informal sharing and an update of the Catholic Faith. Our spring session will begin **Monday, April 18 from 7-8:30pm in the Spiritual Center Lower Level.** All are welcome! **For more info, contact the Parish Office at 330-867-1055 or church@sthilarychurch.org.**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Children are trafficked for forced labor, domestic work, as child soldiers, for begging but most children are trafficked for sexual exploitation. There is a demand for younger and younger victims worldwide. This demand comes from customers in the growing global sex industry. Please pray for the suffering children of the world. Please visit www.sistersagainstrafficking.org for additional information!

Please check the vestibule for more information on upcoming events, registration forms, prayer cards, and notices.

Third Sunday of Easter ~ Bulletin Announcements for April 10, 2016

Tutors Needed!

Seeds of Literacy, provides free basic education and GED prep to adults in the Cleveland area. Volunteer tutors help students one-on-one at a variety of skill levels and subjects. Tutor training sessions held **Friday, April 22, 9am-3pm (Seeds East), Saturday, May 21, 9am-3pm (Seeds West) and Wednesday, June 15, 5-8pm (Seeds West)**. Contact Alexandria Marshall at 216-661-7950 x15, alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org or visit seedsofliteracy.org. Seeds West: 3104 West 25th St., 3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44109. Seeds East: 13815 Kinsman Rd. Cleveland, OH 44120.

Italian Heritage Club Festa

Benedictine High School's 26th annual Italian Heritage Club Festa will be **Saturday, April 23, in the school cafeteria**. The Festa is an **adult dinner-dance**. This year's Person of the Year honoree is **Dr. James Merlino**. **Door open at 6:30pm**. Tickets are **\$40 per person**. Included in the ticket price are an antipasto, dinner, beer, wine, soft drinks, music, a Chinese auction and sideboards. All proceeds of the Festa go to the Piuanno-Scaravelli and DiCioccio Scholarship Funds of Benedictine High School. **For more information or tickets, Contact Mark Francioli at 216-421-2090, x505 or francioli@cbhs.edu.**

Workshop at All Saints Cemetery

Please join us for **cemetery/funeral pre-planning workshop and presentation**. Special One-Day Pricing All Saints Cemetery! Pre-planning your cemetery/funeral arrangements is a gift to your family and to all who you love and care about. Learn in a group or one-on-one with a Family Service Representative. Receive a Catholic Personal Reference File, along with everything you need to know (Burial, Cremation, and Catholic Funeral Traditions). Held **Saturday April 23 from 1-2pm** at the **All Saints Cemetery office (480 W. Highland Rd. Northfield, OH 44067)**. Workshop is **free (registration is appreciated)**. Light snacks and refreshments provided. Visit www.clecem.org for all dates and locations. To register, call the Cemetery office at 216-641-7575 x5.

Listening, Encouraging, & Assisting Families

Do you know someone, who, because of the incarceration of a loved one, experiences isolation, shame, guilt, and an overwhelming sense of being alone? The LEAF Ministry has been formed to be of support to these families. Groups meet monthly offering an opportunity to those who come to listen and share community, network and learn from others who understand their situation, challenges, fears and emotions. All are welcome! **For more info and for schedules, contact 216-696-6525 x3500, 800-869-6525 x3500, info@leafministry.org, or visit www.leafministry.org.**

Spring in Amish Country

Join the members of the OLG Young at Heart Group on **Wednesday, April 27** as we visit **Smuckers, P. Graham Dunne, Lehman's and Broadrun Cheesehouse and Winery with lunch in an Amish home**. Trip price is \$65. Departing **Our Lady of Guadalupe (9080 Shepard Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056)** at 8am and returning at about 6pm. For reservations, please call **Mary Rizzo at 330-467-3465**.

Summer Programs

Did you know that our Diocese offers summer programs for children and adults with disabilities? The summer programs offer respite and provide life-enhancing activities for children and adults in a Catholic setting. They are a great way to meet new friends, learn new things and just have fun! If you have a family member with a developmental disability or know someone who does, contact **Dennis McNulty**, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services, for more information at **216-334-2962 or dmcnulty@ccdacle.org**.

Disability Services Summer Camp Employment

Camp Happiness is currently interviewing college students and young professionals to work this summer at our three camp sites located in Wickliffe, Lakewood and Parma. This is a great opportunity to experience a job that is truly one of service and is personally fulfilling. And not to say that they don't have fun! **Camp Happiness is from June 13-July 29, from 9:30am-3pm (includes one week of training and six weeks of camp)**. Visit www.ccdacle.org/disability, or contact **Marilyn Scott**, Program Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services at **216-334-2963 or mjscott@ccdacle.org** for more info.

Attention Young Adults

Looking for social, spiritual, and service activities for young adults? Visit the **Northeast Ohio Catholic Young Adults Meetup Group** at www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults. The group is free to join and the online interactive calendar is easy to use! Questions? Please contact **Jennifer Sullivan** at groundsforfaith@yahoo.com or 330-217-1064 (home).

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