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A "Caring and Sharing" session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Monday, June 27 from 7:30-9pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. Marlene Maruna, a Licensed Independent Social Worker, will facilitate this session. Open at no charge to people of all faiths. For more information, call Marlene 330-607-6284.

Summer Surprise Mystery Trip

Join the *OLG Young at Heart Group*, Tuesday, July 12 for a wonderful adventure to somewhere you may have never been or never knew existed. Day full of surprises that combine unique areas, sites and attractions. Areas we have not visited on one of our published trips. **Departing Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (9080 Shepard Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056) at 7:15am and returning around 6:30pm. Call 330-467-3465 for reservations (\$79).**

PREP Relationship Skills

PREP fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement for engaged couples, and offers enrichment to married couples. Held Saturday, July 30, from 9am to 5:30pm (4:30pm Mass), at St. Raphael, 525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village, OH 44140. \$125 per couple (register by July 22). For more info about PREP, please call 216-334-2978. Registration forms are available at <http://ccdocle.org/program/prep>.

The World Apostolate of Fatima's Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace

The historic tour, marking the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, will feature the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, traveling worldwide for nearly 70 years. Padre Pio Prayer Group from St. Barnabas, Northfield OH is hosting the tour on July 14 from 8am-2pm, with 12pm Mass. All are welcome but we are looking for Prayer Groups to lead the rosary by calling the contact below to sign up. It will be an extraordinary occasion of healing, hope and grace. Please join us that day to hear the story of Fatima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. We bring the pilgrimage to you! Hundreds and favors and graces, including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the image. The presence of this special Statue (sculpted by Jose Thedim in 1947, based on Sr. Lucia's description of her encounters with Our Lady) is a great gift to our community. Contact Therese Harper of Padre Pio Prayer Group of Northeast Ohio from St. Barnabas at 330-760-5780 for more info. Visit www.fatimatourforpeace.com to learn more about the tour and the statue!

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

Mark Your Calendar!

The FEST 2016 is less than two months away! Join us for our 16th Annual Catholic Family FESTival, Sunday, August 7 as we bring together 39,000+ from across our region for a day of faith, family, and fun! Come and hear the best of the best of the national Christian artists: Newsboys, Michael W. Smith, Matthew West, and Lauren Daigle. The day also includes dynamic activities for all ages, opportunities for prayer and reflection, a large outdoor Mass followed by fireworks and more. We need your help to make this amazing day possible – please consider donating two hours of your time by volunteering for The FEST. Volunteers get a free t-shirt and are essential to making this event possible. For more info, or to register to help, go to www.theFEST.us.

People are not Things

Pope Francis says: "It is not possible to remain indifferent before knowledge that human beings are bought and sold like goods. I think of the adoption of children for the extraction of their organs, or women deceived and forced to prostitute themselves, of workers exploited and denied their rights of a voice. This is human trafficking." Access the website at www.sistersagainstrafficking.org – U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

A Peace Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Fr. Wally Hyclak (St. Mary of the Falls, Olmsted Falls, OH) & Barb Vopat (Sun City, AZ) are taking a group on a 'Peace Pilgrimage to the Holy Land', November 27-December 6, 2016. Price from Phoenix or any other departure city available. Pray for peace as you visit, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Tiberius & more! Reasonable pricing including taxes, tips, breakfast and dinner. Contact Barb at bvopat@yahoo.com or 216-470-4207. Father and Barb are veterans hosting this Peace Pilgrimage and would love for you to join them to pray for peace in the world, the Middle East and in our hearts.

Travel Plans?

When traveling we arrange hotels, places to eat, places to visit and more...Why not include holy places? When we travel on weekends, God is watching over us. Should we not be sure to included finding somewhere to go to Mass for the weekend? You could check www.masstimes.org or call the Parish office for help. Hotels, motels, and travel services may also be of help in finding out where Mass is being celebrated.

Each day let us pray...

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.



SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2016 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Happy Abba day!

In modern-day Hebrew, the word *Abba* translates to mean “Daddy.” It is a term filled with love and trust. Abba is the one who holds you close, who loves you dearly, and who takes pride in the person you are. Jesus, in Aramaic, used the word Abba to speak to God. Jesus reminds us that it is this Father’s love that has created us and calls us to life. This God has chosen us and gives us his only son, so that we might truly know that we are, always and forever, Abba’s children.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1; Galatians 3:26-29; Luke 9:18-24 (96)*. “Through faith you are all children of God.”

MONDAY, JUNE 20 Judgment is the Lord’s

Judging others—even if criticism is justified—is a bad habit to get into. Jesus often called those who judged others (rather than themselves) hypocrites, a word that in Greek meant actors or pretenders. Pope Francis says, “I think we too are the people who, on the one hand, want to listen to Jesus, but on the other hand, at times, like to find a stick to beat others with, to condemn others. [But] the Lord’s most powerful message is mercy.” You’ve been misjudged. You know how it hurts. So why cause others pain?

TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7:1-5 (371)*. “As you judge, so will you be judged.”

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 FEAST OF ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS Choose harmony

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga lived through violent times in Renaissance Italy. Wars were frequent, and he witnessed the murders of two of his brothers. It was assumed he would become a soldier and later a marquis like his father. But Aloysius chose to heal instead of maim, renounced his sizable inheritance, and became a Jesuit priest. In poor health himself, he administered to the sick until illness claimed him, too. In today’s troubled times, you are faced with the same choice as Aloysius—are you contributing to harmony or discord?

TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matthew 7:6, 12-14 (372)*. “How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few.”

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

FEAST OF JOHN FISHER, BISHOP, AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS Standing together for religious freedom

Today we celebrate the feasts of two great saints and martyrs: Saint Thomas More, chancellor of England, and Saint John Fisher,

bishop of Rochester. They were martyred within two weeks of each other by King Henry VIII (who had been a good friend to both) for defending the sanctity of marriage and papal authority. They were beatified together by Pope Leo XIII in 1886 and canonized together by Pius XI in 1935. It is very hard to uphold and defend our moral values. May these two saints be our models and heroes when our integrity is threatened.

TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20 (373)*. “A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.”

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 Old Testament, in short

God makes the world good. People prefer their own way. Sin and pain enter the story. Brother kills brother. Rains fall, waters rise. We start again. Nations scatter and fortify. God befriends Abraham. Abraham’s kin move to Egypt and are enslaved. Rescued by Moses, Israelites receive God’s laws and enter Canaan. We start again. Judges rule. Kings take the throne. Jerusalem becomes God’s city. A temple to God is built there. Babylon destroys Jerusalem, the temple, and the kingship. Israel is exiled to Babylon, then released. We start again. Always, always, God’s people must start again.

TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Kings 24:8-17; Matthew 7:21-29 (374)*. “[Nebuchadnezzar] carried off all the treasures of the temple . . . and deported all Jerusalem.”

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST Who is your saint?

Unlike many images of Jesus and the saints, John the Baptist is not portrayed in pastels, gazing heavenward. He is the wild man, driven to announce the coming Kingdom. Many scholars believe that Jesus may have been a disciple of John, and when John was martyred, Jesus himself took up the message—an intense mission, but not a joyless one. One film shows John with Jesus after his Baptism, standing in the Jordan, dripping and embracing, almost giddy at what God was doing with them. Do you have a saint to whom you can draw close, to help you laugh at yourself, someone you can learn from?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Day: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80 (587)*. “It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant . . . I will make you a light to the nations.”

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 Only say the word

In 2011, the revised *Roman Missal* (the U.S. translation of the Mass) underwent a number of changes. One of the more noticeable changes was in the Eucharistic Prayer: “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you . . .” became “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof . . .” The new wording echoes the gospel story of Jesus healing the centurion’s servant from a distance. It was Christ’s word and the centurion’s faith that healed. Perhaps as we participate in the Mass these words are a good reminder that the words we use are powerful—filled with faith and capable of miracles.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Matthew 8:5-17 (376)*. “Jesus said to the centurion, ‘You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you.’”



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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