Remembrance Prayer by Pope Francis at Ground Zero Memorial in New York City 2015

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and religious traditions, who gather today on this hallowed ground, the scene of unspeakable violence and pain.

We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here: the heroic first-responders: our fire fighters, police officers, emergency service workers and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11.

We ask you, in your compassion, to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here fourteen years ago, continue to suffer from injuries and illness.

Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred, and who justify killing in the name of religion.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.

Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain.

Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all." *Hi Everyone, The monthly statistics for the Fr. Hilkert Ozanam Center for the month of August, 2016 follow:*

Food Pantry

Total number of people served was 844 Total number of households served was 270 Total number of children served was 309 Total number of seniors served was 96

Clothing Bank

Total number of families served was 143 Articles of clothing given away: 1537

Furniture Bank

Total number of clients served was 22 Couches given away: 11 Armchairs given away: 9 Mattresses/box springs: 13 Dressers given away: 12 Misc. given away: 35

The clothing bank and furniture bank numbers are a little low, because on August 20 we didn't have enough volunteers to open both of those banks. There was a funeral that day and the volunteers understandably attended the funeral and couldn't work at the Center. This just emphasizes the need the Center has for its volunteers. Without your efforts we can't run an efficient help center.

Jim and Cathie Perusek

Jubilee Year Of Mercy Holy Door Bus Trip

Save the date! You don't want to miss St. Paul Parish's Holy Door Bus Trip on Tuesday, September 20, 2016! We will have an air-conditioned bus with a restroom and we will visit the Sacred Statues Museum, The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, and the Shrine at Our Lady of Lourdes. Bus will depart St. Paul Parish (91580 Brown St., Akron, OH 44301) 9am and return at 6pm. 54 seats are available and will go fast!! Cost is \$55 including lunch. To reserve a seat or if you questions, call Deacon John Amedeo at 330-310-1628.

Building a Culture of Life

Youth grades 7-12 are invited to the 8th Annual Building a Culture of Life Youth Retreat and Dinner held at St. Stephen Catholic Church (44 Britton St. West Salem, OH) Saturday, October 22 from 6-9pm. This, fun and free event includes spaghetti dinner, Eucharistic Adoration, ice cream bar, games and prizes. This year's speaker topics include Our Lady of America's Message to Youth and Building a Jesus Culture. To register, contact Wendy and Todd McKee at 330-262-1096 or rosarywtm@gmail.com.

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

Volunteer Tutors

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 session held Saturday, October 1, 9am-3pm at Seeds West (3104 West 25th St., 3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44109). Visit seedsofliteracy.org or contact Alexandria Marshall at 216-661-7950 x15 or alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org.

All Golfers Invited

Right to Life of Northeast Ohio invites you to enjoy a round of golf, good food, prizes and camaraderie at the beautiful Silver Lake Country Club on Monday, September 19. Registration opens at 10am with a Noon shotgun start. Registration fee is \$125/golfer and includes putting green, driving range, lunch, golf with cart, beer and soft drinks on the course, dinner and great prizes. Your support helps us to continue with our mission to save lives NOW! To register, please call 330-762-2785 or visit www.righttolifeofnortheastohio.com.

Engaged Encounter

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a comprehensive weekend of marriage preparation held three times a year at the St. Leonard Retreat Center, 4076 Case Rd., Avon, OH 44011. Questions? Call Alex and Lily Fuentes at 216-849-3769. \$185 per couple. The next program is October 14-16. Visit www.clevelandencounter.com to register.

Natural Family Planning

Learn about your faith and a method of family planning that goes beyond the physical. NFP classes start on **Thurs., September 22**, in **Broadview Hts. at Assumption Parish**. For more info/to register, visit <u>www.neo-nfp.org</u>.

Calendar Alert!

Come enjoy a few hours at the "Home of Champions" and learn everything Benedictine has to offer. Students will be on hand to deliver guided tours throughout the school. Teachers, administrators and staff will be available to answer any questions you may have!

OPEN HOUSES:

Thursday, October 20 6pm - 7:30pm Sunday, October 23 Noon - 2:30pm

ENTRANCE EXAMS:

Saturday, October 22, 9am - 12:15pm Saturday, November 5, 9am - 12:15pm Wednesday, November 16, 5pm - 8:15pm Saturday, December 3, 9am - 12:15pm

Check out our website at <u>www.cbhs.edu</u> and click our admissions tab to register for an exam or call our Admissions Department at 216-421-2080 x356.

Moms Group

Moms of Saint Sebastian is a Catholic group open to moms of all ages and all faiths. In various ways we work to support each other in our vocation as mothers and strive to deepen our faith. Spiritual, service, educational and social activities are planned for moms, children, and the whole family. For additional information, please email Jennifer Sullivan at momsofsaintsebastian@gmail.com or visit www.stsebastian.org/faith-formation/moms-ofst-sebastian.html.

Addiction Awareness Workshop

The Samaritan Ministry of St. Malachi Parish will again offer a free one-day workshop on addiction awareness in St. Malachi Center (behind the church), West 25th & Detroit, Cleveland, OH 44113, on Saturday, October 1 from **9am to 4pm**. PB&J sandwiches, snacks and beverages will be provided. Donations welcome. Brochures are at the church doors. Relevant topics will include: addiction/alcoholism as a brain disease; effects of drinking/using on others; treatment options; 12-Step programs of recovery; resources in the community. For additional information or to register, please contact Judy Stowe at 440-250-9959 or judystowe@gmail.com, St. 216-861-5343, Malachi **Rectorv** at or visit www.stmalachi.org/samaritan-ministry-2015.

CANA II

CANA II is a marriage preparation series for couples, in which one or both have been married before, or one or both will become a stepparent. Includes Active Parenting for Stepfamilies series on one subsequent Saturday. Held at St. Joseph Parish (12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136) on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8:30am to 5:30pm. Cana II session includes 4:30pm Mass. \$125 per couple. Register at www.ccdocle.org/program/cana-ii by Sept. 16.

ACTIVE PARENTING for Stepfamilies

Parenting in a stepfamily requires a combination of traditional parenting skills and a specialized knowledge that shows how step-families are different. This video series is designed to help couples work together to build a successful step-family. Active Parenting is designed for couples with stepchildren under age 18, and can be taken by any stepparents, or by couples preparing for remarriage in conjunction with a Cana II or PREP day. Active Parenting is included in the cost of Cana II or PREP (\$125 per couple); or \$50 when taken without Cana II or PREP. Held Saturday, October 8 from 8:30am to 4pm (4:30 Mass) at St. Joseph Parish (12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, 44136). Please register at www.ccdocle.org/program/activeparenting-stepfamilies.

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