

***National Black and Indian Collection***

The weekend of February 29 – March 1, our parish is taking take up the 136th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Experience God's Mercy**

Wednesday evening, March 11 for the annual diocesan-wide "Evening of Confession" at Mother of Sorrows and all churches in the diocese will have confessors available from 5-8pm. Come and encounter the experience God's loving mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis has reminded us, "God never tires of forgiving us." This is an excellent Lenten practice as we prepare for Easter.

. Polish American Citizens Club, 472 East Glenwood Ave., Akron, OH 44310 will have a fish fry on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020 from 4:30-8:00 p.m.  
Entrance to club is off Dan Street

**Prayer for Lent**

O God, bless us during this season of spiritual renewal.

Fill our minds and hearts,  
that we may be a sign of Jesus to all those  
Living in our midst.  
Amen.



**CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES**  
*Diocese of Cleveland*

**2020 ANNUAL APPEAL**

The 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment weekend of February 8 - 9. Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Perez requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process by using the envelope found in the pew and place it in the collection at Mass.

To make a donation you may also text CCHOPE to 41444 or visit [CatholicCommunity.org/Donate](http://CatholicCommunity.org/Donate).

The Institute of Catholic Studies at John Carroll University invite you to hear the lecture: "Faithful Citizenship: What Would Augustine Say?" presented by Rev. James T. Bretzke, S.J., S.T.D, Professor of Theology, John Carroll University. This lecture will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:30pm. in the LSC Conference Room of the DJ Lombardo Student Center at John Carroll University. This lecture is free and open to the public.

**Hear Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ**

Ursuline College will honor social justice advocate and death penalty opponent Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, with its *Women Who Light the Way* award on Wednesday, March 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bridges Room at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse (formerly The Q). Sister Helen will participate in an on-stage interview and speak about and sign copies of her new book, "River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey." Please join us. Ticket information at [www.ursuline.edu/light](http://www.ursuline.edu/light) or by calling 440.646.8355.

**March 6, 2020**

**A Panel of High School students from the Catholic High Schools of Summit County topic:**

***"How God Has Walked with Me Through High School"***

**The First Friday Club of Greater Akron is pleased to announce that our Speakers for the March 6 luncheon will be a panel of students from: ARCHBISHOP HOBAN High School represented by Joseph Osmun, OUR LADY OF THE ELMS High School represented**

**by Emily Conti a member of IHM Parish, ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY High School represented by Landry McVicker who attended St. Francis de Sales Grade School, and WALSH JESUIT High School represented by Natalie Chase a member of**

**St. Basil the Great Parish. You may pay the \$20 fee at the door or mail your check to the First Friday Club offices [795 Russell Ave, Akron, OH 44308](mailto:795.Russell.Ave.Akron.OH.44308)**

**Reservations due Monday, March 2, 2020**

**Location: [Tangier Restaurant, 532 W. Market St. Akron 44303](mailto:Tangier.Restaurant.532.W.Market.St.Akron.44303)**

**Doors open and buffet luncheon begins at 11:00 am.**

**The speaker begins at noon and ends at 1:00 pm.**

You are invited to the famous Annunciation Fish Fries at Annunciation Church/Visitation of Mary Parish beginning Friday, February 28th and continuing on all the Fridays of Lent EXCEPT Good Friday.

The dinners are held in the school cafeteria at 88 Kent Street from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm and Prices include \$9.00 Adults, \$8.50 Seniors and \$4.00 for Children 12 years and younger.

The delicious menu includes Baked or Fried Cod, Scalloped potatoes or French Fries, Cole Slaw, Massoli's Bread, Hot Rice or Macaroni & Cheese or Green Beans, Coffee, Tea or Lemonade.

Soft drinks and desserts are also available.

Don't miss these fantastic, fabulous fish fries!!

50/50 available every Friday.

For info, call 330-/535-4141

The Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron will be sponsoring a talk on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30. Our speaker is a representative from the Summa Health Speakers Bureau who will be talking about **Diabetes Awareness and Prevention**. This event will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. This event is open at no cost to single people of all faiths. Refreshments will be at 7:15. Our speaker will start at 7:30. **For information call Marlene at 330-607-6284.**

### HAVE A HEART FOR EDUCATION?

Hope for many in third world countries comes through education. **FRIENDS OF RWANDAN EDUCATION (FRE)** a non-profit, 501c3, was established to assist Rwandan students with their education through scholarships and in the establishment of new schools. If you have a heart for providing education for young people and for giving them a hopeful future, please consider being a part of this young organization. Visit us at [friendsofrwanded.org](http://friendsofrwanded.org), complete the "Contact Us" information and mention your interest in joining us or call Mary Lynn at 330.730.3776. You can also stop by HiHo Brewing Co, on March 19<sup>th</sup> to kick-off March Madness anytime between 6 and 9 PM. Meet the Board of Directors, the students of Rwanda, and enjoy HiHo (a portion of the sales will be donated to FRE).

### *Donation Summaries 2019*

**Requests for 2019 Donation Summaries may be placed in the collection basket with your name, address, phone number, email address and envelope number. Thanks!**