

Seeds of Literacy

Seeds of Literacy, a nonprofit organization offering free, one-to-one tutoring in basic adult education and GED prep, has a need for more tutors. Tutor training sessions will be held **Saturdays, September 13, October 11, and November 15**, all from **9am-2pm** at **3104 West 25th St.** (3rd floor on the corner of West 25th and Clark Ave.) **Cleveland, OH 44109.** Lunch will be provided. There are two locations at which you may tutor: **West Side (3104 West 25th St.)** or **East Side (13815 Kinsman Ave.)** To register/for more info, contact **Alexandria Marshall** at **216-661-7950** or alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org, or visit www.seedsofliteracy.org or Facebook.

Need a ride/give a ride?

Please call the rectory at **330-657-2631** or email mospenoh@windstream.net.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Have you become so distracted by outside pressures that you have neglected your spouse? **Retrouvaille** can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. Held **September 19-21**. A registration fee of **\$150** is required to confirm your reservation. For more info or to register, call **Diane** or **Al Miskinis** at **330-665-3506** or (from a 216 or 440 area code) **1-800-470-2230**, or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

First Step Programs

The Church's teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage are often misunderstood. This program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have experienced divorce, learn more about Catholic teaching in these areas. Representatives from the Ministry to the Divorced Office of the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry will be present to explain their ministry to those who are divorced. **General meetings for 2014: Tuesday, September 23**, at **St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick**, at **7:00pm** and **Tuesday, October 14**, at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls**, at **7:00pm**. Please note that the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process. For additional information, please visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal or call the **Tribunal (216-696-6525/800-869-6525 x4000)**.

"SEPTEMBER SENSATION"

You are invited to attend Visitation of Mary (formerly Annunciation) Parish's 6th Annual "September Sensation" – reverse raffle, dinner, & silent auction – Saturday, September 20 at St. George Fellowship Center, 3204 Ridgewood Rd. in Fairlawn. Beginning at 6pm with complimentary hors'd oeuvres, you will enjoy an elegant evening of dining and "bonne chance" including sideboards, 50/50 Split the Pot, "Nunzi" bingo and grab bags. A delicious buffet dinner by Joe Catalano and an open bar will be enjoyed by all. Grand prize is \$2,000! Prices are \$70 for 1 ticket & 1 dinner, \$100 for 1 ticket & 2 dinners, \$130 for 2 tickets & 2 dinners. For tickets or more info, call 330-376-9227 or 330-535-4141, x12.

Card Party

Save the date for the **4th annual Immaculate Heart of Mary's Council of Catholic Women's Light Supper Card Party** on **Thursday, September 11 at 6:30pm** at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Family Center (1905 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223)**. Men and women of all ages are invited to bring their cards or board games for a great social evening. There will be a new game table for those who will not have a full table. So mark the date on your calendar now! Also, if anyone is interested in donating a door prize or raffle gift, call **Jan Harrington** at **330-928-2765** or leave at the rectory.

Attention Golfers!

Join the **Right to Life of Northeast Ohio** for their **annual Golf for Life Scramble**. Held **Monday, September 15** at the **Silver Lake Country Club**. **Robin Swoboda** is our honorary chairperson. **\$150/golfer** and includes lunch and dinner. **Registration opens at 10:00am** with a shotgun start at **Noon**. Your support helps us continue to save lives! **To register or for more info, call 330-762-2785 or visit www.righttolifeofnortheastohio.com.**

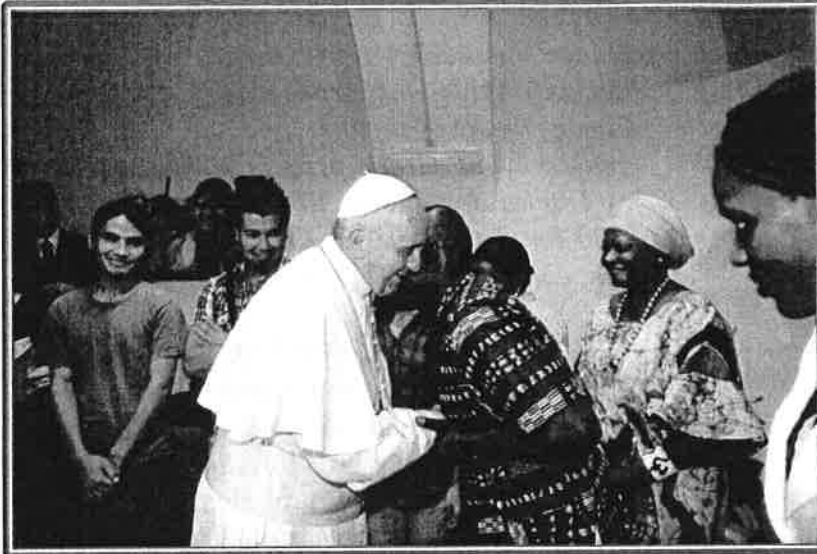
Our Lady of the Elms

Our Lady of the Elms is now accepting applications for the 2014-15 school year for preschoolers through grade 12 (coed PreK & Kindergarten). The Elms offers an innovative and demanding program with a balanced emphasis on academic disciplines, the arts, and project-based learning. For more info or to schedule a tour, call 330-836-9384.

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

Refugees

Pray that people who are forced to leave their homes may be welcomed by others and protected by the law.



Refugees share their stories with Pope Francis

Pope Francis greets refugees at Centro Astalli, a soup kitchen and shelter for refugees operated by Jesuit Refugee Service Italy. JRS services in Rome include three shelters, an Italian language school, a health center (with special care for victims of torture), legal counseling services, and the soup kitchen where Pope Francis came to share a meal with the Center's guests. Photo Credit: Centro Astalli

(Photo and caption courtesy of Jesuit Refugee Services: jrsusa.org)

Listen to the story of a young man named Adam:

My story of war began when soldiers burned down my village in Darfur. My two younger sisters, four and six years of age, died in the fire. I was forced to enlist with the rebels, and my brother with government forces. Two months later, I found myself in the middle of a conflict with a rifle in my hand.

Adam wrote about this terrible suffering in a letter to Pope Francis. The Pope, as you can see in the picture above, came to visit refugees like Adam who escaped to Italy. Refugees are people who have to run away from their homes, even their country, to escape from violence or other disasters.

Adam is a refugee who ran away from a war in his country and risked a dangerous journey to Italy, where he hoped he would be safe. Sadly, when refugees arrive in what they think will be a safer country, they often feel rejected and find it difficult to survive. Adam says, "Many of us living in Italy don't have a bed, a hot meal or a place to call home where we can recover from our long journey and the horrors of war." Thankfully, Adam found the help and protection he needed with Jesuit Refugee Services in Italy.

Pope Francis asks you to pray for refugees this month. Your prayers can give hope to people like Adam and inspire countries' leaders to take good care of refugees.

Let's pray together: Dear Jesus, you were once a refugee. As a little boy, you had to run away from danger to Egypt. Please draw close to refugees in our world today. And thank you, Jesus, for sending helpers to take care of people who have to run away from danger.

Think About it!

- What does the Bible tell us about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph living in Egypt?
- How can your prayers help others?
- What do you like best about your home? How can you thank God for that this month?