

Blessing of Manger Scenes

You are welcome to bring the infant Jesus from your Nativity set to be blessed before or after Masses next weekend. You also may use the following prayer to ask a blessing on the Crech.

Lord,

*Bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of
the humble birth of Jesus,*

And raise up our thoughts to Him,

Who is God-with-us and savior of all,

And who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

(From the Book of Blessings, 1989)

A Christmas Tree Blessing

Lord God,

Let Your blessing come upon us

As we illumine this tree.

May the light and cheer it gives

Be a sign of the joy that fill our hearts.

May all who delight in this tree

Come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Baldwin Wallace University Faith & Life Lecture Series Dates

Three presentations on the theme
"Being Faithful in a Religiously Complex World"

Featuring: Paul F. Knitter, Ph.D.

Wednesday, February 19 at 7:30pm
"Without Buddha I Could Not Be a Christian"

Thursday, February 20 at 10:00am
"The Necessity and Possibility of
Interreligious Dialogue"

Thursday, February 20 at 2:00pm
A panel discussion, "The Promise and Perils
of Religious Pluralism"

Free and open to the public. For more info, and to
register visit, www.bw.edu/academics/rel/event.

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille ("hope for troubled marriages") is a weekend and six follow-up sessions for couples struggling in their marriage. The next weekend will be held at the Doubletree in Beachwood, OH January 10-12, 2014. To register or for more info... www.helpourmarriage.org, 330-665-3506, or cleveland@retrouvaille.org.

NFP

All are invited to the next "Why Natural Family Planning?" session. During this 45 minute session you will learn the latest 2013 data regarding the health risks of hormonal contraception, benefits and myths of NFP (this is not the rhythm method), the results of a contraceptive mentality since the 1960's, and a brief overview of a NFP class: a safe, healthy, effective means of family planning which strengthens marriages. **The most common reaction mentioned after this session is "Why have we never heard this before?"** It will help you make an informed decision regarding the benefits of NFP. **7:00pm, Holy Family, Stow, Lower Church Hall Rm 1 on Monday, February 3, 2014. No registration required. For more info...akdoty@kent.edu or 330-689-0632.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Turn a good marriage into a great marriage through a **Marriage Encounter Weekend!** Recharge your marriage; give your spouse the gift of yourself and your time. **Held February 14-16, 2014 at the Cambria Suites in Uniontown.** For more info and reservations, call 330-305-9963 or visit www.wwme.org/new.html.

Ohio Benefits Bank

Visitation of Mary Parish has a new program for anyone who would like to see if they qualify for Tax Preparing Referral, Energy Payment Assistance, Child Care Assistance, Food Assistance and other assistances. This program is the Ohio Benefits Bank. **For more info, call the Rectory at 330-535-4141 or stop in at Dowd Hall the first two Saturdays of every month.**

XLT! 2014

Come for an evening of prayer, song, and praise with Eucharistic Adoration, January 14, February 11, and April 8, from 7-9:30pm in Sacred Heart Chapel on the campus of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. Confessions will also be available. For more info...440-943-7631 or clevelandcatholicpriesthood.com.

Special Christmas Programming

EWTN is proud to take you to Rome for LIVE Christmas Eve and Christmas Day programming with Pope Francis, and to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. with its magnificent choir. Throughout this Christmas season, enjoy inspiring musical performances, animated features, specials for children and teens, movies and new holiday presentations perfect for the entire family. Visit www.ewtn.com/channelfinder to find EWTN in your area or visit www.ewtn.com to watch EWTN online or for more information.

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