

In Appreciation

To parishioner George Baur and the painter Jake for the repair and painting of the choir loft ceiling in preparation for Christmas, thank you and special blessings.

To all our Musicians, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers Servers, Greeters, and you, dear parishioners for continuing to make our Christmas Season so memorable. Special words of thanks are offered to Bill Reimer, Molly Wagner, Mary Renee Romito, Alex Spenik, and John Weniger.

On a more personal note, Prince Winkie II and Prince Nino, are most appreciative for being remembered by your kind gifts and treats!

In my own name thank you for your beautiful Christmas cards and gifts. Words cannot express my gratitude and thankfulness for your goodness to me many times over!

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 Dowed Hall the first two Saturdays of every month.

Faith Based Service

To receive free copies of **RESPONSE 2014**, (a guide of faith-based service opportunities), contact the Catholic Volunteer Network at 1-800-543-5046, info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org, or visit www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

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

Helping at Home!

Our parishioner, Anika Patrick, is ill and is in need of prayers and meals. A group has been formed for meals to be brought to her family after the New Year. It is set up online using Meal Train. You can help Anika and her family during this challenging time by praying and visiting www.mealtrain.com/view/?id=jU1tz3izv9k%3d.

New Year's Bingo

St. Clement Bingo (432 N. Market St., Navarre) will host a Super Special Tuesday Night Bingo on New Years Eve, December 31. They will be serving a free Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner, including mash potatoes, dinner roll, dessert and coffee (to the first 200 players) from 4:30pm till 6:00pm, when Bingo begins. Fifty Door Prizes will also be given away throughout the evening, starting at 5:30pm. Progressive MiniFlashboards, Shamrocks, Pot of Gold, along with other instant games will be played at about 5:00pm. **Doors open at 3:30pm.** A 50/50 Drawing and TipBoards will be available. Church is handicap accessible and police security is provided. **More info...330-879-5900**

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.

NFP

The next "Why Natural Family Planning?" session will be held at 7:00pm, Monday, February 3, 2014 at Holy Family, Stow, in the Lower Church Hall Rm 1. 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. **No registration required.** akdoty@kent.edu or 330-689-0632.