

### ***This and That***

The **Bible Study Group** will begin meeting again here at Mother of Sorrows in the church hall on **Monday evenings** at 7:30pm starting **February 17<sup>th</sup>**. The topic will be “**The Eucharist and the Bible**” and a study guide written by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J. will be used. All are invited!

On **Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm** beginning **February 18** there will be presentations on the **Catholic Faith**. These sessions will be held at Mother of Sorrows church hall and are for anyone interested in learning what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Some of the resources will include the Bible, The Catechism of the Catholic Church, the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Please email [mospenoh@windstream.net](mailto:mospenoh@windstream.net) or call 330.657.2631 to register. All are welcome!

### **Pre-Cana Day**

**St. Rita Parish** will hold a **PreCana Day, Saturday, March 8**. This one-day marriage preparation program satisfies Diocesan requirements. Prior registration is required. Cost is **\$70.00 per couple**. For additional information or to register, please call Megan Janzig at 216-406-1878 or email [StRitaPrecana@gmail.com](mailto:StRitaPrecana@gmail.com). Please call early to guarantee a place.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Do you know that **more than 1,500,000 couples in over 92 countries** have experienced a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? They found something worth passing on. Held **March 7 - 9, June 27-29, and October 10-12** located at **Clarion Inn, Hudson, Ohio**. For more information, call Terri or Steve 440-834-0939 or visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

### **Cana II – Remarriage & Stepfamily Prep**

The **Cana II Process** addresses the unique issues of remarriage and stepfamilies. The preparation includes a **Saturday**, and **three additional evening sessions** for stepparents of children under 18. Held at **St. Basil the Great Parish, 8700 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141** on **Saturday, March 8** from **8:30am - 6:00pm**. **Active Parenting for Stepfamilies, Thursday, March 13, 20, and 27** from **6:30pm – 9:00pm** at **St. Joseph Parish, Strongsville**. **\$95 Cana II/\$125 (with Active Parenting)**. For additional information, please call Carol Petro at 216-334-2975. For registration forms, call Jane at 216-334-2978 or visit [www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm).

### **DSWC**

The **Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron** is sponsoring a talk on “**Predisposition for Genetic Issues**.” **Dr. Kelly Gallagher** of Advanced Chiropractic and Wellness Center will be speaking. Held on **Monday, February 10 at 7:30pm** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary, Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls**. Open at no cost to single people of all faiths. **Refreshments at 7:15pm**. For more information, call Denny at 330-285-9824 or Sharon at 330-612-3635.

### **PREP®**

**PREP® (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program)** for Engaged and Married Couples. Fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement. Held **Sunday, February 16** from **8:30am – 4:30pm (Noon Mass)** at **Holy Spirit Parish, 410 Lear Road, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012**. Also held **Sunday, April 6** from **8:30am – 4:30pm** at **Sacred Heart Parish, 272 Broad Street, Wadsworth, Ohio 44281 (11:30 Mass)**. **\$95.00 per couple**. For more info, call 216-334-2978. Registration forms can be found at [www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/PREP.htm](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/PREP.htm).

### **First Friday Club of Greater Akron**

**Edward P. Hahnenberg** will address the topic: “**Awakening Vocation: The Vatican II Call to Holiness**” at the **February 7 meeting** of the **First Friday Club of Greater Akron**. The **First Friday Club of Greater Akron** is a Catholic organization whose purpose is to bring the best Catholic thinkers, teachers, and leaders into Akron on a monthly basis to promote a better understanding of the significant issues impacting church, family, work, and community life. The luncheon series is in its fourteenth year and consistently draws an average of 150 to 200 people from Summit County and surrounding counties. It is also intended to be a community service; all interested in the topics are invited to attend. Held at **Quaker Station at the University of Akron, 135 South Broadway, Akron OH 44304**. The cost of the luncheon is **\$15**. **Doors open at 11:15am**; the program begins at **noon**, and ends promptly at **1:00pm**. Prepaid reservations can be made by sending a check to the **First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44307**. For more info...330-535-7668 or [www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org](http://www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org).

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

### **Living With Benedict**

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The Benedictine Monks of St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio invite **single men between 18 and 45** who are interested in personal spiritual growth and in seeking God's Will for their life and vocation to participate in these weekends. **There is no cost. Held February 28-March 2 and May 30-June 1.** For additional information, please contact **Father Finbar, OSB** at 216-721-5300 x273 or at [finbar@cbhs.net](mailto:finbar@cbhs.net) or on Facebook: St. Andrew Abbey Vocations – Cleveland Ohio.

### **Sacred Art of Living & Dying:**

#### **Understanding Spiritual Pain(Unit 1)**

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This program is co-sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma, and the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland. **This workshop is the first of four study units** in which participants learn about the rich cultural history and clinically sound practices for detecting and alleviating spiritual and emotional distress at the end of life. Proven results for patients include reduced anxiety, an improved quality of living and more effective pain management. Caregivers learn valuable models for addressing death anxiety as the most critical issue for the dying person. **Held May 23 - 24 (All day event both days) at the Byzantine Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 1900 Carlton Road, Parma, Ohio 44134. Cost and registration is \$350. Register at [www.sacredartofliving.org](http://www.sacredartofliving.org) or 514-383-4179. For additional information, please contact Jason Lewis at 216-334-2974 or at [jrlewis@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:jrlewis@clevelandcatholiccharities.org).**

### **Celtic Celebration**

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The Women's Board of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County invites you to join us at our **Annual Luncheon, Style Show, Silent Auction, and Raffle.** Held **Thursday, March 6 at 11:00am, at Guy's Party Centre, 500 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron. \$20 per person.** Make checks payable to Women's Board of CCCS/SC. **Pre-paid reservations should be sent by February 27 to Mikey Stewart, 45 Bermont Ave., Munroe Falls, OH 44262.** Include your **name, address, and phone number.** Please indicate if you have a seating preference. Proceeds will benefit the programs of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County.

### **SVDP Car Donation Program**

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Car Donation Program is seeking donations of used vehicles to benefit the poor right here in Northeast Ohio. Each year, proceeds from the program are used by the Society in our diocese to help fund charitable programs and services that assist our region's needy. If you are planning to discard your used car, truck or RV, please consider donating it instead to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Car Donation Program. Not only will you be helping to fund vital efforts that assist the poor right here in Northeast Ohio, but you won't have to worry about the hassle of repairing and selling your car or negotiating trade-ins with automotive dealerships. Whether or not your vehicle is still running, SVDP Cleveland will provide free towing within 24 hours, and your donation is tax deductible. Call 800-322-8284 (available 24/7) or on the web at: [www.svdpcle.org/cardonation.html](http://www.svdpcle.org/cardonation.html).

### **Visitation of Mary**

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You are invited to join the Visitation of Mary Parish (formerly Annunciation) **200 Club for 2014** for only **\$52 per person for the year!** Every month for 8 months (February through September), two lucky people will win \$100 each. PLUS in March and again in September, there will be an additional drawing for \$500! Drawings are on the 3rd Friday of every month at the Visitation of Mary rectory. **The first drawing will be February 21.** Location for the special \$500 drawings will be announced. Hurry! Numbers are starting to sell! **For more information or to sign up, please contact Jerry at 330-376-9227 or 330-535-4141 x12. Maybe YOU will be a lucky winner!**

### **Meet-up Site for Young Adults**

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Northeast Ohio Catholic Young Adults [www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults](http://www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults) is a great way to connect with other young adults and find out what is going on in Northeast Ohio. **For more information, call 330-217-1064 or email [groundsforfaith@yahoo.com](mailto:groundsforfaith@yahoo.com).**

### **Faith Service**

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For free copies of **RESPONSE 2014**, (a guide to faith-based service opportunities), call **1-800-543-5046**, email [info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org](mailto:info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org), or visit [www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org](http://www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org).

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