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### ***In Your Charity***

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Please pray for John F. Pfeiffer, brother of Father Robert Pfeiffer (retired) and uncle of Father Matthew Pfeiffer (pastor of St. Paul, Akron). May John and all who have gone before us in Faith live forever in the joy of the Resurrection. May his family and friends be consoled. Amen.

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### **Bible Study Coming**

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Fall is coming and that means the return of bible study to Mother of Sorrows. We meet Monday evenings from 7:30-9:00 and our first subject will be, appropriately, "What is the Bible?" by Henri Daniel-Rops. This should be a good start to the year, which begins September 11. Please try to join us, we'd love to have you. For more information contact Chris Czerski at 330-666-0408 or [metro.cjc@gmail.com](mailto:metro.cjc@gmail.com).

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### **Celebrating 130 Years**

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*St. Mary School, Akron, Ohio is celebrating 130 years of Catholic Education in Akron and 100 years in our current building. All are welcome for mass on September 9, 2017 at 4:30 pm at St. Mary Church, 750 S. Main St. Akron OH 44311 with Celebrant Fr. Dan Reed. Following mass, join us on the courtyard for hors d'oeuvres, drinks, cakes and music. Tours of the school will be available.*

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### **Adult Day Services**

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Catholic Charities - Summit Adult Day Service provides daytime care and support for older adults Monday-Friday who would benefit from a social and interactive program addressing the physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual needs of participants, engaging activities, companionship, fitness, nutritional meals, medical monitoring and supervision. Participants attend full-time or on a part-time basis. For more information, or to schedule a tour, call the Social Worker at 330-762-2000

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### **Ozamen Center**

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After September 9<sup>th</sup>, the Ozanam Center will no longer accept furniture or requests for furniture. We thank everyone who has shared furniture with us over the years. Unfortunately, the building we are using as a furniture bank is no longer adequate for our needs. **The clothing and food operations of the Ozanam Center will continue to operate as usual from 9:30AM to 12:00 on Saturdays. Thank you.**

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

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### **Pope Francis asks Youth**

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**The Catholic bishops of the world are planning to meet in October 2018 for the 15<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. The theme of this gathering is "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment." In preparation for this major synod on youth, Pope Francis wants to gather input from the Catholic faithful. Consequently, the Diocese of Cleveland has made available a survey questionnaire to gather information on the current state of the young in our diocese that will be included as part of the pre-synod discernment document. The survey can be found on the diocesan website home page, [www.dioceseofcleveland.org](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org). All are invited and encouraged to participate by taking this short survey. The bishops of the United States pray that the results of this survey will help them more fully understand the experience of young people in our Church and in our country -- their hopes, dreams, fears and struggles -- so that the synod may bear fruit in offering more insight and direction to our ministry with young people.**

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### **Sacred Steps to Peace for Teens**

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**This program for teens whose families have experienced a divorce, is open to anyone from the ages of 12-17. The purpose of this program is to help teens deal with the effects of divorce, as well as having time together socially. The group meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month from 7-8:30pm at St. Joseph Parish, (12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136) in the Holy Family Center, Room 1. The facilitators are Carol Petro, MSW from the Marriage and Family Office, Deacon Bob Lester of St. Joseph Parish, and Deacon Bob Sabol of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Columbia Station. Participants are welcome to join at any time. Contact Deacon Bob at 440-238-5555 x110 for more information.**

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### **Volunteers Needed**

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**Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County is in need of volunteers to assist at our Tuesday Dinner at Visitation of Mary Parish, Akron. Volunteers assist with meal prep and in serving hot meats to those in need. Please consider volunteering today. Complete an application at <http://ccdacle.org/volunteer> or call 330-762-2961 x209 for more information.**

## Engaged Encounter

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a comprehensive weekend of marriage preparation held three times a year at the St. Leonard Retreat Center, 4076 Case Road, Avon, Ohio 44011. For additional information, please call Alex and Lily Fuentes at 216-849-3769. The next weekend is September 15 - 17, 2017. Visit [www.clevelandencounter.com](http://www.clevelandencounter.com) for more information and to register.

## Divorced Separated and Widowed Catholics

A "Caring and Sharing" session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. Betty Hack, an RN, will facilitate this session. She has much experience working with grief groups for both the divorced and widowed. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information call Sue at 330-554-5626.

### *Retrouvaille Weekend – September 8-10, 2017*

#### *A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages*

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help. **RETROUVAILLE** (rediscovery), which is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For information concerning the program or to register please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

## Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present **suspected inappropriate behavior** toward children by priests, deacons, religious lay ecclesial ministers, or personnel associated with the Church, please contact **Diocesan Response Service** at 216-334-2999 or [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org). You are also asked to immediately inform the local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

## LEAF Ministry

Know someone who because of the incarceration of a loved one, experiences isolation, shame, guilt, and an overwhelming sense of being alone? The LEAF Ministry has been formed to be of support to families. Groups meet monthly offering an opportunity to listen and share community, network and learn from others who understand their situation, challenges, fears and emotions. All faiths are welcome! No registration necessary. It is our intention to continue to form additional groups in the various areas of the diocese. **If interested in beginning a group, call Sr. Rita Mary, SND at 800-869-6525 or 216- 696-6525 x2200. For more info/locations/schedules, call 216-696-6525 x3500 or visit [www.leafministry.org](http://www.leafministry.org).**

## Women's Ministry Breakfast

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, invites you to a breakfast Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at Walsh University, Barrette Center, 2020 East Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio. Join us in a special time of fellowship and sharing. Nikki Bruni, a recent convert to the Catholic faith, will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$18.00 and seating is limited. Make checks payable to "Magnificat of Stark County" and send to Dawn Zwick, 830 Glenwood St. NW, North Canton, OH 44720. Seating is limited. **RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**. Doors open at 8:30 am with Breakfast at 9:00 am. There will be an optional Mass at 8:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University. For further information call Joan Spieth at 330-933-8778.

### Never Too Late:

There are life decisions and daily decisions in which we are to discern what God is asking. In His Will is our peace. In other words, answering the question daily: "Lord, what is Your Will for me?" A Franciscan priest, Albert Haase, OFM, a popular parish mission preacher, teacher, spiritual director and radio host has been with us at Mother of Sorrows hall via DVD presentations. If you missed the past Thursdays, still come at 7:00pm-9:00pm on August 24. To RSVP or for more information, call 330-657-2631 or email [mospenh@windstream.net](mailto:mospenh@windstream.net).