

Special Prayer Request

Please keep in you prayers, the health and well being of Sally Cahur cousin of A.J. (Nancy) Stokes. Also remember in your daily prayers all those affected by the hurricanes.

Adult Day Services

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

Discover Life Transforming Power

St. Hilary Charismatic Prayer Group invites all to participate in a **Life in the Spirit Seminar** on **Friday, 29 September**, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and **Saturday, 30 September**, 8:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. The seminar will be held at St. Hilary Church, 2750 West Market St., Fairlawn 44333. For information and registration, please call Kathleen Considine at 330-864-6682 or Sue Crookston at 330-730-7988. You can also register by emailing Rosanne at LISSAkron@gmail.com. Please RSVP by 22 September. Friday snack and Saturday meals are included. A love offering is appreciated.

Free Addiction Awareness Workshop

The Samaritan Ministry of St. Malachi Parish will again offer a **FREE one-day ADDICTION AWARENESS WORKSHOP** in St. Malachi Center (behind the church), West 25th & Detroit, Cleveland, OH 44113, on Saturday, September 30, 2017, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Relevant topics will include: *the current opiate epidemic; addiction/alcoholism as a brain disease; effects of drinking/using on others; treatment options; 12-Step programs of recovery; resources in the community.* For information/to register: visit us at www.stmalachi.org/samaritan-ministry-2017 or contact Judy Stowe at judystowe@gmail.com or 440-250-9959 or St. Malachi Rectory 216-861-5343.

Pope Francis asks Youth

The Catholic bishops of the world are planning to meet in October 2018 for the 15th 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. 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.

Sacred Steps to Peace for Teens

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 3rd 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.

Volunteers Needed

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.

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

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. Next weekend is Sept. 15 - 17, 2017. Visit www.clevelandcounter.com for more information and to register.

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.

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 information/locations/schedules, please call 216-696-6525 ext. 3500 or go to our website www.leafministry.org.**

DSWC of Akron Presentation

The Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron will be sponsoring a talk given by Father Ralph Thomas. Father Thomas is a retired priest in residence at IHM and is our DSWC spiritual advisor. The topic for the evening will be: **"Are My Struggles Worthwhile?"** This event will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls, on **Monday, September 11th at 7:30pm**. This event is open at no cost to single people of all faiths. Refreshments will be at 7:15. Our speaker will start at 7:30. For information call Sue at 330-554-5626.

55th Annual BBQ and Boutique

The **Sisters of Notre Dame** invite you to attend their **55th Annual BBQ and Boutique**, "Gather Together" to be held on **September 17 and September 24 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm**. Enjoy barbecued chicken or ribs, chips, apple pie, coleslaw or applesauce and beverages. Shop for sisters' handmade items in the Boutique. Tickets available at the door, \$13/chicken, \$16/ribs. Held in the **Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin Gymnasium, 13000 Auburn Rd, Chardon OH, south of Mayfield Road (Rt. 322)**. **Rain or shine.** Take out dinners available. Handicapped accessible.

2017 First Step Programs

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland offers its First Step Program to help everyone learn more about Catholic teaching regarding marriage, divorce, and remarriage. Representatives from the Ministry to the Divorced Office of the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry will be present to explain the resources they offer. The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure. The following two meetings will be the final First Step meetings, as the program is being discontinued. The schedule for the final general meetings is Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at St. Paul Parish, Akron, at 7:00 p.m. and October 10, 2017, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7:00 p.m. Please note the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process. For more information please call the Tribunal at 216-696-6525 or 800-869-6525, ext. 4000 or check our website: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal.