

### Next Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

April 8 – 9<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday weekend, there will be the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** which supports Catholic organizations that **provide affordable shelter and train seminarians in a region still struggling in the aftermath of Soviet rule.** By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and aid, your donations help restore and the strength of the Church in the region. Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and search “Church in Central and Eastern Europe” to learn more.

### The First Friday Club of Akron

The First Friday Club of Akron will meet Friday, April 7 at **Tangier Restaurant (532 W. Market St., Akron 44303).** John Litten, MPA, Executive Director, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will speak about “**150 Years of Service, Spirituality and Friendship**”. Luncheon program is \$20. **Doors open at 11am; program from 12-1pm.** For reservations, send a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307, visit [www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org](http://www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org) or call 330-535-7668 no later than Monday, April 3.

### Duc In Altum Retreats

The **Come and See Weekend** experience at **Borromeo and St. Mary Seminaries** provides an **overnight retreat for men between 17 and 44 years of age,** offering the opportunity to **experience life at the seminary.** Held April 7-9. Registration can be found by clicking the “Discernment and Discovery” tab on [www.CLEpriesthood.com](http://www.CLEpriesthood.com).

### DSWC

The **Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron** will be having an **ice cream social and game night Monday, April 10 at 7:30pm.** Held at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls.** Open at no cost to single people of all faiths. For additional information, please call Sue at 330-554-5626.

### Home Opener FUNraiser

Come join the party! Please join us for **Community Pregnancy Center's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Home Opener FUNraiser!** Saturday, April 8 is 'opening day' for an evening of casino gaming, prizes, great food, open bar, silent auction and much more. **Gates open at Todaro's Party Center at 6pm and the fun lasts until 11pm.** Tickets are limited, so don't delay - \$75 ticket price includes \$300 funny money for gaming, great food and open bar. **Wear your favorite team jersey and ball cap and help us hit this one Out Of The Park!** Tickets must be pre-purchased by calling CPC at 330-825-1900.

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

### 2017 Catholic Charities

**Thank you for your prayers and donations for the Catholic Charities Appeal!** This appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland. **To donate, please fill out a Catholic Charities Annual Appeal envelope found in your pew.** Your support helps carry out the mission Jesus entrusted to us: *I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.* Please pray for the success of the appeal, which provides essential programs and services throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. On behalf of the poor and needy of Northeast Ohio, thank you! For more information, visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/2017Appeal](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/2017Appeal).

### Retrouvaille Weekend – April 21-23, 2017

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 more information 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 the Diocesan Response Service office at 216-334-2999 or at [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org).** You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

**K of C 3410 Lenten Fish Frys  
Held at 2055 Glenmount Ave., Akron, OH 44319  
from 4:30-7pm on April 7 & 14  
For more information, please call 330-773-3410.**

### **LEAF Ministry**

Do you know someone who because of the incarceration of a loved one, experience 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 those who come to listen and share community, network and learn from others who understand their situation, challenges, fears and emotions. All are welcome to participate irrespective of faith affiliation. For more info and to verify the schedules, please call one of the following parishes and visit [www.leafministry.org](http://www.leafministry.org). No registration is necessary. It is our intention to continue to form additional groups in the various areas of the diocese. If interested in beginning a group or want more information, call Sr. Rita Mary, SND at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x2200.

#### **Communion of Saints**

2175 Coventry Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118  
216-321-0024

Meets at 7pm on the first Thursday of the month.

#### **Mary, Queen of Peace**

4423 Pearl Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109  
216-749-2323

Meets at 7pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

#### **St. Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima**

6800 Lexington Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103  
216-391-1655

Please call the above number for more information.

#### **St. Ladislav**

2345 Bassett Rd., Westlake, OH 44145  
440-835-2300

Meets at 7pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

#### **St. Malachi**

2459 Washington Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113  
216-861-5343

Meets at 7pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.

For more information and locations, call 216-696-6525 x3500 and visit [www.leafministry.org](http://www.leafministry.org).

### **National Catholic Singles Conference**

Join hundreds of single Catholics of all ages at the National Catholic Singles Conference, May 19-21 held at the DoubleTree Pittsburgh-Green Tree in Pittsburgh, PA. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, prayer, food, fellowship and more! Space is limited so register now! For more info and to register visit [www.NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://www.NationalCatholicSingles.com). Use promo code NCSCPA to receive a special discount. Please call 888-267-8885 x4 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 Rd., Avon, OH 44011. For more info and to register, visit [www.clevelandencounter.com](http://www.clevelandencounter.com) or call Alex and Lily Fuentes at 216-849-3769. The upcoming weekends are May 19-21 and September 15-17.

### **June Golfing**

Borromeo Seminary Golf Outing will take place on Monday, June 26, 2017, at Signature of Solon Country Club. Proceeds go toward scholarship support for incoming students at Borromeo Seminary. For registration information or parish sponsorship opportunities, please contact Maggie Zbiegien at 440-943-7631 or at [mzbiegien@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:mzbiegien@dioceseofcleveland.org).

### **Chaplain Services at Prisons and Jails**

Have a loved one incarcerated in one of the eight counties of the Diocese and would like to have a priest, deacon or one of our lay volunteer ministers visit with them? Call the Parish Life Office at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x3500. The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated has a presence in the three state prisons, the county jails and the juvenile facilities located within our diocese. We would be glad to have someone visit them.

### **2017 First Step Programs**

#### **Marriage and Divorce in the Catholic Church**

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland's First Step Program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have experienced divorce, 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 also be present to explain the resources they offer to the divorced.

Taking the "first step" is always the most difficult. The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure.

*The schedule for the general meetings in 2017 is:*

*Tuesday, May 16, at St. Mary Parish, Chardon, at 7pm.*

*Tuesday, Sept. 12, at St. Paul Parish, Akron, at 7pm.*

*Tues., Oct. 10, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7pm.*

The Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process. For more information, please call the Tribunal at 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, x4000 or visit [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal).