***Hi Everyone,***

***The April 2017 statistics for the Fr. Hilkert Ozanam Center are as follows:***

***Food Pantry***

***Total number of people served was 973***

***Total number of households served was 332***

***Total number of children served was 344***

***Total number of seniors served was 111***

***Clothing Bank***

***Total number of families served was 227***

***Articles of clothing given away: 2590***

***Furniture Bank***

***Total number of clients served was 27***

***Couches given away: 9***

***Armchairs given away: 6***

***Mattresses/box springs: 16***

***Dressers given away: 10***

***New cribs given away: 1***

***Misc. given away: 51***

***April marked the month of the end of our towel giveaway program. Approximately 500 families received bath towels and wash cloths. Other than that it was an average but good month. Thank you for continuing the good work that you do. Jim and Cathie Perusek***

**2017 Catholic Charities**

**Thank you for your kind support of 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 8 counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. On behalf of the needy of Northeast Ohio, thank you! For more info: [**www.catholiccommunity.org/2017Appeal**](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/2017Appeal)**.**

**NFP**

**Natural Family Planning classes** will be held at **Holy Family Parish in Stow** beginning **July 12 at 7pm**. Classes give all the resources necessary to easily, simply, and successfully practice NFP in your marriage. The classes are great for both married and engaged couples seeking to bring their relationship in accord with the Church's divine teaching on contraception, as well as those seeking to lead a more natural, healthy lifestyle. NFP is perfect for all couples including those having problems getting pregnant and also for those who wish to postpone pregnancy. **Set these dates aside: 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/30. For more info, or to register, call Leo and Toni Doty 330-689-0632 or** **akdoty@kent.edu****.**

**National Endowment of the Humanities Landmarks of American History**

**and Culture Workshop**

**“Living and Writing Deliberately: The Concord Landscapes and Legacy of Henry David Thoreau.”**

**Congratulations to eighth grade teacher at St. Benedict Catholic School and parishioner, Mrs. Donna Marie Przybojewski, who received an acceptance and stipend to attend this workshop in Concord, Massachusetts on July 23-28, 2017. Her application was chosen from many across the country and was chosen because of her “passion, perspective, and thought-provoking presence” in the study of Henry David Thoreau.**

**During this workshop, Donna will study Henry David Thoreau’s place in Concord with a number of other teachers. They will visit places of importance to him, examine his journals, and visit the Morgan Museum in New York City, which houses the largest collection of Thoreau’s Journals among other artifacts. Workshop participants will be required to develop Thoreau curriculum for their perspective schools and utilize the lessons next school year.**

**Donna is a Thoreau Bicentennial Ambassador, who planned and implemented a year long celebration of this American author, naturalist, and philosopher. Lessons about Thoreau were taught across disciplines and grade levels.**

**Donna also had a book signing at the Thoreau Farm: Birthplace of Henry David Thoreau on April 20 in Concord, Massachusetts. It was sponsored by the Thoreau Society and Thoreau Farm to launch her third book on Henry David Thoreau, Henry David Thoreau Loved the Seasons of the Year. Her other books are: Henry David Thoreau, A Discussion Starter Coloring Book and Henry David Thoreau Who Can He Be? Read and Find Out…Easy as A, B, C. These books can be purchased online at the Shop at Walden Pond under the children's corner. Donna also gave a talk there on the Thoreau Bicentennial Celebration, Sauntering the Year with Henry David Thoreau, at St. Benedict Catholic School, which explained the year long celebration.**

**She will also give a children's program at the Olmsted Falls Library to celebrate the 200th birthday of Thoreau and have a book signing on June 20. In addition, on July 9, Donna will lead children around Walden Pond in Concord, MA reading her Season book about Thoreau and have a book signing.**

***LEAF Ministry***

***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. 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, call Sr. Rita Mary, SND at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x2200. For more info, locations and schedules, call 216-696-6525 x3500 and visit*** [***www.leafministry.org***](http://www.leafministry.org)***.***

**Amish Country Theatre**

Join the members of the **OLG Young at Heart Group** on **Tuesday, May 23** for a spring treat as we visit **London’s Chocolate Outlet**, **St. John Basilica Shrine**, and lunch at the **Amish Country Matinee Comedy Show**. Trip price is **$80**. **Departing Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (9080 Shepard Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056) at 8:15am** and **returning at 6:30pm.** Please call **Mary Rizzo at 330-467-3465** for reservations or more information.

***Touch a life… Become a Hospice Volunteer***

*Hospice is a philosophy of care, not a place. We care for our patients wherever they call home. As a vital part of our* ***team volunteers come from all walks of life, and have a variety of skills, talents and abilities.*** *Opportunities to serve are diverse:* ***visit patients and families to provide companionship, socialization, and comfort, help with legacy work, sit vigil with dying patients (By Your Side), provide transportation to patients being served at home, provide help with light housework, meal preparation, run errands, make phone calls, help with clerical work, attend health fairs and more****. Volunteers with specialized professional qualifications and training are also needed:* ***attorneys, licensed hair dressers, Massotherapists, pet therapy dogs and their handlers****. Volunteer education is held frequently throughout northern Ohio.* ***Teen and most volunteers not having contact with patients take 4 hours of training while patient care volunteers take 16 hours.******Visit*** [***www.hospicewr.org/volunteer***](http://www.hospicewr.org/volunteer) ***for more info or to fill out an application or call us at 216-255-9090.***

**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****.**

**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 having 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)**.**

**Magnificat**

**Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat**, a women’s ministry modeled after the Visitation, invites you to a **breakfast Saturday, June 10** at **Walsh University, Barrette Center (2020 East Maple St., North Canton, OH)**. Join us in a special time of fellowship and sharing. **Mary Tohill** will be the guest speaker. Cost is **$18**. Make checks payable to “Magnificat of Stark County” and send to Debby Bentivegna, 5575 East Blvd. NW, Canton, OH 44718. Seating is limited. Plan on getting your reservations early! Reservations cannot be accepted after June 3. Open seating. **Doors open at 8:30am with Breakfast at 9am.** There will be an **optional Mass at 8am** in **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University. For more information, call Shirley DeOrio at 614-620-3169.**

**Traveling or Vacationing**

**We arrange hotels, places to eat, places to visit and more…why not include holy places? When we travel or are vacationing God watches over us. Be sure to included finding somewhere to go to Mass for the Lord’s Day or for daily Mass. You could check** [**www.masstimes.org**](http://www.masstimes.org) **or call the Parish office for help. Hotels, motels, and travel services may also be of help finding out where and when Mass is being celebrated.**

***Each day let us pray…***

***Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.***

***Amen.***