
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 needy of Northeast Ohio, thank you! For more info: www.catholiccommunity.org/2017Appeal.

Theology on Tap Akron

Theology on Tap Akron will be held **Wednesday, May 10 at 7pm** at the **Winking Lizard Tavern (1615 Main St, Peninsula, OH 44264)**. Theology on Tap welcomes all young adults to come listen to **Jason & Brooke Roberts** speak on the topic "**Growing Up Is Hard to Do: Catholic Adulthood**". Admission is \$5 (includes appetizers). The bar will be open for those who would like to purchase beverages. Experience faith, fellowship, and food with others in their 20's and 30's at Theology on Tap Akron!

First Friday Club of Akron

The **First Friday Club of Akron** meets **Friday, May 5 at Tangier Restaurant (532 W. Market St., Akron 44303)**. **Maureen Dee** will speak on "**The Effects of Heroin on Society**". Luncheon program is \$20. Doors open at 11am; program from noon-1pm. For more info and reservations, send a check to the **First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307**, visit www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org or call **330-535-7668** no later than **Monday, May 1**.

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. 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 at the St. Leonard Retreat Center, 4076 Case Rd., Avon, OH 44011. For more information and to register, visit www.clevelandencounter.com or call Alex and Lily Fuentes at 216-849-3769. The next weekend is May 19-21.

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

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. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

Mercy & Mary Weekend Retreat

Join the **Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy** from **June 23-25**, for an inspiring **Mercy & Mary Weekend Retreat**, featuring bestselling author of **33 Days to Morning Glory** and acclaimed speaker **Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC**. Spend a weekend in quiet prayer at **Walsh University, North Canton, OH**. Join us for a full immersion experience into **Divine Mercy and Mary**. Enjoy talks by **Fr. Gaitley**, daily Mass, Adoration, quiet prayer time, meals with the **Marian Missionaries**, and more! Register before **April 24** at www.events.marianmissionaries.org the early bird rate. For more info, call **413-944-8500 x100**.

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. 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.

Cleveland Area Bus Tour

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, May 4!** **St. Paul Parish, Akron** will be hosting a bus tour to **St. Stanislaus Church in Cleveland** for a tour and veneration of a first class relic of **Saint Pope John Paul II**, followed by a tour of **St. John the Baptist Byzantine Cathedral in the Cleveland Museum of Art** and their exhibit "**Opulent Fashion in the Church**" featuring beautiful Sacred Vestments of the past. \$65 per person. Call with your reservation **St. Paul Rectory** at **330-724-1263** or **Deacon John Amedeo** at **330-310-1628**.

Street Evangelization Training

Ever wanted to share your Catholic faith with others, but didn't know how to get the conversation started? Come learn how! St. Paul Street Evangelization provides a non-confrontational avenue for you to share Jesus Christ and the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith with a hungry culture. We have developed a practical method for breaking the ice and asking some simple questions to quickly determine where a person is in their faith journey. This method provides you with a road map of how the conversation will go and how to plant seeds by sharing your own personal experiences to help the person move to the next step. **Basic Evangelization Training will be held from 9am-5pm at St. Francis de Sales Parish on May 13.** Space is limited. Sign up today! Register at www.streetevangelization.com and click our link under **Upcoming Workshops**. Registration closes April 29. For more info, contact Mike Powers at 330-618-7688 or at 2016.spse@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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 for more info or to fill out an application or call us at 216-255-9090.

Hospice Of The Western Reserve Warehouse Sale

Donations are needed for our next sale, Friday, May 12, 8am – 4pm and Saturday, May 13, 9am – 3pm at Hospice of the Western Reserve Headquarters (17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110). Come and peruse the selection of furnishings, decorative and collectors' pieces and home goods—all are welcome! **Proceeds support patients and families of Hospice of the Western Reserve.** We are accepting gently used indoor and outdoor furniture, other household items, collectibles, framed artwork, and holiday items. **To donate items please contact the Warehouse Sale Team at 216-255-9090 or email warehousesaledonation@hospicewr.org.** We regret that we are unable to pick up donations from areas east of Lake County and south of Cuyahoga County but you are welcome to bring them directly to our headquarters location after speaking with a member of the Warehouse Sale team.

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.

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"Your Community News" is where residents of Township and Peninsula have shared information for over 25 years. Visit www.ycn-online.net.

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