

### A Special Thank You!

Bishop Prasad wants the parishioners of Mother Sorrows to know how much he appreciated your hospitality and kindness to him. The prayers that you continue to offer on his behalf as he ministers to the peoples of Cuddapah mean so much to him. Your generosity to him personally and his missionary work are most gratifying. He promises to keep our intentions in his prayers. Bishop Prasad hopefully will come "home" to Peninsula some day soon. Blessings to Bishop Prasad and the Diocese of Cuddapah!

### A Peace Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Fr. Wally Hyclak (St Mary of the Falls, Olmsted Falls, OH) & Barb Vopat (Sun City, AZ) are taking another group on a 'Peace Pilgrimage to the Holy Land', November 27 to December 6, 2016. Pray for PEACE as you visit, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Tiberius & more! Reasonable pricing including taxes, tips, breakfast and dinner... **Contact Barb Vopat at [bvopat@yahoo.com](mailto:bvopat@yahoo.com) or call her at 216-470-4207 (C).** Father and Barb are veterans hosting this Peace Pilgrimage and would love for you to join them to PRAY FOR PEACE in the world, the Middle East and in our hearts.

### A Program for the Young at Heart!

*Camp Christopher's September Song is an excellent choice for anyone age 50+ who enjoys meeting new people, spending time outside and making new memories. Throughout the day, campers are offered a variety of activities from which to choose: daily Mass or prayer services, swimming, crafts, canoeing, hiking, riding the zipline, or simply relaxing on the beach. September Song campers can be as active or as relaxed as they choose. September Song 2016 begins on Sunday, August 14 and ends Friday, August 19. \$300 per person, which includes lodging, meals, and all entertainment and activities. For more info/to register, please call Catholic Charities at 330-762-2961 or visit [www.ccdocle.org/program/camp-christopher-september-song](http://www.ccdocle.org/program/camp-christopher-september-song).*

### Friends of Camp Weekend

September 9th through the 11th – Adult only weekend, ages 21 and over. Call up your old junior counselor group or cabin mates and make your way back to camp for a truly relaxing and memorable weekend. Whether you were a camper, staff member, or friend we welcome you to join us to reminisce about your camp memories. To register, please visit [www.campchris.org](http://www.campchris.org). The cost is based on individual cabin rental rates plus \$75 per person.

### Catholic Charities Summit Adult Day Services'

*This group offers opportunities for education and support to caregivers in managing their own health and wellness while meeting the needs of their loved ones. Summit Adult Day Services is a community-based intervention designed to care for the aging population experiencing cognitive or functional limitations, as well as to address the needs of those at risk of social isolation. The caregiver support group is just one way the program serves both the participant and the caregiver by providing support to help manage the tasks of daily life and the associated stress of meeting these needs. Caregivers receive encouragement and guidance to bolster their own mental health and well-being which increases the likelihood for successful care for their loved one at home. Meetings are at 10am on the last Wednesday of each month at 812 Biruta St., Akron, OH 44307. For more info, call 330-762-2000. Additionally, free care provided for the older adult while caregivers attend the group meetings.*

### Retrouvaille Weekend

Someone once said marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth." Have you become so distracted by outside pressure that you neglect your spouse? **The Retrouvaille program can help you put your troubled marriage back on track.** This program is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but, it is open to couples of all faiths. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held on September 9-11, 2016. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha in complete confidence at, from a 216 or 440 area code, 1-800-470-2230. For additional information or to register online, please go to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

### Attention Young Adults

*Looking for social, spiritual, and service activities for young adults? Visit the Northeast Ohio Catholic Young Adults Meetup Group at [www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults](http://www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults). The group is free to join and the online interactive calendar is easy to use! Questions? Contact Jennifer Sullivan at 330-217-1064 or [groundsforfaith@yahoo.com](mailto:groundsforfaith@yahoo.com).*

### Chaplain Services at the 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? **Please 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 with them.

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



**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2016** SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
**Live dangerously; make friends**

Saint Francis de Sales wrote that “friendship is the most dangerous of all love.” Why? “Because other loves can exist without communication, exchange, closeness.” Not friendship, though. To love a friend is to open yourself to them—warts and all—to communicate and to be a better person because of it. As the Book of Sirach says, “Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a treasure.” A good friend is priceless, deepening your faith, calling you to see Christ in the world, and allowing you to be your best self. Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus had this kind of friendship with Jesus. Choose to live dangerously: Make friendships that matter.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42 (108)*. “*You are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing.*”

**MONDAY, JULY 18** FEAST OF CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST  
**The original red cross**

Imagine the sorrow Saint Camillus de Lellis’ mother felt when she dreamt her son would wear a red cross, which was the sign of a death sentence in 16th-century Italy. Her dream came true, but not in the way she feared. After a colorful life, Camillus felt called to serve the sick, founding the Order of Clerks Regular, Ministers of the Infirm, better known as the Camillians. With cassocks marked with a large red cross, they helped wounded soldiers on the battlefield, saving countless lives and transforming the red cross into a sign of charity and service for sick people everywhere.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42 (395)*. “*This is what the LORD requires of you: Only to do right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.*”

**TUESDAY, JULY 19**  
**God on the run**

Each day the prayer of the church contained in the breviary begins with the same words: “O God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help me.” This invocation from Psalm 70 is a surprising way to address God. It’s as if the church prays every morning: “Hey God, I’m in need here! So come help and be quick about it!” As scripture witnesses, God has come running to our aid as long as there have been people. And what’s more, God delights in being asked, like a doting parent of a favorite child. Go on, just ask.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50 (396)*. “*Who is there like you, the God who . . . does not persist in anger forever; but delights rather in clemency?*”

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20**

FEAST OF APOLLINARIS, BISHOP, MARTYR

**Keep the stories alive**

Apollinaris lived in the first century, was the first bishop of Ravenna, Italy, and was a martyr as well. That’s all we really know for sure. So how to celebrate so obscure a person, and why? Some say that as long as someone remembers your name, you are not really gone. Perhaps that is why we put names on gravestones. Pray for your dearly departed and visit their graves—and take children along if you can. Pass on the stories of your ancestors, especially stories of their faith. If you don’t know any stories, is there still someone alive you may ask?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9 (397)*. “*But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.*”

**THURSDAY, JULY 21**

**First steps**

On this day in 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first person to step on the moon. After stepping on the surface of the moon, he spoke the famous words: “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” Everything we achieve begins with one small step, a step of faith. Today is a good day to begin.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17 (398)*. “*But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.*”

**FRIDAY, JULY 22**

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE

**Respond to the Resurrection like a true apostle**

Mary Magdalene, who the church now officially calls “Apostle to the Apostles,” has often been confused with other women of the New Testament, including a woman of ill repute. But fortunately, Jesus knew who she was and called her by name. That act changed the course of her life and salvation history. Mary was one of Jesus’ most devoted followers and the first witness to the Resurrection. God calls each of us by name. Let’s hope our response will be, as was Mary Magdalene’s, to spread the Good News of God’s love.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Song 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18 (603)*. “*Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni,’ which means Teacher.*”

**SATURDAY, JULY 23**

FEAST OF BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS

**Share from your abundance—and your poverty**

When you read that 14th-century Bridget of Sweden married at the age of 14, it is easy to disregard her life because it is so different from your own. How could her life speak to yours? But the driving force in Bridget’s life was not marriage at 14 but her wish to give all she had to the poor. From her family home to the monastery she founded to the streets of Rome where she eventually lived, she was consumed by the desire to share the little she had with those in need. Her life reminds us that whether we are giving or receiving, Christ is present in our poverty. Look for an opportunity to be generous today.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30 (400)*. “*If each of you deals justly with your neighbor . . . I will remain with you.*”



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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