

### **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass**

Do you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass? In his video-based study **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass**, **Dr. Edward Sri** explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. **Held at St. Sebastian Parish, in Akron beginning May 2, from 7-9pm and continuing every Monday for 5 weeks.** For more info/to register, contact **Mike Palko (330-338-2481 or [papapalko@yahoo.com](mailto:papapalko@yahoo.com))** or **Paul and Jisel Emerson (330-745-4462 or [paulandjisel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paulandjisel@sbcglobal.net)).**

### **Support Hospice of The Western Reserve**

**Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8. When you shop at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates a portion of the price of your eligible purchases to Hospice of The Western Reserve.** Please think of us this Mother's Day while shopping for the beautiful women in your life. **Visit this link ([www.smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1256377](http://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1256377)) to make your purchases.** (amazon gift cards excluded from the amazonsmile program.)

### **Engaged Encounter**

**Catholic Engaged Encounter** is a comprehensive weekend of marriage preparation at **St. Leonard Retreat Center, 4076 Case Rd., Avon, OH 44011.** Please call **Alex and Lily Fuentes at 216-849-3769** with questions. **\$185 per couple.** 2016 Schedule: **May 20-22 and October 14-16.** To register, please visit **[www.clevelandencounter.com](http://www.clevelandencounter.com)!**

### **Tutors Needed**

**Seeds of Literacy**, provides free basic education and GED prep to adults in the Cleveland area. Volunteer tutors help students one-on-one at a variety of skill levels and subjects. Tutor training sessions held **Saturday, May 21, 9am-3pm and Wednesday, June 15, 5-8pm** at **Seeds West (3104 West 25<sup>th</sup> St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cleveland, OH 44109).** Email **[alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org](mailto:alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org)**, call **216-661-7950 x15**, or visit **[www.seedsofliteracy.org](http://www.seedsofliteracy.org).**

### **Summer Volunteer Opportunity**

**"Touch our world one child at a time."** Today more and more children find themselves homeless. **Blessing House**, a crisis care center for children in the Cleveland area, provides children a safe and loving environment until they can go home. The Sisters of Notre Dame invite **single women ages 18-35** to volunteer at **Blessing House** from **June 26-July 1.** For additional information, please contact **Sr. M. Kelley Rush, SND at 440-241-3124 or [krush@ndec.org](mailto:krush@ndec.org).** Online registration available at **[www.sndchardon.org](http://www.sndchardon.org).**

### **RUN for their LIVES**

Join us **May 21** to **RUN for their LIVES** at **Community Vineyard Church (2543 State Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223)!** Part of the Ohio Challenge Series, this 5k race runs through the streets of Cuyahoga Falls, and benefits the missions of **Right to Life of Northeast Ohio/Life Education Fund.** **Bring a package of diapers or a can of formula to donate to an area pregnancy help center!** For more info about **Right to Life of Northeast Ohio**, visit **[www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com](http://www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com).** **Pre-registration race fee is \$30. Day of race registration is \$35.** All racers who pre-register by **May 13** will receive technical T-shirts on race day. All racers who register after that date will receive T-shirts first come, first served as supply allows. Many prizes will be awarded! **To register and for more race information, please visit [www.runsignup.com/Race/OH/CuyahogaFalls/5kRUNfortheirLIVES](http://www.runsignup.com/Race/OH/CuyahogaFalls/5kRUNfortheirLIVES).**

### **Camp Christopher Spring Open Houses**

Camp is just around the corner and we are looking forward to another great year! Come explore the grounds with our staff and discover the many things camp offers! **Open house held Saturday, May 22, from 1-4pm at Camp Christopher (1930 N. Hametown Rd., Akron 44333).** For additional information, please visit **[www.campchris.org](http://www.campchris.org)** or call **800-296-2267.**

### **2016 First Step Programs**

**During this Year of Mercy, we are called to renew our relationship with God and the Church.** The First Step Program helps individuals navigate the path of healing and closure and helps anyone learn more about Catholic teaching regarding marriage, divorce, and remarriage. **Meetings held Tuesday, May 19 at St. Noel Parish, Willoughby Hills; Tuesday, September 13 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls; Tuesday, October 18 at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick.** All at 7pm. 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 to the divorced. **The Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process.** Questions? Call **216-696-6525, 800-869-6525 x4000** or visit **[www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal).**

### **Mass of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

The Diocesan Center for the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will have the **Annual Mass of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 3 at 7:30pm** at **St. Bernadette Church (2256 Clague Rd., Westlake, OH 44145).** All are invited to attend and make public reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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

# Welcome Home, David!

*"I wanted to come back to the Church, but I didn't know how," says David Rakich, who grew up as a Catholic, but had not been in Church for over 30 years. "Life can take you in different directions. I was so wrapped up in what I was doing, and because of circumstances in my life, I just drifted away."*

In 2013 David had a significant health crisis, resulting in the profound feeling that God had saved his life. Now, David was searching for God. He followed different spiritual avenues, but then began thinking about coming back to the Catholic Church. How could he make this happen?

David's questions were answered with the arrival of the *Northeast Ohio Catholic* magazine featuring a story about Cheryl, a woman who had recently rediscovered her faith. "Her story was my story," says David. Then there was the invitation on the back cover of the magazine to attend the diocesan-wide Evening of Confession. ***"The magazine was addressed to my mother, Cecelia, who is deceased," explains David. "When my wife and I turned the magazine over and read the ad, my wife said, 'I think Cecilia is trying to tell us something.'"***



On February 24th, David walked through the doors of St. Mary of the Falls Catholic Church in Olmsted Falls to a packed house for their Evening of Confession. "I emptied my soul and it felt so good. I was elated and drained at the same time," remembers David, who hasn't missed a Sunday Mass since. "The Church is so different than I had remembered. God always forgives you for whatever you did – and that knocks you out!"

*Thanks to the donors of Rooted in Faith – Forward in Hope, whose generosity sponsors the Lenten Evening of Confession at all parishes in the Diocese, many people like David have been welcomed home to the Catholic Church.*

## MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH

**TOTAL PARISH  
PLEDGES:  
\$238,935.00**

**NUMBER OF GIFTS:  
92**

**TOTAL PARISH  
DISTRIBUTIONS  
RECEIVED TO DATE:  
\$44,983.00**

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1404 East Ninth Street  
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## Transparency & Accountability

The *Rooted in Faith – Forward in Hope* Oversight Committee meets semi-annually to review the financial statements and confirm that the overall campaign dollars are being applied to the appropriate case statement components.

This committee recently met at the beginning of April to once again review and ensure that the highest levels of accountability and transparency remain in effect.

We encourage you to visit the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) website at [www.catholiccommunity.org](http://www.catholiccommunity.org) for updated financial information about the campaign, its distributions and other important campaign news. In addition, browse our website to view the most recent CCF audit, Board of Directors list, and all current news and events.

## OUR PARISH

***Every pledge payment you make benefits our parish!*** As you know, 30% of the funds collected up to our goal return to our parish to use for our own local projects. Our parish continues to receive quarterly distributions based upon monies collected from your pledges. Thank you to everyone who makes this success possible.

If you have not yet made a gift to the Campaign but would like to do so, or if you would like to make an additional gift, please go to [www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/newgift](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/newgift). Alternately, you may contact Angie Pavlik at the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525, ext. 1303.

**Rooted in Faith** pledge payments can be made online at [www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/pledgepayment](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/pledgepayment).

May God bless you and your loved ones for your commitment to His Church!