

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! More information: www.catholiccommunity.org/2017Appeal.

Mercy & Mary Weekend Retreat

Experience this Special time of mercy with Father Michael Gaitley! **Join the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy from June 23-25, 2017**, 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 in the heart of North Canton, Ohio! Join us for a full immersion experience into Divine Mercy and Mary. Enjoy new talks by Fr. Gaitley, daily Mass, Adoration, quiet prayer time, meals with the Marian Missionaries, and much more! Register now before April 24th for the Early Bird rate at events.marianmissionaries.org. For more information, please call 413-944-8500 x100.

Special Request For Prayers

Please remember in your prayer Dianna Osterman (mother of Marda Perotta), all the sick and those who have asked for our prayerful support. Mary help of the Sick pray for them. Amen.

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.

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. 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 2nd Wednesday.

For more information and locations, call 216-696-6525 x3500 and visit www.leafministry.org.

Theology on Tap Akron

Theology on Tap Akron will again be on Wednesday, May 10th 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 of "Growing Up Is Hard to Do: Catholic Adulthood". Admission is \$5.00 and includes appetizers. The bar will be open for those who would like to purchase beverages. Come experience faith, fellowship, and food with other young adults in their 20's and 30's at Theology on Tap Akron!

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

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.

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 upcoming weekends are May 19-21 and September 15-17.

Cleveland Area Bus Tour

Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 4th! 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. Price Per Person all inclusive \$65.00. Call with your reservation St. Paul Rectory at 330-724-1263 or Deacon John Amedeo at 330-310-1628.

A Full Life

As we celebrate the joy of Easter and the promise of new life in Christ, mark your calendars and plan to join us this summer at The FEST – our 17th annual Catholic Family FESTival – Sunday, August 6, 2017. The theme for

FEST 2017 is – A FULL LIFE. Come and hear the best of Christian artists: Laura Story, Matt Maher, Crowder, and for King & Country. There are plenty of activities and displays, along with rock walls, BMX shows, and so much more. You will also want to check out the Marc's Mom's Relaxation Station. It's the perfect family day and a great opportunity to help your family celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ. It's an exciting day as we celebrate a fullness of life in Christ. For additional information, please visit www.theFEST.us.

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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 or scan this QR code. 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.

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