
Honoring and Protecting Life

The day of prayer for the *Legal Protection of Unborn Children* is **January 22**. It is the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. There will be a Mass at the **Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Cleveland OH at 10:30am** on that day, **Sunday, January 22, 2017**. Individuals, schools and parish groups are encouraged to **join us for Mass and a Rosary for Life afterwards**. Spread the word using #Mass4LifeCLE on facebook, twitter, and instagram! **Please call 216-334-2965 for more info and to register your group!**

44 Years of Roe vs Wade

Holy Family "Culture of Life Ministry" presents their Annual Pro-life Vigil on January 20-21, 2017. There will be Mass at 6:30pm, a presentation by Students for Life, Akron University followed by "Evening of Prayer Through Song" featuring David Parkes, International Recording Artist from Dublin, Ireland. You will enjoy hearing David's beautiful pro-life story, including his rise to fame as a professional soccer player and musician...to his "incurable" illness...to his miraculous healing in Medjugorje. David's life is now devoted to traveling the world spreading his pro-life message and sharing his amazing vocal talent. A free will offering will be accepted. A reception will follow in the Lower Church Hall, to meet David and purchase his signed CDs. At the same time a continuous 24 Hour Rosary will begin in the Daily Mass Chapel until the regular 5pm Saturday Night Liturgy.

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Information Night

If you or someone you know has expressed a sense of being called to lay ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland, the Pastoral Ministry formation and certification process may be of interest to you. Those certified in the Diocese of Cleveland serve in a variety of leadership roles such as pastoral associates, catechetical leaders and ministers of sacramental preparation, youth ministers, social outreach coordinators, bereavement ministers, music ministers, campus ministers, and ministers of adult faith formation. Certified Lay Ecclesial Ministers work in collaboration with the ordained to serve the needs of parishes and Catholic institutions. **An Information Night for those interested in this Ministry will take place at the Center for Pastoral Leadership from 7-9:30pm, Wednesday, January 18. For more information, please call the Pastoral Ministry Office at 440-943-7670.**

Circle the City with Love

The **Dominican Sisters of Peace** will be participating in the **Circle the City with Love program, 1/15/2017, from 3-3:30pm**, in the **Chapel of the Akron Motherhouse, Our Lady of the Elms**. We will be praying for our country as we prepare for a change in government. All are welcome to join us in prayer in our Chapel or from home.

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

Enrich Your Faith

For the faithful and faith leaders alike, a new six-part series of 10 minute monthly videos is now available. Intended to deepen one's faith, the first in the series is entitled "Air" and evokes the invisible, but intimate presence of God who comes to us in the person of the Holy Spirit. **Hosted by Fr. George Smiga**, the series can found at www.dioceseofcleveland.org.

Retrouvaille Weekend

The Retrouvaille program can help put troubled marriages back on track. Program supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland. Open to couples of all faiths. The **next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend** will be held **1/20-22/17**. Cost is **\$150**. For more info or to register, call **Marce or Liz Gliha in complete confidence at 440-357-6580, or 1-800-470-2230** or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

Caregivers Support Group Meeting

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. 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. **Held January 25 at 10am at Catholic Charities (812 Biruta Street, Akron 44307).** For more information, please call **330-762-2000**. Free care is available for the older adult while caregivers attend the group meeting.

Renewing the Covenant

This program is designed for engaged couples and those already married but questioning their family planning choices. There is an **introduction to Theology of the Body** and how we are called to reflect God's love with our bodies. Also discussed are the **basic concepts of Natural Family Planning** and the science behind it. Held **January 29 from 1-2:30pm** in **St. Michael's Room at Holy Angels Parish (18205 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls, 44023)**. No charge for the program. For more info or to register, contact **TJ and Colleen Manion at 440-552-3187** or at colleenmanion678@gmail.com.

Opportunity for Service

Response 2017, the most comprehensive guide of faith-based service opportunities, is now available. Volunteers serve full-time for periods of one week to one year or more across the United States and in more than 100 countries worldwide. Summer and school break opportunities are also available. **Our volunteers are from all walks of life.** Contact Catholic Volunteer Network to receive your free copy/copies of Response 2017 at **800-543-5046** or info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org. You can also visit www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

Extraordinary Mission Men's Conference

A conference for men featuring author John Wood and musical guest Cassandra Acree will be held Saturday, January 28 at St. Matthew Parish (2580 Berne St., Akron). The Conference begins at 8:30am with breakfast and concludes at 5pm with dinner for all men and their families. There will be inspiring talks, powerful music, fellowship, Eucharistic Adoration, and an opportunity for confession. Open to men 18+. Registration is \$10 and can be made by calling the Parish Office at 330-733-9944.

Education Program for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Do you know an adult, age 21 and over, with a cognitive disability who is looking to further their education, meet new friends, go on fun field trips and more? Maybe the Saturday Program is what you are looking for? For 28 years, the CAEP has provided educational and social skill building for adults with developmental disabilities. Participants enhance their skills in math, reading and history. They also work on the computer, make arts & crafts and have fun making friends, watching movies and having holiday parties! Participants also learn about their local community by going on field trips. The **Saturday program** meets at **OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH)** from **September - May**. Call **216-334-2962** or email **Marilyn Scott** at mjscott@ccdoacle.org to set up an appointment to visit this program to see if it is the right fit for you!

Activities Demo Day!

Towards the end of January, Catholic Charities Disability Services will be hosting an **Activities Demo Day!** This Demo Day will **introduce participants to fun adapted activities like Tai Chi, Jazzercise and Music Enhancement!** And the Demo Day is **free!** If there is interest in continuing with these adapted activities, a schedule will be set up. **This is open to everyone, with or without disabilities.** The whole family can participate! **The activities will be held at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH).** Call **216-334-2962** or email **Marilyn Scott** at mjscott@ccdoacle.org to be notified as to the exact date of the **Activities Demo Day!**

Northeast Ohio Catholic E-Newsletter

Stay informed with the latest Catholic news from the Diocese of Cleveland. Subscribe to the Northeast Ohio Catholic e-newsletter, the free, weekly, electronic newsletter of the Diocese of Cleveland. It is delivered to your email inbox every Thursday, sharing timely news about the faith, important local events, articles from Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine and much more. **Visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org** and click the e-newsletter icon to sign up today!

Magnificat

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, invites you to our Breakfast, **Saturday, February 18** at **Walsh University, Barrette Center, 2020 E. Maple St., North Canton, OH**. Join us in a special time of fellowship and sharing. **April Merzweiler** 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 February 11.** Open seating. **Doors open at 8:30am with Breakfast at 9am. Optional Mass at 8am in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University.** For more information, call Shirley DeOrio at 614-620-3169.

Visitation of Mary Parish Invites You!

Visitation of Mary Parish (formerly Annunciation) invites you to join their 200 Club for 2017! Start the new year the right way by becoming a part of this great opportunity. Starting in February, 2017, through September, 2017, for a yearly donation of only \$52, you could be one of two \$100 winners every month for eight months PLUS be an additional \$500 winner in March, 2017 and in September, 2017. The first drawing is February 17, 2017. Drawings are at Visitation of Mary rectory office on a monthly basis - 3rd Friday of each month. Locations for the \$500 drawings to be announced. **For more details, call Jerry at 330-592-4155 or 330-535-4141 x12 (Your \$52 must be paid before the February 17 drawing). Remember, only 200 tickets are sold. Don't miss out! These tickets sell fast!**

"Evening of Prayer through Song"

Featuring: **David Parkes**, International Recording Artist from Dublin, Ireland. You will enjoy hearing David's beautiful pro-life story, including his rise to fame as a professional soccer player and musician...to his "incurable" illness...to his miraculous healing in Medjugorje. David's life is now devoted to traveling the world spreading his pro-life message and sharing his amazing vocal talent. All are welcome to attend this event and bring someone who might also be in need of David's inspirational message! **Held Friday, January 20 at 7:15pm at Holy Family Parish, 3450 Sycamore Dr., Stow, OH 44224.** This event will follow a Mass at 6:30pm and a short **presentation from "Students For Life"** at The University of Akron. An all-night pro-life vigil will follow David's presentation. This event is free to all attendees. Any free will offering will be accepted. A reception will follow the presentation, at which David will sell and sign his CDs. **For more info, call contact Betty Schnitzler at eschnitz@msn.com or call 330-958-3903.**

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