OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

2017 MASS FOR LIFE -
Sunday, January 22, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.
Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Join Bishop Richard Lennon to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, remembering the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. Individuals, schools and parish groups are encouraged to join us and to stay after Mass to participate in a Rosary for Life. Be sure to spread the word across social media by using #Mass4LifeCLE on facebook, twitter, and instagram!

Visit https://mass4lifecle2017.eventbrite.com or call 216.334.2965 for more information and to register your group.

COLLECTIONS

THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
The Retirement Fund for Religious, which begun in 1988, by the National Catholic Conference of United States Bishops, is an effort to assist religious communities to meet the needs of their elderly members.

This year’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be on the weekend of December 10-11, 2016.

CHANCERY

CATHEDRAL of ST JOHN the EVANGELIST

HELEN D. SCHUBERT CONCERTS FALL 2016
Cathedral of St John the Evangelist; 1007 Superior Ave @ E 9th St; Cleveland Ohio 44114
All concerts are FREE, (no tickets, no reservations)
Free secure parking: Cathedral garage on Rockwell Ave @ E 9th St

December 9 - Friday @ 7:00 p.m.
Daughters of St Paul Choir (Boston MA)
Christmas with the Daughters of St Paul
Known for their fresh arrangements of time-honored classics, the Daughters of St. Paul Choir presents well-loved carols and holiday favorites combining a heartwarming collection of both lively and moving songs that celebrates the glory, wonder and joy of the Christmas season.
PARISH LIFE SECRETARIAT

PASTORAL MINISTRY OFFICE

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Information Night – Pastoral Ministry Office
Wednesday, 18 January 2017
Center for Pastoral Leadership – 28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe
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. The Pastoral Ministry process assists in the education, training, and formation of lay people leading to certification as a Lay Ecclesial Minister. Those lay people who are 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 all those interested in the Diocesan Certification Process for Lay Ecclesial Ministers will take place at the Center for Pastoral Leadership from 7:00- 9:30 p.m., Wednesday, 18 January 2017. If you cannot attend and would like more information, please call the Pastoral Ministry Office at 440-943-7670.

OFFICE OF MINISTRY TO AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICS

Please Save these Dates!!
2017 Annual Collaborative Lenten Revival
1-3 March 2017, 7:00 pm Nightly
St. Agatha-St. Aloysius Church
10932 St. Clair Avenue
Father Paul Dressler, OFM Cap will be our main speaker and celebrant. Plan on attending all three evenings – a great way to begin Lent! A flyer is included. For more information contact: Vanessa Griffin Campbell, 216-696-6525 ext. 3020 or vcampbell@dioceseofcleveland.org.

**The Interfaith Office and St. Mary School of Theology**
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed from 18-25 January 2107. For complete information on the theme, prayers and other materials go to Graymoor: geii.org. A special set of lectures is cosponsored by the Interfaith Office and St. Mary School of Theology. The evening lecture is oriented to lay Catholics and the afternoon lecture is oriented to the theology students of the seminary.
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Lectures
“Catholics and Pentecostal Protestants—Is there that much we share with each other as Christians?”
Dr. Mary Healy, Professor of Sacred Scripture, Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, MI
**Thursday, 19 January 2017  7:00 p.m.**
St. Basil Catholic Church
8600 Brecksville Rd. OH 44141
Family Life Center Meeting Room

**Friday, 20 January 2017, 1:30 p.m.**
Aula, Center for Pastoral Leadership
28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092

**Family Support Ministry: LEAF Ministry**  Listening, Encouraging, and Assisting Families (See: [www.leafministry.org](http://www.leafministry.org) for additional information on this ministry)

Do you have families in your parish, 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 these 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 information and to verify the schedules, please call one of the following parishes and visit the website: www.leafministry.org  No pre-registration is necessary.

It is our intention to continue to form additional groups in the various areas of the diocese. If you are interested in beginning a group or want more information, call Sister Rita Mary, SND at 800- 869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x2200.

**Cuyahoga County**

**Communion of Saints**
2175 Coventry Road
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118
216-321-0024
Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month

**Mary, Queen of Peace**
4423 Pearl Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44109
216-749-2323
Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month
St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima
6800 Lexington Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44103
216-391-1655
Please call the above number for more information.

St. Ladislas
2345 Bassett Road
Westlake, Ohio 44145
440-835-2300
Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month

St. Malachi
2459 Washington Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44113
216-861-5343
Meets at 7:00 p.m. on 2nd Wednesday: 14 Dec

Geauga County

Holy Angels
18205 Chillicothe Road
Bainbridge, Ohio 44023
440-708-0000
Meets at 7:00 p.m.: 15 Dec.

Lake County

St. Noel Parish
35200 Chardon Road
Willoughby, Ohio 44094
440-946-0887
Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of the month

Lorain County

Sacred Heart Chapel (Spanish) presently meeting with St. Ladislas)
4301 Pearl Avenue
Lorain, Ohio 44055
440-277-7231
Meets at 7:00 p.m. with St. Ladislas on the second Wednesday of the month
Medina County

Medina Parishes meeting at St. Francis Xavier Parishes
600 East Washington Street
Medina, Ohio 44256
330-725-4968
Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month

Summit County

St. Mary Hudson
340 North Main Street
Hudson, Ohio 44236
330-653-8118
Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of the month

Wayne County: Coming in the future

Ashland County: Coming in the future

Other groups will be beginning in the fall and winter. For additional information call 216-696-6525 x 3500 and see the website at www.leafministry.org

Chaplain Services at the Prisons and Jails located in the Diocese of Cleveland
If you 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 x 3500. 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.

The Gay and Lesbian Family Ministry of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese
The Body of Christ in the Diocese of Cleveland is called to reverence each person as a unique reflection of God’s presence in our midst.

New Group Forming! ALL are Welcome!

Our St. Mary Family Support Group will meet the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. The goal of this ministry is not to attempt to alter any person’s sexual orientation; rather, it is our goal to support all persons in their quest for wholeness and holiness. Any questions, please contact Lori Joseph at ljoseph@stmaryhudson.ccf or at 330-653-8118, ext. 233. St. Mary Parish in Hudson is located at 340 N. Main Street.
Family Support Group

Holy Spirit Parish in Avon Lake.
(440) 933-3777
Usually meets the first Sunday of each month.
Please call the parish for additional details.

St. John Vianney Parish, Mentor
(440) 943-3445
Meeting is usually on the second Sunday of each month
Please call the parish for additional details.

Parish Outreach Groups
Two Parish outreach groups exist to provide a place of support, affirmation and spiritual
guidance to gay and lesbian Catholics.

Blessed Trinity, Cleveland (Westside)
Facilitator: Rev. Douglas Koesel (216) 671-5890
(usually meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m.)

Gesu Parish, University Heights (Eastside)
(216) 932-0617 - Please call parish for details.

For any additional information, please feel free to call the Parish Life Office at 216-696-6525 or
1-800-869-6525, ext. 3500.

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, a women’s ministry modeled after
the Visitation, invites you to our 15-Year Celebration Saturday, 3 December at Walsh University,
Barrette Center, 2020 East Maple Street, North Canton. Join us in a special time of fellowship
and sharing. Diane Bates will be the guest speaker.

Cost for the breakfast celebration is $18.00. Make checks payable to “Magnificat of Stark
County” and send to Debby Bentivegna, 5575 East Blvd. NW, Canton, OH 44718. Seating is
limited, so plan on getting your reservations early. Reservations cannot be accepted after 20
November.

There will be open seating, and the doors open at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast at 9:00 a.m. There
will be an optional Mass at 8:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University.
For further information call Shirley DeOrio at 614-620-3169.
Charismatic Mass
Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a **Charismatic Mass** on **Friday, 6 January at 7:00 p.m.**, at St. Peter Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville 44039. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the liturgy will start at 7:30 p.m. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend! This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.

Evening of Teaching and Healing Prayer
Catholic Renewal Ministries invites you to an **Evening of Teaching and Healing Prayer with Dr. Mary Healy on Friday, 20 January.** She will speak on healing and its relationship to evangelization. Dr. Healy is a professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and serves as chair of the Doctrinal Commission of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services. She speaks nationally and internationally and has published numerous books, including *Healing: Bringing the Gift of God’s Mercy to the World.* Pope Francis appointed her as one of the first three women ever to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

The evening will begin with praise and worship at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at St. Raphael Parish, 525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village 44140. There will be an extended time of healing prayer for all present and prayer teams will also be available for individual prayer.

A free will offering will be taken. For more information, please contact Fr. Bob Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION

DEPARTMENT FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY MINISTRY
Visit [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org) for ideas and resources for your marriage. Also, find and like us on FaceBook - [www.facebook.com/clevelandmarriageandfamily](http://www.facebook.com/clevelandmarriageandfamily)

POPE FRANCIS in THE JOY OF LOVE
A reminder for our family gatherings this Advent-Christmas Season “no family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love…stop demanding of our interpersonal relationships a perfection, a purity of intentions and a consistency which we will only encounter in the Kingdom to come…May we never lose heart because of our limitations, or ever stop seeking that fullness of love and communion which God holds out before us.”

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ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE SEPARATED & DIVORCED
Join us for an evening to prepare the way of Lord this Advent Season
Date & Time: Friday, 9 December 2016, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (Please note date change)
Place: St. Joseph Church, 12700 Pearl Road, Strongsville, 44136
Free of charge. No reservations needed. For more information call Jane at 216-334-1978 or go to
www.ccdocle.org/mfm and look for Advent Prayer Service.

SACRED STEPS PILGRIMAGE RETREAT
A retreat for all separated and divorced persons in the diocese.
Date & Time: Friday, 20 January 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 21 January 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (with 4:30 Mass)
Place: St. Joseph Church, 12700 Pearl Road, Strongsville, 44136
Cost: $25
Call Jane to register by January 13 at 216-334-2978, or use the form that can be found at
www.ccdocle.org/mfm . For more information about the retreat, please contact Deacon Bob Lester at 440-238-5555 ext. 110, or Carol Petro, MSW, LSW at 216-334-2975.

SACRED STEPS TO PEACE / Catholic Divorce Recovery
The Department for Marriage and Family Ministry presents a Catholic Divorce Recovery
Program entitled Sacred Steps to Peace. The Sacred Steps General Meeting is held on the third
Friday of each month, with a focus on spiritual healing and growth through education, discussion
and reflection on Scriptures and Church teachings. Optional small group weekly sessions will be
guided by a team in a support group format, using prayer, exercises and a workbook as a pathway
to divorce recovery. Participants are welcome to join at any time.

Sacred Steps General Meeting for 14 sessions
Place: St. Joseph Parish, 12700 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136.
Cost: $25 for the series, including a workbook
Date & Time: Starting Friday, 17 February 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., then the third Friday of each
month.
Working the Steps Support Group (optional)
Date & Time: to be decided based on the needs of the participants
For registration details call Jane at 216-334-2978 or go to www.ccdocle.org/mfm

CANA II - Remarriage Preparation – a marriage preparation series for couples, in which one
or both have been married before, or one or both will become a stepparent. Includes Active
Parenting for Stepfamilies series at a date to be determined.
Place: St. Joseph Parish, 12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136
Date & Time: Saturday, 8 April 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. - Cana II session (includes 4:30
p.m. Mass)
Cost: $125 per couple. Register by March 31. Registration forms available at
www.ccdocle.org/mfm or call Jane at 216-334-2978 for more information
WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
World Wide Marriage Encounter offers weekends to bring a husband and wife closer together. Get away from the distractions of everyday life and focus on each other and how to improve your marriage. The next weekend is Feb. 17-19, 2017, at the Clarion Inn & Conference Center, Hudson, Ohio. Information on these weekends can be found at the link above, or call 330-305-9963.

RETOUVAILLE
Retrouvaille is a three-month program to help couples struggling in their marriages. It has three phases, starting with a weekend experience in which couples learn to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. Post sessions are held over a period of 12 weeks to further develop and enhance the techniques learned on the weekend. A support group is available offering interaction with other couples who are striving to improve their relationship. The 2017 weekends are scheduled for January 20-22, April 21-23 and September 8-10, 2017 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Beachwood. For more information go to their website www.helpourmarriage.com or contact Marce & Liz Gliha at 3031@retrouvaille.org

MISCELLANEOUS

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER AKRON
The First Friday Club of Akron will meet on Friday, 2 December 2016 at Tangier Restaurant, 532 W. Market St., Akron 44303, and will feature John Allen, Jr., Associate Editor, Boston Globe and senior Vatican analyst for CNN, speaking on the topic, Francis and What is Happening in the Church at This Time.

The cost of the luncheon program is $20.00. Doors open at 11:00 a.m.; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 p.m. Reservations can be made by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307, by calling the office, or on the website, no later than Monday, November 28, 2016.

For additional information, call 330-535-7668 or visit www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org.