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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

COLLECTIONS

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 14 APRIL 2017

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! *For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.*

HOME MISSION COLLECTION: 22-23 APRIL 2017

There are many places right here in the United States and in its overseas dependencies where the Church is poor, communities are scattered and priests are few. Money given to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps Catholic communities across America survive and thrive by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, training for lay ministers, and poor parishes that would have to close their doors without outside help. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps strengthen the Catholic Church at home.

The Catholic Home Mission Appeal Collection will be taken up the weekend of 23-24 April 2016.

TRIBUNAL

2017 First Step Programs: Continuing education regarding marriage and divorce in the Catholic Church

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is an area that can impact a person's relationship with God and the Church. One of the significant issues that a person faces is their place in the Church. Does the Church still care about me even though I am divorced? Am I allowed to go to Mass? Can I receive communion? How can the Church help me heal? If I decide to marry again, what do I have to do?

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland offers its First Step Program to help individuals deal with these questions in order to renew and/or strengthen their relationship with God and the Church. This program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have experienced divorce, learn more about Catholic teaching regarding marriage, divorce, and remarriage.

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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.

Everyone is welcome to:

- Deepen knowledge of the Church's teaching on marriage...
- Learn about the Church's ministry to the divorced/separated in the Diocese...
- Hear about the annulment process and how to submit a case...
- Discover a path to healing after divorce in order to strengthen and/or renew a relationship with God and the Church

In any endeavor, taking the "first step" is always the most difficult. The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure. Please refer to the Tribunal website (www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal) for testimonials about the program from past participants.

The schedule for the general meetings in 2017 is:

- Tuesday, 16 May 2017, at St. Mary Parish, Chardon, at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 12 September 2017, at St. Paul Parish, Akron, at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 10 October 2017, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7:00 p.m.

Note that the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process.

For more information check our website: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal

Or call the Tribunal: 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, ext. 4000

COMMUNICATIONS

In our continued effort to comply with the requirements of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," the Communications Department is again asking all Parishes to please publish this bulletin announcement. When published, parishes are asked to forward a copy of their bulletin to:

The Diocese Communications Department
c/o Robert Tayek
1404 East 9th St.- 6th Floor
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2503

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Bulletin Announcement:

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present **suspected inappropriate behavior** toward children by priests, deacons, religious lay ecclesial ministers, or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the **Diocesan Response Service office at 216-334-2999** or via e-mail at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

CHANCERY

CATHEDRAL of ST JOHN the EVANGELIST

HELEN D. SCHUBERT CONCERTS Spring 2017

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

26 April - Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Vox Luminis (*Namur Belgium*); Lionel Meunier, *director*

I Know that my Redeemer Liveth – Music of the English Renaissance

Specializing in the performance of 16th–18th century vocal music, **Vox Luminis** has performed in festivals and venues in Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Portugal, Croatia & the U.S. The Ensemble's 2012 recording of Schütz's *Musicalische Exequien* received several prestigious awards including *Gramophone's* Recording of the Year, the Baroque Vocal Gramophone Award and the International Classical Music Award.

11 May – Thursday @ 8:00 p.m.

JUBILATION! Elizabeth Stuart Church Choir Festival

The Tenth annual WCLV *JUBILATION* Choir Festival features four Church Choirs from Northeast Ohio. Established in 2008 to showcase sacred choral music that is recognized as part of the core classical repertoire, the Festival seeks to encourage a heightened standard of choral music in houses of worship, and to celebrate choirs that strive for excellence.

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PARISH LIFE SECRETARIAT

Immigrants and Refugees from the Middle East: Their Experiences, Their Challenges

The Rev. Elias Mallon, S.A., PhD will be speaking at Lakewood Catholic Academy, 14808 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107 on Tuesday, 25 April from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The title of his talk is: ***Immigrants and Refugees from the Middle East: Their Experiences, Their Challenges***. This topic is in the forefront of our country's division; this presentation is current and relevant to this debate. Fr. Mallon is well-educated in Islam and will share his experiences and insights. Don't miss this opportunity; there is no charge for this event. A flyer is included with the Diocesan Memo.

GRANT APPLICATIONS AND AWARDS

Application forms for grants from the **National African American and Native American Commission are available now in the Parish Life Office**. If your parish, school or institution has Evangelization Projects for which you are seeking funding, please request an application form. The criteria for the projects are the following:

- * initiated and carried out through a Catholic Institution
- * innovative and creative approaches to evangelization in the African American or Native American community
- * collaborative efforts - e.g., several parishes, parish and school, parish and other groups, diocesan offices and parish communities.
- * outreach to inactive, alienated and people with no church affiliation

If funding for a salary is included in the proposal, the amount should be one quarter or less of the salary. No funding is provided for benefits. The Grant Review Board has requested that the source covering the cost of salaries and benefits for the project be listed on the grant application.

Applications must be returned to the Parish Life Office by **01 May 2017**. All proposals will be considered by the Grant Review Board. Grants to our diocese from the National Commission will be announced in February of 2018.

For an application or if you have any questions, please call the Parish Life Office at 216-696-6525 or 1-800-869-6525, ext. 3500. An application form is also included in the Diocesan Memo as an attachment. Please feel free to answer the application questions using your own format.

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Family Support Ministry: LEAF Ministry_ Listening, Encouraging, and Assisting Families
(See: 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. Ladislav

2345 Bassett Road
Westlake, Ohio 44145
440-835-2300

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month

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St. Malachi

2459 Washington Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio 44113

216-861-5343

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on 2nd Wednesday:

Geauga County

Holy Angels

18205 Chillicothe Road

Bainbridge, Ohio 44023

440-708-0000

Meets at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, 20 April 2017

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

Temporarily discontinued

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Wayne County: Coming in the future

Ashland County: Coming in the future

Other groups will be beginning in the 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

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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

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.

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St. Mary Hudson Group

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. This group is opened to gay and lesbian persons and their family members. 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

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

CATHOLIC JEWISH COLLOQUIUM

The Catholic Jewish Colloquium, which is cosponsored by the Anti-Defamation League and the Diocese of Cleveland in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and the Cleveland Board of Rabbis will be held on Wednesday, 26 April 2017 at the Park East Synagogue, 27500 Shaker Boulevard, Beachwood, Ohio at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Aaron David Miller and the title of this talk is: The Search for Middle East Peace: A US Negotiator Looks Back. This presentation is open to the public and there is no fee but reservations are requested by emailing: agray@adl.org. A flyer is included with the March Diocesan Memo.

Aaron David Miller, historian, analyst, and former advisor to Republican and Democratic Secretaries of State on Arab-Israel negotiations, 1978-2003. Currently, Dr. Miller is Vice President for New Initiatives and a Distinguished Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

The Respondent to Dr. Miller is Fr. Elias Mallon. Fr. Elias D. Mallon is the External Affairs Officer for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) which supports charitable, educational, health and development projects in the Middle East, Ethiopia, Eastern Europe and southern India.

THEA AWARDS

We are happy to announce that Ms. Shaniqua Harris will be presented the African American Catholic Woman in the Legacy of Georgia McCoy Award for her leadership, commitment and willingness to serve her parish (St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima), her diocese and her civic community. Other Thea awards will also be presented to women and youth of the African American Catholic Community who exemplify the virtues of Sr. Thea Bowman. These awards will be given out during the Thea Awards Banquet which will be held on Sunday, 7 May 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Tickets are still available and ads for the souvenir journal by calling Vanessa Griffin Campbell at 216-696-6525, ext. 3020 or emailing her at vcampbell@dioceseofcleveland.org.

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Traveling Charismatic Mass

Sing and Praise God With Joy! Catholic Renewal Ministries' **Traveling Charismatic Mass** for April will be held at Sacred Heart Parish on **Friday, 21 April**. Praise and worship will begin at **7:00 p.m.** and Mass will start at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 410 W. Lorain St. in Oberlin 44074. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after the mass. For more information, please contact Fr. Bob Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445.

Healing Mass,

“Jesus is the same, yesterday and today, and forever” Heb. 13:8. He is healing people in our time as surely as He did 2,000 years ago. Come to the **Healing Mass, Sunday, 7 May at Ss. Cosmas & Damian Church beginning at 7:00 p.m.** with Praise and Worship. Fr. Michael Stalla, Pastor, will celebrate this mass and lead Healing Prayer. The church is located at 10419 Ravenna Rd. in Twinsburg 44087. For more information, contact Grace or Jerry Wrobel at 330-425-2678.

Pentecost Mass Celebration

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a **Pentecost Mass Celebration, Sunday, 4 June**, at Ss. Cosmas and Damian Church, 10419 Ravenna Rd., Twinsburg 44087. The celebration will start at 2:00 p.m. with praise and worship, and a time of prayer for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Mass will begin at approximately 3:00 p.m. There will be an opportunity for individual healing prayer and also fellowship time after Mass. For more information, please contact Fr. Bob Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. All are welcome to join in this celebration of Pentecost during this 50th anniversary year of charismatic renewal.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION

DISABILITY SERVICES & MINISTRIES

April is Autism Awareness Month / April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day

April is Autism Awareness Month. We encourage you to use this month to emphasize awareness of those with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in your parish and to welcome them into the life of the Church. Autism Awareness Month kicks off on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day. Consider participating in Light It Up Blue. You can wear blue, light your homes blue, post photos/support messages on social media or host an autism friendly event. Visit <https://www.autismspeaks.org/liub> for more ideas. Individuals with ASD have made great strides in awareness as millions have joined this movement. Let us take this month to challenge ourselves to learn more about the ways in which we can accommodate the needs of those in our

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community with autism. Let us encourage them to participate more fully while we seek out and celebrate the richness of the gifts they have to offer. If you have a family member with autism or know of parishioners with autism who may need certain accommodations or support to participate in parish life, please contact the Parish office.

DEPARTMENT FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY MINISTRY

Visit www.foryourmarriage.org for ideas and resources for your marriage. Also, find and like us on FaceBook - www.facebook.com/clevelandmarriageandfamily

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.

Date & Time: Saturday, 8 April 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. - Cana II session (includes 4:30 p.m. Mass)

Place: St. Joseph Parish, 12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136

Cost: \$125 per couple. Registration forms are available at [Cana II 2017](#)

PREP® Marriage Skills Workshop for Engaged and Married Couples

PREP fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement for engaged couples and offers enrichment to married couples.

Date & Time: Saturday, 29 April 2017, from 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., please register by 21 April 2017

Place: Holy Martyrs, 3100 Old Weymouth Rd., Medina, OH 44256 (5:30 p.m. Mass)

Cost: \$125 per couple.

For more information about PREP, call 216-334-2978. Download registration forms at <http://ccdogle.org/program/prep>

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION/PARISH BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

This training provides the training and tools needed to create a Ministry of Consolation / Bereavement program in the context of parish life. This course is for those who are ministering to the bereaved in parish and diocesan settings.

The next training will be:

Dates & Time: Tuesdays, April 18 & 25 and May 2 & 9, 2017 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.

Location: St. Rita Parish, 32820 Baldwin Road, Solon, 44139

Cost: \$125.00 per participant

For more information, please contact Jason Lewis at jrlewis@ccdogle.org or call 216-334-2974.

Registration forms can be found at our website: www.ccdogle.org/mfm

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MINISTRY OF CARE & COMPASSION

This program reflects the most effective way to deliver homebound ministry in your parish setting, as well as pastoral care in hospitals, nursing homes, and other medical facilities. Ministers of care and compassion are ordinary people called to minister to ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances.

Two separate sessions (choose one set or the other):

Dates & Time: Mondays, April 24, May 1 & 8, 2017, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Place: St. Raphael Parish, 525 Dover Center Road, Bay Village, 44140

Cost: \$110.00 per participant

Dates & Time: Sundays, April 23 & May 7, 2017, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Place: St. Raphael Parish, 525 Dover Center Road, Bay Village, 44140

Cost: \$110.00 per participant

For more information, please contact Jason Lewis at jrlewis@ccdocle.org or call 216-334-2974.

[Registration Form](#)

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration that will be held on Sunday, 30 July 2017 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Reservations will be accepted for couples married 50 years (married in 1967). Couples who are celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) or have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. Seating is limited in the Cathedral. The number of guests will be determined by the seating capacity and total number registered.

Date & Time: Sunday, 30 July 2017 at 2:30 p.m. Mass

Place: Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

All registrations should be handled through parish secretaries. Registration forms will be sent to all parishes; couples should contact their parishes to register. If you do not receive these materials, please contact Jane at jschwendeman@ccdocle.org or call 216-334-2978 or Jason at jrlewis@ccdocle.org or call 216-334-2974.

SACRED STEPS TO PEACE FOR TEENS PROGRAM / Divorce Thru the Eyes of a Teen

This new program for teens whose families have experienced a divorce, is open to anyone from the ages of 12-17. The purpose of this program is to help teens deal with the effects of divorce, as well as having time together socially. The Sacred Steps to Peace for Teens will meet every third Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Center Room 1, starting February 17th. The facilitators for the program are Carol Petro, MSW from the Marriage and Family Office, Deacon Bob Lester of St. Joseph Parish, and Deacon Bob Sabol of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Columbia Station. It is encouraged for parents who are attending the Sacred Steps to Peace Program, have their children attend this program, as well as any other parents who think this would be a good way for their children to heal through the divorce in their family. Participants are welcome to join at any time.

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Place: St. Joseph Parish, 12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136 - Holy Family Center Room 1

Date & Time: The third Friday of each month, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

For more information on both of these programs, contact Deacon Bob at the Church Office, 440.238.5555 ext. 110.

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: The third Friday of each month, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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 [Sacred Steps](#)

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a comprehensive weekend of marriage preparation held three times a year at the St. Leonard Retreat Center, 4076 Case Road, Avon, Ohio 44011. For questions call Alex and Lily Fuentes at 216-849-3769. The dates for 2017 are May 19-21 and September 15-17, 2017. Visit their website for more information and to register – www.clevelandencounter.com.

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 May 5-7, 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

RETROUVAILLE

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 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

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MISCELLANEOUS

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER AKRON

The First Friday Club of Akron will meet on Friday, **7 April 2017** at **Tangier Restaurant**, 532 W. Market St., Akron 44303, and will feature John Litten, MPA, Executive Director, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, speaking on the topic, *150 Years of Service, Spirituality and Friendship*.

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 PM. 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, 3 April 2017. For additional information, call 330-535-7668 or visit www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org.

ST. MARY PARISH (HUDSON)

Women's Lenten Night of Prayer & Reflection with Mother Cecilia

The St. Gianna Moms Group will host Mother Cecilia from Christ the Bridegroom Monastery in Burton, Ohio to lead a Lenten night of prayer and reflection for all women **on Tuesday, April 4th from 7pm to 9pm** in the Lower Hall of St. Mary's. Come and be at the feet of Jesus with both Mary of Bethany and Mary, the Mother of God, as they teach us the "one thing needful" (Luke 10:42) and help us to discover the disposition which will allow us a more intimate encounter with the merciful love of God during Holy Week and in our daily lives. Learn from the theology of Eastern icons and Western images and from Mother Cecilia's reflections from living the monastic life. RSVP to Kelly Gadzinski at k.niksa@hotmail.com or [440-668-8202](tel:440-668-8202) by Tuesday, March 28th.

The St. Gianna Moms Group has been busy preparing another very special **FREE** one-day retreat for the women of St. Mary's Parish and surrounding area! The retreat centers around the theme of **RELATIONSHIPS** with the support of the Catholic Conference 4 Women organization. The day will consist of several talks, both pre-recorded and live, followed by time for group discussion and individual reflection.

Topics include ways to deepen your **RELATIONSHIPS** – with Jesus – with technology – with your aging self – with your young children – with your older children – with your spouse – with your body.

This year's guest speaker will be Sister April Marie from the Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Convent in Cleveland, Ohio. The retreat will be held on **Saturday, May 6th from 9:30am to 3:30pm** at St. Mary in Hudson with coffee, muffins, and lunch provided. Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity to grow deeper in your faith and fellowship with other women of the parish. **SPACE IS LIMITED** so reserve your seat today by contacting Kelly Gadzinski at k.niksa@hotmail.com or 440-668-8202 and be sure to invite a friend or family member to join you!
