

# Diocesan Memorandum

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*The Diocesan Memorandum is published monthly as a service to clergy, religious and lay leadership in the Diocese of Cleveland.*

*The deadline for the next Diocesan Memo is the tenth of this month.*

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## *Office of the Bishop*

### **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

Since late summer the clergy sex abuse scandals featured in local and national news have shaken many of the faithful. It is critical that as a Catholic community we communicate and educate parishioners on the program, Protecting God's Children. Protecting God's Children was first adopted in 2003 by the Diocese of Cleveland and continues to be observed.

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 Office of the Bishop, Office for Protection of Children & Youth and Communications department are asking all parishes to please publish the bulletin announcement below once a month, each month through the end of 2018 (November and December). When published parishes are asked to forward a copy of their bulletin electronically to [buehlelein@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:buehlelein@dioceseofcleveland.org)

(email with direct online link is acceptable) –or – mail a hard copy to:  
Diocese of Cleveland - Department of Communications  
c/o Deacon Jim Armstrong  
1404 East Ninth Street – 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2503

*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 email at [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org). You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

**MASS FOR LIFE,  
TUESDAY,  
22 JANUARY 2019,  
10:00 AM**

**Diocese of Cleveland holds annual Mass for Life at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Jan. 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**

The Diocese of Cleveland honors the Church’s teaching that every life is cherished, chosen and sent. Each year the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelists celebrates the Mass for Life on 22 January, the anniversary date of Roe v. Wade. Members of all parishes and students from all high schools are encouraged to join in prayer at the special liturgy at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 22 January 2019. Following Mass, the Rosary for Life will be prayed. In our society, it is easy to see ways that the dignity of human life is disregarded. God creates every person for eternal union with himself and continually invites us to embrace the teaching that every life is chosen. If schools or parishes have efforts in place that acknowledge the anniversary, please share with the Office for Human Life by emailing [pmgerovac@ccdacle.org](mailto:pmgerovac@ccdacle.org)

**OFFICE FOR WORSHIP**

**2019 ANNUAL  
LITURGICAL  
NOTES**

The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland (CDC) Annual Liturgical Notes for 2019 are available on the Office for Worship website at [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/worship](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/worship)

**SOLEMNITY OF  
THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY,  
SATURDAY,  
8 DECEMBER 2018**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of the United States, is always a holyday of obligation. A Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception may be celebrated on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> after 4:00 p.m. All Masses before 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> must celebrate the Immaculate Conception. Masses after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> anticipate the Second Sunday of Advent. Weddings within Mass may be celebrated on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, but must use the readings and orations from Immaculate Conception, rather than from the Wedding Ritual Mass, with minor exceptions. Please see the pdf attachment which outlines a Wedding Within the Mass of the Day celebrated on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

**SOLEMNITY OF  
THE NATIVITY OF  
THE LORD JESUS  
(CHRISTMAS),  
TUESDAY, 25  
DECEMBER 2018**

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Jesus is a holyday of obligation. Vigil Masses for the Nativity may be celebrated after 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve). Masses celebrating the Solemnity are to be celebrated on Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

**SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY, MOTHER  
OF GOD, TUESDAY,  
1 JANUARY 2019**

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a holyday of obligation. Vigil Masses for the Solemnity may be celebrated after 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Eve). Masses celebrating the Solemnity are to be celebrated on Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MASS FOR LIFE,  
TUESDAY,  
22 JANUARY 2019,  
10:00 AM**

The diocesan Mass for Life will be celebrated on Tuesday, 22 January 2019, 10:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars and watch for more details, such as school and parish group registration, in the January Memorandum.

**CANDLEMAS DAY,  
SATURDAY,  
2 FEBRUARY 2019**

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day) is one of only two liturgical celebrations which call for a procession of the faithful into church carrying lighted candles - the other being the Easter Vigil. The faithful gather outside the church (or for pastoral reasons, inside the church), and after their candles are lit, the priest blesses them:

"O God, source and origin of all light, ...sanctify with your blessing these candles, which we are eager to carry in praise of your name, so that, treading the path of virtue, we may reach that light which never fails."

The Procession follows.

(RM, Proper of Saints, February 2)

**FEAST OF ST.  
BLASE, SUNDAY,  
3 FEBRUARY 2019,  
BLESSING OF  
THROATS**

“If the blessing [of throats] is conferred during Mass, the blessing follows the homily and general intercessions, or, for pastoral reasons, the prayer of blessing may take the place of the final blessing of the Mass. The blessing may be given by touching the throat of each person with two candles blessed on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2) and which have been joined together in the form of a cross. If, for pastoral reasons, each individual cannot be blessed in the manner described in no. 1627, for example when great numbers are gathered for the blessing or when the memorial of Saint Blase occurs on a Sunday, a priest or deacon may give the blessing to all assembled by extending hands, without the crossed candles, over the people while saying the prayer of blessing. The blessing may also be given to the sick or the elderly in their homes when they cannot attend the parish celebration.” (Book of Blessings, 1626-1629)  
For Masses on Saturday, February 2 after 4:00 p.m., we suggest the Blessing of Throats may, at the pastor’s discretion, take the place of the Final Blessing.

**RITE OF  
ELECTION,  
SUNDAY,  
10 MARCH 2019**

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion is always held on the First Sunday of Lent in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, 10 March 2019. More detailed information on registration and liturgy scheduling will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

**DIOCESAN  
EVENING OF  
CONFESSION,  
WEDNESDAY,  
20 MARCH 2019**

The annual diocesan Evening of Confession is scheduled for Wednesday, 20 March 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please see various resources for parishes at <http://www.welcomecatholics.com/>.

**CHRISM MASS,  
TUESDAY,  
16 APRIL 2019**

Please mark your calendars for the celebration of the Chrism Mass, Tuesday of Holy Week, 16 April 2019 at 7:00 p.m. At this special liturgy, Bishop Perez will consecrate all the holy oils which will be used in our diocese for the coming year. This is also an opportunity for priests of the diocese to renew themselves in their priestly vocation.

Please be advised that at this year’s Chrism Mass, in an effort to be fair and non-partisan, parishioners will not have the opportunity to reserve seating for other parishioners in advance. General seating for the Chrism Mass will be first come, first served.

## 2019 EASTER VIGIL

"The Easter Vigil, in the holy night when the Lord rose again, is considered the "mother of all holy Vigils," in which the Church, keeping watch, awaits the Resurrection of Christ and celebrates it in the Sacraments. Therefore, the entire celebration of this sacred Vigil must take place at night, so that it both begins after nightfall and ends before the dawn on the Sunday." (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, third edition, # 21*)

**In the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, the instruction "after nightfall" is to be interpreted as no earlier than 7:30 p.m.**

## *Chancery*

### **SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS CHURCH, BARBERTON**

The building at the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Shannon Avenue in Barberton is no longer a Catholic church. The site was sold by the Diocese of Cleveland in 2011 following the closure of Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish. The building is currently occupied by "C&M" "Christus et me" "Orthodox Old Catholic Church." This group has no affiliation with the Diocese of Cleveland and is not in full communion with the rest of the Catholic Church. Catholics are not encouraged to attend services at this site. The Diocese of Cleveland has no way to verify whether or not ministers at that church building are validly ordained. Furthermore, the administration of sacraments which depend on faculties or on ecclesiastical authority may be invalid even if the minister were validly ordained. Please contact the diocesan chancery with any questions related to this matter.

### **CATHEDRAL of ST JOHN the EVANGELIST**

### **HELEN D. SCHUBERT CONCERTS Fall 2018**

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 12 – Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

#### **Daughters of St. Paul Choir**

#### ***Glorious Night...Christmas with the Daughters of St Paul***

Known for their fresh arrangements of time-honored classics, the Daughters of St. Paul communicate God's extraordinary love for every person. Well-loved carols and holiday favorites combine in a heartwarming collection of both lively and moving songs that celebrates the glory, wonder and joy of the Christmas season.

**PARISH CHOIRS AT  
CATHEDRAL -  
ADVENT 2018**

During the season of Advent, four parish choirs from around the Diocese have accepted the invitation to sing at the Cathedral for a 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. This annual invitation to sing at a Cathedral Sunday mass is open to all parish choirs in the Diocese. Participating choirs accepting the invitation this Advent are:

Advent I – Dec 2      St. Hilary Choir (*Fairlawn*),  
David Dettloff, *director*

Advent II – Dec 9      St. Peter (*North Ridgeville*),  
Jim Akoury, *director*

Advent III – Dec 16      St. Gabriel Choir (*Concord*),  
Kevin Donahue, *director*

Advent IV – Dec 23      St. Ignatius of Antioch Schola Cantorum  
(*Cleveland*), Jason Lewis, *director*

***Catholic Community Foundation***

**A BIG  
#weGiveCatholic  
THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who supported their favorite Catholic schools, parishes, ministries, Catholic Charities sites/programs and Catholic nonprofits through #weGiveCatholic, Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving that took place on 27 November 2018. You can view the results for the more than 195 participating organizations online at [weGiveCatholic.org](http://weGiveCatholic.org). Together, the Catholic community across Northeast Ohio came together to share their gifts, and return them with increase to the Lord. Thank you!

**YEAR-END GIVING  
AND FUTURE  
PLANNING**

In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2018, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds. If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income this year and help us in our ministry with a gift made directly from your IRA to our parish. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that a gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Lastly, should this year-end find you creating or updating your estate plan, please consider helping us grow our

parish ministry for future generations by including our parish as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance policy.

Questions? Contact XXX in our parish office at (XXX) XXX-XXXX or via email at \_\_\_\_\_. You are also welcome to contact Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x4070 or via email at [mozimek@catholiccommunity.org](mailto:mozimek@catholiccommunity.org).

**CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES  
ANNUAL APPEAL**

**Thank You! Because of your support, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal exceeded its \$12.5 million goal!** As of 30 October, **\$13.0 million** has been pledged to Catholic Charities from **46,985 faithful donors who have transformed lives of the most vulnerable in our diocese.** 133 parishes have exceeded their Appeal goals and we are grateful for the continuing effort of priests, parish staff and volunteers to support the Appeal. The needs of the less fortunate continue to grow every day. Please remember to fulfill your pledges so that we can continue to provide help and create hope to over 400,000 each year. Visit [www.CatholicCommunity.org/donate](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/donate) to make a payment or a gift before year-end.

**30 Day Challenge Grant that Doubled Your Gifts!** Over \$32,000 was raised and will be matched for services at our St. Elizabeth Center in Lorain and \$42,000 in new, additional or increased gifts will be matched and will be invested where it will be most useful. There are still dollars left in our Challenge. Visit [www.CatholicCommunity.org/StElizabeth](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/StElizabeth) for St. Elizabeth's \$50,000 match or [www.CatholicCommunity.org/donate](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/donate) for the \$100,000 match. Every gift makes a difference!

**Bishop Perez's Thanksgiving phone message of gratitude** was delivered to Catholic Charities donors with home phone on Wednesday, 21 November 2018.

**For updated appeal information,** visit the 2018 Annual Appeal website at [www.CatholicCommunity.org/2018Appeal](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/2018Appeal).

**Questions?** Please contact Karen Joyce at 216-696-6525 x 1910 or [kjoyce@CatholicCommunity.org](mailto:kjoyce@CatholicCommunity.org).

**Spread the Faith Annual Appeal is currently underway** seeking support for the *Northeast Ohio Catholic* magazine to ensure that it will continue to be delivered free of charge to more than 240,000

Catholic households. Your gift also supports an online edition of the magazine which can easily be shared and a weekly e-newsletter that brings up-to-the minute local Catholic news to your inbox.

Secure online donations can be made any time at [www.CatholicCommunity.org/SpreadTheFaith](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/SpreadTheFaith).

Thank you for your generosity. Contact Karen Joyce at 216-696-6525 x 1910 to donate by phone.

## *Finance*

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **NEW MEDICARE PLAN FOR RETIREES**

The Diocese is switching to a new, better and lower cost Medicare plan effective 1 January 2019. Retirees who want to keep coverage with the Diocese don't need to do anything. Note that the new plan includes prescription coverage. Lay retirees will be billed directly by Medical Mutual. You will still need to bill them for the dental and vision coverage as they are not offered through Medical Mutual. Details on the plan can be found at <http://www.mydocbenefits.com/health-plan/medicare-advantage/>

#### **GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE**

#### **Reminder for parishes and schools that have Group Term Life Insurance with the Diocese:**

GTL insurance amounts that exceed \$50,000 are subject to taxation, per IRS regulations. You recently received a list of employees having a life insurance amount exceeding \$50,000 with the taxable amount to deduct from their pay. If you haven't been deducting the taxes from their pay checks throughout the year, make sure to deduct the total amount no later than in their last pay check of 2018 so that their W-2's will be accurate.

Contact the Employee Benefits Office at **(216) 696-6525, ext. 5040** with any questions.



## *Clergy and Religious*

### **DIACONATE ASPIRANCY PROGRAM – SEPTEMBER 2019**

#### Inquiry for Diaconate

The Diaconate Formation Office is accepting inquiries for men interested in the diaconate. To be considered, an applicant must be Roman Catholic at least 30 years of age (minimum age for ordination is 35), who is an active member of his parish with the support of his pastor. He must be in good health, of sound moral character, mature faith, regular practice in the sacramental life of the Church and have a sense of vocation to service. If married, he must be in a valid Catholic marriage for a minimum of five years, have the support of his wife and family and be in a strong, stable marriage. If unmarried, he must be willing and able to commit to celibacy. Although an upper age limit for application has not been established for the Cleveland diocese, the expectation is that ordained deacons will have the health and energy to provide a minimum of ten years of ordained ministry to the diocese of Cleveland.

The deadline for inquiries to our Diocesan Diaconate Aspirancy Program, which will begin in September 2019, is 1 March 2019. All those men who are interested in applying to the 2019 program are asked to please write to Deacon David S. Kushner, Director of Diaconate Formation, Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092 by the 1 March 2019 deadline or telephone the Diaconate Formation Office at 440-943-7651.

## *Parish Life and Development*

### **WORLD DAY FOR IMMIGRANTS, MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

Our Diocese will celebrate the World Day for Immigrants, Migrants and Refugees at Our Lady of Peace Church on Sunday, 20 January 2019 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Bishop Martin Amos will be the main celebrant. Every year this event is a very prayerful and joyful celebration of the rich cultural diversity of our diocesan community—we come from many lands, in faith we are one people! All are welcome to join us for this celebration at Our Lady of Peace Church, 12601 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44120.

## **PRESENTATIONS ON THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND IMMIGRATION**

Members of the “Welcoming the Stranger” Committee are eager to come to your parish or parish group to do a panel presentation on immigration. This topic is of great concern to all and the reality touches our brothers and sisters who have come here as migrants and refugees seeking safety and life for their families. If you are interested in scheduling a presentation, please call Sister Rita Mary Harwood, SND at 1-216-696-6525, extension 2200.

## **PRISON MINISTRY**

The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated needs your help! We have been distributing zip-lock bags filled with one of each of the following items to the men and women who are incarcerated and indigent. These items can be purchased through the prison commissary, but many inmates do not have funds to do so. We are out of supplies! Would you help us by collecting some of these items? Thank you for your support.

- Shampoo (travel size or up to 5 oz.)
- Conditioner (travel size or up to 5 oz.)
- Soap--regular size or travel size bars
- Body wash - (travel size or up to 5 oz.)
- Lotion - (travel size or up to 5 oz.)
- Packets of tissues (Kleenex or like product that usually are in packaging of 8 or 10 and cost \$1.00 at the dollar stores.)
- white socks (completely white or may have gray toes) for men and women

At the completion of your collection, please call Paula Moscovic at 216-696-6525, ext. 3500. If someone is able to bring these items to our Cathedral Square building at 1404 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Paula would be happy to meet your car with a cart so that you will not have to park. Abundant thanks to you for your kindness and compassion.

## **LEAF MINISTRY**

**Family Support Groups: LEAF Ministry**—Listening, Encouraging and Assisting Families of the Incarcerated. **LEAF** Ministry is an initiative of the Catholic Ministry to the Incarcerated. It is dedicated to serving the special needs families face when a loved one is incarcerated. So many families experience isolation, shame, guilt, and an overwhelming sense of being alone. This 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. Child care is

provided. If you are interested in additional information please call the Parish Life Office at 1-800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525x 3500 or see the ministry website at [www.leafministry.org](http://www.leafministry.org).

**Cuyahoga County**

**Parish meeting room which is on the lower level of the coach house**

**Communion of Saints Parish**

2175 Coventry Road  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118  
216-321-0024

**Usually meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday 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  
The December meeting will be held on in the Lower Church on the **26 of December.**

**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  
Please call the above number for more information.

**St. Malachi**

2459 Washington Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113  
216-861-5343

Please call for additional information

**Geauga County**

**Holy Angels**

18205 Chillicothe Road

Bainbridge, Ohio 44023

440-708-0000

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, 20 December 2018**

**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. Ladislav)

4301 Pearl Avenue

Lorain, Ohio 44055

440-277-7231

Meets at 7:00 p.m. with St. Ladislav in Westlake on the  
second Wednesday of the month

**Medina County**

**N.B.: Medina Parishes Meeting – Meeting Location**

Medina County LEAF Ministry has changed their meeting  
location to the Medina County Jail at 555 Independence Drive,  
Medina, OH 44256.

**Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month.**

**Summit County**

Coming in future

**Wayne County**

Coming in the future

**Ashland County**

Coming in the future

**Other groups will be beginning as they are needed. If your  
parish feels there is a need in your area, please contact Sister  
Rita Mary. For additional information please call 216-696-6525,  
ext. 3500 or visit the website at [www.leafministry.org](http://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 x3500. 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. If you have a loved one in one of these institutions, 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.*

**FAMILY SUPPORT  
GROUPS**

**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.

**St. Mary Parish, 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](mailto:ljoseph@stmaryhudson.ccf) or at 330-653-8118, ext. 233. St. Mary Parish in Hudson is located at 340 N. Main Street.

## **INTERFAITH**

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 (18 January – 25 January, especially in the Sunday Liturgy 20 January 2019)**

Please make use of the resources for intercessions as well as information about the Week of Prayer for Christian unity found at <https://geii.org>

#### **CHRISTIAN UNITY PROGRAM AND PRAYER SERVICES:**

Thursday, **24 January 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at  
St. Basil Church, 8700 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, OH 44141

Friday, **25 January 2019**, at 1:30 p.m. at  
The Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe,  
OH 44092

Dr. Daniel Olsen, Director of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs,  
Archdiocese of Chicago

#### **“The Gifts and Challenges of Inter-church Marriage for Christian Unity.”**

For further information please call Fr. Joseph Hilinski, Interfaith  
Director, at 216-696-6525 ext. 5110

## **EVANGELIZATION OFFICE**

#### ***STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELIZATION WORKSHOP THANK YOU AND FOLLOW-UP***

Thank you to all who attended the Stewardship and Evangelization  
Workshop on 6 November as we learned so much about pastoral  
planning using *Living as Missionary Disciples*. Follow-up  
information from the workshop can be found at  
[www.dioceseofcleveland.org/evangelization](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/evangelization)

#### ***FREE OPT-IN SUBSCRIPTION TO FORMED.ORG FOR ALL PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND***

**SAVE THE DATES:  
1 FEBRUARY & 22  
FEBRUARY 2019**

FORMED.org is a online platform for faith formation for people of  
all ages. Online resources of videos, podcasts, and e-books are  
included on FORMED.org. Thanks to the Rooted in Faith –  
Forward in Hope Evangelization Funds, in 2019, pastors of parishes  
will be able to opt into a free FORMED.org subscription that will  
begin on Easter Day, **21 April 2019** for all of your parishioners. An  
informational webinar will be held on Friday, **1 February 2019** and  
an all day training will be held on Friday, **22 February 2019**. More  
information about a free FORMED subscription can be found at  
[www.dioceseofcleveland.org/evangelization](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/evangelization).

#### ***EVENING OF CONFESSION PREPARATION AND RESOURCES***

For parishes preparing for this year’s Evening of Confession on **20  
March 2019**, please know the parish resources will be available  
online once again at [www.welcomecatholics.com](http://www.welcomecatholics.com) under the parish  
resources tab. We are in the process of creating a new promotional  
video and audio which will begin airing 2 weeks before the event.

**EVANGELIZATION  
OPPORTUNITIES  
PROGRAM AND  
RESOURCE  
INFORMATION**

To find out about more or have a conversation about any aspect of evangelization, getting started, the latest approaches, pastoral planning for evangelization, programs, resources or processes for your parish community please check out the evangelization website at [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/evangelization](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/evangelization) or contact Terrie Baldwin in Office of Evangelization for any additional questions or support at (216) 696-6525 or (800) 869-6525, ext. 2540 or [tbaldwin@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:tbaldwin@dioceseofcleveland.org) .

To sign up to be on the mass e-mail list for the Office of Evangelization, go to the front page of the evangelization website and [click on newsletter sign up](#).

**OFFICE OF HISPANIC MINISTRY**

**Advent Reflection Day and National Encuentro Sharing  
with the Diocesan Hispanic Community**

Date: 1 December 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Center for Pastoral Leadership  
28700 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, OH 44092

**Natural Family Planning**

Date: 15 December 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
St Mary Church  
242 N. State St., Painesville, OH 44077

For more information about these classes,  
please call the Office of Hispanic Ministry  
Contact: Misael Mayorga 216-696-6525 ext. 4300  
or [mmayorga@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:mmayorga@dioceseofcleveland.org).

**THE LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY OFFICE**

**LAY ECCLESIAL  
MINISTRY  
INFORMATION  
NIGHT AND  
ACCEPTANCE OF  
APPLICATIONS**

We are offering an Information Night for all those interested in the Diocesan Certification Process for Lay Ecclesial Ministers:  
**Information Night: 16 January 2019.** This meeting will take place at the Center for Pastoral Leadership from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Please RSVP to attend or if you would like additional information, please call 440-943-7670. The Office is now accepting Applications year round. See information flyer.**

**\*NEW\* LAY  
ECCLESIAL  
MINISTRY “VISIT  
FORMATION  
NIGHTS”**

To learn more about the *formation piece of becoming a Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister*, please consider joining us on any of the following Friday evenings: **7 December 2018, 4 January 2019, 1 February 2019 or 1 March 2019**. These meetings are at the Center for Pastoral Leadership from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. **Please RSVP by calling (440) 943-7670. See information flyer.**

***What is required for admission to the process for Diocesan Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certification?*** A candidate for entrance to the formation program should: possess an attitude of collaboration and relate well with others; evidence leadership qualities and experience in training/motivating others; have the ability to study theology in a consistent and demanding way; make formation for ministry a priority; possess a commitment to share in the mission of the Church; have respect for the authority of the Church and a desire to work for, with and in the name of the Church. ***Do you know anyone who has these characteristics and has expressed an interest in diocesan certification?*** Please extend an invitation to them to participate in the Information Night session.

## ***Catholic Charities Corporation***

### **MARRIAGE & FAMILY MINISTRY**

**WEBSITE and  
FACEBOOK**

Visit our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page for a complete listing of all programs and dates. For more information, call 216-334-2978.

**FAMILY  
PERSPECTIVES**

Family gospel insights and intercessions for each Sunday are included in the Family Perspectives and General Intercessions flyer for the month of January 2018 (published a month in advance).

**A HOLIDAY  
BLESSING/ From the  
Department for  
Marriage and Family  
Ministry Staff:**

*“As we light the flames of the Advent candles, may the warmth of the Christ-child’s love rekindle within your heart. As the scent of the evergreen wreath fills your lungs, may the peace of the Christ-child fill your very being. As we retell the stories of the Christ-child’s family, may you be wonderfully reminded of the stories of your family’s past, may you be lovingly engaged in the stories of your family’s present, and may you joyously await the stories of your family’s future. May God be with you and your family, in this season, and every season, and may you have a Merry and Blessed Christmas.”*



**COUPLE MINISTRY  
TRAININGS –  
WINTER 2019**

Couple Ministers are volunteer married couples selected by their parish and trained by the diocese to assist in marriage preparation and enrichment. They meet with the engaged or married couples and provide a living witness of Christian Marriage. Invite some of your married couples to be trained! More information including online registration is available on our website:

<http://ccdogle.org/program/couple-ministry-training>. Clergy should nominate couples and submit names.

**Date & Time-** Wednesdays 1/9- 2/6, 7-9:30 p.m. (Prepare-Enrich Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Place:** St. Paschal Baylon Parish, 5384 Wilson Mills Road, Highland Heights, OH 44143

**Cost:** \$125 per couple.

**Contact:** Bill Boomer – [whboomer@ccdogle.org](mailto:whboomer@ccdogle.org) or call 216-334-2971.

**NATURAL FAMILY  
PLANNING**

Resources and class listings are available on the [website](#). Natural Family Planning brochures are available in .pdf to offer to your couples preparing for marriage. This is one more way to encourage couples to investigate the benefits of NFP.

A 90-minute presentation titled *Renewing the Covenant* is available to any parish that would like to offer a more comprehensive information session on Natural Family Planning. This is a new presentation from the Marriage and Family Office. **This presentation has now been adapted to be presented within a Pre-Cana Day. If you have a NFP couple who is presenting at your Pre-Cana and they would like this presentation, we could train them and give them a copy of the presentation. You can also call to schedule someone to come and give the presentation for you.** RTC aims to help couples to deepen their understanding of Saint John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* and Natural Family Planning. The presentation explores the following two questions: "Why do you want to marry?" and "How are you going to thrive in your marriage?" To help answer these questions, we introduce *Theology of the Body*, so that couples can learn more of how God calls us to reflect love with our bodies. Additionally, we share the basic concepts of Natural family planning and the science behind it. The goal behind this presentation is to help couples truly understand the "why" behind our Church teaching and to not just see things as a list of rules. For more information, please call Kathy Patton, NFP Coordinator at 216-334-2973 or email [kapatton@ccdogle.org](mailto:kapatton@ccdogle.org).

**NFP TEACHER  
TRAINING  
INSTITUTE**

The Marriage and Family Office will be hosting a Natural Family Planning Teacher Training this spring, Saturdays, February 9 and 23, March 9 and 30, and April 13. 9am -2 pm at St. Augustine Manor 7903 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Consider sponsoring a NFP practicing couples to train as teachers. NFP Teachers can strengthen parish ministries through Pre-Cana, RCIA, Baptism Preparation, or offering Women's health programs. A couple who practices NFP have a solid understanding of the vocation of marriage and their commitment to each other and to the Church. Please contact Kathy Patton if you would like to post the flyer in your parish.

Encourage a couple to contact Kathy Patton, NFP Coordinator, at 216-334-2973 for further information or to register.

**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 program has a focus on spiritual healing and growth through education, discussion and reflection on Scriptures and Church teachings. A team in a support group format will guide optional small group sessions weekly, using prayer, exercises and a workbook as a pathway to divorce recovery. **Sacred Steps is taking a break from our regular meeting over the Christmas Holiday. We look forward to joining together for a special Advent Prayer Service. Have a Merry Christmas!**

**Advent Prayer Service-**

**Date & Time:** Friday, 12/14 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Joseph Parish, 12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136, in the Bethlehem Room.

**Monthly Meetings-** Third Friday of every month

**Date & Time:** January, 1/18 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Joseph Parish, 12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136, in the Bethlehem Room.

**PARISH PRE-CANA  
DAYS**

Our website at <https://ccdocle.org/program/pre-cana> lists marriage preparation options for engaged couples who are marrying for the first time. Please visit our website if you are looking for a Pre-Cana program in the Diocese. Additionally, if you are a parish wanting to advertise your Pre-Cana on our website, please follow this link <https://ccdocle.wufoo.com/forms/precana-event-submission-form/>, or contact Katie Galicic (216) 334-2978, [klgalicic@ccdocle.org](mailto:klgalicic@ccdocle.org). We request that you submit information for the web site a minimum of *two weeks* prior to when you would like to see it up and running. We appreciate your advanced planning with this!

## 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 2019 weekends are January 25-27, March 22-24 and September 27-29. For more information go to their website [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) for [registration](#) or email Marce & Liz Gliha at [3031@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3031@retrouvaille.org)

## *Miscellaneous*

"St. Joseph in Strongsville has listed its current digital organ for sale in anticipation of the installation of a new pipe organ. It is an Allen ADC-7000 electronic organ from 1985. It has a wonderful, full sound and is in good working order. If interested, call the church at 440-238-5555 or email Luke, the music director, at [lmassery@sjohio.org](mailto:lmassery@sjohio.org)"