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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

**COLLECTIONS:
BLACK AND
INDIAN MISSION
COLLECTION ---
BUILDING OUR
MISSION TO THE
MISSIONS
MARCH 9-10 2019**

The weekend of March 9-10 is designated for the Annual Collection for the Black and Indian Missions here in the United States. Pope Francis reminds us in *Lumen Fidei* (51), "Faith helps us build our societies in such a way that they can journey towards a future of hope."

During this weekend which is the first weekend of Lent our parishes will take up the 133rd annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Your support of this collection helps build the Church in our African American and Native American communities from coast to coast, (including our diocese, which received a substantial grant which funded projects here in the Cleveland Diocese) Parish Religious education programs, evangelization projects, youth & young adult outreach efforts and diocesan ministries depend on your

generosity to help us spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet these special needs with a generous contribution. Once again thank you for your continued support.

Any parish who is interested in submitting a grant proposal for an evangelization project, please call the Parish Life Office at 216-696-6525, ext. 3500 for an application and criteria.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP

CANDLEMAS DAY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 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, FEBRUARY 3, 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, MARCH
10, 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, March 10, 2019. Liturgies will be at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Parishes are scheduled at liturgy times based upon district configuration, and do not change from year to year.

More detailed information on registration has been sent out, and should have been received at your parish's diocesan email account. Please check your diocesan email account regularly, so that you do not miss important information.

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

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

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

Please mark your calendars for the celebration of the Chrism Mass, Tuesday of Holy Week, April 16, 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.

FIRST COMMUNION RESOURCES

The Office for Worship wishes to recommend two excellent resources for parishes preparing First Communion Masses for this Spring:

First Communion Liturgies: Preparing First-Class First Celebrations, by Donna Eschenauer. Liturgical Press: Collegeville, MN, 2014. [LINK](#)

Eschenauer begins with a solid foundation of first principles for liturgy in general, as well as principles for liturgy with children, offers a history of the development of First Communion celebrations, and contextualizes First Communion within the larger unfolding of the Paschal Mystery that is Eucharist. With some valuable thoughts on sacramental preparation and catechesis, Eschenauer then lays out guidelines for crafting special celebrations for First Communion. Well-researched, highly readable, highly recommended.

Guide for Celebrating® First Communion, by Jo-Ann Metzdorff and Paul Turner. Liturgy Training Publications: Chicago, IL, 2015. [LINK](#)

Part of LTP's new liturgical guidebook series, the *Guide for Celebrating® First Communion* is quite helpful and very easy-to-read. It provides a brief historical sketch, and then goes through First Communion liturgies in detail. A Q&A section covers many common issues. Recommended.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

As many parishes are preparing for First Communion liturgies, it seems timely to review the Diocesan policy on Low-Gluten hosts.

Low-gluten hosts contain unleavened wheat and water and are free of additives, which conform to the requirements of the *Code of Canon Law* (canon 924, §2). This low gluten content is still enough to obtain the confection of bread for the Eucharist. Many gluten-intolerant persons may be able to consume it, or some portion of it. Such persons are encouraged to review the gluten content for each specific product, and strongly advised to consult in advance with their physicians.

Gluten-free hosts are invalid matter for the celebration of Mass. [Click here](#) to read the USCCB newsletter regarding this (pg 38). The contact information for ordering from the four USCCB approved distributors of low-gluten hosts is as follows:

Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration

Altar Breads Department
31970 State Highway P
Clyde, MO 64432-8100
Phone: (800) 223-2772
E-Mail: altarbreads@benedictinesisters.org
Web: www.BenedictineSisters.org
Gluten Content: 0.01%

Parish Crossroads

P.O. Box 84
Zionsville, IN 46077-0084
Phone: (800) 510-8842
E-Mail: admin@parishcrossroads.com
Web: www.ParishCrossroads.com
Gluten Content: 0.016%

GlutenFreeHosts.com Inc.

(A mis-nomer, as they do provide low-gluten hosts that are valid matter for Eucharist. Use caution when placing orders to avoid confusion.)

100 Buckley Road
Liverpool, NY 13088
Phone: (800) 668-7324 ext. 1
E-Mail: info@glutenfreehosts.com
Web: www.GlutenFreeHosts.com
Gluten Content: 0.002%

Cavanagh Company

610 Putnam Pike
Greenville, RI 02828
Phone: (800) 635-0568
Web: www.CavanaghCo.com
Gluten Content: 0.00042%

The common advice given to many Celiac and gluten-intolerant patients is to receive only the Precious Blood at Holy Communion. Additional concerns, however, can emerge when the Precious Blood has been “contaminated” with gluten at the commingling rite. The administration of the Precious Blood, whether under the form of wine or of mustum to persons with these conditions must carefully take into account the need to avoid any mixing of the sacred species at the altar or a communion station.

Low Gluten Hosts: Suggested Procedures

A person with gluten intolerance should keep a supply of low gluten hosts for use as needed. The parish could buy the hosts or the individual could buy hosts directly from one of the three approved suppliers listed above. (Recall that **only hosts from the suppliers listed above are valid matter for the Eucharist**. Low-gluten hosts from other suppliers or No-gluten/Gluten-free hosts are not valid matter for Eucharist.)

- A person with gluten intolerance should speak with the priest before Mass when providing a low gluten host.
- It is recommended that a person with gluten intolerance should use a small pyx in which to place the low gluten host to be consecrated. This will lessen the chance of this host getting mixed in with others.
- The pyx should be brought to the altar when the chalice, paten and other vessels are brought to set up the altar at the Preparation of the Gifts.
- The procedure for coming forward to receive Communion should be worked out with the pastor and/or liturgy staff of the parish.

**ORDINATION
DATES**

Bishop Nelson J. Perez is scheduled to ordain men to the Diaconate on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. He is scheduled to ordain men to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Both celebrations will take place at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Chancery

**DIOCESAN
MEMORANDUM
FEEDBACK**

The Office of the Chancellor is soliciting feedback regarding the content and format of the Diocesan Memorandum in order to better serve the needs of our readers. Please send comments or suggestions to Ann Marie Perkins (aperkins@dioceseofcleveland.org).

CATHEDRAL of ST JOHN the EVANGELIST

**HELEN D.
SCHUBERT
CONCERTS Winter
2019**

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.

February 8 - Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Aaron Tan, organist

First place recipient – 2018 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP). Currently studying at the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University, Aaron also serves as Organ Scholar at Church of the Resurrection, NYC.

February 24 - Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Mignarda Ensemble

Donna Stewart & Ron Andrico, with Malina Rauschenfels & José Gotera

BYRD Songs - Motets for solo voice & lute; *a cappella* 4-part Motets; Mass for 4 voices

March 1 - Friday at 7:30 p.m.

West Shore Chorale; John Drotleff, Director

MOZART: Vesperae Solennes de Confessore, K339; BERNSTEIN: Chichester Psalms;

CONTE: September Sun - *based on a poem by John Stirling Walker, commissioned in memory of those who perished on September 11, 2001.*

March 15 - Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Sounding Light: the Chamber Choir of Many Voices... One Song

Tom Trenney, Director

MUEHLEISEN: Pietà

A choral reflection on the sorrow and pain of mothers who lose their sons, and the way love, compassion and mercy can heal the voids; juxtaposing the death of Jesus, the son of Mary, the loss of sons in battle, and the losses we experience all too often today, and the importance of healing and forgiveness in our divided world.

**PARISH CHOIRS AT
CATHEDRAL -
LENT 2019**

During the season of Lent, 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 Lent are:

Lent II – March 16 Saturday 4:30 - Diocesan Children's Choir,
Meg Matuska, *coordinator*

Lent III – March 24 St. Noel Choir (*Willoughby Hills*), Agnieszka
Bieniek, *director*

Lent V – April 7 Holy Angels Choir (*Bainbridge*), Christie
Dilisio, *director*

Catholic Community Foundation

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL 2019

Our 2019 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is well underway. The theme from this year is **Walk in Faith. Give in Joy.** The first solicitation letter from Bishop Perez was mailed mid-January. Parish kits arrived in parishes the week of January 14th with all of the materials needed to conduct a successful in-pew appeal.

Important dates:

Announcement Weekend 2/3 February

In-Pew Commitment Weekend 9/10 February

Please be sure to share the impact of Catholic Charities and this appeal with your social media followers by sharing and retweeting Facebook and Twitter posts from the Catholic Community Foundation. Visit www.CatholicCommunity.org/2019Appeal for more information on the Appeal or to donate online. Contact Karen Joyce, 216-696-6525 x1910 or kjoyce@catholiccommunity.org with any questions about parish kits or in-pew weekend.

TABOR FUND GRANT AWARDS

Applications for **Tabor Fund Grant Awards** are now available for the 2019A cycle. Awards are intended to provide an opportunity for ministers to refresh and/or re-energize their spirituality, faith, mind and/or physical well-being, as part of fostering personal development and improving their ministry. Awards will be made in the following categories: Education and Formation, Sabbaticals and Retreats.

Any bona fide employees (paid or volunteer), lay, and religious who work in any recognized ministry within the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland; this includes parishes, religious orders, recognized ministries and offices of the Diocese. While priests cannot receive individual awards, they may participate in Education and Formation initiatives/retreats for their parishes or schools.

The application deadline for the Tabor Fund Grant Awards Program is 15 March.

You may access the application and guidelines by visiting www.catholiccommunity.org/grants. Questions may be directed to Colleen Rigo at 216.696.6525 x4080 or crigo@catholiccommunity.org.

**THE LAWYERS
GUILD OF THE
CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF
CLEVELAND**

The **Annual Lenten Reflection** for Lawyers Guild members will be held on Wednesday, 10 March beginning with 5:10 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral followed by a light supper and reflection with Bishop Perez. The event is free to all members and a guest. For more information visit www.catholiccommunity.org/lawyers or contact Colleen Rigo 216-696-6525 x4080, crigo@catholiccommunity.org.

The Lawyers Guild is accepting **nominations for the 2019 St. Thomas More Award** to be presented to at the Red Mass on 18 October 2019. Nomination forms are available online at www.catholiccommunity.org/lawyers. The following criteria will be considered by the Lawyers' Guild Executive Committee when determining this year's award recipient: 1) Foster spiritual growth and fellowship throughout the legal community; 2) Enhance appreciation for and observance of high ethical standards in the practice of law; 3) Encourage attentiveness among lawyers to legal and societal issues that affect morality, justice, and faith; 4) Exemplifies the qualities of St. Thomas More; 5) Any other outstanding qualities or examples of service to the community and/or legal profession.

Applications for the **2019 Marty Galvin Scholarship** are available to current and incoming Catholic High School students through the Digital Academy. The scholarship will be awarded at the Red Mass on 18 October. For more information visit www.catholiccommunity.org/lawyers or contact Colleen Rigo 216-696-6525 x4080, crigo@catholiccommunity.org.

**TAX-WISE
GIFTING FROM
YOUR IRA**

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income this year with a gift made directly from your IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Your accountant or IRA administrator can help you understand how the IRA Charitable Rollover works and the particular steps you can take to lower your taxes and help PARISH NAME.

Questions? Contact XXX in our parish office at (XXX) XXX-XXXX or via email at _____. You can also learn more by visiting www.catholiccommunity.org/irarollover or contacting Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x4070 or via email at mozimek@catholiccommunity.org.

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

SPECIAL INCREASED OFFERTORY INCENTIVE

Bishop Perez announced a one-time incentive for parishes that conduct an increased offertory appeal in years 2019 or 2020, including those parishes that ran an appeal in fall 2018. Participating parishes will be eligible to deduct the cost of the vendor program from their annual assessment during the year that follows the conducted appeal. Now is the time to consider what timeframe works best and invite program vendors to your parish for further consideration. Learn more by contacting: Terri Preskar, Director of Stewardship at tpreskar@catholiccommunity.org or 216-696-6525 | 800-869-6525 x5090.

2019 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP WEBCAST SERIES

Please use this link for participants to register: <https://bit.ly/2rqo3wf>, using the password: Stewardship (case sensitive).

01/08/18	Engaging and Developing Your Parish Stewardship Committee	Presented by Jim Kelley
02/12/18	Bring Faith to Life through Stewardship of Time and Talent	Presented by Leisa Anslinger
03/12/18	The Impact of Church Offertory	Presented by Joanie Lewis
04/09/18	Recognizing, Understanding, and Navigating the Spirituality of Grief	Presented by Jeannie Ewing
05/14/18	Embracing Youth and Young Adults	Presented by Katie Herzing
06/11/18	Mass Exodus: Why They Stop Coming and How to Get Them Back	Presented by Lorene Duquin
07/09/18	The Spiritual Meaning of Money	Presented by Fr. Andrew Kemberling
08/13/18	Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure Between and Among Parishes	Presented by Mark Mogilka
09/10/18	Seven Ways to Make Your Parish More Welcoming	Presented by Lorene Duquin
10/08/18	Hispanic Catholics and Stewardship: Myths, Realities, Opportunities	Presented by Hosffman Ospino
11/12/18	An Effective Leader is a Good Steward	Presented by Owen Phelps
12/10/18	Personal and Parish Stewardship Best Practices	Presented by David Baranowski

PARISH STAFF NETWORK

Is it time to try something new to strengthen your stewardship ministry but you are tired of working in a silo and in need of successful, creative ideas? Join us for the next Stewardship Network meeting, guaranteed to:

- enflame your Spirit;
- offer you a forum to share challenges and develop solutions;
- learn about new parish stewardship resources; and all the while,

- enlarge your circle of fellow ministers responsible for leading hearts to Christ.

We meet the “third” Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Join us in February or contact Terri Preskar at tpreskar@catholiccommunity.org to learn more. The Network sets the agenda each month.

21 February Host site: Diocesan Offices, 1404 E. Ninth St. 8th Floor

Finance

HUMAN RESOURCES

STANDARD MILEAGE RATES INCREASE FOR 2019

The IRS has released the 2019 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning **January 1, 2019**, the standard mileage rate for the use of a car for business miles driven is **58 cents per mile**, up from 54.5 cents for 2018. More detail can be found on the IRS website at: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-issues-standard-mileage-rates-for-2019>

Contact Donna Speagle, Human Resources, at (216) 696-6525, ext. 8760 or dspeagle@dioceseofcleveland.org with any questions.

Parish Life and Development

AFRICAN- AMERICAN AND NATIVE- AMERICAN GRANT PROCESS

This is a reminder to be thinking of projects that could be submitted for funding through this grant process. The due date has not been finalized yet by the National Office, but it is not too early to be considering the types of projects that could be funded. More information will be available in the March Diocesan Memo.

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.

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 February meeting will be held on in the Lower Church on the **27 of February, 2019.**

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, 21February 2019**

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.

**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. 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 or at 330-653-8118, ext. 233. St. Mary Parish in Hudson is located at 340 N. Main Street.

EVANGELIZATION OFFICE

*Free Opt-In
Subscription to
FORMED.org for all
Parishes in the
Diocese of Cleveland*

FORMED.org is an 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 at

Save the Dates

**1 February 2019 and
22 February 2019**

1:00 EST and an evening training in Spanish will be held on Thursday, 21 February at Sagrada Familia in Cleveland from 6:30 pm – 9:30 p.m. and an all-day training will be held in English on Friday, 22 February 2019 at St. Noel Parish in Willoughby Hills from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. More information about a free FORMED subscription for your parish go to 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 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
AND MISSIONARY
DISCIPLESHIP
PROGRAM AND
RESOURCE
INFORMATION***

To find out about more or have a conversation about any aspect of evangelization or missionary discipleship such as 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 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.

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

ADULT FORMATION CLASS

Date: February 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
CENTER FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP
28700 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, OH 44092

ADULT FORMATION CLASS

Date: February 23, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
CENTER FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP
28700 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, OH 44092

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.

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: Tues., 12 March 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: **February 1, 2019 or March 1, 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.

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, 3 May Lay Ecclesial Ministry Fundraiser at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (more info to follow).

Friday & Saturday 26-27 July 2019: Annual Lay Ecclesial Ministry Office Retreat at the Loyola Retreat House.

Catholic Charities Corporation

DISABILITY SERVICES & MINISTRIES

SUMMER CAMP EMPLOYMENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

It may seem early, but, summer will be here soon!

Camp Happiness will be interviewing college students and young professionals to work this summer at our two camp sites – located in Wickliffe and Parma. This is a great opportunity for your parishioners to experience a job that is truly one of service and is personally fulfilling for the staff. And they have fun!!

Camp Happiness is from June 10 to July 26, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (includes one week of training and six weeks of camp). Visit www.ccdocle.org/disability for more information or find us on Facebook.

Contact Lauren Mailey, Program Administrator of Catholic Charities Disability Services, for more information 216-334-2963 or Immailey@ccdacle.org

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 March 2019 (published a month in advance).

PREPARE-ENRICH TRAININGS – WINTER 2019

For Priests & deacon who have not yet been trained or would like a refresher course.

Date & Time: Two Saturdays, Feb. 16 and 23, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (both required)

Place: Center for Pastoral Leadership

Cost: \$175 for new trainee. \$25 for refresher course.

Registration: Call Bill Boomer 216-334-2971 or email whboomer@ccdacle.org

**NFP TEACHER
TRAINING
INSTITUTE**

The Marriage and Family Office will be hosting a Natural Family Planning Teacher Training this spring. Consider sponsoring an NFP practicing couples to become a teaching couple. 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.

Date & Time: Saturdays, February 9 & 23, March 9 & 30, & April 13. 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Place: St. Augustine Manor 7911 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Cost: \$295 for new trainee

Registration: Kathy Patton, NFP Coordinator, at 216-334-2973 or kapatton@ccdogle.org 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.

Monthly Meetings- Third Friday of every month

Date & Time: February, 2/15 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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

**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 (scheduled on an as-needed basis).

Date & Time: Saturday, March 23, 2019, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (includes 4:30 p.m. mass)

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

Cost: \$125 per couple.

Website & Registration: <http://ccdogle.org/program/cana-ii>

For more information, contact Carol (216) 334- 2975,

clpetro@ccdogle.org, or Katie (216) 334-2978,

klgalicic@ccdogle.org.

**MINISTRY OF
CONSOLATION/PARISH
BEREAVEMENT
MINISTRY-
2019 SPRING
TRAINING**

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. *Trainings in the Akron area of the diocese are typically scheduled every other year so please take advantage of this opportunity!*

Dates & Time: Thursdays, April 25, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2019; 6:00-9:00 p.m. *Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.*

Location: St. Francis de Sales Parish, 4019 Manchester Rd. Akron, OH 44319

Cost: \$125.00 per participant

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

**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.

**RENEWING THE
COVENANT**

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.

**PARISH PRE-CANA
DAYS**

Our website at <https://ccdogle.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 event on our website, please follow this link <https://ccdogle.wufoo.com/forms/precana-event-submission-form/>, or contact Katie Galicic (216) 334-2978, klgalicic@ccdogle.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!

**MARRIAGES OF
GRACE**

[Marriages of Grace](http://www.marriagesofgrace.org) offers their “*Joyfully Married: Witness to Love*” daylong conference retreat on **Saturday, March 2, 2019**. Founded by couples in North East Ohio, their mission focuses on “enriching and strengthening Catholic Couples”. This year’s retreat features a keynote address by Fr. Ryan Mann and mass celebration by Bishop Perez. Registration and additional information is available on their website <http://www.marriagesofgrace.org/Events>.

**WEEKEND TO
REMEMBER**

Family Life presents [Weekend to Remember](https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/) believes “the happiest couples are those who commit to learning skills that help them weather difficult seasons and deal confidently with relationship challenges”. They offer two weekends in North East Ohio this spring, **March 8-10** and **March 22-24**. Find registration, discounts, and more information on their website, <https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/>.

**NATIONAL
MARRIAGE WEEK
FEBRUARY 7-14**

February 7-14 is National Marriage Week, with World Marriage Day on Sunday, February, 11! The USCCB “offers resources to bishops, priests, married couples, and lay men and women to help celebrate and live the great gift of married life” on their website, <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/national-marriage-week.cfm>. You can find more information about National Marriage Week on their website as well, <https://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org/>.

**WORLD WIDE
MARRIAGE
ENCOUNTER**

[World Wide Marriage Encounter](http://www.greatmarriagesohio.org) 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 **February 15-17, 2019 in Hartville**. For more information on these weekends click at the link above, or go to www.greatmarriagesohio.org 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 2019 weekends are **March 22-24** and **September 27-29**. For more information go to their website www.helpourmarriage.com for [registration](#) or email Marce & Liz Gliha at 3031@retrouvaille.org

Miscellaneous

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Do you know someone who was raised Catholic but does not come to church anymore? Or someone who currently feels indifferent or is separated from the Church? If so, please let them know about the 9th CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME series that is beginning March 4 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Wooster.

This long running program, initially set up by Sally Mews, involves six weekly gatherings that are facilitated by a team of volunteers who understand and commit to providing a confidential, safe place for exploration and consideration of the challenges and concerns associated with an individual's personal Faith journey and spiritual life. Starting Monday, March 4, each 90 minute session will begin at 7 pm and is held in the Parish Hall of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 527 Beall Avenue, Wooster. For more information, send an email to mkayblum@sssnet.com or call Kathy at 330-234-6937.

Bulletin Editors - Please call Cheryl at 330-264-8824 for bulletin additional insert text and image materials.