A Special Day Of Reflection
For Those Who Love Someone
Who is Incarcerated

Sunday, December 1, 2019
9:30 Registration
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Jesuit Retreat Center
5629 State Road
Parma, OH 44134

“Remember those who are in prison, as though
in prison with them.” Hebrews 13:3

Enjoy a day of reflection and time for quiet prayer
time to share with each other
a delicious meal
a Celebration of the Mass

This day is open to all who have a loved one
who is incarcerated. There is no charge for
this event; it is made possible by a gift from
a group who cares about you.

RSVP: Judy at the Parish Life Office at
216-696-6525, ext. 3500 or email
jliederbach@dioceseofcleveland.org

Please note number who will be attending.

Sponsored by the Diocesan LEAF Ministry,
a ministry to Families of the Incarcerated.
**First Friday Club of Cleveland November Luncheon**

**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, December 5, 2019 | 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Registration table and luncheon buffet open at 11:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** The City Club of Cleveland | 850 Euclid Ave | Cleveland, OH 44114

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Elvis Grbac, Athletic Director and Football Coach, VASJ
Former NFL Quarterback and Motivational Speaker

_Faith, Family, Future_

Elvis Grbac grew up in Willoughby Hills and graduated from St. Joseph High School before taking his talent to Ann Arbor where he went on to play quarterback for the University of Michigan under Coach Bo Schembechler and then his successor Gary Moeller. Following a record setting college career at Michigan, he was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in 1993 and went on to play 9 seasons in the NFL. Throughout the span of his football career, Grbac received many accolades and recognition including an AFC West title, Pro Bowl appearance, and Super Bowl XXIX Championship.

Elvis now lives in Chagrin Falls, where he and his wife Lori have three children. He’s also currently working towards his Masters in Theology at St. Mary’s Seminary and serves on the Parish Council at Church of the Holy Angels in Chagrin Falls teaching Youth Catechesis.

With all of these great achievements also came sacrifice and failure. Grbac now speaks openly about his American dream, the challenges he’s faced along the way and how he overcame them through faith, hard work and perseverance.

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**Reservation Policy** – All attendees must register in advance and reservations must be received by noon on Monday, December 2. _If you reserve and are unable to attend, please call the office to cancel by noon 12/2/19 to avoid a charge for the event._

**Reserve:**
- **Cost:** $25.00/per ticket or $250.00/table of 10
- **Online:** [www.firstfridayclubcleveland.org](http://www.firstfridayclubcleveland.org)
- **Mail:** Complete form below and mail to 1120 Chester Avenue, Ste. 470, Cleveland, OH 44114
- **Fax:** Include your credit card number and return to (216) 696-2582

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John Allen
Associate Editor of The Boston Globe

December 6, 2019

Francis and What is Happening in the Church at This Time

John L. Allen Jr. is associate editor of The Boston Globe after 16 years as the prize-winning Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter. In addition, he is the editor of Crux, specializing in coverage of the Vatican and the Catholic Church and serves as the Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. He’s the author of seven best-selling books on the Vatican and Catholic affairs, and writes frequently on the Church for major national and international publications. He’s also a popular speaker on Catholic affairs, both in the United States and abroad.

The London Tablet has called Allen “the most authoritative writer on Vatican affairs in the English language,” and renowned papal biographer George Weigel has called him “the best Anglophone Vatican reporter ever.” When Allen was called upon to put the first question to Pope Benedict XVI aboard the papal plane en route to the United States in April 2008, the Vatican spokesperson said to the pope: “Holy Father, this man needs no introduction.” That’s not just a Vatican judgment. Veteran religion writer Kenneth Woodward of Newsweek described Allen as “the journalist other reporters – and not a few cardinals – look to for the inside story on how all the pope’s men direct the world’s largest church.”

Allen’s work is admired across ideological divides. Liberal commentator Fr. Andrew Greeley calls his writing “indispensable,” while the late Fr. Richard John Neuhaus, a conservative, called Allen’s reporting “possibly the best source of information on the Vatican published in the United States.” His weekly internet column, “All Things Catholic,” is widely read as a source of insight on the global Church.

Allen’s most recent book is The Global War on Christians: Dispatches from the Front Lines of Anti-Christian Persecution. John divides his time between Rome and his home in Denver, Colorado. He grew up in Western Kansas, and holds a Master’s degree in Religious Studies from the University of Kansas.

The First Friday Club will meet December 6, 2019 at Tangier Restaurant, 532 W. Market Street, Akron OH 44303. The cost of the luncheon is $20.00 Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 PM. Reservations can be made by calling 330-535-7668; by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, Ohio 44307; or online at www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org. See the website for information on subscriptions for the 2019 luncheon series.
ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION
WITH THE AUTHOR OF
DINNER BY CANDLELIGHT: COMFORT AND JOY FOR ADVENT

Monday, December 2
9:00am - 3:00pm
Cost: $45

Presented by Kevin Louise Shaner

Christmas Is Coming!

Feeling Anxious? Rekindle your anticipation of Christ's birth with heartfelt conversation and fellowship.

Kevin will use excerpts from her book, Dinner by Candlelight: Comfort and Joy for Advent to encourage participants to expect and experience Hope, Love, Joy and Peace which are the themes for the four Sundays in Advent. Reflect on how this Advent can be a journey of comfort and joy for you and those around you.

Kevin Louise Schaner is an author and a speaker. She has participated in over twenty international Volunteer In Mission journeys with the United Methodist Church and engages in a passion for ministry with women not only abroad, but also locally. "Therefore encourage one another and lift each other up, just as we are doing now." I Thessalonians 5:11

How To Register

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SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS______________________________________________________________
ADVENT CALL:
SHARING THE PRESENT OF PRESENCE

Tuesday, December 10
9:00am - 3:00pm
Cost: $45

Presented by Sr. Judy Friedel, OP, M.RE

As we prepare for the celebration of God's present to our world in the loving presence of Jesus, we seek to open our hearts to the call of sharing personal presence in this holy season and beyond.

Jesus gave few material things to people. What Jesus gave most was His personal presence: reverent and compassionate attention to the present moment, the person right in front of Him, the immediate situation, the now-moment. Together we will explore ways to be more gracefully present to ourselves, others and our God.

Session 1: The Holy Meaning of Presence
Session 2: Opening to the Grace of Real Presence with Ourselves, Others, God
Session 3: A Prayerful Experience of Presence

Lunch is included

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SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS______________________________________________________
BUILDING A VISION FOR YOUR RETIREMENT:
THE ADVENT OF THE NEXT CHAPTER OF LIFE

December 13 - 15
Friday, 6:00pm - Sunday, 11:00am
Cost: $200

Presented by Rick Krivanka, with guest speakers
Tim Lybarger, Anja Sassenberg-DeGeorgia, and
Jim Mulhern

What will your retirement years be like? You can build a vision for a time that will be truly life-giving and hope-filled for you and those you care about.

This weekend will provide presentations by speakers on relevant topics, interactive conversation, and time for deeper personal reflection for individuals looking ahead to, or already in, retirement. It will explore the foundational aspects in our lives and build the direction for a vital spirituality and a meaningful and purposeful way of living after 65, 75, 85... or whenever! Includes Sunday Mass.


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You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.
– C. S. Lewis
CALIX AA MEN'S RETREAT: GOD’S GRACE

Friday, December 20, 6:00pm - Sunday, December 22, 11:00am
Cost: $170

Presented by Patrick M. and George B.

It is from God’s grace that we were all spared from this disease, and it is his grace that we are all thankful.

Included are daily conferences, time for prayer and reflection, a healing service, and Mass.

A Recovery Retreat at Jesuit Retreat Center is a time to nurture your serenity and find the strength to work the steps of recovery. The weekend includes presentations and 5 meals.

Limited scholarship assistance is available.

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CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Tuesday, December 24
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Fr. Matt Roche, SJ will be presiding.

Join us for an intimate Christmas Eve Mass as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Registration is preferred to ensure we have enough room for everyone.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT

Tuesday, December 31, 6:00pm -  
Wednesday, January 1, 11:00am

Cost: $95

Presented by Rev. Liz Nau

As we enter the New Year 2020, we will explore the role of naming in Scripture and its impact on our lives. We begin with the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus on January 1.

Naming was important for the vision of a person’s life. How can we better lean into God’s vision for us as we enter into the New Year? We all have been given many names over the span of our lives, and we will consider the importance and impact they have had in defining who we are. We will also consider God’s claim through the prophet Isaiah, ‘I have called you by name, you are mine.’ What names might we leave behind, and what names does God give to us as we enter the New Year?

This retreat begins with dinner at 6:00pm on December 31, and will include time for quiet reflection, creative prayer, sharing, celebration and Mass each day.

Liz Nau is a Spiritual Director and retreat leader with over 25 years’ experience in leading retreats and inner healing prayer.

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HANUKKAH AND UNDERSTANDING THE JEWISH FAITH

many of us have a ‘general’ idea of what Judaism as a faith is, but truth be told there is so much we don’t know or understand. Join us as Fr. Hilinski discusses what it means to be Jewish.

RSVP: www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west
Or email: theologyontherockswest@gmail.com

Keep checking for our topics coming up in the new year – 2020