

**Responding To God's Call ...**

**God works in many different ways, through ordinary people and events.** Are you interested in strengthening your relationship with God by practicing Catholic traditions? Do you know someone who is struggling with life now, who would benefit by getting to know our loving God?

**The way to learn how to become Catholic is by actually doing what Catholics do.** So the process of being initiated into the Church is about learning a way of life as an apprentice learns a discipline from a master and that master's community. The RCIA process serves to help individuals grow closer to God and to learn about our Catholic faith traditions and teachings with the help of members of our faith community.

**Talk with family members and friends ...** share your faith in God with them ... and invite them to explore learning more about our Catholic faith and traditions (and why we do what we do) as an option for their life!!

**If you, or someone you know, is asking life questions or is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith,** please contact Pattie Batchman at 440-298-1327 to talk about the RCIA process.

**Your Prayers Appreciated for Those Actively Serving in the Military:**

- ◇ **Caitlyn Geisman, daughter of Carol & John Geisman**
- ◇ **Daniel Kraynik, son of Deacon Phil & Betty Kraynik**
- ◇ **Tom Zarack, son of Gayle & Tom Zarack**

**We would like to honor and pray for those members of our parish, and their immediate family members, who are actively serving in any of the five branches of our military forces (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy).** Please send (phillipkraynik@sbcglobal.net), or give, your loved ones' name and branch of service to Deacon Phil. He will coordinate with our Pastoral Associate: Mrs. Batchman, to have the names placed in our Parish Bulletin so that our entire Parish Family can remember your loved ones in prayer as they continue to serve and protect our nation. We also ask that as your loved one completes their time in the service that you please let us know so that we can keep our list as accurate as possible.

**Offered at Jesuit Retreat House in Parma**

**"So Your Child is Off To College!" A Mindful, Ignatian Way to Say Good-Bye. September 6. 7:00 - 9:00 pm.** Presented by John Ropar, Ph.D., P.C.C. This program provides an opportunity for parents who are sending their sons or daughters off to college to: Reflect on their feelings of loss and good-bye, learn new parenting skills for a time of transition, share the challenges of this time with other parents, take time for prayer to ground yourself in faith. Cost: \$20.

**Offered at Jesuit Retreat House in Parma. Parenting @ the Speed of Life. September 7. 7:00 - 9:00 pm.** Presented by Dr. Dobie Moser. Keeping up with schedules, sports, schoolwork, and faith tests the most capable family. Fears and powerful cultural and technological influences have changed the parenting landscape. You will leave this session feeling informed, renewed, & encouraged. Expand your "Parent Toolbox" of effective strategies & skills for building strong Catholic Families. Cost: \$20.

**Let Nothing Trouble You ... September 26. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.** Presented by Martha Campbell. After the death of Teresa of Avila, a bookmark was found in her possessions which speaks to her "rule of life" which is based on Sacred Scripture. Come to this day of quiet and reflection, ready to sit at the feet of Teresa, allowing her to help you find equanimity in your busy, challenging life! The day will include input, time for personal reflection and group dialogue. Cost: \$40.

**To register contact 440-884-9300 or visit [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org).**

**Men on a Journey! – Plan Ahead For Upcoming Retreat:****MEN – adults and teens – SAVE THE DATE**

Join us for: Men on a Journey! – A Day of Retreat: But ... who do YOU say that I am?

When: Saturday September 23rd

Where: St. Mary, Chardon (401 North Street, Chardon)

Time: 8:30 am – 3:00pm

Cost: \$10 – light lunch to be provided

**Register: Contact Gary Burling 440.357.6899 or [gt2784@roadrunner.com](mailto:gt2784@roadrunner.com)**

**Holy Hour at St. Patrick with St. Mary Blue Army**

All are invited to Our Lady of Fatima Holy Hour is this September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm with Benediction, Eucharistic Adoration, the Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, led by Father Dan Redmond.

**Historic Installation of New Bishop of Cleveland is September 5th: Welcome Bishop Nelson**

For only the 11th time in the 170-year history of the Diocese of Cleveland, a bishop will be installed to lead the more than 675,000 Catholics in the eight-county diocese.

The Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez will be installed as Cleveland's 11th bishop at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5 in a special Mass at St. John Cathedral in downtown Cleveland. Bishop Perez, 56, was named by Pope Francis on July 11 to succeed Bishop Richard G. Lennon who retired for medical reasons on Dec. 28, 2016. Prior to the Sept. 5 installation, a special Vespers (evening prayer) service will take place at the cathedral. It will be led by Toledo Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Cleveland. The 5:30 p.m. service on Labor Day, Sept. 4, is invitation-only due to limited seating in the cathedral. Invitation-only policy also applies to the installation Mass on Sept. 5. Tickets are required for both liturgies.

Because of the limited seating, various opportunities to view both services will be made available. A multi-camera production will provide live streaming over the internet. Also, a special website, [bishopperezinstallation.org](http://bishopperezinstallation.org), was created to accommodate the thousands who are expected to view the events online. Live television coverage of the installation Mass will be offered on the EWTN nationwide cable television network, the CatholicTV cable network and on radio stations WCCR AM 1260 The Rock and WILB 1060, Living Bread Radio. The Diocese of Cleveland will feature special live coverage of the two events with commentary. The live stream can be accessed at [bishopperezinstallation.org](http://bishopperezinstallation.org). Other media outlets, including Cleveland.com, are also expected to stream one or both liturgies on their websites.

Bishop Nelson J. Perez was born in Miami, Florida, on June 16, 1961 and was raised in Little New York, New Jersey. After receiving a degree in psychology from Montclair State University in 1983, he entered the seminary and was ordained in 1989. He was appointed as an auxiliary bishop in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, in 2012 and was named Bishop of Cleveland by Pope Francis on July 11. Bishop Perez will be the first bishop of Hispanic heritage to lead a diocese in the Midwest of the United States.

More information on all matters related to the Vesper service and installation can be found at [bishopperezinstallation.org](http://bishopperezinstallation.org).

**Collection in Our Diocese the weekend of September 9-10 for Hurricane Victims**

Hurricane Harvey has created an unprecedented and catastrophic weather event of immense proportions. Consequently, the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is responding to the call of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to take part in an emergency monetary collection to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey. This emergency collection will be taken up at all parishes throughout the diocese during the weekend of Sept. 9-10.

"As we witness the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent flooding, the people in Texas and beyond need our support in the days, weeks and months to come," said Bishop Daniel Thomas, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Cleveland. "This is a time when Catholics, and all people of faith, need to come together in prayer and action for those whose lives, families and homes are being affected," Bishop Thomas said. "I encourage all people to join the larger community to help those whose essential needs are compromised. By working through reputable charitable organizations, we can fulfill the mission of all human persons to help one another in times of need."

The funds collected will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB.

**Catholic Family Day with Mass and a Cleveland Indians Game**

Join the Cleveland Indians for Mass and a ball game for Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field on October 1, 2017. Pre-Game Mass at 10:15 am in the Ball Park. Tickets starting at \$14. Purchase on-line with this link: <http://m.mlb.com/indians/tickets/group/catholicfamilyday> and enter the special passcode "baseball". Any additional questions please call 216-420-4162 or e-mail [jplys@indians.com](mailto:jplys@indians.com).

**What's It All About? (Do you sometimes wonder at Mass?)**

This fall you can join others ... here at St. Patrick!!

**Scripture Series:** Gather with others to focus on the Scripture Readings for the upcoming Sunday on Tuesdays. By gaining additional information about the reading, through discussion and learning from each other you will better understand the Scripture Readings at Mass ... and (hopefully) hear what God hopes you hear through the Readings. The Spiritual Life Ministry will sponsor this series.



**Two options for the Scripture Series will be on Tuesdays: September 26 through November 14**

- ◆ 9:45—11:00 AM
- OR
- ◆ 6:15—7:30 PM, during scheduled PSR sessions.

**Men's Reflection Series "Sharpening Stone":** Gather with other men for prayer and a focus on Scripture. Be the man God created you to be by enriching your spiritual life. Deacon Phil will facilitate the group.

**Meetings will be on Thursdays from 7- 8:30 PM, September 28 through November 14.**

**All are invited to participate!!**

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 440-298-1327.

To SIGN-UP to participate this fall: COMPLETE THIS FORM AND PLACE IN BASKET IN CHURCH or call the Parish Office.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to attend: please "X" to indicate which series you will be attending.

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 Scripture Series    Scripture Series    Men's Sharpening Stone

**Discover the Hope: Opiate Treatment & Recovery: Sept. 21**

**Join others for an overview of treatment in Geauga County, including a look at our local system of care, best practice models and moving testimonials.** Learn about the effects of opiates on the brain and the hope of recovery. Special guest, Dr. Ted Parran, nationally recognized addiction specialist. Thursday, September 21 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, including a continental breakfast at St. Mary Banquet Center, 401 North St., Chardon, OH 44024. Seating is limited so please RSVP to <https://discover-the-hope.eventbrite.com>. This is a free event.

**September is "RECOVERY MONTH" in Catholic Charities' Heroin/Opioid Awareness Campaign**

**The heroin/opioid crisis affecting our parishes and families can feel overwhelming.** This Fall awareness campaign's monthly focus features successful recovery stories to inspire confidence in seeking help and to build hope in families affected by addiction. Break the silence of addiction by realizing recovery is possible. Consider who in your life might benefit from stories of hope.

**For video stories and info on seeking help for a loved one,** visit the Catholic Charities "Hope and Healing Beyond Heroin" page at <http://ccdole.org/social-action/hope-healing-beyond-heroin> or the Greater Than Heroin initiative at [www.greaterthanheroin.com](http://www.greaterthanheroin.com).

**“6th Annual Stockings for Soldiers”: *Donations of Stocking Stuffers Needed***

The sixth annual STOCKINGS for SOLDIERS collection will start the weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Why the early start date you ask? Well we're dealing with the military and if you've been in you know how slowly it works at times. First we collect all the items from the parish and stuff the stockings, pack up and drive all the stockings (188 last year) to De John's Funeral Home. They consolidate their four funeral home's donations and ship them to the USO. The USO consolidates the Greater Cleveland area donations, on to the state and national levels. Finally the USO ships all the stockings to a central military point overseas and I'm not sure where or how many times the stockings move over there before they actually get to the service personnel. If we're lucky they get there by Christmas.

**To all who donated so graciously last year, a heart-felt thanks!** Donations need to be received by Sunday, October 8th. Questions? Contact Jim & Carol Sirl at 440-298-1472.

**Suggested items include the following:**

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| * Small cribbage boards   | * Sunglasses                        | * Pen/mechanical pencil                  |
| * Small portable games    | * Sunscreen                         | * Small picture frames                   |
| * Hard candy & gum        | * Lip balm                          | * Toothbrush & paste                     |
| * AA batteries            | * Bug spray                         | * Dental floss                           |
| * Dominoes, Yo-Yo's, etc. | * Granola bars, etc.                | * Individual packages of tissues         |
| * Hand sanitizer          | * Small pack band-aids              | * Protein powder mix                     |
| * Deodorant               | * Lip balm                          | * Slim Jims & beef jerky                 |
| * 3 X 5 Memo Pads         | * Shaving crème                     | * Rubix cubes                            |
| * Wet wipes               | * Disposable razors                 | * Non-perishable food items              |
| * Body & face lotion      | * Liquid bandage                    | * Puzzle books: crosswords, Sudoku, etc. |
| * Foot powder             | * Shampoo/conditioner               | * Post-it notes                          |
| * Body & face soaps       | * Small packs of cookies & crackers |  |
| * Eye drops               |                                     |  |



**24th Annual Silent Life Chain: Sunday, October 1**

Lake County's 24th Annual Silent Life Chain is our chance to speak for those who have no voice, because everyone deserves a lifetime. Where: At the intersection of Route 20 (Mentor Ave.) and Route 306 (Reynolds Rd.) in Mentor from 1:30 to 2:30 pm—just one hour. Park on the outer edges of points East Shopping Center and then join others on all four corners of the intersection as we stand to silently hold signs reminding the community of the truth about abortion. Look for volunteers in neon green shirts and caps for free signs for Life chain use. Please save the date and participate.

**Lake/Geauga Divorced & Separated Catholic Ministry Support Group**

**Hope, help, healing.** The experience of divorce is never easy. It can leave the strongest among us feel alone, angry, hurt, and confused. One of the things that those who have experienced divorce have found especially helpful is the opportunity to share support and encouragement with others.

**A Divorce Recovery series for those recently separated or divorced will be meeting this fall to offer direction and support.** All sessions will begin at 7:00 Pm and conclude at 9:00 PM, are facilitated by a trained professional, include all materials, and are provided free of charge. Sessions will be at St. Mary in Chardon, on Thursdays from September 21 through November 9.



**Holiday helps for the Divorced & Separated.** A special 4-week mini-support series on Thursdays, Dec. 7 & 14, 2017 and Jan. 4 & 11, 2018 at St. Noel Church, Willoughby, Hills.

**For information or to register (registration is required)** call 440-285-3537 or 1-800-242-9755 or e-mail [kjubeck@st-gabriel.org](mailto:kjubeck@st-gabriel.org).

September Calendar