

**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.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesdays 9:45-11:00 AM  
Scripture Series

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesdays 6:15-7:30 PM  
Scripture Series

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursdays 7:00– 8:30 PM  
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               |                                     |  |



**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**

**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).