The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

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Since 1848, this historic Cathedral Church in the middle of Cleveland’s civic center has served Catholics and the wider community of Cleveland as a prayerful oasis and spiritual home. As the Bishop’s Church, the Cathedral is the “Mother Church” for over 710,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Cleveland. All are welcome! Your generous support is very much appreciated.

Masses
Sunday:
8:00, 10:30 am, 12:15, & 5:30 pm
Monday - Friday:
7:15 am, 12:00 noon, 5:10 pm
Saturday:
7:15 am
4:30 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Confessions
Monday - Friday:
6:30-7 am, 11:30-12:30, 4:30-5 pm
Saturday:
7:45-8:15, 3:00-4:00 pm

Devotions & Novenas
Miraculous Medal – Monday: 12:30 pm
St. Anthony – Tuesday: 12:30 pm
Sacred Heart – Friday: 12:30 pm
Rosary – Sunday: 11:30 am

4 August 2019 - Ordinary Time XVIII

SATURDAY, 3 AUGUST 2019
Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
7:15 Edward Davis
4:30 People of the Cathedral Parish

SUNDAY, 4 AUGUST 2019
Ec 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11;
Lk 12:13-21
2:30 pm Slovak Catholic Mass

MONDAY, 5 AUGUST 2019
Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
7:15 Anne Churchmack
12:00 Julie Patten
5:10 Tetzlak Family
5:45 pm Holy Hour
6:30 pm Centering Prayer

TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2019
Transfiguration of the Lord
Dt 7:9-10; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
7:15 Christopher Miller
12:00 Intention of Drusilla Allen
5:10 Rufus Arnold

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2019
St. Sixtus II & Companions
St. Cajetan
Nm 13:1-2, 25 – 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35
Mt 15:21-28
7:15 George & Irene Schryer
12:00 Matthew Rodriguez
5:10 Dominic Avenoso

THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST 2019
St. Dominic
Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23
7:15 Poor Souls
12:00 Kevin Ott
5:10 Paulette Archer

FRIDAY, 9 AUGUST 2019
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
7:15 Diane Joseph
12:00 Maryfaith Schuld
5:10 Rev. George Vahey
6:30 am Men’s Prayer Group

SATURDAY, 10 AUGUST 2019
St. Lawrence
2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:2-26
7:15 Anne Marie Chrow
12:00 Wedding Mass: Koricke / Facciolini
2:00 Wedding Mass: Gunasekera / Merle
4:30 People of the Cathedral Parish

SUNDAY, 11 AUGUST 2019
Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1,2-8,19; Lk 12:32-48
9:00 Social Action Meeting

Wedding Banns
I Jessica Wuertz & Antonio Prestifilippo
I Lauren Wetula & Matt Young at St. Paul Shrine
II Jessica Simon & Ryan Brogan
II Briana Mangan & Thomas Brown
II Megan Arko & Jeffrey Firestone
III Jacinda Koricke & Jacob Facciolini
III Chamilka Gunasekera & Evan Merle
III Christina Mont & Brian Bottini at St. Paul Shrine
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Our Cathedral Mission is to provide all people with access to the saving love of God through Word, Sacraments, and a community of justice and love, that empowered by the Holy Spirit, we might all become beloved disciples of Jesus Christ, living and inviting others to a holy and abundant life.

Cathedral Parish Membership
August: 1,093 households, 1,783 individuals

Parish Finances

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ...................... $4,019
(Sunday, July 28, 2019)
MAIL ........................................ $1,375
CREDIT CARDS ............................... $1,743
WEEKDAYS (July 22-27) ..................... $1,099
WEEKLY TOTAL .............................. $8,236

THANK YOU!
FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ..................... $42,692
($10,673 x 3 weeks)
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTION ............ $40,215
TOTAL OVER (UNDER) .................. ($2,477)

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Cathedral,

The Saint whom the Church celebrates on August 4th, is one whose popularity was so immense, that the railway company had to open a special booking office in the nearby city of Lyons, to accommodate the massive influx of pilgrims into the tiny village of Ars. The man whom all these people were flocking to see was St. Jean Marie Baptiste Vianney.

He was born in 1786, as the fourth of six children, to truly Christian parents. His family worked the land as farmers, and despite their meager means, they would never turn away anyone who came to their doorstep seeking assistance. Jean Vianney’s mother took great care to pass the faith onto her children, and the future Saint took readily to learning the things of God, even from a young age. While he was out tending the animals at pasture, he would often pray with a statue of the Blessed Mother that he kept on his person. Among his other pious practices, was the custom of making the sign of the cross whenever he heard the clock strike on the hour.

The early days of this Saint’s life were marked by the dark times that were occurring around him. In 1790, the revolutionary government of France passed the Civil Constitution of the Clergy, which attempted a state reorganization of the Catholic Church in France, limiting the Pope’s jurisdiction, allowing well-to-do citizens to elect priests and bishops, as well as other invasive reforms. French clergy were compelled to swear an oath to accept this constitution. This led to resistance (more than a few went to the guillotine), and forced priests to go into hiding in order to minister to the faithful remnant. The darkest days came to an end when Napoleon rose to power, and the Church gradually gained greater freedom.

It was during his youth that Jean Vianney felt a great desire to win souls for God and decided that he was going to become a priest. Initially his father was against the idea, needing him on the farm. However, after two years he relented, and Vianney began his studies for the priesthood. Because of his poor memory, he struggled mightily with his schooling, but after some twists and turns, he was eventually ordained a priest in 1815. In 1818, Vianney was sent to the tiny village of Ars, where he would spend the next forty years of his life. Upon his arrival, he found the spiritual state of the parish deplorable and set about rekindling the flame of faith in the hearts of his people. He prayed for them, fasted and did penance for them, and set out to visit each household in his parish.

One of the consequences of the revolution was a widespread religious ignorance, which Jean Vianney set about remedying through his preaching and catechism classes. Ars was also the home to numerous vices, including excessive drunkenness and immodest dancing. But through his preaching, every tavern in the city eventually had to close due to lack of patrons, and he would often pay the musicians to stay away, so that the dances could not take place. The Saint would spend in excess of ten hours a day in the confessional. Because of his poor memory, he struggled mightily with his schooling, but after some twists and turns, he was eventually ordained a priest in 1815. In 1818, Vianney was sent to the tiny village of Ars, where he would spend the next forty years of his life. Upon his arrival, he found the spiritual state of the parish deplorable and set about rekindling the flame of faith in the hearts of his people. He prayed for them, fasted and did penance for them, and set out to visit each household in his parish.

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Father Sean Ralph
Parking Garage Maintenance - Please note that the Cathedral Plaza Garage will be closed for public parking this weekend, Aug. 3 & 4, due to maintenance on the Rockwell Avenue entrance. We apologize for the lack of warning of this inconvenience; we were only advised of this on Wednesday. Please use the surface lot for parking this weekend. The garage will reopen for parking, as usual, on Monday morning.

Join us this Sunday for The FEST. It takes place on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership (28700 Euclid Ave. in Wickliffe) from 12:00-10:00 pm. Come hear great music (Jordan Feliz, Tenth Avenue North, Matt Maher, & Casting Crowns), enjoy activities for the entire family, join thousands for Mass at 8:00 pm with Bishop Perez, and experience the event of the summer. There is plenty of close parking and something for everyone. For a complete schedule of the day and parking directions go to: <theFEST.us>.

Holy Hour of Reparation - We may wonder what we can do to help establish justice, bring healing, and purge corruption from the Church. One thing that we can do, is to pray for the Church, and all those affected. To that end, on the first Monday of each month, the Cathedral has a Holy Hour of Reparation and Healing following the 5:10 pm Mass, from approximately 5:45-6:45 pm on Monday, Aug. 5th. It will provide an opportunity for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and conclude with prayers of reparation. In September, in observance of Labor Day, the Holy Hour will be held on the second Monday, Sept. 9th.

Family Perspectives - “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much.” We have been blessed with abundance. Yet, we are tempted to want even more. A Christian family reaches out to others. Pope Francis recommends experiencing “the happiness of giving, the nobility and grandeur of spending ourselves unstintingly, without asking to be repaid, purely for the pleasure of giving and serving.” The Joy of Love #94. How are you and your family doing?

Tying the Knot - For baptized Catholics, marriage is a Sacrament that is best celebrated in the home church of the bride or the groom. For weddings at the Cathedral, a six-month minimum period of preparation is required. This preparation includes a Pre-Cana class or retreat, the Prepare and Enrich Marriage Preparation instrument, and liturgical planning. Those who are not parishioners of the Cathedral may celebrate their weddings in the Cathedral; however, those are exceptional cases and must be discussed with the parish staff. Fr. Sean Ralph can assist anyone interested in planning a wedding.

Tickets for the annual dinner cruise on the lake will go on sale the weekend of Aug. 10/11, at Sunday Masses, at the Cathedral office, or on the Cathedral website. This event will include a lovely early fall evening out on Lake Erie with food, games, camaraderie, and certainly lots of fun. Bring the family, bring a friend, bring a date, or come on your own. We hope to see you there.

We need volunteer ticket sellers at weekend Masses, and donations of tickets for those who may not be able to afford to attend. Can you lend a hand? You can help us to have another wonderful fall cruise, please call: 216-771-6666 x4700.
Stewardship of our Planet

As Christians, we believe that the earth is entrusted to our faithful stewardship. We are not its owners, but its caretakers on behalf of God. How can I be a good steward?

1. The average American uses 650 pounds of paper each year – 100 million tons of wood could be saved each year if all that paper was recycled.
2. Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.
3. A typical family consumes 182 gallons of soda, 29 gallons of juice, 104 gallons of milk, and 26 gallons of bottled water a year. That’s a lot of containers that can all be recycled!
4. Every month Americans throw out enough glass bottles and jars to fill up a giant skyscraper (think: Empire State Building), but all of these jars are recyclable!

Please do your part to help. Recycle!

Serving the Poor in Our Midst

Each day, numerous people come to the rectory office seeking assistance. Through your generosity, and with the assistance of the workers at the Bp. Cosgrove Center, we are able to fill some of their needs. Listed below is a report on the assistance the Cathedral has offered this past month, and on your generosity in support of these efforts.

July Charitable Donations
Charitable Assistance Fund ............... $2,325.01
Cosgrove Center .................. $1,040.01
July PIC Collection ................... $1,224.00

June Assistance Expenses
Greyhound ............................. $355.78
RTA Assistance .................. $802.50
Rent / Utility Assistance ........... $1,298.46
Emergency ..................... $324.82
Giving Tree ...................... $350.00
ID Assistance .................... $25.00
Total $3,156.56

A Community of Justice & Love

Thank You - The Social Action Ministry relies solely on your help to give comfort to the needy. On behalf of those we serve, we say “Thank you so much, your generosity was most appreciated.” The generosity you showed with your cash donations, as well as the toiletries, underwear, and clothing that you donated to the July Collection for the Homeless was an all-time high!

We hope you had an opportunity to read the statistics on Veterans and Homeless that were passed out in July prior to the Masses on the days of Collection. In August, the fliers given out on the PIC (Personal Items for Cosgrove) weekend will feature Homelessness and Students. The Shopping List for the Homeless, which is found at both entrances, will give you an idea of what is in most need. The next collection is August 17/18.

Charity Sees the Need, Not the Cause.

Catholic Cemeteries Association Grief Support - Please join us for an hour of learning and healing along your grief journey. Our grief support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Our Catholic-based support group meetings are informal, so you can drop in any month and fit right in; no registration is required. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm. The August 18th meetings are at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon (temporary trailer office); Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office); and Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office). The topic for is: “Secondary and Cumulative Loss.”

Two new Support Groups will start in the fall: Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland (Miles Ave) in September, and All Saints Cemetery, Northfield in October. If you are interested in participating at these new Grief Support Group locations, or for information on other programs, please contact Rhonda Abrams, Bereavement Coordinator, at 216-930-4866 or <rabrams@clecem.org>.

The Walk to Remember - On Sunday, October 6th, 1:00 pm, Catholic Cemeteries Association invites families to participate in a half-mile walking Rosary in honor of departed loved ones. For those who cannot walk, or in case of rain, the Rosary will be prayed in the mausoleum or in the cemetery office. We are seeking Walk Participants and Rosary Leaders; one or two leaders to walk, and one to lead in the mausoleum or office for seated participants. Walk to Remember locations: All Souls Cemetery, Chardon; Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland; Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron; Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park; Resurrection Cemetery, Valley City; St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon; All Saints Cemetery, Northfield.

If you would like to walk, please register now online at <conta.cc/2XBxy8K> or with a registration flier that can be found in each cemetery office. Information on all programs is on the website: <clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>.
Introductory Rites

Gloria

O God Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in ages past, our
2. Beneath the shade of your throne your
3. earth received her frame; From ever-lasting
4. like an evening gone; Short as the watch that
5. haste, O Lord, I pray. You are my help, my

Text: verses 1-4, Psalm 90, Isaac Watts; verse 5 - Psalm 70: 2, 6, Deus in adiutorium meum intende - Introit, Ordinary XVIII. Tune: ST ANNE, William Croft.

Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking their breast, all say) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison.


Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Lector: The word of the Lord.  People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 90

If to-day you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Refrain: Liturgy of the Word


You turn man back to dust, saying, “Return, O children of men.”
For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.
You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.
Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!
Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

Psalms for the Week

Sat: O God, let all the nations praise you!
Mon: Sing with joy to God our help.
Tue: The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.
Wed: Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.
Thur: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Fri: I remember the deeds of the Lord.

A Reading from Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Lector: The word of the Lord.  People: Thanks be to God

Alleluia

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!


Homily

Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (All bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation...
People: Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer Over the Offerings

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy

Priest: Bless the Lord, O my soul...
People: All: And may also our spirits be lifted up with your spirit.

Mystery of Faith

Priest: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again, until you come again...

Amen

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Do you give yourself to us, O Lord, then say, "We count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food."

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness; You are the Word who leads us into light; You are the Word who brings us through the desert: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Introit: In a bright cloud appeared the Holy Spirit. The Father's voice was heard in majesty: This is my Son, beloved, whom I'm well pleased. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise to you, O Christ, our Savior

Psalm 97 & Alleluia

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth. Alleluia, Alleluia.


The Lord is my light and my salvation; of whom should I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?


1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom should I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom should I shrink?
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord; for this I long; to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
3. I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living; hope in God, and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

Gloria

(Found on p 5)

Communion - The Lord is My Light

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Morning Prayer Groups - Please consider joining our weekly gatherings from 6:30-7:00 am in the Lower Sacristy of the Cathedral. Using the scriptures for the coming Sunday, these groups share their faith and some fellowship over a cup of coffee. The women's group gathers on Tuesdays, and the men's group on Fridays. Just show up at the Lower Sacristy, or contact the parish office with inquiries.

Centering Prayer is a spiritual practice of our Catholic contemplative tradition that opens us more deeply to a relationship with God in faith and intimacy. Our group meets on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Lower Sacristy.

Preparing for Marriage? The Catholic Charities website lists Pre-Cana marriage preparation options throughout the Diocese for engaged couples who are marrying for the first time. Check for dates, times, and locations at: <ccdocle.org/program/pre-cana>.

How can I become more involved? - There are many ways for Catholics to get more involved in their faith and in the ministry of the Church. Those include liturgical ministries (such as choir member, reader, altar server, usher or Eucharistic minister at Mass), various parish ministries (such as social justice, RCIA, new member, and community life), as well as volunteer roles as holiday church decoration, counters, office support, etc. Please speak with a parish staff member to discern your gifts, your time, and your opportunities to serve.

Do you shop on Amazon.com? If you do, a portion of each of your purchases could benefit the Cathedral! Just go to <smile.amazon.com/ch/34-0716744> to designate the Cathedral for your donations, and then do all of your online shopping at <Smile.Amazon.com>!

Parish Pastoral Council
For details visit: <SaintJohnCathedral.com/ParishCouncil>
Parish Council generally meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Any parishioner wishing to address the Council at this time should contact the Council with their request. E-mail <ParishCouncil@saintjohncathedral.com>, or contact the rectory at 216-771-6666 ext. 4700.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

Want to Become a Parishioner? You can register to be a member of the Cathedral Parish by simply attending a 45-minute registration event in the Lower Sacristy. The next Parish Registration Days are: Sunday at 11:30 am: September 15, & November 17

Welcome New Parishioners!
James Walsh & Dana Binggeli, Cheston Marcin, Adam Wolf, Sam Meadows & Marissa Longo
John & Rebecca Bertram, Lauren Fraser, Jason, Lynn, Miles & Hudson Lisner
Jane Verdi, Justine Timoteo, Samuel Nock

Religious Education
Children’s Ministries at St John’s Cathedral include Parish Home School of Religion (PHSR); as well as Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation (8th to 11th grade).

PHSR and sacramental preparation: Through small group, on-line, and home schooling, we provide Kindergarten to High School students with catechesis and sacramental preparation. If you are interested in assisting in these ministries, registering your child for PHSR or sacramental preparation, or if you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Apperson at 216-771-6666 ext. 5620 or <capperson@dioceseofcleveland.org>.

Pray for Each Other - In your prayers, please remember those in need of healing and support, especially: Sherry Brodock, Amy Sonoda  Natalie Rose Hayek, Drusilla Allen, William Loar Jr., Betty Allen, Mary Pierce, Dan F.  Maureen Kolar  Mary Theresa Dias & Family, Pat Hesland  Jim Nagle  Kristen LaManna, Peggy LaManna  Nancy Stinson, Alice Mycan, Melanie Dansko Mille  Andrew Hayek  Tim Ward  Brian Churchmack  Gloria Diederick, Elizabeth Gurango, Joan Emerick, Ralph Wilson, Paul Blesi  Kristina Oliver, Michael Rullo  Marquis & Dina Williams, Alfred LaManna, Doug Primus  Robert Grasso  John Ezerskis  Rene Bedard, Margaret Fadrowski  Please pray for the repose of the soul of Armando Arnel, Sr., father of Fr. Arnel Lagman, Parochial Vicar at St. John Cathedral. Armando passed away in the Philippines this weekend. May the God of all compassion have mercy upon him and grant consolation to his family and friends.  If you, or one of your family, would like to be included in this prayer list, please contact the Cathedral Office. After 30 days, please let the office know whether to retain the person on the prayer list.
Intention of the Holy Father

August – Families, Schools of Human Growth – That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly “schools of true human growth.”

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass
- Please join us for the annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, October 12, at 10:00 am, with Bishop Nelson J. Perez presiding at the Cathedral. This Mass is for couples residing within the Diocese of Cleveland & married for 50 years (married in 1969). Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) or who have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend as well. Registrations must be made by Monday, September 16, 2019, which is a firm deadline for preparation purposes. Contact Jason Lewis at <jrlewis@ccdocle.org> or call 216-334-2974 with questions or concerns. You may register online at <dioceseofcleveland.org/50th>.

Tax-Wise Gifting from your IRA
If you are 70½ or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income 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 St. John Cathedral. Questions? Contact our parish office at 216-771-6666. You are also welcome to contact Sandy Lucas of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x1640 or via email at <slucas@catholiccommunity.org>.

In Our Diocesan Community

Retreat Day for Teachers - Witnessing for Christ in the Classroom: Meeting Others Where They Are. This retreat, on Monday, August 12, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, is designed for teachers to refresh their souls as they prepare to head back to the classroom. Participants will enjoy a day of reflection on the many ways they are invited to share Christ’s presence with their students as they enjoy the lush campus of the beautifully renovated Jesuit Retreat Center. We will explore Jesus’ teaching: “Whatever you do for my brothers and sisters, you do for me.” (Mt 25:34-40) and will pay special attention to how this passage can be adapted and understood for those ministering in the classroom. Held at Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Road, Parma, and led by Joan Carney and Mary Downey, the day will include ample opportunities for prayer as well as quiet, communal and creative reflection. Lunch is included. To register please call Barbara Leggott at (440) 884-9300.

Holy Land Pilgrimage - Join Fr. Michael Gurnick, Pastor of Saint Patrick Parish, for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 11 – 21 as we visit the land of our Lord’s life and ministry. Round trip travel from Newark International Airport is $3,999 and includes airfare, deluxe motor coach, hotel, taxes, gratuities, and breakfast & dinner. Mass and devotions will be offered daily. For more information, please contact Father at <mgurnick@dioceseofcleveland.org>.

Sacred Steps to Peace is a Catholic Divorce Recovery program presented by the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry. The program has a focus on spiritual healing and growth through education, discussion, & reflection on Scriptures and Church teachings. A team, in a support group format, guides optional small group sessions weekly, using prayer, exercises, and a workbook as a pathway to divorce recovery. Working the Steps Women's Support Group is the First Thursday of every month (August 8), 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Joseph Parish, 12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville. Monthly Meetings are the Third Friday of the month at 8:30 pm, in St. Joseph Parish’s Bethlehem Room.

Sacred Steps to Peace for Teens - This program, for teens whose families have experienced a divorce, is open to anyone from the ages of 12-17. The purpose of this program is to help teens deal with the effects of divorce, as well as having time together socially. Sacred Steps to Peace for Teens will meet every third Friday of the month at 7:00 pm, in St. Joseph's Holy Family Center, Room 1. Participants are welcome to join at any time. Parents who are attending the Sacred Steps to Peace Program, are encouraged to have their children attend this program.

Please keep the health and safety of the members of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers. God grant that they may return home safely and soon. Please also let us know when your service people have returned.

Jewell Portwood, Luke Turbin, Devion Long, Craig Long, Travis Harman, Chris Paulett, Ben Maragiano. After 90 days, please let the office know whether to retain the name on the prayer list. (Please feel free to submit the names of service members for inclusion in this space.)