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

**Parish Registration & Welcoming Event next Sunday, March 15th, after the 10:30 am Mass.**
Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Cathedral,

Just because some course of action seems to be good, does that mean it is God’s will? The Saint that the Church celebrates this Thursday had to confront this very question in her own life.

Saint Frances was born in Rome in 1384, to a noble and wealthy family. She was a quiet, yet strong willed, and pious girl. At the age of 11, she decided that she was going to be a nun, her father, however, had already promised her in marriage to the son of another prominent Roman family. Despite this, Frances was determined to enter religious life and so she prayed and asked God to prevent the marriage from taking place. Her confessor, on the other hand, pushed back against her desires with a rather challenging question: “are you crying because you want to do God’s will, or because you want God to do your will.” And so, she consented to marry Lorenzo Ponziani, himself a good man, who actually cared very deeply for Frances.

Lorenzo served as the commander of the papal armies, which meant that he would be away for extended periods fighting in various battles. Frances found the demands of her new station in life very challenging. She, who wished to live an austere penitential life, was now thrust into parties and entertainment. She felt very much alone, until one day she discovered that her sister-in-law also felt as she did, and the two of them worked out a way to live a life devoted to God in the midst of their vocations to married life and family obligations. First, they made the choice to give themselves over joyfully to the obligations of family life. The two of them also set up a secret chapel in one of the towers of the family estate where they would go to pray. They would attend Mass together and visit hospitals and prisons. This raised the eyebrows of other members of their families, because it was considered unfashionable for noble women to be seen working with the poor. The family appealed to Lorenzo to get his wife to stop this foolishness, but he refused to curtail her charity.

Frances would go on to have three children with her husband, one of whom she would lose to plague. But when disease and famine struck Rome, she made sure that no one who came begging alms was turned away. Eventually she did win over her family to her desire to serve Christ in others, especially the poor. Frances sold her jewels and expensive clothing in order to better care for the poor. There also arose at this time a civil war, as three men were all claiming to be Pope (each with his own army). This civil war took its toll, and Frances opened up her home as a makeshift hospital and shelter for the homeless. Her husband was injured in the conflicts, and so he returned home, where Frances took care of him for seven years until his death. During this time, she also founded a society of women dedicated to serving the poor, and upon her husband’s death, she came to live the remainder of her life with this society. Saint Frances of Rome died four years later in 1440. Her feast day is March 9th.

Saint Frances was a woman who was able to find a way to do God’s will in the midst of the circumstances in which she found herself. After some soul searching, she realized that God’s will can be done anywhere, if we are willing to let go of our own stubbornness of will and surrender to His.

Father Sean Ralph
WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MIGHT NOT PERISH BUT MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. JN 3:16

Lent II 8 March 2020

An Evening of Confession
On Wednesday, March 11, our parish, and all of the parishes in the Diocese, will offer “An Evening of Confession” from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Individual confessions will be heard throughout the evening. If you have family members or friends who are away from the Catholic Church, please invite them to come home this Lent, and to experience God’s gift of healing through the sacrament of reconciliation. Priests at all parishes will be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. More information is available at <welcomecatholics.com>.

NFP Training Sessions - Education about Natural Family Planning is now standard part of Marriage Preparation at the Cathedral. Training sessions will usually take place in the Lower Sacristy. The next date is Tuesday, March 10th, at 7:00 pm. Although reservations are not required, please let the rectory know if you plan to attend at 216-771-6666 or <stjohncathedral.com>.

TRENDING Faith Enrichment Opportunities
How is your Lenten journey? As Catholics, we continue to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is also a time of final preparation for those who desire membership in the Catholic Church and will celebrate the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for them.

Quick update: The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion liturgies were last Sunday, March 1st. Members of our RCIA/RCIC participated in the 2:30 pm liturgy. Go to the Diocesan website for pictures and an article: <tinyurl.com/CLE-ROE2020>.

It’s not too late to register for Enrichment Opportunities! Visit <saintjohncathedral.com/lenten-faith-enrichment> to see the opportunities currently available. Join the growing number of parishioners who have registered. Reminder: Once you have registered for one or more opportunities, you will receive an email with a link to the opportunity.

Did you know that the Diocese of Cleveland also has a webpage with resources for Lent? Take a look at <dioceseofcleveland.org/lent>. Any questions, please email capperson@dioceseofcleveland.org or call 216 771-6666 ext. 5620.

Baptismal Preparation Classes - It is required that all first-time parents attend a Baptismal Preparation class prior to the Baptism of their first child. While parents are welcome to attend a class anywhere in the Diocese, the Cathedral will offer the class on Saturday, April 4, at 3:00 pm. To register for the class call 216-771-6666.

This Week at the Cathedral

SUNDAY
Collection for the Church in Eastern Europe
9:00 am Social Action Meeting
12:30 am Lenten 15-Minute Catechism
5:30 pm Visiting Choir: St. Mary, Hudson

MONDAY
6:30 pm Centering Prayer

TUESDAY
6:30 am Women's Prayer Group - L. Sacristy
10:30 am Tour/Mass: Seton Catholic 5th Grade
6:00 pm RCIA
6:00 pm Parish Council
7:00 pm NFP Evening

WEDNESDAY
5:00 - 8:00 pm Evening of Confession

THURSDAY
12:30 pm Lenten 15-Minute Catechism

FRIDAY
6:30 am Men's Prayer Group - L. Sacristy
4:30 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY
2:00 pm PHSR
3:30 pm Tour/Mass: St. Dominic 4th grade

SUNDAY
PIC Collection
9:00 am Picnic Committee
10:30 am RCIA First Scrutiny
11:30 am Parish Registration & Welcome
11:30 am Lenten 15-Minute Catechism
5:30 pm Visiting Choir: Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Lenten 15-Minute Catechism
Overcoming Vice

Session 2: Pride
• Sun., March 8 at 11:30 am
• Thur., March 12 at 12:30 pm

Session 3: Envy & Wrath
• Sun., March 15 at 11:30 am
• Thur., March 19 at 12:30 pm

Session 4: Sloth & Greed
• Sun., March 22 at 11:30 am
• Thur., March 26 at 12:30 pm

Session 5: Gluttony & Lust
• Sun., March 29 at 11:30 am
• Thur., April 2 at 12:30 pm
Stewardship of the Earth - 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?

Footprints - Similar to a track left in the mud, humans have left our carbon footprint on the world. Many individuals are reluctant to adopt environmentally friendly practices, due to expense or mundane tedious tasks, so here are creative ways to go reuse and recycle while also keeping your budget in mind:

- Use a reusable lunch bag or box, you won’t need to throw away a paper bag every day!
- When you make a purchase, don’t take a bag unless you absolutely need one. Also consider reusable shopping bags!
- Rent things you use infrequently instead of purchasing them.
- Use cloth instead of paper napkins.
- Use a sponge or cloth instead of paper towels.
- Look for items with little or no packaging.
- Use reusable plastic containers for food instead of plastic bags.
- Use plates, cups, and utensils that can be washed instead of ones you throw away.
- Avoid buying foods in single serving packages.

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.

March Charitable Donations
Charitable Assistance Fund ............... $410.00
Cosgrove Center ........................ $146.00
February PIC ........................... $1,000.31

February Assistance Expenses
Greyhound ............................... $630.97
RTA Assistance ......................... $810.000
Rent / Utility Assistance ............... $1,829.22
ID Assistance ........................... $27.25
Emergency Assistance ................. $29.13
Total $3,326.57

A Community of Justice & Love

A Sweet Twist to our Homeless Collection - The Social Action Ministry will be collecting for the Homeless (PIC) next weekend on March 14/15. Besides our normal collection of toiletries, clothing, and cash donations, we are also asking for donations of bags of CANDY. This candy will be given to our guests as they leave the Cosgrove Easter Luncheon which will happen on April 4 (more details to follow). Last year we distributed 300 plus bags of candy. For sanitary reasons, candy should be individually wrapped.

Save the Date: On Sunday, March 29th, from 9:30 am-1:30 pm, the Social Action Ministry will assemble the bags and baskets to be given out at the Easter Luncheon. Will you help the Social Action Ministry to continue this 14 year-old tradition?

This Lenten season, join our faith community, and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States, in a life-changing journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl.

Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl at the doors of the church. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we encounter those living in conditions of poverty around the world, and have the opportunity to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy through our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Meet Trinh - Trinh’s family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit <crsricebowl.org> for more.

Grief Support - Catholic Cemeteries Association grief support groups will meet on Sunday, March 15th, at 3:00 pm in six Cemetery locations: St. Joseph, Avon; Holy Cross, Akron; Holy Cross, Brook Park; Calvary, Cleveland; All Saints, Northfield; All Souls, Chardon. Our Grief Support Groups are available to everyone in the diocese and the grieving in our communities at large. The March topic will be “Springing Forward: How is your Grief Maturing?” If you are interested, please visit <clecem.org> or contact Rhonda at <rabrams@clecem.org> or 216-930-4866. A reservation is not required, but is appreciated.
Praise to you, O Christ our Savior

Lord, Lead Us Day by Day

A Mountain Psalm (Psalm 121)

Postlude

Lent II

Prelude

Introit: Reminiscere

Praise to you, O Christ, our Savior

Greeting

Penitential Act

8 March 2020
The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 33

Let your mercy be on us, O God,
as we place our trust in you.


Your words, O God, are truth indeed, and all your works are ever faithful; You love justice and right; your compassion fills all creation. See how the eye of God is watching, ever guarding all who wait in hope, to deliver them from death and sustain them in time of famine. Our soul is waiting for God, for God is our help and our shield; May your kindness and love be on us who place our hope in you.

Psalms for the Week

Sat: Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!
Mon: Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.
Tue: To the upright I will show the saving power of God.
Wed: Save me, O Lord, in your kindness.
Thur: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.
Fri: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Lector: The word of the Lord.  People: Thanks be to God

The Gospel according to Matthew 17:1-9

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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, 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.

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Universal Prayer

Let us pray:
Lord, have mercy.

ed. Var: Missa Pro Defunctis

Presentation of the Gifts

4:30 vigil  Children’s Festival Choir  Teri Larson, Director
Children of Light  Valerie Ann Webdell

You were sometimes darkness, but now are you light in the Lord. Walk as children of light!

10:30 & 12:15 Cathedral Choir of St John  Orlande de Lassus

Meditabor in mandatis tuis, quae dilexi vale: et lavabo manus meas ad mandata tua, quae dilexi.
[ Psalm 119: 47, 48 – Offertory, Lent II]

I will meditate upon your commandments which I greatly love: I will lift up my hands towards your commandments which I love.
**Preparation of the Gifts**

Re-turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy; come seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

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**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

We lift up our hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right and just.

**Sanctus**

San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.


Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni.

Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

Vatican ed. XVIII - Missa Deus genitor alme.

**Mysterium Fidei**

Mor-tempu-am an-nun-ti-a-mus, Dó-mi-ne,

et tu-am re-sur-rectió-nem con-fi-té-mur,

do-ne-vé-ni-as.


We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**Amen**

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

A-men.

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**Communion Rite**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right and just.

**Sanctus**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.


Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni.

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A-men.

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**Lord’s Prayer**

Pa-ter nos-ter, qui es in cae-lis: san-cti-fi-cé-tur no-men tu-um;

ad-vé-ni-at re-gnum tu-um; fi-at vo-lú-n-tas tu-a,

sic-ut in cae-lo, et in ter-ra.

Pa-nem no-strum co-ti-di-á-num da no-bis hó-di-e;

et di-mít-te no-bis dé-bi-ta no-stra,

sic-ut et nos di-mít-ti-mus de-bi-tó-ri-bus no-stris;

et ne nos in-dú-cas in ten-ta-ti-ónem;

sed lí-be-ra nos a ma-lo.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil... as we await the blessed hope and coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People:

For the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

**Rite of Peace**

**Fraction of the Bread**

A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no-bis.

mi-se-re-re no-bis.

do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Vatican Mass XVIII

**Sunday 10:30 & 12:15 masses**

Choir: Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:

Cantor / then All

Vatican Mass XIII. Stelliferi conditor orbis
Communion Rite

(Please remain standing throughout the Communion Rite until the Communion hymn has ended.)

Priest  Behold the Lamb of God, behold him…

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People  Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

This is My Beloved Son

Priest  Behold the Lamb of God, behold him…

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People  Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The God of Abraham Praise

1. The God of Abraham praise, who

reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;

wings up-borne, to heav’n ascend.

2. He by himself has sworn: I

shall be hold his face; I

whose supreme command From earth we rise, and

shall his power adore, And sing the wonders

seek the joys at his right hand.

of his grace for evermore.

Text: Yigdal Elohim Hai, para by Thomas Olivers. Tune: LEONI

Blessing and Dismissal

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

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.  People: Thanks be to God

The Diocesan Children’s Festival Choir

Do You Know Your Shepherd’s Voice?  Suzanne Lord

Do you know your Shepherd’s voice? Are you listening with your heart? Have you stopped to hear him calling, felt the peace his words impart? As the world shouts its orders that are easiest to hear, won’t you draw away and listen to your Shepherd standing near? Are you listening? The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet water, and he restores my soul. Are you listening to your Shepherd?

The Cathedral Choir of St John

Expend, O Lord, my plaint Thomas Tallis

Expend, O Lord, my plaint of word in grief that I do make. My musing mind recount most kind; give ear for thine own sake. O hark my groan, my crying moan, my King, my God thou art. Let me not stray, from thee away, to thee I pray in heart.

[Psalm 5: 2-4; Communion, Lent II; Tridentine Rite]

Visionem quam vidistis  Mt 17:9, Communion

Visiónem quam vidistis, némni dixéritis, donec a mórtuis resúrgat Filís hóminus.

Tell no one about the vision you have seen until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.
Collection for Church in Central & Eastern Europe
This weekend, our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Many churches in this region were confiscated or destroyed, leaving the faithful without a place to worship or to find pastoral support. Your support of this collection helps rebuild churches, supports seminary programs, promotes ministries and education for children and families, and renews community life around the region. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and outreach to alleviate poverty. Please be generous. For more information, please visit <usccb.org/ccee>.

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.

Family Perspectives - God wants to bless our families. Are we too busy and stressed to notice and accept these blessings? God is present, waiting to meet and bless us in our families, but needs our time and attention. We need to take time together as families to have fun, to talk, to work together, to eat and pray. Schedule some “family times” in the calendar and see Jesus in the transfiguration of your family members and relationships.

Pray for Each Other - In your prayers, please remember those in need of healing and support, especially: Sherry Brodock, Natalie Rose Hayek, William Loar Jr., Betty Allen, Dan F, Maureen Kolar, Mary Theresa Dias & Family, Pat Hesland, Jim Nagle, Kristen LaManna, Peggy LaManna, Nancy Stinson, Alice Mycan, Melanie Dansko Mille, Tim Ward, Brian Churchmack, Gloria Diederick, Elizabeth Gurango, Joan Emerick, Kristina Oliver, Michael Rullo, Marquis Williams, Alfred LaManna, Doug Primus, Robert Grasso, John Ezerskis, Rene Bedard, Margaret Fadrowski, Andrey Agapov, Joan Uniatowski, Deacon Charles Doerpers, Shelly, Vicki Kaltner, Matthew Silipini, Mary Lightfoot, John Sheridan, Claudia Anderson. Please pray for the repose of the soul of long time Cathedral server Frank J. Kozel. 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.

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 has been rescheduled Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

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: March 15
Saturday at 5:30 pm: May 16

Welcome New Parishioners!
Taylor Ankuda, Jason Lewis, Michael Benisek, Leah Taccone, Janice & Stephen Stanisa, Jennifer Oblock, Michele Charbeneau

Faith Formation at St John’s Cathedral
Children’s Ministries at the Cathedral include Parish Home School of Religion (PHSR); RCIA; and Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation (8th to 11th grade). Through small group, on-line, and home schooling, we provide Kindergarten to High School students with catechesis and sacramental preparation.

Adult Ministries at the Cathedral include RCIA, preparation for Confirmation, and Adult Faith Enrichment opportunities.

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>.
Intention of the Holy Father

March – Catholics in China – That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Diocesan e-Media

Visit <dioceseofcleveland.org>, and stay in touch with what's happening in the Diocese. You can keep up-to-date on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or the e-Newsletter. Faith in the palm of your hand!

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>.

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) information is available in the literature rack for low income seniors and adults with disabilities to apply for the 2019-2020 HEAP season. This federally funded program is designed to assist eligible low income Ohioans with their winter heating bills. The program does not end until May, so there is plenty of time to apply.

In Our Diocesan Community

Theology on the Rocks-West Monday, Mar. 9, at 7:00 pm, VOSH, 1414 Riverside Dr., Lakewood. William Toler, Director of Liturgy & Adult Faith, St. Raphael's Parish presents, “Defending our Faith: Finding the right words to explain our Beliefs.” To register and for more information: <theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west>.

Answer the Call Men’s Conference - Each year Catholic Men’s Fellowship of Northeast Ohio sponsors a one-day conference for men. It is an environment with hundreds of men, where speakers offer presentations on many issues that men deal with in the contemporary world. It is a time of great spiritual encouragement. This year’s “Answer the Call” conference will be Sat., March 21, at the Holiday Inn, in Independence. Starting with registration at 8:00 am, the day includes speakers, outstanding music, Sacrament of Reconciliation, & Mass. Speakers include Greg Wasinski, Author & contributor to Sirius XM Radio’s Catholic Channel; and Gary Zimak, a familiar presence on Catholic radio and TV. For details, or to register, visit <cmfneo.com>.

Retrouvaille is a three-month program to help couples struggling in their marriages. The next weekend is March 27-29, This is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages: has your marriage become unloving or uncaring; your relationship cold, distant; thinking about a separation or divorce? Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of $150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 800-470-2230, or go online to <helpourmarriage.org>.

Faithful Citizenship: What Would Augustine Say? is the subject of the March 19th lecture in John Carroll University’s Institute of Catholic Studies Series. Presented at 7:30 pm in the LSC Conference Room of the DJ Lombardo Student Center at John Carroll University; the speaker is Rev James T. Bretzke, SJ, STD, Professor of Theology at JCU. All lectures are free and open to the public.

The Centering Space in Lakewood has several offerings to enhance your experience of Lent, including prayer, Scripture study, and Lent-centered journaling. For information on these and other programs visit <centeringspace.org>.

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. Luke Turbin, Devion Long, Craig Long, Travis Harman, Chris Paudlett, Ben Maragliano. 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.)