ATTENTION DADS, DAUGHTERS, and SONS - Our MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH is approaching. Please be certain to fill out the Volunteer slip and turn it in in the Collection Basket or drop it by the Parish Office by May 8! And MOMS, plan on joining with others on Sunday, May 14 after either the 9 or 11 AM Masses, as brunch will be served in your honor . . . our treat (Dads, daughters, sons and others . . . a free-will offering, please.)

SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS, EMs, SERVERS, & WELCOME MINISTERS: We’re currently preparing the schedule for June 10 – Oct 1, 2017 and need you to please turn in your Ministers Form ASAP, with your unavailable days. Deadline is Sunday, May 7. New schedules will be emailed to you by May 26.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 10/11, as that will be Deacon Steve’s last weekend with us, and we will provide an opportunity for all of you to wish both he, and his wife Sandy, well, at a Reception following each of the Masses that weekend. Reminders and further details will be forthcoming.

JUST A REMINDER - IF YOU SUFFER FROM CELIAC DISEASE, and do not receive Communion as a consequence of this, please speak directly to Fr Mike. You may call him at the office or speak with him after a Mass you attend, so that arrangements can be made for you to receive Communion that would not affect your Celiac condition.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - God continues to do great things in our midst and keeps on calling each of us, guided by the Holy Spirit, to a renewed and stronger relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

We are blessed as a parish community to be currently offering the Catholics Returning Home initiative. We have a number of individuals from all walks of life participating in the initiative, who, praise be to God, are seeking a deeper connection with our Lord and the Catholic Church.

As a community of believers, each of us are in some way connected with these individuals making this journey. In the coming weeks and beyond, please keep our participants in your prayers for their continued healing in their relationships with God, His Church, others, or even within their own hearts. Additionally, feel free to gather with others for prayer support for Catholics Returning Home on Monday evenings, May 8th, 15th, 22nd, and June 5th, at 7:00 pm in Church.

JOIN US IN OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Wednesday, May 10 at 1:15 pm in the Parish Ctr Library. If you are aware of anyone who would benefit from receiving a blessed shawl, or need more information about this ministry, please call Rosemary at 633-8060 or Beth at 633-4759.

THE ANNUAL RIGHT TO LIFE “FLOWERS FOR LIFE” SALE will be held NEXT WEEK on Mother’s Day Weekend, May 13 & 14. Carnations at $2.00 and bouquets at $10.00 each will be sold after all Masses. Please say “Thank you for the gift of life” to wives, moms, grandmas, godmothers and loving friends with beautiful flowers, support Right to Life of NE Ohio’s continuing efforts to promote the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death.
THE WIDOWS OF FAITH, HOPE, & CHARITY - Our next gathering will be Tuesday, May 16 for 8:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Victory. Following Mass, we will have breakfast at Eat 'n Park. For more information, call Beverly Dannemiller at 330-983-4706.

OUR MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will meet Friday, May 19, at 11am in Parish Ctr Rm 100. This is an opportunity to join with others to share your stories, your memories, and check out some resources for your grieving process.

YOU'RE THE MISSING PIECE! If you would like to become a member of our parish family at Our Lady of Victory, we invite you to stop back in Finnerty Hall on the weekend of May 20 & 21 after any Mass, where a member of our Welcome Committee will assist you in filling out a Registration Form. Welcome to the Family!

Reading: John 10:1-10

Adults: In today’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us that because we recognize our shepherd's voice, we will hear and follow him. Spend this week attentively listening to our Lord – what is He asking of you?

Children: Today, Jesus talks about sheep. He says that they know their shepherd’s voice, and know to follow Him. Jesus is OUR Shepherd! Do you know the sound of Jesus’ voice? What does it sound like when God talks to you? Talk to your parents about how you can hear the voice of our Shepherd, and follow Him.

CONGRATULATIONS to these 200 Club winner(s) for the following weekends of April, 2017:

4/2 - #187 – SHIRLEY KELLER - $25.00
4/9 - #162 – MIKE & VANESSA COURIE - $25.00
4/16 - #45 – TERRI HITT - $25.00
4/23 - #178 – VINCE DeLUCA - $50.00
4/30 - #109 – NORMA LESHO - $75.00

2017 FIRST STEP PROGRAM: The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland offers its First Step Program to help individuals renew and/or strengthen their relationship with God and the Church after a divorce. Learn more about Catholic teaching regarding marriage, divorce, remarriage, the annulment process, and how to submit a case. The remaining general meetings in 2017 are: Tuesday, May 16, 7pm, at St Mary Parish, Chardon; Tuesday, Sept 12, 7pm, at St Paul Parish, Akron; and Tuesday, Oct 10, 7pm, at St Ambrose Parish, Brunswick. For more information, please visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal, or call 800-869-6525 x 4000. No fee required for this process.

ST BERNARD'S SOUP KITCHEN - All adults and high school youth, age 16 and older, are invited to serve dinner at St. Bernard's soup kitchen on Wednesday, May 17 from 4-7pm. First-time servers must attend an orientation meeting at 4pm. Provide your own transportation along with a signed permission slip (for participating youth).

LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE PRE-CANA – SUNDAY, MAY 21 - This day will include prayer, presentations, quiet reflection time, and opportunity for sharing with your fiancé. Arrival time is 11:15 am; Mass at Noon; closing 6:45 pm. Cost $75.00/couple (dinner included). Register at www.loyolaretreathouse.com, or call 330-896-2315.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING classes will be held at Holy Family, Stow, beginning July 12 at 7pm. Classes give all the resources necessary to easily, simply, and successfully practice NFP in your marriage. The classes are great for both married and engaged couples seeking to bring their relationship in accord with the Church’s divine teaching on contraception, as well as those seeking to lead a more natural, healthy lifestyle. NFP is perfect for all couples including those having problems getting pregnant, and also for those who wish to postpone pregnancy. Set these dates aside: 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/30. For more info, or to register, contact Leo and Toni Doty at 330-689-0632, or akdoty@kent.edu.

Celebrating the Sacraments

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS:

50th: PATRICK & JUDY BARRETT – 5/6/67

40th: DENNIS & TANYA ADAMS – 5/7/77

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED:

VINCENT & ANGELINA SGRO
AMANDA WALTERS

Caring Commission

Pray for the Sick: Marion Boehm, Angela Chiera, Sue Christopher, Zachary Gravatt, Irene Ingram, Pat Jordan, Rita Lopus, Suzanne Shepka, Jean Sibit.

We pray with the Church that Ed Jordan (brother of Ralph, and Patti Passarelli) may share in the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

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News & Notes in our Neighborhood

FOR YOUR INFORMATION! The Tallmadge High Show Choir will perform this Tuesday, May 9 at 7pm at the High School. Because they did such a great job at our last Sponsi Dinner, we thought you’d want to know, so you can enjoy them again!! Tell your friends!

THEOLOGY ON TAP AKRON – will meet on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 pm at Winking Lizard Tavern, 1615 Main St, Peninsula. Food, fellowship, and faith for young adults in their 20’s and 30’s! Come listen to Jason & Brooke Roberts speak on “Growing up is Hard to Do: Catholic Adulting”. Admission: $5.00 (includes appetizers), and Cash bar.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS CANNED FOOD DRIVE – Saturday, May 13 – place them by your mailbox and they will be picked up. All donations are distributed locally. Thanks!!