



# ST. MARY PARISH

## Chardon

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### **Administrator**

Rev. Scott Goodfellow

### **Parochial Vicar**

Rev. Stephen M. Spisak

### **Pastoral Ministers**

Deacon Lawrence A. Boehnlein

Deacon Thomas J. Peshek

## **MASS & ADORATION**

### **Weekend Mass**

Saturday Vigil Mass – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

### **Weekday Mass**

Monday-Friday – 7:30 a.m.

*Rosary following Mass*

### **Holy Day Mass**

Please consult the bulletin.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesday – 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

## **SACRAMENTS**

### **Reconciliation**

Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Last Sunday of the month, following the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Masses

### **Baptism for Infants**

Sundays at 1:00 p.m. or during weekend Masses. Please call the Parish Office at least two weeks in advance to make arrangements. Required Baptism Preparation classes are held every other month, with locations alternating between St. Mary and St. Gabriel.

### **Baptism for Adults**

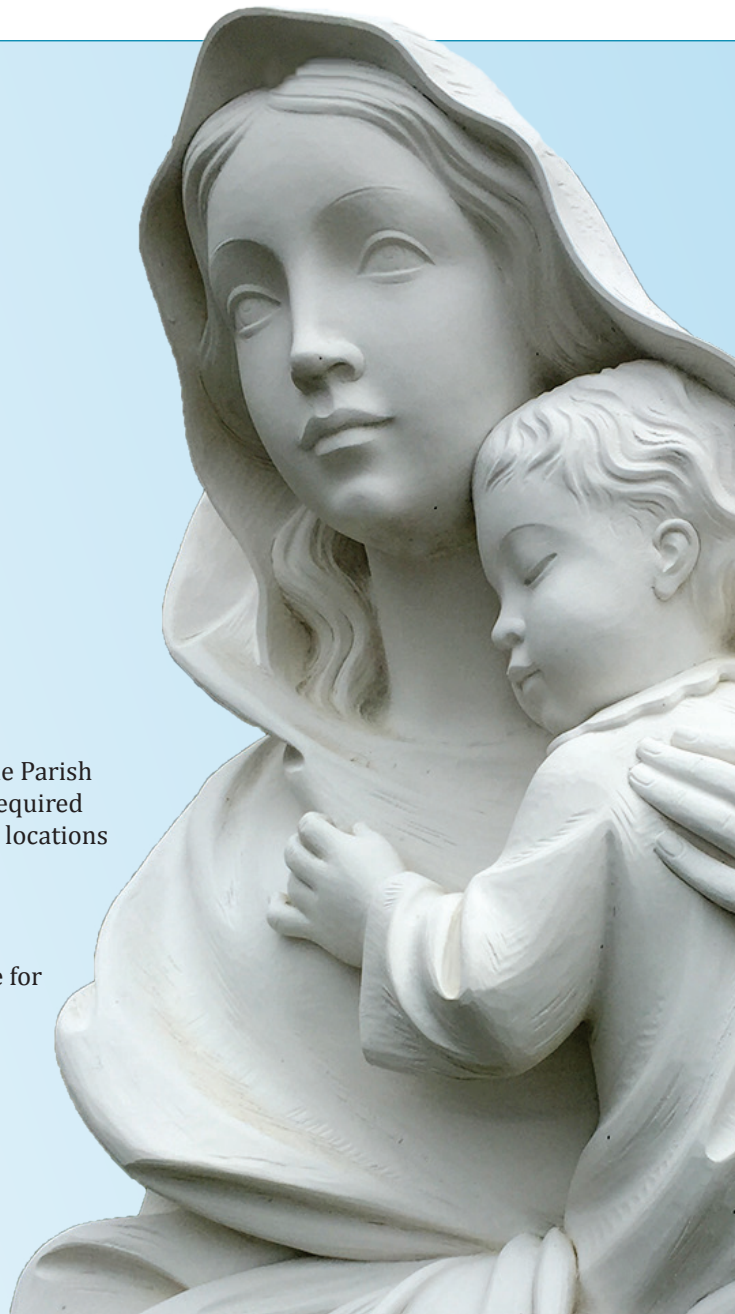
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an ongoing inquiry program about the Catholic faith. Call the Parish Office for more information.

### **Marriages**

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding. Attendance at a Pre-Cana Day is required.

### **Homebound Parishioners**

Please call the Parish Office at 440-285-7051 if you would like a sacramental visit to hospital or home.



## **WELCOME!**

If you are new to the area, please register at the Parish Office during the week. Notification of any change of address is appreciated.

*We, the Roman Catholic Community of St. Mary Parish under the patronage of our Blessed Mother, will proclaim, celebrate, and live our faith in God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who sanctifies us in word and sacrament.*

CELEBRATING *Faith*  
SINCE 1909

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## PARISH DIRECTORY

**PARISH OFFICE**..... 440-285-7051  
 Father Scott Goodfellow, *Administrator* .....ext. 113  
 Father Stephen Spisak, *Parochial Vicar* .....ext. 115  
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**BUSINESS OFFICE**..... 440-285-7051  
 Mrs. Linda Ropchock, *Business Manager* .....ext. 112

**FACILITIES OFFICE**..... 440-286-8879  
 Mrs. Michaela (Mike) Boehnlein,.....ext. 105  
*Facilities Manager*  
 Cafeteria.....ext. 144

The Banquet Room is available for larger Parish group meetings that need to allow social distancing. Outside groups are welcome, rental fees apply. Please call Michaela Boehnlein to schedule a date and time.

**ST. MARY SCHOOL**..... 440-286-3590

### Catholic Elementary Education

Mrs. Friederike Wintersteller, *Principal*.....ext. 101  
[www.stmaryschoolchardon.org](http://www.stmaryschoolchardon.org)  
 Mrs. Aleisha Wolf, *Development Director*.....ext. 104

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION** ..... 440-286-6531  
 Mrs. Heather Gady, *Parish Catechetical Leader* .....ext. 108

**YOUTH MINISTRY** ..... 440-286-6531  
 Mrs. Sherry Loxterman, *Youth Minister* .....ext. 106

## OUTREACH TO THOSE IN NEED

Our Bereavement Ministry offers assistance during your time of grief following the death of a family member. Please call the Parish Office.

Catholic Social Services provides professional counseling for personal or family issues.

*Geauga County: 440-285-3537*

*Lake County: 440-352-6191*

The St. Vincent de Paul Society responds to the needs of the poor through direct aid and advocacy. Please contact the Parish Office.

Pregnant, scared, need help? Call 1-800-395-HELP for 24/7 consultation.

Call the Prayer Line at 440-286-1230 to entrust your prayer requests to fellow parishioners.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Labor Day Weekend! I hope you enjoy the extended weekend and rest from our daily labors. Although at times it may not feel so, work is actually a gift from God. Work perfects us as it glorifies God through our deeds, and it makes us contributors with the Lord in building the Kingdom of God in our world. May this Labor Day help us unite all of our works with the work of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech impediment. These two issues are actually connected – the man cannot speak correctly because he cannot hear correctly. Once he can hear, he speaks plainly. Jesus reveals that the best disposition of our humanity is that of listening. Listening helps us to hear and understand, to love and appreciate the gifts around us, especially those of other people who may be very different from us. Listening causes us to pause before reacting, to process what we've experienced and respond in a much holier and life-giving manner. The result is peace, joy, and a growth in love! To whom in your life do you need to show this disposition of listening?

### Bishop Malesic Message

I would like to direct your attention to an important message included in this week's bulletin from Bishop Edward Malesic, our Diocesan bishop. For the safety of all who worship at our Catholic parishes, he strongly encourages us to wear a face mask while attending Mass indoors. Please prayerfully consider following the request from our bishop.

### Society of African Missions Appeal September 11-12

Please welcome Fr. Anthony Koriv next weekend from the Society of African Missions. He will be speaking at our Masses next weekend, and we will take up a second collection to support the work of his mission. Thank you for your generosity and prayers which will support the work of the Church and the promotion of the Gospel throughout the world!

### Labor Day Mass Time – 9:00 a.m.

Please note that there is no 7:30 a.m. Mass on Labor Day Monday. Instead, Mass on Labor Day Monday will be at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you for your attention to the above items. I am praying for you and your needs daily.

I am yours in Christ,  
 Fr. Scott Goodfellow

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

### MASS INTENTIONS: September 4-12

#### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### Saturday, September 4, 2021

4:30 p.m. Donald Friedel – *Margaret Friedel*

##### Sunday, September 5, 2021

8:00 a.m. Maryann McQuillan – *Carol Lee*

10:00 a.m. Armand DeRoia – *Lillian Eiermann*

12:00 p.m. Barbara Ann Cech – *Jerry Cech*

##### Monday, September 6, 2021

9:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Vaughn & Rockafellow Families – *Pat & Skip Murray*

##### Tuesday, September 7, 2021

7:30 a.m. The intentions of all St. Mary Parishioners

##### Wednesday, September 8, 2021

7:30 a.m. Walter & Mary Juskiewicz – *Debbie Carlson*

##### Thursday, September 9, 2021

7:30 a.m. The Living & Deceased Members of the Zietz Family – *Molly Zietz*

##### Friday, September 10, 2021

7:30 a.m. Robert Toy – *Connie Wills*

11:30 a.m. Memorial Mass for Trish Corrigan

1:30 p.m. Bobby McGregor – *Linda DiPietro*  
**NOTE TIME CHANGE**

#### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### Saturday, September 11, 2021

4:30 p.m. Bill & John Waitinas – *Pam Waitinas*

##### Sunday, September 12, 2021

8:00 a.m. Amanda Ackerman – *Sam & Anne Morgan*

10:00 a.m. Trish Corrigan – *Jim & Ann Walsh*

12:00 p.m. Thomas Dinauer – *The Kuhar Family*



#### OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOLY HOUR

Remembering Fr. Daniel Redmond  
Tuesday, September 7, 2021 7:00-8:00  
p.m. Benediction, Eucharistic Adoration,  
Recitation of the Holy Rosary, and the  
Divine Mercy Chaplet Please send prayer  
requests to [FatimaPrayers1917@gmail.com](mailto:FatimaPrayers1917@gmail.com).

#### MESSENGER NEWS LETTER

Deadline for articles for the fall issue of the Messenger Newsletter is September 22. Please send articles and/or photos to [Jparker@stmarychardon.org](mailto:Jparker@stmarychardon.org).

#### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Laurie Bertke-Manahan	Jennifer Phipps
John Bowyer	Josh Phipps
Richard Burns	Kelly Queen
Robert Choate	Harriet Ratkowski
Nathan Cole	Fran Reynolds
Sr. Mary Cora	Dale Roby
Charles Deck	Nora Rodriguez
Grace DiDomenico	Christine Sabel
Connie Fox	Dianna Seuffer
Marilyn Friedel	Marty Seuffer
Beverly Gellings	Mark Shoag
John Greaves	Bill Skoch
Brian Hurless	Samantha Tidy
Karen Kazel	Gregory Thomas
Tom Kemmery	Joey Tromba
Mike Kobetitsch	Chantel Vargo
Gary LeBlanc	Crystal Vecchio
Jean Lightner	Joyce Vieland
Sr. Josetta Marie Livignano	Henry Wallenhorst
Marianne LoCastro	Lauren Watts
Jan McGinley	Jace White
Michelle McGreevy	Charlette Whiting
Gail Moriarty	

#### Additions or Deletions –

Please contact the Parish Office at 440-285-7051.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

- **Diane Schussler** – sister of Edward Douglas
- **Mark Douglas** – husband of Patty Douglas
- **William Friedel** – husband of Marilyn Friedel
- **Margaret Radcliffe** – mother of Barbara Wallace

#### CONTRIBUTIONS:

##### 8/29/21 Deposit Amounts

RSC (242 Donors)	\$10,875.72
Budget	\$17,800.00
SVDP	\$ 294.00
Adopt-A-Student	\$ 1.00
Weekly automatic contributions (37 Donors)	\$ 1,702.00



## PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

### A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MALESIC

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The latest information from federal, state and local public health agencies informs us that the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus is surging in our area, causing increased illness and hospitalizations at levels not seen since the spring. For the safety of all who worship at Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland, I strongly encourage you – whether vaccinated or not vaccinated – to wear a face mask while attending Mass indoors. All who want to attend Mass, and who are otherwise vulnerable, should feel safe and welcome inside our sacred spaces. Please use charity and patience with those who do not wish to comply with this strongly stated request. You also might want to consider wearing a face mask for other indoor gatherings, especially for those not yet fully vaccinated. Wearing masks outdoors is not generally required except for activities involving close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

Those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immune-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons are not obliged to attend Mass.

Pope Francis recently offered a message of hope and unity to the world in an effort to continue increasing confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines, specifically in communities disproportionately affected by the virus. “Thanks to God’s grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19,” the pope said. “Getting the vaccines that are authorized by the respective authorities is an act of love. I pray to God that each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always grand.”

I am fully vaccinated and recommend the same for my family and friends. In consideration of others, I also am wearing a mask during the distribution of Holy Communion and I strongly encourage those distributing Holy Communion at Mass to wear a mask while distributing as well.

Remember that the situation seems to be ever changing. This request to wear face masks is temporary and will be changed once this current level of increased coronavirus cases is over. Stay connected to information coming from national, state and local health authorities, and stay home and get tested for COVID when you are not feeling well. Following these recommendations will go a long way in helping to keep you and others around you safe.

We are all tired of this pandemic, but we must not forget that we are called to care for the health of others in times of crisis and must continue to protect our healthcare system and medical workers.

May God bless and watch over us in our time of need.  
Bishop Edward C. Malesic

### SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA)

Fr. Anthony Koriv from the Society of African Missions will be at our Masses in Chardon and Thompson the weekend of September 11-12. The primary aim of Society of African Mission is to bring the Good News, that is the message of Christ to those who have not heard of it. Our missionaries devote their lives to help provide for the basic needs of the people they serve through funds raised in established churches worldwide. SMA is in need of support to offer basic needs so that the preaching of the gospel can go on smoothly. Thank you for your consideration in listening, praying and supporting this special ministry

### WOW PRAYER GROUP – SEPTEMBER 11

Dear ladies, please join the WOW Prayer Group for our next gathering on Saturday, September 11th at 9:15 a.m. in the Hospitality Room. We hope to share some time with you!

### RCIA SEPTEMBER 13

We extend a special invitation to anyone who is not Catholic or is not fully initiated into the church to consider this opportunity to learn more and become fully initiated in the Catholic faith. There will be an informal inquiry gathering in the Hospitality Room on Monday evening, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us! There is no obligation to proceed with RCIA unless you choose to do so. If you have questions or would like to talk with someone personally please email Deacon Larry at: [lboehnlein@stmarychardon.org](mailto:lboehnlein@stmarychardon.org) or you may call Deacon Larry at 440-488-0764.

### LIFE TEEN CORE NEEDED

If anyone is interested in becoming a Life Teen Core member to help bring our high school teens closer to Christ, please contact Sherry Loxterman at [lifeteen@stmarychardon.org](mailto:lifeteen@stmarychardon.org) for additional information. We are in need of adults to assist for the upcoming year!

Also, please stay tuned in the coming weeks for information on our Life Teen kickoff scheduled for Sunday September 26. Thank you for supporting Life Teen. God Bless! Sincerely, Sherry Loxterman and the Core Team.

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER – SEPTEMBER 2021



### DEAR ST. MARY SCHOOL FAMILIES AND PARISHIONERS,

I would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year! We had a wonderful first week of school.

Father Scott celebrated his first school mass with our students and faculty last Friday and blessed all religion books.

Congratulations to Joshua Alic, Sophia Doan, and Taylor Wallingford who participated and won an award in the 2021 Ohio Invention Convention. They used their problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, curiosity, creativity, determination, and perseverance to find a solution to a real-world problem. Well done!

With the beginning of a new school year, we welcome a number of new faculty and staff members:

### FACULTY ROSTER 2021-2022

Principal:	Friederike Wintersteller
Administrative Assistant:	Donna Fabe
Stem Coordinator/	
8th grade Math:	Julie Fedak
Preschool:	Kelly Yates
Preschool Aide:	Gina Roosa
Pre-Kindergarten	
All Day:	Linda Flynn
Pre-Kindergarten	
All Day Aide:	Andrea Karpuska
Pre-Kindergarten	
Flex class:	Christine Graham
Pre-Kindergarten	
Flex class Aide:	Kimberly Alic
Kindergarten:	Kara Passow
First Grade:	Marie Lisachenko/ Angel Emlaw
Second Grade:	Teri Merkle
Third Grade:	Meg Pawar
Fourth Grade:	Megan Tracy
Fifth Grade:	Megan Cooper
Sixth Grade:	David Petrovic
Seventh Grade:	Sarah Allin
Eighth Grade:	Ericka Cardenas
Social Studies Grades 6-8	David Petrovic

Spanish:

Art:

Computer:

Library:

Music:

Physical Education:

School Mass Musician:

Patricia Candela

Mary Ann Marra

Katrina Petropoulos

Annie Maniscalco

David Gorski

Mare Von Lindern

Cassie Tarbet

### Support Staff:

Intervention Specialist:

Speech Pathologist:

Psychologist:

Educational Aide:

Auxiliary Clerk:

Health Aide:

Nicole Tressler

Emily Logue

Jodi Maczuzak

Annie Maniscalco

Krista Radigan

Melissa Mastroianni

### Extended Care:

Morning:

Afternoon:

Shelly Maloney, Kimberly Alic

Lucy Muhic, Victoria Karpuska

Please mark your calendar for a Back to School treat provided by our generous PTU on Friday, September 10th, 2021 after our school mass. Students will receive an ice cream treat, some pictures will be taken, and parents are invited to join us. We are looking forward to a great school year! Thank you for all your support and help to our school!

Blessings,

Friederike Wintersteller - Principal



### A PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Loving God, Creator of all things, you call us to be in relationship with you and others. Thank you for calling me to be a catechist, for the opportunity to share with others what you have given to me. May all those with whom I share the gift of faith discover how you are present in all things. May they come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips, so that I may remain constant in loving and praising you. May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of your truth. May all my words and actions reflect your love. Amen.

**PSR CATECHISTS NEEDED**

PSR is looking for Catechists and aides for the 2021-2022 school year!

- If you feel the Lord has blessed you with an ability to communicate His truths to young people. We need you!!
- If you are a teacher by profession and would like to share your faith with our young people. We need you!!
- If you are not a teacher by profession and would like to share your faith with our young people. we will give you the formation and tools needed because. We need you!!
- If you can listen to a child's prayers during class.... We need you!!
- If you are a person of prayer. We need you!!
- If you are a person in touch with the God who directs our ministry. We need you!!

Please consider how you might answer the call to be a disciple of Jesus by sharing your faith with our parish children.

All volunteers must take part in the safe environment requirements. For more information or to serve in this ministry, please call the Religious Education Office 440-286-6531.

**PSR REGISTRATION**

PSR registrations are now due. Please see the Parish website for information and registration forms. If you have questions, call the PSR office at 440-286-6531.

Sunday PSR begins on September 12, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Monday PSR begins September 13, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

There will be a parent meeting on both Sunday and Monday night. Parents are asked to meet in the church for the meeting.

**EMPTY NESTERS – SEPTEMBER 12**

Please join us for a "last picnic" of the summer. It will be held at Bass Lake, Sunday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m. Empty Nesters will be providing the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, mustard, ketchup, plates, napkins, drinks, etc. You are asked to bring a dish to pass. Please call Linda Halloran at 286-6852 or Beth Ryan at 286-9080 so we know how many hot dogs or hamburgers are needed. We look forward to seeing everyone again.

**THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS – SEPTEMBER 13**

Catholic Community Foundation invites those adults 40 & over to join us as we celebrate our 3rd Anniversary with our very special guest, Bishop Malesic! Our new location is in the ballroom at the Doubletree Inn (formerly Holiday Inn) at the corner of Crocker Rd. in Westlake off I-90. Cost is \$15 per person and includes light appetizers. Cash bar. We also accept credit card payment. Please RSVP by Friday, September 10. Register in advance at: [www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west](http://www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west).

**CHINESE AUCTION – SEPTEMBER 11**

Please join us Saturday, September 11th at St. Patrick's Church in Thompson for a Chinese Auction. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. for the auction and kitchen will be open for a light lunch. Drawing will begin at 1:30 p.m. followed by 50/50 Raffle. Winners need not be present. Entrance fee is \$2.00 for each participant and includes 6 free tickets.

**PRO LIFE MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8**

Come join us for the Pro Life Meeting at St. Mary's, Wednesday, September 8 in the ABC room 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The U.S. Catholic bishops suggest that parishes could use the National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities, which falls on the feast of St. Peter Claver (September 9), to organize activities that foster community, dialogue, and reconciliation. These encounters will help open our minds and hearts more fully and continue the healing needed in our communities and our nation. The following resources are available by searching on:

- Prayer Service for the Feast Day of St. Peter Claver
- Prayer for Peace in Our Communities
- Prayer of the Faithful for the Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities. Additional resources are available in the Final Report and Recommendations from the Special Task Force to Promote Peace in Our Communities.

**NICARAGUA "SHOUTING PRAISE"!**

Padre Roger isn't literally "shouting out praise from the rooftops," but he probably would if he had a tall enough ladder! "Hello, many blessings and grateful to your communities for such great support," he writes from El Viejo-Chinandega, Nicaragua.

As we told you before, the people of St. John of the Cross and St. Mary-Chardon contributed over \$6,300 through Lenten almsgiving programs to help replace the roof of Parroquia Divino Niño Jesus (The Divine Child Jesus).

We're happy to report that the project has been completed! Thanks to your generosity, Padre Roger and his parishioners no longer must endure a leaky roof that had sustained hurricane-force winds and been repaired repeatedly with a patchwork of corrugated metal sheets.

The new aluminum roof is expected to withstand the elements for many years. The long-awaited project was delayed by rain and faced the challenge of rising costs for materials, but the contractors worked for a reduced rate because they wanted to help the church. "The situation in Nicaragua is very tough, there is no work, at least the workers can earn something to eat," Padre Roger adds.

Once again, muchas gracias for your support of our ministry and our friends in Christ in Nicaragua.

- Dale and Marie George,  
*Hands United in Hope and Love ministry*



**CCA GRIEF SUPPORT – SEPTEMBER 19**

"In-Office" at 3:00 p.m. and "Virtual" at 5:00 p.m.:

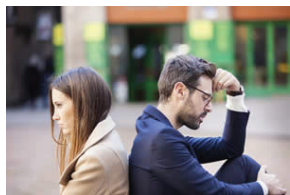
Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office (3pm) at six Cemetery offices and Virtually (5 p.m.) via Zoom. An RSVP is appreciated but not required for the in-office meetings. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month; 4th Sunday if the third Sunday falls on a holiday. Meetings are open discussions surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. The September 19th topics are "Different Types of Grief" and "Grieving After a Suicide Death". We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand. Please visit <https://www.clecem.org/> for the most updated schedule of events.

**SND CHICKEN BBQ – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26**

The Sisters of Notre Dame are excited to host friends, families, alumni, etc. this fall for the 59th annual SND BBQ & Boutique! This Geauga County tradition offers a wonderful and delicious, family-centered outing on the beautiful Notre Dame campus. Given the events of the last year, we have made a few changes to ensure the health and safety of our guests. We have expanded both indoor and outdoor seating and all meals will be boxed in every serving line for guests who want to dine in or carry out. We have also gone "Back to Basics" and limited our menu to the original chicken dinner.

**FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING SEPTEMBER 22**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar at All Souls Cemetery on Wednesday, September 22, at 5:30 p.m. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols. We kindly ask that you RSVP to All Souls Cemetery 10366 Chardon Road 216/641-7575 ext. 4 or email [bdejohn@clecem.org](mailto:bdejohn@clecem.org)

**RETROUVAILLE  
SEPTEMBER 10-12**

The next Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for September 10-12. This is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages. Has your marriage

become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help. RETROUVAILLE, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but it 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 \$150.00 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 1-800-470-2230, or go online to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

**CLEVELAND  
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S  
CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 9**

The Cleveland Catholic Women's conference will be held at the Hilton Garden

Inn 700 Beta Dr. in Mayfield Village from 9:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m. This year's theme comes from a quote from St. Faustina's Diary, "The More a Soul Trusts, The More It Will Receive". This special day will include mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunity for confession and inspiring talks by three amazing Catholic speakers.

**Tickets are on sale now at [clecatholicwomen.org](http://clecatholicwomen.org).**

**LIVING IN THE DIVINE WILL - SEPTEMBER 25**

In this world of chaos, have you found yourself asking: What is the meaning of life? What is this world coming to? Why does God allow evil to occur? Is this really part of God's plan? For the answer to these questions and more, join us at St. Helen's church in Newbury on Saturday, September 25th, 9:30 a.m. to noon, for a presentation on **LIVING IN THE DIVINE WILL** with **Daniel O'Connor**. Daniel O'Connor is a professor of philosophy and religion, author of several books on living in the Divine Will, and student of the important revelations given to the Italian mystic, Luisa Picaretta. He holds a Master of Theology degree, and is working on his PhD in Philosophy. An optional lunch and Q&A will follow Daniel's talk. To Register: Please contact Susan White at 440-213-9242 or email [Susanelinewhite@gmail.com](mailto:Susanelinewhite@gmail.com).

**KOC PANCAKE BREAKFAST – OCTOBER 10**

**Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage!**

The Knights of Columbus all you can eat pancake breakfasts are BACK. Sunday, October 10th, the Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The price is always right; \$8.00 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors, \$4.00 children 5-12, and children 4 and under are FREE.

Come share your time with old and new friends.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday October 10 and we look forward to seeing you again!

**BLANKET SUNDAY – OCTOBER 9-10**

Even though we don't want to think about it, the "cold" will be upon us sooner than we want. SVDP must think about our less fortunate neighbors needing warm blankets. Our annual Blanket Sunday request will be October 9th and 10th. Use the special envelopes found in the pews for your donation. Any donation of cash or check will be much appreciated in order to buy many new blankets.

**BUNDLE WEEKEND OCTOBER 16 - 17**

The St. Vincent de Paul bundle truck will be here at St. Mary's on **October** 16th through the 17th. The truck is open all hours from the 4:30 p.m. mass on Saturday until very early Monday morning.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY – SEPTEMBER 12**

We are back!!! After a long break, we are so excited to bring back our Children's Liturgy of the Word. We will begin on September 12 at the 10 a.m. mass. Children's Liturgy is offered at the 10 a.m. mass each Sunday EXCEPT the first Sunday of the month when we have Family Mass. The children are led to the Hospitality Room where our dedicated lectors read the scripture with the children and give a little lesson on the readings for the day. This program is designed for children ages 4 thru 5th grade. We are looking for adults who wish to be lectors for Children's Liturgy. The time commitment is not too much. The readings are provided ahead of time and ideas for lessons will be given. If you would like to become involved as a lector please contact Kara Passow at 834-9124 or [kpasow@stmaryschoolchardon.org](mailto:kpasow@stmaryschoolchardon.org).

**BIRTHRIGHT ON-LINE GIVING**

Thank you to the many families, individuals, businesses and non-profits who support the mission of Birthright Geauga. Like many family service non-profits, Birthright has seen a significant increase in clients coming to our offices for help. To better address current needs, and to plan for the future, Birthright now has the ability to accept donations that can be set up for monthly support for our families. Please visit our website, [www.birthrightgeauga.org](http://www.birthrightgeauga.org), to set up your donation or call the office at 440-286-9711. Again, thank you for helping us *"Serve Geauga Families, One Child at a Time."*

**EMPTY NESTERS CLAMBAKE – SEPTEMBER 24**

Empty Nesters is hosting a Clambake Friday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m. at Bass Lake Pavilion. Pop & water will be provided; please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Maximum attendance is 50. Complete & return the reservation form found in the Gathering Space (one per person—this will help us the night of the clambake) and place in the Empty Nester Mailbox in the Parish Office along with your check made out to St. Mary Church with Empty Nesters noted in the comment line. Payment is due by September 15th. If you have any questions or to reserve your spot, call Jim Walter - 440-463-6222.

**PRO-LIFE REFLECTION**

September 8th – we celebrate the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, chosen by God to be His own Mother. We need Mary's example more than ever because so many mothers are afraid and so many opinion-makers have forgotten what motherhood really means. PRAYER: Dear Mary we pray for all who are pregnant and afraid. May they find new hope and strength to say "YES" to God's plan as you did.



From September 22 to October 31, you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days of Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. during the 40 day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm – 12000 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland 44120 or Family Planning 462 Chardon St., Painesville, 44077. Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. John Vianney on Monday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact John Noall at [Clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:Clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com) or 216-245-9744.

**WEBSITES:**

[www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland)  
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**PASTA WITH A PURPOSE – SEPTEMBER 17**

Pasta with a Purpose Dinner to benefit the Red Tulip Project of Geauga! September 17 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at St Mary Chardon Banquet Hall. Dinner tickets can be purchased at [RedTulipDinner2021.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Presale tickets are highly recommended due to limited seating and carry-out availability. Our auction fundraiser will be held online from September 9-16 at: <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/pasta-with-a-purpose-2021-25830>

For Questions about tickets, donations, volunteering or sponsorship opportunities, please contact [diankel46@gmail.com](mailto:diankel46@gmail.com).





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