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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

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!
Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez,  
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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  
March: 1,081 households, 1,759 individuals  

Parish Finances  
OFFERTORY COLLECTION ............... $6,432  
(Sunday, April 14, 2019)  
MAIL ........................................ $13,520  
CREDIT CARDS ............................ $2,344  
WEEKDAYS (Apr. 8-13) ............... $1,612  
WEEKLY TOTAL ......................... $23,908  

THANK YOU!  
FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ...................... $427,266  
($10,173 x 42 weeks)  
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTION .......... $433,377  
TOTAL OVER (UNDER) ............... $6,071  

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Cathedral,  

This week is what is known on the Church’s liturgical calendar as the ‘Octave of Easter.’ Basically what that means is – the Church celebrates the great feast of Easter for eight days. The octave will conclude next Sunday, on the ‘Second Sunday of Easter.’ As of the year 2000, however, a new feast was added to the calendar which coincides with the conclusion of this eight day celebration of the Lord’s resurrection. At the direction of Pope Saint John Paul II, the ‘Second Sunday of Easter’ is now also known as ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’ It was added to the calendar at the same time as the canonization of the person from whom Jesus had asked for the feast – Saint Faustina Kowalska.

Faustina came into this world ‘Helena Kowalska’ (Faustina is her religious name) in Poland in 1905. She was born to a very poor family, as the third of ten children, and her family struggled mightily on their tiny farm during the devastation of World War I. Helena first felt the call to religious life while praying before the Blessed Sacrament at the age of seven, but her family did not allow her to enter the convent. She received only three years of a very simple education, and then worked as a house keeper in order to help her family make ends meet. At the age of nineteen, while at a dance, she received a vision of Christ suffering, after which she immediately went to the Church, and there was instructed by Our Lord to go to Warsaw and enter the convent. The very next morning she packed a bag and departed without her parents’ permission. After arriving in the city, she worked for a year in order to save up enough money to enter the convent, and in 1926, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. In the convent, she was given then humblist of tasks - working in the kitchen and the garden, and serving as the porter (person who answers the door).

Sister Faustina worked hard to serve her fellow sisters and the people in the surrounding community. At the same time, she also had a deep interior life. Beginning in 1931, she received numerous revelations, and Jesus Himself began to appear to her. Following the instruction of her confessor, she recorded these revelations in her diary. Faustina lived during a time when people’s view of God was very harsh (the stern judge) and so Our Lord chose her to be the apostle of His mercy. He told her: “I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart.” One of the things that Our Lord specifically made known to Saint Faustina was that he wanted a feast dedicated to His mercy: “My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy” (Diary 699).

Saint Faustina died of tuberculosis in 1938. She was beatified in 1993, and canonized in 2000. Through her, Jesus reminds us that we cannot even begin to understand the depth of God’s love for us and the mercy He will lavish upon us, if we but approach Him and ask. Remember confession is not just for Lent.

Father Sean Ralph
The Divine Mercy Novena traditionally begins on Good Friday and continues through Divine Mercy Sunday (The Second Sunday of Easter). A picture of the Divine Mercy is on view in the Cathedral. Pamphlets with the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet will be available near the picture.

Posture at Communion - Beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday, we will be making a slight change to our Communion Rite posture to reflect the original policy, first established in 2003. We will remain standing after the Lamb of God, throughout the distribution and reception of Holy Communion and the singing of the Communion Hymn, until the end of the distribution of Holy Communion. Once the last person has received Holy Communion and the Communion Hymn ends, we may kneel or sit for private prayer.

Easter Monday - The Rectory office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 22nd. There will be no Centering Prayer that day. Masses and Confessions will be at the usual Monday times.

Catholic Home Missions - Here in the United States, our home mission dioceses are unable to fund essential pastoral work, and struggle to serve the needs of their communities. Over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered “home missions.” Through your support, Catholic Home Missions helps to form vibrant faith communities by funding programs such as religious education, seminarian formation, and lay ministry training. Help strengthen the Church at home; prayerfully consider supporting the appeal next weekend, April 27/28.

Flag Collection - The Catholic Cemeteries Association will be collecting worn, tattered, or faded American flags at all eight of its cemetery offices year-round. On June 15, 2019, at 1:00 pm, they will be conducting a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland. For more information call 216-570-5939.

Family Perspectives - Wrapped in grief, the family of Jesus went to the tomb to anoint His body. They saw only death until two strangers announced His resurrection. Like the strangers, we are called to be “Alleluia” people who affirm life to others. The resurrection bids us to bring light to darkness, hope to the despairing and comfort to the sorrowful. Alleluia! He is risen!

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>!
Cleveland Food Bank - Throughout Northeast Ohio, one in six people is food insecure – meaning they may not know from where their next meal will come. The Greater Cleveland Food Bank seeks to bridge the meal gap, connecting individuals with the nutritious meals they need to succeed.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank is the largest hunger relief organization in Northeast Ohio, having provided, in 2018, more than 57 million meals to hungry people in Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Ashland, and Richland counties.

If you need help to get or retain your benefits, find a pantry that serves your area, or to see if you meet the guidelines for assistance, call the Food Bank at call 216-738-7239, or visit <GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org>.

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.

April Donations
Charitable Assistance Fund ..................... $1201.01
Cosgrove Center .......................... $197.01

March Assistance Expenses
RTA Assistance .............................. $830.00
Cosgrove Easter Meal ....................... $165.10
ID Assistance .............................. $158.50
Rent / Utility Assistance .............. $1,418.89
Emergency ................................. $55.80
Total $2,628.29

A Community of Justice & Love

“A Great Time Was Had by All.” This is the best way to describe this year’s Cosgrove Easter Luncheon. God was definitely shining down upon us. Over 300 guests were served a delicious “comfort food” dinner of chicken, greens, mac-n-cheese, brownies and beautiful homemade “butterfly cookies.” They all left with grateful smiles on their faces and a generous bag of candy. Eighty (80) Easter baskets were assembled and distributed to all the children who attended the luncheon. We wish you could have all witnessed the look of sheer delight when they received their baskets. But most important, was the feeling of community that everyone who was present experienced. One volunteer so beautifully voiced the way most of us felt, “I needed the people I served much more than they needed me.” Could all of this have been accomplished without the generous support of our volunteers and the donations of candy, and basket fillers we received? Absolutely not! So from the guests, the Bishop Cosgrove Center, the Cathedral, and the Social Action Ministry we say, from the bottom of our hearts, “Thank you and have a very blessed Easter.”

PIC Collection - Because of Easter, the usual monthly collection has been rescheduled for April 27/28. The Social Action Ministry will collect toiletries, clothes, and underwear for those who find themselves homeless. We hope you will take the time to purchase some items and bring them to Mass next weekend. We will be at all the entrances to collect your donations. “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Summer Programs for the Disabled - Did you know that our Diocese offers summer programs for children and adults with disabilities? There are many options! These programs are a ministry to families who have children with disabilities. The summer programs offer respite and provide life-enhancing activities in a Catholic setting. They are a great way to meet new friends, learn new things and just have fun! If you have a family member with a developmental disability or know someone who does, contact Lauren Mailey, Program Administrator of Catholic Charities Disability Services, for more information at 216-334-2963 or <lmailey@ccdocle.org>.
Easter
21 April 2019

**Prelude**
Organ Sonata no. 2, op. 65, in c minor  
Felix Mendelssohn  
Canzon Primi Toni  
Giovanni Gabrieli  
Canzona no. 29  
Girolamo Frescobaldi

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n to-day, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3. But the pains which he endured,
4. Sing we to our God above,

**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, 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.

**Gloria**

*Priest*: And with your spirit  
*People*: Amen.

**Introductory Rites**

**Gloria**

1. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
2. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heaven-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.  
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.  
4. Lord, you are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,  
5. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
6. Lord, you are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,  
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8. You take away the sins of the world: * re-ceive our prayer;  
9. You take away the sins of the world: * re-ceive our prayer;  
10. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
11. With the Ho-ly Spir-it, * in the glo-ry of God the Father.  
12. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
13. With the Ho-ly Spir-it, * in the glo-ry of God the Father.  
14. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
15. With the Ho-ly Spir-it, * in the glo-ry of God the Father.  
16. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
17. With the Ho-ly Spir-it, * in the glo-ry of God the Father.  
18. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
19. With the Ho-ly Spir-it, * in the glo-ry of God the Father.  
20. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
21. With the Ho-ly Spir-it, * in the glo-ry of God the Father.

**Prayer**

The Gospel according to John 20:1-9

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

I believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises & Sprinkling

Cantor: Sprinkle me with hyssop, Lord:
Virtue, cleanliness restored:


Universal Prayer

Text: Te rogamus audi nos. Music from Litany of Saints.

Preparation of the Gifts

Now the Green Blade Rises  John M. C. Crum / John Karl Hirten

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain; Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain: Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, Thinking that never he would wake again; Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain; He, that for three days, in the grave had lain. Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Your touch can call us back to life again. Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Strife is O'er

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

Text: 12th C Latin Hymn; Trans by Francis Pott, 1832-1909.

The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the Victor's triumph won. O let the song of praise be sung. Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again, glorious in majesty to reign. O let us swell the joyful strain. Alleluia!

O risen Lord, all praise to thee, who from our sin has set us free, That we may live eternally. Alleluia!

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

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Mystery of Faith

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


Communion Rite

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in hea-v en, hal-low ed be thy name;

thy king-dom come; thy will be done on earth

as it is in hea-v en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread;

as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us;

and lead us not into temp-ta tion,

but de-liv-er us from evil.

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

O risen Lord, all praise to thee, who from our sin has set us free, That we may live eternally. Alleluia!

Do-na no-bis pa-ce m


Fraction of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world have mer-cy on us.

Grant us peace.


Sunday 10:30 & 12:15 masses

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Cantor / then All

Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

O Sons & Daughters

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

Text: Jean Tisserand (d. 1494); trans John M. Neale (1818-1866). Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE
O sons and daughters of the King, whom heavenly hosts in glory sing. Today the grave has lost its sting. Alleluia!

That Easter morn at break of day, the faithful women went their way to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see, who sits and speaks unto the three: "Your Lord has gone to Galilee." Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their Lord. He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard that they had seen the risen master dear, And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!

Haec dies, quam fecit Dominus: exultemus et laetemur in ea. This is the day which the Lord has made: rejoice and be glad in it. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good: his mercy endures forever. Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed. Alleluia!

Choir: Haec dies (Ps 118)  Ludovico da Viadana (1564-1627)

Haec dies, quam fecit Dominus: exultemus et laetemur in ea. Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus: quoniam in saeculum misericordia ejus, Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus. This is the day which the Lord has made: rejoice and be glad in it. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good: his mercy endures forever. Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed. Alleluia!

Prayer

Concluding Rites

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.

(Dismissal for when the Bishop celebrates Mass)
Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.
People: Now and for ever.
Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
People: Who made heaven and earth.

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Text: 1 Cor 15:20; W. J. Irons, 10:30 & 12:15 Choral-Improvisation sur le "Victimae paschali"

Choir: Haece dies (Ps 118)  Ludovico da Viadana (1564-1627)

This is the day which the Lord has made. Alleluia!

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

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

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Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.
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Postlude

8:00  Fanfare  Nicolas J. Lemmens
10:30 & 12:15  Choral-Improvisation sur le "Victimae paschali"  Charles Tournemire
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.

At the hour of death - When a Christian dies, it is a significant event in the life of our parish. There are three moments in the journey from death to burial: the Vigil Services during the visitation period, the funeral Mass or service, the committal service at the cemetery. If cremation is to take place, the most appropriate time for cremation is AFTER the Funeral Liturgy at church. All remains of Catholics must be buried in blessed graves, crypts or at sea. Please speak to someone from the parish staff immediately upon a death of your loved one and before plans have been finalized.

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.

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, May 14, 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:
May 5, September 15, November 17
Saturday at 5:30 pm:
July 13

Welcome New Parishioners!
Kathleen (Kat) Nemeth, Sarah Repasy, Donna Holton, Liliana Rosete Leogorreta, Timothy & Jeanette Hilk, Kathy Brown, Emily Reiring & Alec Rampe, Catherine Mack, Blair Chirdon, Michael, Brittainy, & Sara Lannum, Melanie & Ronald Annotico

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>.

Easter Sunday

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, * Steven Ray Loumis, Dymphna Clingain, William Gonzalez, Margaret Fadowski * Brian Churchmack * Mrs. John Kralik, Jennifer Humphrey * Gloria Diederick, Elizabeth Gurango, Joan Emerick, Ralph Wilson, Frank Hackett, Paul Blesi * Kristina Oliver  * Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Ileene Cornhoff, mother of Cathedral parishioner Bill Cornhoff. May the God of all compassion have mercy upon her and grant consolation to her 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.

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Intentions of the Holy Father
April – Doctors & their Collaborators in War Zones. For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Diocesan e-Media - Visit <dioceseofcleveland.org>, and stay in touch with what’s happening in the Diocese. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, & the e-Newsletter. Faith in the palm of your hand!

Divine Mercy - Our Lord’s Mercy grants forgiveness of all sins and punishment on the Feast of Divine Mercy. St. Pope John Paul II declared: “It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which will be called ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’” Walsh University invites you to Divine Mercy Sunday, on April 28 at 2:00 pm in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel, on the campus of Walsh University. Walsh University will offer Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Holy Hour, and the Chaplet. For more information, please call Molly Romano at 330-490-7581.

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

Married Couples Weekend: Husband & Wife Get Away!
Many husbands and wives seem to be “married” to their career, TV, phones, sports, or their children. Re-examine your married lifestyle and your priorities, and rediscover the newly-weds you once were, by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next area weekend is April 26-28, 2019, at the Homewood Suites, in Solon. For more information call 330-305-9963 or <GreatMarriagesOhio.org>.

Monthly Grief Support - The loss of a loved one can be exceptionally challenging, especially on holidays. The next grief support group meeting will be on Sunday April 28 at 3:00 pm, at the following locations: Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (temporary trailer office); Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office); and Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office). The topic will be ‘No Eye Has Seen... Wonderful Things God Has Prepared for You.’ No reservations required. Visit our website <clecem.org/Information/Bereavement> or contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

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>.

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 and reflection on Scriptures and Church teachings. A team, in a support group format, will guide 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, 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.

Child Abuse Prevention - Every April, child and youth serving organizations, including Catholic dioceses, parishes, and schools, participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month to highlight the importance of protecting minors from abuse. These efforts are part of the ongoing work of the Church in the U.S. to carry out the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Our Diocesan Office for Protection of Children & Youth provides resources, training, and information on providing a safe environment for children. They have information available on the Diocese web page: <dioceseofcleveland.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. Jewell Portwood, Luke Turbin, Devon Long, Craig Long, Travis Harman, Chris Paulett, 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.)