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CHANCERY OFFICE

CONFIRMATION

Saturday, March 2	11:00 a.m.	Combined Confirmation at St. Columba Cathedral
Thursday, March 7	7:00 p.m.	Little Flower, Middlebranch
Sunday, March 17	3:00 p.m.	Holy Family, Poland
Tuesday, March 19	7:00 p.m.	St. Louis, Louisville and Sacred Heart, Harrisburg at St. Louis, Louisville
Saturday, March 23	11:00 a.m.	Combined Confirmation at St. Columba Cathedral
Tuesday, March 26	7:00 p.m.	St. Peter, Canton, St. John the Baptist, Canton, St. Anthony/All Saints and St. Mary/St. Benedict at St. Peter, Canton
Wednesday, March 27	7:00 p.m.	St. Patrick, Hubbard, St. Rose, Girard & St. Thomas the Apostle, Vienna at St. Patrick, Hubbard
Sunday, March 31	2:00 p.m.	St. Christine, Youngstown and St. Luke, Boardman at St. Christine, Youngstown

LETTERS OF SUITABILITY

Please note that no priest or deacon may exercise ministry within the Diocese of Youngstown without being granted faculties/permission by the bishop. It is the obligation of the pastor of the parish where ministry or speaking engagement will occur (or other responsible person outside a parish setting) to insure that the visiting cleric has obtained a letter of suitability. Without such a letter, the Diocese, the parish or school and the pastor or president could become legally liable should any wrongdoing occur.

The visiting cleric himself should ask his bishop or religious superior to send a letter of suitability to Bishop Murry. Letters of suitability are to be sent from one bishop/superior to another, not directly to a parish, since it is the bishop who is responsible for determining a cleric's suitability for ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact Msgr. John Zuraw, Chancellor

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Requirements and Procedures for Employees and Volunteers

1. Authorization & Verification; Acknowledgement

All employees and volunteers must receive a copy of the Child Protection Policy and sign the Authorization & Verification Form (p. 35) and the Acknowledgement Form (p. 36).

The signed forms are to be kept on file at the location of service; the date signed is to be noted on the Compliance Checklist and sent to the Chancery. Do not send the signed forms to the Diocesan Office.

2. Fingerprinting and In-Service

Employees and volunteers who work with children, regardless of their level of contact with children, must be fingerprinted and participate in the VIRTUS in-service program.

If an employee or volunteer has attended a child protection in-service for another agency, employer, diocese, Scouts, etc., they must participate in the DOY in-service to be compliant.

Any Webcheck location may be used. Background reports are to be sent to the location of service, not to the Diocesan Office. Webcheck locations can be found at www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov.

3. In-Service Classes

Visit the [diocesan website](#) for a schedule of VIRTUS in-service classes.

4. Updating Information

Administrators must submit updates for employees and volunteers as they complete child protection compliance requirements (either on the Status Report or on a copy of a Compliance Checklist previously submitted); and must submit all information for new employees and volunteers on the Compliance Checklist. For the Compliance Checklist, email rsciubba@youngstowndiocese.org.

5. Reporting Child Abuse

If you or someone you know has been abused at any time by a priest, deacon, religious, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Youngstown, contact civil authorities and also Delphine Casey, Victim Assistance Coordinator, 330-718-1388.

6. For More Information

For more information about the Diocese of Youngstown Child Protection Policy, contact Rev. Msgr. John A. Zuraw by mail: 144 W. Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503, phone: 330-744-8451 x292; fax: 330-744-5099; or e-mail: jzuraw@youngstowndiocese.org.

CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK OF YOUNGSTOWN (CTNY)

1. Local Programming on the Ecumenical Television Channel:

“75th Anniversary Spotlight Edition” with Fr. Jim Korda – 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Mondays

Fr. Bill Loveless on March 4 & 7
 Wally Dunne on March 11 & 14
 Rick Krivanka on March 18 & 21
 Fr. Bob Bonnot on March 25 & 28

2. Radio Programming Wineskins

Wineskins airs every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WKBN 570 AM in Youngstown, WSOM 600 AM in Salem at 7:30 a.m., WILB AM Canton 1060/WILB FM 89.5 Youngstown/WILB FM 94.5 Canton at 9:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Listen to *Wineskins* on the diocesan website by going to doy.org, then click on the “Media” bar, scroll down to “Media Gallery,” then scroll down to the Wineskins selection.

The Current Issue Segment will feature: March 3: Fr. Matt Roehrig, SSP, talks about Lenten Resources from St. Pauls Books and Gifts; March 10: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Msgr. Peter Polando about the Marriage Tribunal; March 17: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Fr. Michael Balash on “The Light is on for You;” March 24: Fr. Jim Korda speaks with Sr. Diane Bergant from the First Friday Club; and, March 31: Fr. Jim Korda interviews George Garchar from Catholic Charities in Portage and Stark Counties.

Brother Dominic Calabro, SSP, Production Assistant at CTNY and a member of the Society of St. Paul in Canfield, will tell us about the Saints celebrated this month: March 3: St. John of God; March 10: St. Marie Alphonsine Danil Ghattas; March 17: St. Joseph; March 24: St. Marie Cristina of the Immaculate Conception; and, March 31: St. Francis of Paola.

The Interview Segment will include: March 3: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Fr. Jim McKarns in Part Three from the television series “75th Anniversary Edition of Spotlight;” March 10: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Fr. Bill Loveless in Part One from the television series “75th Anniversary Edition of Spotlight;” March 17: Part Two; March 24: Part Three; and, March 31: Fr. Jim Korda interviews Wally Dunne in Part One from the television series “75th Anniversary Edition of Spotlight.”

This month’s Music Segment is from the CD “What Wondrous Love” by Songs for a Lenten Journey.

Deacon Paul Lisko, permanent deacon from St. Charles Church in Boardman, will give his reflections on the Sunday Scripture Readings: March 3: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time; March 10: First Sunday of Lent; March 17: Second Sunday of Lent; March 24: Third Sunday of Lent; and, March 31: Fourth Sunday of Lent.

3. See the newest of CTNY Local Programming on the Internet by linking to doy.org and click “Media” bar, then click on “CTNY.” Or, for an ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel Schedule to be mailed to your home for spring 2019, please contact CTNY at 330-533-2243.

4. Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/CTNYoungstown.

For Live Streaming of ETC-TV, go to doy.org, click on the “Media” bar, then hit “ETC-TV Live Stream.”

CANONICAL SERVICES

April 30 Tribunal In-Service

The Tribunal has scheduled an in-service on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in Youngstown for interested pastors, associates, deacons, religious, parish leaders, directors of religious education, religious education coordinators and counselors in order to prepare them in facilitating pleas for nullity for persons within the community whose marriages have broken down and who may be seeking a second union recognized by the Church. The in-service focuses on preparation of case histories, compilation of documents, witnesses and determining of the appropriate grounds of nullity. Covered also are other types of nullity procedures.

The in-service runs approximately two hours and will be offered directly behind the Tribunal offices in the Diocesan Conference Room that can be accessed through the main entrance of the Diocese of Youngstown on Elm Street.

Interested parties should call the Tribunal at (330) 744-8451, ext. 243, to register.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

1. Catholic Charities Regional Agency Men Who Cook: SAVE THE DATE

Catholic Charities Regional Agency announces its 14th annual Men Who Cook event, scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2019, at the Maronite Center in Youngstown. This year’s theme is “Beach Boys Bash.” Great prizes and delicious food will be highlighted this year as always. CCRA is currently seeking sponsors, program advertisements, raffle items and prizes. Contact Wendy Rusback at 330-744-3320 for any questions, sponsorship information, to purchase tickets or to make a donation. Tickets also available at www.ccregional.org.

2. Keep the Kids Warm

Catholic Charities “Keep the Kids Warm” campaign has officially ended. All checks are due by March 31, 2019. Please forward any remaining checks to Catholic Charities, Keep the Kids Warm, P.O. Box 614, Youngstown, Ohio 44501. Checks are to be made payable to Catholic Charities.

For more information, contact Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org. Thank you for helping us “Keep the Kids Warm”!

3. First Step to Service

Catholic Charities is calling children of all ages to participate in our annual “Care for Creation” contests. This year we are offering two ways to participate. Children can participate in our Art Contest and/or Essay Contest. Please see the informational sheets attached to this issue of *The Communique* for details. There will be prizes awarded to the best work of art and essay. Contact Nikole Baringer with questions at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or email nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org.

ANNUAL BISHOP’S APPEAL

1. 2019 Appeal Information

The Office of the Annual Bishop’s Appeal has announced a new goal for 2019 – 100% household participation. That’s right! We want you to get involved. We need every household, in every parish to participate and support our Church Family in some way.

There are 3 ways to engage: PRAY * DONATE * VOLUNTEER. Every response counts and every gift makes a difference. To learn more about the ministries supported by this annual collection, please visit www.ccdoy.org, and click on the Bishop’s Appeal Logo.

To review individual parish participation results, please visit www.ccdoy.org, click on the Bishop’s Appeal Logo, and then view the **Parish Progress Report**. This report is updated on a regular basis.

Please also refer to the website (www.ccdoy.org) for helpful information to use in promoting the Bishop’s Appeal, such as bulletin announcements and suggestions for success in your parish. Some materials are available in Spanish.

2. Software Updates/Other

Although some parishes are now using other software for parish record-keeping, all parishes are still required to use **Raiser’s Edge** to update their parishioner registration records on a regular basis for the Bishop’s Appeal. Your cooperation is critical to the success of the Appeal. If you need more information on how to do so, please contact Jennifer Lucarelli at 330-744-8451, ext. 316 or jlucarelli@youngstowndiocese.org. Please note, updates must be processed before December 31 of each year to be included in Appeal mailings.

Please visit the website often, and please remember to check your Parish####@youngstowndiocese.org email address for Appeal updates throughout the year. If you are not currently accessing your Diocesan issued email account, please arrange to have it forwarded to an account that is accessed on a daily basis.

On behalf of all those served through your support of the Annual Bishop's Appeal, thank you.

OFFICE FOR SOCIAL CONCERNS

CRS Rice Bowl

We are called forth from the desert to encounter resurrection. Lent gives us the opportunity to encounter Christ in the desert. With him, we face the temptation to despair in the face of the world's deepest needs, to throw up our hands in defeat. In Jesus' struggle, we find ourselves struggling: we are afraid of not having enough, not giving enough, not being enough. But, just as Jesus emerged from the desert fortified to begin his ministry, so do we emerge from the desert of Lent ready to encounter the needs of the world with the hope of the Resurrection.

Bolstered by faith, Jesus showed courage when confronted by fear. This is where we turn to CRS Rice Bowl. This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl reminds us that the journey through the desert ultimately leads to resurrection and that is our Gospel call to stand with courage, bringing the hope of the Resurrection to a world often beset by hopelessness.

While the temptations of the desert tell us to be afraid, to cling to what we have and look out only for ourselves, the invitation of lent beckons us forth to encounter the needs of the world through:

- A renewed life in PRAYER in God that unites our needs with the needs of the world
- A commitment to FAST that reminds us that God is ever faithful and frees us from the fear of not having or being enough.
- A readiness to GIVE ALMS so as to share what we have with our brothers and sisters around the world.

This Lent, we journey with Christ through feat to fortitude, recognizing God's invitation to reach out beyond ourselves to encounter the needs of all.

For more information on how you can encounter Lent through CRS Rice Bowl contact Nikole Baringer at (330) 744-8451, ext. 323 or nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

1. St. Andrew Dinner

On Tuesday, April 9th, a Saint Andrew Dinner will be offered. The location is to still to be determined, but will hopefully be around the Trumbull county area. The evening is a way for men to come for prayer and dinner in an informal setting to find out more about the priestly life. Bishop Murry, along area priests and members of the Vocation office will attend. These dinners are free and are open to men high school to 50 years of age. We gather at 5:30 and conclude by 7:30 – a two-hour time commitment.

2. Come and See Weekends

Come and See weekends allow young men the opportunity to experience what seminary life is like. During these weekends participants have the opportunity to attend classes with seminarians, experience the prayer life, participate in community recreation, and learn how to find their vocation. Following is the last Come and See weekend for the spring semester

St. Mary Seminary – Cleveland
- April 12-14, 2019

The weekend is open to men 17 to 44 years of age. Register at clepriesthood.org - go to the Discernment and Discovery tab.

If you know of a man who may be interested, please encourage him to register for a weekend.

3. Help Needed

In an effort to keep a current roster of men and women from our diocese who are studying for a religious order (inside or outside of the diocese), your help is needed. If you know of someone in this situation please email their name, order they are studying for and local contact information. We are hopeful to start a poster similar to our seminarian poster that shows all the men and women from our diocese who are studying for a religious order. To do so, we will need a current photo of each discerner for the poster. If you have this information, please email Fr. Chris Luoni at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org

4. Seminary Field Trips

Our diocese has an established relationship with St. Mary Seminary in Cleveland. Because of its close proximity to our diocese, consider taking a day for young men and women to have a field trip to St. Mary's. Children from 6th thru 12th grades can find out first hand what life is like in a seminary. Depending on when your tour is arranged, we hope to have a Youngstown seminarian guide the tour. This is a great opportunity for kids in our Catholic schools, CCD programs and youth ministry programs. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451.

5. Pastoral Internship Year

For this academic year (2018-2019), four seminarians have completed 2nd year Theology and are on pastoral internship serving at four parishes in our diocese. They are assigned to the following parishes:

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| • Brook Benedict | Immaculate Conception, Ravenna | Fr. William Kraynak |
| • Scott Brand | St. Michael's, Canton | Fr. Don King |
| • Chad Johnson | St. Rose, Girard | Msgr. John Zuraw |
| • Brian Smith | St. Peter/St. John Basilica, Canton | Fr. John Sheridan |

6. Vocation Ministry

Our diocese is working with Rhonda Gruenewald, the author of *Hundredfold, A Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry*, to increase our vocation presence. We are looking to either start or increase vocation ministries in all of our parishes and schools. This can be achieved using the book *Hundredfold* as a resource to make it happen. It is a simple to use resource that provides plenty of no cost to low cost ideas that do not take too much time to implement. A copy of the book is available for all parishes and schools to begin this work. If you do not have the book already, it will be sent soon. Consider who in your community can help create this important ministry.

7. YouTube Channel – Buckeye Vocations

The Vocation Directors from the six diocese of the state of Ohio have worked together to create a YouTube channel for vocations. The channel will feature different vocation events and short video clips about vocations from around the state. On YouTube go to Buckeye Vocations and search around to see what is available for your personal viewing or for your classroom setting.

8. Vocation Lessons

Please do not forget to make use of Vocation Lessons for your school, religious education or youth ministry program. It is a vocation curriculum that has lessons and instructions online that you can download and use in your classroom/meeting setting. It is FREE for your use and can be accessed as many times as you want throughout the year. If you do not already have a brochure that contains the access codes, please request one by contacting Fr. Christopher Luoni at the Vocations Office at 330-744-8451 or by email at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

9. Vocation Intercessions and Bulletin Blurbs for March

Attached to the Communiqué are vocation intercessions and bulletin blurbs for the month of March. Please use these in your bulletins and at Mass to help promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life in your parish community and school.

OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

Religious Jubilee/Conference Day

We invite all religious to “Save the Date” Saturday March 30, 2019 to celebrate with our religious jubilarians of 25, 50, 60 years, and beyond at St. Patrick Parish, Hubbard. The dinner will be served at 2:00 p.m. followed by a concert at 3:00 p.m. Jeanne Cotter, a gifted liturgical composer, performer, retreat leader and much more will perform; the Eucharistic Liturgy will follow at 4:00 p.m. Bishop George Murry will be the main celebrant. The brochure and registration forms have been mailed. You can also view the brochure in this month’s *Communique* attachments for more information. Please respond at your earliest convenience.

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. Parishes are scheduling 2019 *Increased Offertory Programs* and *Capital Campaigns* NOW! Call Pat or Luke today for information....330-744-8451 ext. 298 or 325
2. NOW is the time to plan a Life & Estate Seminar. End of life issues and Estate Planning are discussed in a one-hour presentation. Reviews of our recent seminars have been “Outstanding.” The seminar is FREE! Call for information...330-744-8451 ext. 325.
3. In-pew offertory envelopes - Enhance your evangelization and stewardship efforts with custom in-pew offertory envelopes for visitors. Call Luke Politsky...330-744-8451 ext. 298
4. Your parish, Catholic School or Catholic Agency can *Leave A Legacy* for the future by establishing an endowment fund in the Diocese of Youngstown Foundation. Call us about the revised policies for creating a perpetual gift...330-744-8451 ext. 325
5. Stewardship Bulletin Inserts Attached

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH MISSIONS OFFICE

2019 Summer High School Missions Immersion Experience

High School Youth Groups and CCD Students are invited to a Project Grow spiritual retreat and missions service opportunity this summer. Having reached out to assist in Louisiana and Kentucky in prior years, 2019 is a time to focus on relating with our neighbors in the inner cities of our diocese, specifically in Youngstown neighborhoods. For more information please see the flyer in this month’s Communique attachments.

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION

1. Conference Opportunities
 - a. The Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development will have their annual summit “Out of Chaos, Finding God” at the Jesuit Retreat House in Cleveland from May 5th-8th, 2019. See the full details at www.cppcd.org/conference, including the list of presenters. Topics include reflections on embracing turbulent times, measuring progress in the ministry context, and visioning for the future in the present reality. Full conference registration and one-day rates (\$95 including lunch) are available for priests, parish leaders, staff, and other parishioners who share in the task of pastoral planning.

- b. ETC2019 is a four-day conference hosted by the evangelical Catholic from July 22nd to 25th at Notre Dame University designed to help “priests and pastoral leaders learn to lead evangelistic ministries and successfully implement proven strategic outreach methods.” The conference includes prayer, speakers, training, and fellowship. More information is available at <https://etc.evangelicalcatholic.org>

2. “Unplug and Recharge: Tap into the Trinity” Retreat

The Office of Evangelization is hosting a one-day retreat this summer! Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 15th for a day of prayer and reflection, Reconciliation, Mass, and inspiring talks. The retreat is for any priest, staff, volunteer, or parishioner who needs time away to renew their faith and discipleship. More details to follow.

3. Workshops available to be presented at parishes upon request

The Office of Evangelization and Pastoral Planning has conducted several regional workshops recently that can be adapted for individual parish groups. “Missionary Discipleship in Parish Ministry” helps parishioners active in ministry to understand the call to evangelization and to think of their ministry in terms of missionary discipleship. “Preparing and Practicing My Faith Story” helps parishioners reflect on their faith journey within the context of prayer and gives them the tools to articulate and share their faith story with others. To schedule one of these at your parish or to learn more about other workshops, please contact Pete Schafer at (330) 744-8451 ext. 275 or pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org.

OFFICE OF LAY MINISTRY FORMATION

1. National Association for Lay Ministry Conference – May 29-31 – Chicago, IL

The National Association for Lay Ministry (NALM) is dedicated to providing vision, voice, leadership, and advocacy for lay ministers and for the development of lay ministry in the Catholic Church. This year’s national conference is in collaboration with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. The conference theme is “Parish Pastoral Ministry in the 21st Century – Where is the Road Leading us?” and will be held in Chicago, IL, from May 29th through 31st. For more information, check out www.nalm.org and click on the “Annual Conference” banner.

2. Ashtabula County Formation in March

- a. “Church of Saints and Sinners” This formation opportunity will be presented by Scott Plescia, principal of St. John School in Ashtabula. Scott will present on our rich tradition of saints who have answered the call to serve despite the reality of sin in their own lives and the life of the Church. This free event will be on Thursday, March 7th at Assumption Parish in Geneva from 7:00 until 8:30pm. For more information, contact Pete Schafer at (330)744-8451 ext. 275 or pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org.

- b. “Praying for (and with) others” Nick Perkoski, Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry at Corpus Christi Parish in Conneaut will lead a workshop on prayer and praying with others. Participants gain confidence in praying aloud with others by learning the basics and then practicing with each other. This free event will be on Thursday, March 14th in the Corpus Christi Parish Center Adult Faith Formation room from 7:00 until 8:30pm. For more information, contact Pete Schafer at (330) 744-8451 ext. 275 or pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org.
- c. “Ministry to the Marginalized” – March 28, April 4 & 11 – This three week Lay Ministry Formation Course will address ministry to people that are on the margins of our parishes and communities. Topics will include ministry to people struggling with drug addiction and their families, ministry to families at the margins, and human trafficking. The course will be held in the St. John School Library from 6:30-8:30pm each week.

Registration is \$20 for the three-week course. To register, or for more information, contact Pete Schafer at (330)744-8451 ext. 275 or pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org.

OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

1. Project Rachel Outreach – March Message for Bulletin/Newsletter:

There is no sin, including abortion, that is greater than God’s forgiveness. There is Hope and Healing available. For CONFIDENTIAL help contact *Project Rachel of N.E. Ohio* at 888-259-4806 or support@projrachneo.zohosupport.com.

2. Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Day

The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat days for engaged couples will be held Saturday, March 9, at St. Columba Cathedral Hall, Youngstown and April 6 . at Regina Coeli Parish, Alliance. Reservations are required.

To view the entire 2019 schedule, visit www.doy.org and click on the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life tab under “Ministries.”

3. Attention FOCCUS Pre-Marital Inventory Users

FOCCUS is raising its prices as of July 1, 2019. They will be charging an additional \$5.00 for processing each FOCCUS inventory. This means that the price of each FOCCUS inventory sent to the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage & Family Life will be \$20.00 per session (instead of \$15.00). More details to come.

4. Pro-Life Legislative Day in Columbus

Pro-Life Legislative Day is organized by Ohio Right to Life and is devoted to advocating for pro-life laws at the Ohio Statehouse. It takes place on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 meeting at the Sheraton Columbus Capitol Square (75 E. State St. Columbus). More information may be found at https://www.ohiolife.org/pro_life_legislative_day_2019.

A group from the Diocese of Youngstown is planning to attend. For more information contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 ext. 272.

5. Committee Being Formed to Plan the Tenth Annual Faith & Family Festival

The annual Faith & Family Festival has enjoyed great cooperation from various parishes, schools, diocesan offices, Walsh University, Living Bread Radio, Knights of Columbus, and others and would welcome additional collaboration from all dedicated to strengthen families in our Church and society. The Faith & Family Festival is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the variety of ministries and services offered to families.

The Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life, in collaboration with Walsh University, welcomes your participation to plan our Tenth Annual Faith & Family Festival to take place on Sunday, September 22, 2019 on the West Quad of the Walsh University Campus, beginning with Mass with Bishop Murry. Our most recent Faith & Family Festival this past September was our largest ever, with over 700 people in attendance. To learn more about how you or your group can take part in the Faith & Family Festival contact Dave Schmidt at 330-744-8451 ext.272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

6. Memorial Service for Miscarried or Stillborn Children

If you know someone who has suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth, please invite them to one of the following Memorial Services on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 2:00 pm in the Chapels at:

- Calvary Cemetery, Massillon (3469 Lincoln Way E.), or
- Calvary Cemetery, Youngstown (248 Belle Vista Ave.)

Parents, family, grandparents and others are encouraged to attend. For more information contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451.

7. Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries will be honored at a wedding anniversary celebration at St. Columba Cathedral on Sunday, June 2, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

The celebration includes Mass with Bishop Murry, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple, and a reception for the couples and their families. A second anniversary celebration will take place at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist Church in Canton on Sunday, October 20, 2019; at 2:00 p.m. Couples may register for the date most convenient for them. Registration information for the June celebration will be sent to parishes by the end of March.

8. Intercessions for Life and Pro-Life Bulletin Briefs

Recommended intercessions and bulletin briefs for March 2019, prepared by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities may be found at <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life/index.cfm> and on the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life page of www.doy.org.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION1. 75th Anniversary Year Lectures

“Art and Faith”

On Sunday March 24, 2019, held at The Butler Institute of American Art, in Youngstown, Dr. Lou Zona, Executive Director, will present an afternoon lecture at 1:00 p.m. Gathering from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm with a social; presentation at 1:00 pm, and an opportunity to browse the art collection from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Reservations are requested. Call the Office of Religious Education, 330 744-8451. Please see attachments for additional information.

“Women Religious and the Diocese of Youngstown: Gifts and Challenge” Sr. Regina Rogers, OSU The History, Role, Contributions and Future of Religious Communities of Women in the Diocese of Youngstown.

- Sunday, March 31, 2019, 2:00 p.m. St. Rose Parish, Girard

“With Pride in The Past and Faith in The Future” The History of The Diocese of Youngstown

- Thursday, March 28, 2019, St. Paul Parish, Salem, Joan Lawson

- Thursday, May 23, 2019, St. Joan of Arc Parish, Streetsboro, Reverend David Misbrener

2. Gift Giving With A Conscience: The Joy of Giving!

The Office of Religious Education has an Ethical Trade Shop open for your experience of finely crafted handmade items, coffee, hot chocolate, spices, jewelry, and other items. Visit anytime the Diocese is open, and select gifts for yourself or for gifting others, that make a difference is sustaining a better quality of life for the farmers who grow and harvest, and the artisans who create. CRS SERRV, Equal Exchange, and Holy Land Handicrafts are the cooperatives from which selections are chosen. Searching for unique gifts for those on your shopping list is so much more enjoyable, and meaningful, when the purchase makes an investment in the lives of our brothers and sisters.

3. NEW Online Bachelor’s Degree in Ministry and Theology from Loyola New Orleans

Did you know that Loyola University New Orleans now offers a NEW Bachelor’s Degree in Ministry and Theology totally online? The program requires two or more years of full-time work or volunteer experience for admission, allows students to transfer up to 90 credit hours of coursework from accredited colleges and universities, and requires 120 credits for completion.

To learn more, visit <http://2018bulletin.loyno.edu/undergraduate/ministry-and-theology> or email Carla Hlavac, LIMEX liaison, at chlavac@youngstowndiocese.org.

4. Religious Education Certification for Catechists and Teachers

A new brochure for Winter and Lent, and a listing of the Religious Education Certification Opportunities for Catechists and Teachers is on Catechist Cafe. Core courses, general courses, parish-sponsored, college/university-hosted, and other regional organizations are included in the list of online and onsite sessions. Visit catechistcafe.weebly.com, hover on “For Catechists” for “Catechist Courses.”

Registration is available at Catechist Café for these diocesan online courses during Lent:

Adult Discipleship Through Vocation Catechesis, GENERAL COURSE, 12 HOURS

March 20-May 1, 2019

Online Instructor: Sr. Joyce Candidi, OSHJ; Contact Sr. Joyce by email for a password:

sjcandidi@youngstowndiocese.org

\$15 fee

Liturgy and Catholic Identity, GENERAL COURSE, 8 HOURS

April 1 - May 13, 2019

Online Instructor: Joan Lawson; Contact Joan by email to

register: jlawson@youngstowndiocese.org

\$25.00 fee includes book

This onsite course is offered at St. Joseph, Canton:

Catholicism: Councils, Doctrines, and Debates in the First Millennium (From Apostolic Times Until AD1000), GENERAL COURSE, 10 Hours

Tuesdays, March 5-26, April 9, 2019, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Instructors: Fr. Ed Beneleit and Greg Jackson

St. Joseph Parish, 2427 W. Tuscarawas St., Canton, OH 44708

Registration fee: \$15 (Register in person or at Catechist Café.)

These parish programs accrue certification hours per session. Contact the parishes to register:

Paul's Letter to the Philippians; Wednesdays, February 27 and March 13, 7:45-9:00 p.m.

St. Agatha Church, West Point (phone 330-424-7648)

Catholicism: The Pivotal Players; Tuesdays, March 5- April 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. Mary and St. Joseph Church, Newton Falls (phone 330-872-5742)

The Mass; Tuesdays, March 12- April 16, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

St. Mary Parish, Orwell (phone 440-437-6262)

The Mass; Tuesdays, March 12- April 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Parish, East Liverpool (phone 330-385-7131)

Praying with the Roman Rite: A Spiritual Journey through the Liturgy
 Thursdays, March 14-April 11; 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 St. Rose Parish, Girard (phone 330-545-4351)

5. Online Learning Centers

These online learning centers have Winter offerings. Contact the Office of Religious Education for information about catechist certification hours for these and other courses, webinars, and other online catechist formation opportunities. Visit [CatechistCafe/For Catechists/Catechist Courses](#) for connections to these learning centers:

The Boston College Crossroads online program is offering this course that begins March 13:
 Eucharist: At the Heart of Catholic Life Spiritual Practices

The Vibrant Faith Institute has their Faith Formation For the Seasons of Adulthood course beginning March 13.

The University of Notre Dame Satellite Theological Program next series of courses will begin in April.

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation from the University of Dayton has a new schedule of courses beginning March 10, including:

Bible Basics
[Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church](#)
[Ecclesiology: Pilgrim Church](#)
[Echoes of Racism: Whispers of Healing](#)
[Emotional Intelligence and its Impact on Faith Formation](#)
[Faith and Human Development](#)
[Faith Formation for Adults with Special Needs \(SN 5\)](#)
[Galatians](#)
[History of Catholic Social Action](#)
[Images of Jesus](#)
 AND MORE!

6. New Books from the Diocesan Library:

Please visit us anytime between 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, or by appointment. You can access the collection 24/7 at <https://doylelib.follettdestiny.com>.

[From Home to Home: Finding Meaning in Mobility](#). Huyck, Justin, Liturgical Press, 2018. This 3 session bible study for adults includes questions for group discussion. In a society where so many of us are on the move-relocating because of employment, to be near extended family, or even just to pursue a dream of living somewhere new-staying connected is a real challenge. The Scriptures invite us to discover God's presence in a new place and in the midst of a changing community. Passages from the Old and New Testaments offer lessons that are fresh and relevant today.

A New Way to Be Church: Parish Renewal from the Outside In. Jezreel, Jack. Orbis Boks, 2018. What is the future of the American Church? Building on the legacy of the Catholic Church's robust historical witness, the inspiration of Pope Francis, and his own experiences as parish minister, Catholic Worker member, and founder of JustFaith Ministries, Jack Jezreel presents a unique vision for renewing parish life. Promoting an outward, mission-oriented identity that connects evangelization, faith-formation, service, spirituality, and social justice, he argues that a true "Vatican II" parish knows that ministry is done by everyone, everywhere— not exclusively by clergy and not primarily on parish property.

A Parish Guide for Bereavement Ministry & Funeral Planning. Murdy, Jill Maria. Twenty Third Publications, 2018. The death of a loved one is a shock, and planning a funeral can feel like a burden in a time of stress and grief. Created for pastoral ministers, deacons, pastors and parish leaders, this booklet is a helpful resource to pastorally accompany Catholic funeral planning - either in advance or after the death of a loved one. It is also a comforting planning tool for Catholics to have at home when facing aging or illness.

The Parish Guide to Volunteer Ministry: Encouragement, Support, Guidance. Duquin, Lorene Hanley. Twenty Third Publications, 2018. Filled with personal stories and lessons learned from Lorene Hanley Duquin's own ministry to volunteers, this very practical guide gives you all the information and advice you need to strengthen your parish's volunteer ministries—from discernment and formation to dealing with conflicts, to keeping your volunteers motivated and free of burnout. Most of all, it shows you how to foster the spirituality of your volunteers.

7. Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown
Avion on the Water
11:30 a.m. Luncheon
<http://www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org>
For reservations: 330 758 – 0811

Thursday, March 7, 2019
Reverend James Korda
Pastoral Director, CTNY
"CTNY: History in the Diocese of Youngstown"

Hamilton Forum Series
St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Fannon Center
11:30 a.m. Luncheon
330-649-1231

Thursday, March 21, 2019
Reverend James McKarns
"The Fascinating and Virtuous Life of St. Patrick"

OFFICE OF WORSHIP

1. Rite of Election

Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., will celebrate the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continued Conversion of the Candidates on the First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019, at Saint Columba Cathedral at 1:30 p.m. and at Saint Joseph Church, Canton, at 6:00 p.m. 202 people will celebrate initiation into the Church this Easter – 86 Catechumens and 116 Candidates.

2. Lenten Season Regulations

The Season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019. All Catholic are encouraged to participate in the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fast and abstinence** –one full meal and two smaller meals for persons 18 thru 59 years of age; no meat for persons 14 years and older. All Fridays during Lent are days of **abstinence** –no meat for persons 14 years and older. There is no obligation to fast during the weekdays of Lent; however voluntary acts of self-denial are encouraged.

3. The Light Is On For You ~ An Evening of Reconciliation

“*The Light is On for You*” ~ *An Evening of Reconciliation*” will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. All parishes are asked to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation **either** individually from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. **or** by scheduling your Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service with neighboring parishes on this day. This event will coincide with a similar evening for the Cleveland diocese. Publicity materials have been mailed to all priests and parish leaders.

4. Chrism Mass – April 16, 2019

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.** in Saint Columba Cathedral. Information has been sent to all priests and parish leaders. To demonstrate our diocesan unity and in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese, every parish is asked to send a delegation of parishioners to the Chrism Mass of which two people are to be selected to be part of the Opening Procession. The 75th Anniversary County Banners will be part of the Opening Procession. As each county banner enters the cathedral, it will be followed by a delegation of parishioners –2 from each parish within the county. Please note: **Individual Parish Banners will not be part of the ceremony this year.**

5. Easter Vigil Diocesan Universal Starting Time – April 20, 2019

The Easter Vigil in 2019 will be on Saturday, April 20, 2019. The *Roman Missal* states that, “*the entire celebration of the Easter Vigil must take place during the night, so that it begins after nightfall...*” Furthermore, the Priest Policy Handbook states that the Easter Vigil “*is not to take place at the time of the ordinary anticipated Mass for Sunday,*” (cf. Faculties and Permissions, Section V, pg. 10). In the Diocese of Youngstown, sunset on April 20, 2019 will be at **8:08 p.m.** and the end of civil twilight will be at **8:36 p.m.** Bishop Murry has decided to institute a universal starting time for the Easter Vigil throughout the diocese of 8:00 p.m. or later. This universal starting time respects the current liturgical guidelines and diocesan policy. Furthermore it makes the Easter Vigil distinctive from the ordinary anticipated Mass for Sunday and alleviates any confusion among parishes. Therefore the Easter Vigil is not to begin before 8:00 p.m. *Please note that because daylight savings time begins each year in early March, the recommended start time of Easter Vigil will never be before 8 p.m.*

6. Confirmation of Baptized Catholics at the Easter Vigil

Priests are reminded that the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults gives them the faculty to confirm catechumens and candidates at the Easter Vigil. However, if there are persons who are baptized Catholic and completing their initiation at the Easter Vigil, the pastor must request permission of Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., to confirm them.

A letter of request stating the names of only those individuals who were **baptized Catholic** and who will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil should be sent to the Bishop's Office as soon as possible.

7. 42nd National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Convention

The 42nd National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Convention will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, July 16-19, 2019. This year's theme is "*That You May Be Healed ~ Healing, Reconciliation and Anointing.*" For more information: www.npm.org.

8. National Gathering on Christian Initiation

A conference for Catechumenal Ministers and Pastoral Leaders entitled, "*The Year-Round Catechumenate,*" will be held July 2-3, 2019 in Chicago, Illinois. Sponsored by Liturgy Training Publications, this gathering will explore how to implement and sustain a year-round catechumenal process in your parish. For more information: www.NGCI.org.

9. University of Notre Dame – 2019 Summer Liturgy Week

The McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame will offer a four day conference "*Liturgy and the Domestic Church,*" June 17-20, 2019.

The conference is for Catholic leaders in the area of liturgical and sacramental formation and participants will select one of the four workshop tracks on: Sacramental Preparation; Catechesis; Liturgical Music; Liturgical Formation. Early registration discounts through April 6, 2019. For more information: www.mcgrath.nd.edu.

10. Virtual Workshops ~ Liturgical Educational and Formation Opportunities

- a. The Essentials of Catholic Liturgy ~ Foundational Course for Pastoral, Liturgical and Music Ministers. Liturgy Training Publications, in partnership with the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) has developed a new series of virtual training courses: *The Essentials of Catholic Liturgy*. These courses will offer instruction and formation in the fundamentals of Catholic liturgy and the essential liturgical documents for music directors, liturgy committee members and those new to parish staffs. For more information, schedules and course descriptions visit www.TEOCL.org.
- b. LTP Virtual Workshops for Liturgical Ministers: Utilizing an interactive platform, *Virtual Workshops*, engage participants in 90 minutes of training, dialogue and prayer. Participants are invited to interact with the presenter and one another in discussion, offer insights from personal experiences, and discuss strategies for increased engagement in ministry. Each series: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Series; Lector Series; Liturgist and Liturgy Committee Series; contains three individual workshops for \$10.00 each or all three for \$25.00. For more information: www.ltp.org/virtualworkshops.

11. Save the Date ~ Diocesan 75th Anniversary Closing Mass

The Closing Mass for the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese will be on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral. More information will be coming soon. Parishes that have regularly scheduled Sunday evening Mass are asked to make accommodations in favor of this Diocesan celebration for this weekend.

12. Liturgical Directory

The Liturgical Directory contains valuable information about Liturgy Committees; liturgical minister formation guidelines; guidelines for the celebration of sacraments; music in liturgical celebrations; and art and architecture directives. The directory can be accessed and downloaded from the diocesan website by clicking on “Worship” under the “Ministries” tab.

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

1. “Connecting Families to Sacramental Ministries for Children and Youth” CMD National Workshop, February 26th in Girard – Last minute registrations

Register now for this in-service day on February 26, scheduled for 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at St. Rose Parish in Girard in Rosetta Hall (under the Church) at:

http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efxay9c9fbe8853c&llr=t7vhojcab&fbclid=IwAR1OrkOEVDY7tCAo5_TR2u4Wd9WbJGhBZLiyfO7HvALcRuQIaV72Iu6i18U

Families are the school of love and the place where children learn to live the truth of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Parishes and Catholic schools have an opportunity to connect families to the sacramental ministries as children and youth prepare for, celebrate, and live out the grace of the sacraments. This workshop will provide vision and practical resources for leaders to know, welcome, engage, and empower parents as they share faith and sacramental life with their children.

Topics include:

- Knowing and Welcoming Today’s Families
- Engaging Families in Sacramental Ministries
- Empowering Family Faith Sharing, Service, and Prayer at Home
- Gathering Families and Supporting Parents
- Connecting Families with the Life and Ministries of the Parish

All leaders whose ministry touches the lives of children, adolescents, and families are invited to participate, including pastors, deacons, pastoral associates, principals, coordinators of faith formation, coordinators of youth ministry, catechists, teachers, sacramental preparation team members, leaders in initiation ministries, and liturgical ministry leaders. Cost is \$54 and includes lunch.

2. Orientation 301: Discussion Focus: Developing and Evaluating Programs

All new (and nearly new) parish ministers are invited to the third Orientation session and lunch on Tuesday, March 12, noon – 2 p.m. at the diocesan offices. Please RSVP with the Office of Religious Education or the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and let us know of any dietary restrictions, (330) 744-8451. The next session will take place on May 2.

3. “Connecting Adolescents to Faith” (Youth Ministry Online Training Course 3)

Attention middle school and high school catechists, teachers, volunteers, Core Team Members and youth ministers: This course examines the necessary theology, theories, and strategies for engaging Catholic youth in faith through specialized areas of ministry including social justice, pastoral care, prayer and worship. Register by March 26, 2019.

Course 3A – “Increasing Faith Engagement through Prayer, Sacraments, and Social Justice”

Orientation week: April 1 - 7, 2019 (Become familiar with the new Coursesites platform)

Course work: April 8 – 28

Assignment due by May 5

Course 3B- “Outreach in Catholic Youth Ministry through Pastoral Care and Social Media/technology”

Prerequisites: Course 3A or previous program M5, M7, M9

Course work: May 6 - 26 7

Assignment due by June 2

Cost is \$40 per course includes textbook and online materials.

Registration form and further information are available at:

<http://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/ymot--youth-ministry-online-training.html>

4. NCYC Group Leader Information

By the end of March, registration packets will be available for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) taking place November 21 – 24, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana. All high school teens and their Diocesan Child Protection Compliant chaperones MUST register with the diocesan pilgrimage. Contacts for Youth Ministry, be on the look-out for an email with further details soon.

5. FREE Webinars from the NFCYM

As a diocesan member of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), we hope you will take advantage of the webinars they offer to help continue your education.

If you have ideas for future topics and/or presenters, please let Cindee know so she can pass them along to the planning committee. Upcoming webinars include:

Tuesday, March 12, 2:00 – 3:15 p.m. (Date change)

“Going, Going, Gone... Now What?”

Presenter: Dr. Bob McCarty, pastoral consultant, adjunct professor, author and former Executive Director of the NFCYM

Tuesday, April 9, 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

“Engaging Today’s Parents: Re-Imagining Ministry with Parents in Mind”

Presenter: Tom East, Director of the Center for Ministry Development and author of many books, including “Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry”

Sign up at: <http://nfcym.org/webinars/> where you can also link to recordings of past webinars.

MISCELLANEOUS

RISE UP O MEN OF GOD -- CATHOLIC MEN’S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE 2019

March 23, 2019 at St. Thomas Aquinas HS, Louisville, OH

Keynote speaker is Fr. Dwight Longenecker

www.cmfdoy.org

Please see Bulletin Announcements in the March Communique attachments.

CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN LENT 2019 SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission invites Catholics and Lutherans to use the Lent 2019 Resources for Reflection and Discussion for personal or group prayer. See the attachments for a copy-ready edition of this ecumenical resource for praying the Sunday Readings Lent Cycle C. NEOS Lutheran Churches outside the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Youngstown are welcome to use this resource.

SCOUT RELIGIOUS AWARDS

The annual Scout Religious Emblem Award Prayer Service will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 10:00 AM at St. Columba Cathedral. The Awards will be given in the context of a prayer service, not a Mass. All priests are invited to attend. Please bring your alb.

IN MEMORIAM

	<u>March</u>
<i>Rev. Patrick Conway, sP</i>	3/79
<i>Very Rev. Edwin P. Connolly, sP</i>	4/78
<i>Rev. Patrick Tierney</i>	5/75
<i>Rev. Richard Buchman</i>	5/81
<i>Rev. Leo F. Boppell, OP</i>	6/66
<i>Rev. William Slipski</i>	7/09
<i>Rev. John Babyak</i>	9/82
<i>Rev. James Stenson</i>	9/98
<i>Rev. John P. Turk</i>	9/00
<i>Rev. Bernard Schmalzried</i>	11/18
<i>Rev. Anthony P. Koval</i>	13/74
<i>Rev. Francis Snock</i>	13/08
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward Graham</i>	15/44
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Louis Kazmirski</i>	15/64
<i>Rev. Albert Gaulrapp, CPPS</i>	16/67
<i>+MOST REV. EMMET M. WALSH</i>	16/68
<i>Rev. Robert P. Barrett</i>	17/03
<i>Rev. James J. Stevenson</i>	18/84
<i>Rev. William H. Hohman</i>	19/88
<i>Rev. Blaine Pierce</i>	19/05
<i>Rev. Thomas J. Downey</i>	20/66
<i>Rev. Thomas I. Bissler</i>	21/91
<i>Rev. James Zanni</i>	21/01
<i>Rev. Francis Beuke, CPPS</i>	22/54
<i>Rev. John T. Humphrey</i>	22/86
<i>Rev. Henry M. Gallagher</i>	23/91
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Glenn W. Holdbrook</i>	23/92
<i>Rev. Msgr. Timothy E. Kenney</i>	23/03
<i>Rev. Joseph J. Tomacsh</i>	24/76
<i>Rev. William E. Gardiner</i>	25/61
<i>Rev. Msgr. Frederick Slaven</i>	25/11
<i>Rev. Kevin Coleman</i>	28/73
<i>Deacon James White</i>	28/14
<i>Rev. Fabian Frecker, OSB</i>	29/64
<i>Rev. Msgr. John Finnigan</i>	29/11