

**ATTN: BULLETIN EDITORS AND INTERCESSION WRITERS**

**ADDITIONAL BULLETIN BRIEFS AND FLYERS**

**Note: Suggested announcements, suitable for bulletins and social media, are also indicated in the full communiqué with red lines at top and bottom.**

*This attachment includes the following graphic files / flyers – see notes below on any text-only version in the Communiqué:*

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Diocese of Youngstown  
Office of the Chancellor

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND**  
**APRIL 15, 2022**

**SUGGESTED BULLETIN/PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard on the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

*For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).*

**PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

Please send to: Diocese of Youngstown c/o Msgr. John Zuraw 144 W. Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503
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**Vocation Bulletin Blurbs**  
**April 2022/Cycle C**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 3, 2022**

“The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” Are you called to bring the joy of Christ to His people? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: [skopp@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:skopp@youngstowndiocese.org).

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 10, 2022**

“He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled.” Prayer and reflection are essential to discerning a vocation. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: [skopp@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:skopp@youngstowndiocese.org).

**Easter Sunday -- April 17, 2022**

“The Lord is truly risen!” Are you being called to proclaim the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: [skopp@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:skopp@youngstowndiocese.org).

**Second Sunday of Easter -- April 24, 2022 - Divine Mercy Sunday**

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Do you have an interest to share the Lord’s saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: [skopp@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:skopp@youngstowndiocese.org).

**Third Sunday of Easter -- May 1, 2022**

“Were not our hearts burning within us?” Do you feel a calling of the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord in the as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: [skopp@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:skopp@youngstowndiocese.org).

**Vocation General Intercessions**  
**April 2022/Cycle C**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 3, 2022**

That priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who, for the sake of Christ, have suffered the loss of all things, will be strengthened in their vocations to bring many souls to the knowledge of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 10, 2022**

For all those being called to share in the passion of Christ as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that they will echo His Eternal Word of mercy in their own faithfulness to the Father’s will, we pray to the Lord.

**Easter Sunday -- April 17, 2022**

That the Risen Lord, made known to us through apostolic witness, will bestow upon us more men and women who will answer the call to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

**Second Sunday of Easter -- April 24, 2022 - Divine Mercy Sunday**

That we may be blessed with priests and consecrated religious to serve as messengers of God's divine mercy, we pray to the Lord.

**Third Sunday of Easter -- May 1, 2022**

For prayerful openness in our young people, that they will see their vocation discernment as a call to love the Lord and respond generously to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

**Stewardship Thoughts for Parish Bulletins**  
**April 2022 | English**

**April 3, 2022**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

*"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)*

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

**April 10, 2022**

**Palm Sunday**

*"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (LUKE 22:34)*

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

**April 17, 2022**

**Easter Sunday**

*"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (ACTS 10:38)*

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

**April 24, 2022**

**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (JOHN 20:21)*

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

**May 1, 2022**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'"*  
(JOHN 21:17)

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all crave love. Tell someone you love them every day.

**Stewardship Thoughts for Parish Bulletins**  
**April 2022 | Spanish**

**3 de abril de 2022**

Que mantengamos a Dios en primer lugar en todo y que no antepongamos otros dioses a Dios.

**10 de abril de 2022**

Que tengamos el coraje de defender nuestra fe Católica cuando se presente la ocasión.

**17 de abril de 2022**

Que permitamos que nuestras vidas reflejen el amor, la misericordia y el perdón de Dios.

**24 de abril de 2022**

Que mostremos misericordia a alguien con quien necesitamos reconciliarnos.

**1 de mayo de 2022**

Que demos el don de nosotros mismos diciéndole "te amo" a alguien todos los días.



March 1, 2022

## **BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENTS**

### **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

*Hard copies of all background checks must be sent directly by BCI&I to:  
Catholic Diocese of Youngstown  
Attn. Office of Safe Environment  
144 West Wood Street  
Youngstown, OH 44503.*

*This needs to be communicated to the person doing the background check.*

### **Priests, Deacons, Religious, Seminarians, Persons in Formation**

#### **Code (BCI or BCI/FBI): 2151 86 – Out of Home Child Care**

*Lived in Ohio for the last 5 years*

- a) BCI background check at start of service; renew every five years

*Lived Outside of Ohio during the last 5 years*

- a) BCI/FBI background check at start of service; renew every five years

### **Parish or Institution Employee**

#### **Code (BCI or BCI/FBI): 2151 86 – Out of Home Child Care**

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- a) BCI background check at start of service; renew every five years

*Lived Outside of Ohio during the last 5 years*

- a) BCI/FBI background check at start of service; renew every five years

### **Volunteer Working with Minors or Vulnerable Adults in a Parish, School, or Institution**

#### **Code (BCI/FBI): 2151 86 – Out of Home Child Care**

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*Lived Outside of Ohio during the last 5 years*

- a) BCI/FBI background check at start of service; renew every five years

March 1, 2022

**Licensed School Teachers, Licensed School Employees\***

**Code (BCI/FBI): 3319 291 – School Employees – Licensure with Ohio Department of Education**

- a) BCI/FBI background check at start of service
- b) Renew FBI background check every five years

**Preschool Teacher, Preschool Employee\***

**Code (BCI/FBI): 3319 291 – School Employees – Licensure with Ohio Department of Education**

- a) BCI/FBI background check at start of service
- b) Renew BCI/FBI background check every five years

**School Employees Paid with Auxiliary or Title Funds (Including those hired via Third Party Contract) Who Need License services from the Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools \***

**Code (BCI/FBI): 3319 291 – School Employees – Licensure with Ohio Department of Education**

- a) BCI/FBI background check at start of service
- b) Renew FBI background check every five years

**\*IMPORTANT:** For those who hold an ODE License, whenever a background check is needed it must be sent electronically to ODE and a hard copy must be sent to the Office of Safe Environment at the Diocesan Offices. This needs to be communicated to the person doing the background check so the proper information can be completed on the form.

**Non-Licensed School Employee**

**Code BCI: 3319 39B1 – School Employees – non teaching position  
Code FBI: 3319 39**

- a) BCI/FBI background check at start of service
- b) Renew BCI/FBI background check every five years

**Note:** In extraordinary circumstances, the Office of Safe Environment reserves the right to alter background check requirements for individuals, unless the requirements are stipulated by the State of Ohio. This includes the right to require background checks from other background check providers besides the Civilian Identification Office.



**Catholic Charities  
Diocese of Youngstown**

**Care for Creation  
Coloring Contest  
Entry Form**

Child's Name / Age:

**Parent's** Name & Signature

(required):

Contact Number:

Email Address (winners will be notified  
be email):

Mailing Address:

**Mail completed form to:**

Catholic Charities  
Coloring Contest  
144 W. Wood St.  
Youngstown, OH 44503

**Deadline for prize drawing:**

**APRIL 30, 2022**

Learn more about our programs  
and services at [www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org).



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Youngstown is partnering with Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) - the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. CCHD has a complementary mission of educating on poverty and its causes, and is celebrating 50 years! CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd) #CCHD50

**O Lord, thank you for the gift of life and for the opportunity to be stewards of your creation. Fill us with the light of your love as we prepare our world for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, beauty, and love. Amen.**

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THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN  
PRISON MINISTRY PRESENTS:

# ***Kolbe Gathering***

Kolbe Gathering is a place for the formerly incarcerated and their families to join with parish-based volunteers in spiritual support and fellowship.

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**THE 1ST & 3RD THURSDAY, MONTHLY  
| 6PM TO 8PM |  
HOLY APOSTLE SS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH,  
421 COVINGTON ST., YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**

Embrace spirituality in prayer, music, scripture reading and fellowship, all in a welcoming and warm environment.

Meetings will be held in the Church Hall.

\*All social protocols, as required by the facility, will be observed.

St. Maximilian Kolbe is Patron Saint of prisoners and drug addicts.  
He was martyred at Auschwitz Concentration Camp.



**For further information contact: William Barber,  
Coordinator for Prison Ministry, 330.235.3920.**



# Lent 2022

## Resources for Discussion and Reflection

Prepared by the Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission of the Northeastern Ohio Lutheran Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America & Catholic Diocese of Youngstown

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### Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 3

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Our final reflection of this year's Lenten journey finds us at the table of Lazarus, where Mary, his sister, acts as host. This is the story of the anointing of Jesus feet with perfume made of pure nard, an act of conscious loving. Judas could only see this act of love in terms of its value in money. Her devotion to Jesus becomes the basis of her service.

*Have our Lenten disciplines helped transform us into faithful disciples who act with conscious loving? Or are we still living under the sway of our smaller selves like Judas whose self-interest is based on security and survival; power or control; or affection, esteem and approval? Do we create road blocks or are we generous and loving?*

*Did our Lenten journey this year make us ready to let go? Do we follow Jesus' path of letting go described in the Palm Sunday text from Philippians 2?*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

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Visit the website of the Northeastern Ohio Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

[www.neos-elca.org](http://www.neos-elca.org)



Northeastern Ohio Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Visit the website for the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown:

[www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org)





APRIL

3

SUNDAY

# ECUMENICAL EVENING *Prayer*

Celebrating the

LUTHERAN CATHOLIC  
COVENANT

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022, 6:00 P.M. AT  
ST. COLUMBA CATHEDRAL, YOUNGSTOWN  
154 WEST WOOD STREET, YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44503

# Marriage Preparation Formation Opportunities – 2022

(as of February 15, 2022)

## Diocese of Youngstown

**Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat, One-Day Retreat for Engaged Couples** – On the following Saturdays, 9:00 to 4:00 p.m., \$80 per couple:

- March 5, St. Columba Cathedral Hall, 144 W. Wood St., Youngstown
- April 9, St. Columba Cathedral Hall, 144 W. Wood St., Youngstown
- April 30, St. Columba Cathedral Hall, 144 W. Wood St., Youngstown
- June 4, Regina Coeli Parish, 663 Fernwood Blvd., Alliance
- August 20, St. Columba Cathedral Hall, 144 W. Wood St., Youngstown
- October 22, St. Columba Cathedral Hall, 144 W. Wood St., Youngstown
- November 19, St. Columba Cathedral Hall, 144 W. Wood St., Youngstown

Brochures or on-line registration may be found on the diocesan website: [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org) (click the “Ministries” tab and click on “Pro-Life, Marriage & Family Life”), or contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 ext. 272.

**Diocese of Cleveland** (<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/marriage-and-family-ministry/marriage/overview>)

**Jesuit Retreat House**, 5629 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134 (Cuyahoga County) offers Pre-Cana days nearly every month on Sundays from 12:45 to 8:00 pm for \$100.00 per couple. Call 440-884-9300 for details.

<https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar/pre-cana>

- February 20, 2022; March 20, 2022; April 3, 2022; May 1, 2022; June 12, 2022;

**Loyola Retreat House**, 700 Killinger Road, Clinton, Ohio 44216 (Summit County), offers Pre-Cana days on Sundays, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm for \$90.00 per couple. Call 330-896-2315 for details.

<https://loyolaretreathouse.com/wp/precana/>

- February 27, 2022; May 22, 2022; June 12, 2022; September 18, 2022

**Diocese of Pittsburgh** (<https://diopitt.org/marriage-preparation>)

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**Diocese of Erie** (<https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/precana.html>) Phone 814-824-1265 or e-mail [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org))

Sunday, April 3rd	9am - 5pm Includes Mass	St. James, Erie	814-899-6178
Sunday, July 10th	8:30am - 6:00pm	St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie	814-824-1210
Sunday, September 18th	8am-5pm Includes Mass	Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek	814-699-5342
Sunday, November 6th	8am-4:30pm Includes Mass	St. George, Erie	814-864-0622

**Engaged Encounter** weekends Held at St. Mark Catholic Center 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16504.  
Start time: 7 p.m. on Friday; Ending time: 1 p.m. on Sunday; \$200 per couple. For more information or to register go to <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>.

- **October 14-16, 2022**

## Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat

- Retreat Day begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes by 4:00 p.m.
- Only \$80 per couple (includes lunch & materials)

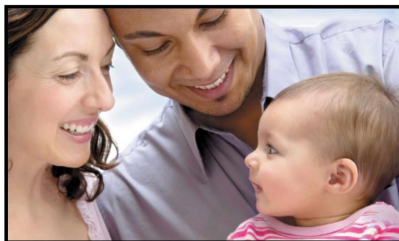


### What people are saying about the Engaged Couple Retreat Day

"I really enjoyed the program. It gave me a better understanding about marriage in the Catholic Church."

"This retreat truly made us think about what is important in our life, and helped to bring us even closer together."

"I found you start realizing more about marriage than just the 'caught up in the moment details.' I didn't focus too much on the details, but more on the relationship."



### Why attend an Engaged Couple Retreat?

The *Engaged Couple Retreat* is a day-long marriage preparation workshop designed to assist engaged couples in preparing for their life-long vocation of marriage. It is a day to study, review, and learn the truth, beauty and joy of God's plan for marriage. There will be time for couples to focus on their relationship with each other, with Christ, and with His Church.

The retreat day consists of a series of short presentations providing basic instruction in the nature of the Sacrament of Marriage - its essential elements, marriage as a Christian vocation, as well as couple discussion and prayer. In addition, couples will receive a clear understanding of Christian sexuality and the role that God desires to play in marriage and family life.



Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family  
144 West Wood Street  
Youngstown, OH 44503  
(330) 744-8451 ext. 272

Mr. David Schmidt, Director

Department of Canonical Services  
141 West Rayen Avenue  
Youngstown, OH 44503

Rev. Martin Celuch, J.C.L.  
Rev. Msgr. Michael Cariglio, J.C.L.

## Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat

Choose the date most convenient for you

*Retreat Day begins at 9:00 a.m.*

Space is limited - Please register early  
See website [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org) for  
on-line registration.

Saturday, March 5, 2022  
at St. Columba Cathedral Hall

Saturday, April 9, 2022  
at St. Columba Cathedral Hall

**JUST CHANGED:**  
Saturday, April 30, 2022  
at St. Columba Cathedral Hall

Saturday, June 4, 2022  
at Regina Coeli Parish, Alliance  
663 Fernwood Blvd.

Saturday, August 20, 2022  
at St. Columba Cathedral Hall

Saturday, October 22, 2022  
at St. Columba Cathedral Hall

Saturday, November 19, 2022  
at St. Columba Cathedral Hall

St. Columba Cathedral Hall  
is at 144 W. Wood Street  
Youngstown, OH 44503  
(Building next door to Cathedral)

The June date is at Regina Coeli,  
663 Fernwood Blvd., Alliance



## Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat 2022

(Updated as of February 15, 2022)



### One-Day Retreat

### Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Registration Form

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Priest/Deacon \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (circle)

Bride Groom

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Retreat Date \_\_\_\_\_

Retreat Location \_\_\_\_\_

To ensure availability, registration should  
be received two weeks prior to the retreat.

Enclose check for \$80 made payable to:  
Diocese of Youngstown

**Mail registration to:**  
Office of Pro-Life, Marriage & Family  
144 West Wood Street  
Youngstown, OH 44503