NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Items added this week are highlighted in Autumn Green

Events & Info from Outside Our Parish—
many which have mor e info on the bulletin board by the parking lot door:

§ ***Follow Bishop Thomas on Facebook*** at Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, on Twitter @BishopDEThomas and on Instagram at BishopDEThomas. The Diocese is on Facebook at Diocese of Toledo, on Twitter @DioceseToledo and Instagram at DioceseToledo.

§ ***NaProTECHNOLOGY(r)*** - it is a woman's restorative health care solution. If your goal is to learn what every woman has the right to know to be a healthier woman, have a healthier marriage, and for a healthier family – contact Theresa Schortgen for an in person or remote option @ 260-494-6444 or @ theresa.a.schortgen@frontier.com mailto:theres .a. schortgen@frontier.com> to begin transforming essential health care goals - one Creighton Model stamp at a time. The Creighton Model System is scientifically tested and Holy Mo ther Church approved! Transforming women's health care one Creighton Mode l stamp at a time.

§ **Are you searching for a method of family planning** that is effective, healthy, "green", free of synthetic hormones and chemicals, and in line with Catholic teaching? Go to www.live-the-love.org to find out more!

§ ***VIDEO BROADCAST OF THE BISHOP'S CORNER RADIO SHOW NOW AVAILABLE!*** Annunciation Radio's longest running program, "The Bishop's Corner," now offers a video broadcast of the show via the Diocese of Toledo YouTube page on your computer, tablet or smartphone. The show airs weekly at 8 p.m. Thursday on Annunciation Radio, and an audio podcast is also available at www.annunciationradio.com. Submit your question for Bishop Daniel Thomas to answer on the show by emailing bishop@annunciationradio.com or visiting www.facebook.com/toledobishopscorner.

§ **Hope after Abortion *"I don't deserve to be happy."*** God wants to restore your happiness. Come back to God who is love and mercy. For hope and healing after an abortion, contact the local confidential Project Rachel Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE or projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Learn more at www.hopeafterabortion.org.

Will you hear God on the Radio?
Check out the Stations in the area:
Redeemer Radio, 89.9FM (Fort Wayne, IN),
Holy Family Radio, 88.9FM (Glandorf/Leipsic),
Annunciation Radio, 89.7FM (Toledo)

§ **The Bishop's Survey ~** The Bishop is asking all young people to take this survey:

https://docs.google.com/a/toledodiocese.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOr1wHKU6qSLmJ1NtVpdcVZcwQ2lpu51qK_MBaJj1omXTl-Q/viewform?c=0&w=1

§ **Yoga Classes on Wednesdays (5:15-6:15pm) at St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH.** A $7.00 donation is requested, if possible, and if the participant does not have a mat and belt, they are provided. Do come and honor yourself for an hour each week or give it a try for a certain period of time to see if this effort benefits you, and you enjoy it.All are welcome, at any level of Yoga experience. No registration or experience required. Drop in anytime or come weekly. For more information call Sr. Paulette Schroeder at **419-447-0435, ext. 136.**

§ ***Defiance Area Society for the Handicapped*** wants you to be aware of their services for Pharmacy, merchandise, gas vouchers. An application must be completed to determine income eligibility. Medical Equipment Loan Closet, wheelchair, shower chair, canes, etc. Loans are free; donations are accepted. Gas vouchers, this program offers vouchers for out of town medical appts only. Pharmacy Vouchers offer financial assistance to the uninsured and under insured. Merchandise Voucher assists people with covering the cost of handheld showerheads, adult briefs, etc. **DASH** is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00-4:00. Phone 419-782-1399.

§ **Support scholarships for Catholic schools with a gift to the *Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund***. In the 2016-2017 school year over 600 need-based scholarships were awarded to students to attend a private school for grades K-8 or for homeschool expenses. Your gift to the NOSF will assist a family by providing an educational choice for their children including Catholic Schools. To learn more about the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund or to make a gift go to http://nosf.org/donate-now or contact the NOSF office at (419) 720-7048.

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§ **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo** joins those praying for those who perished, their families, and untold numbers of people who are injured, homeless, or facing evacuation after the devastation wrought from Hurricane Harvey. Recovery efforts are expected to take months, if not years. Your financial support will help with long-term recovery efforts, including needed pastoral care and support, case management to assist disaster victims navigate the system, and direct assistance to people unable to get insurance coverage or sufficient government support from FEMA. As in past disasters, Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to sister Catholic Charities agencies. Online donations for Hurricane Harvey Recovery efforts can be made at https://www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org/donate. Checks should be made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, with a Hurricane Harvey Recovery notation, and sent to 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604. You can send your check made out to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of GalvestonHouston directly to 2900 Louisiana Street, Houston, TX 77006; or make a gift by phone call 1-713-874-6654.

§ **Mondays, Sept. 18, 25; Oct. 2,9,16 (6:30-7:30pm) "*Learning to Meditate*: A Course for Beginners"** at St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH. Meditation Guide: Sr. Edna Michel, OSF. Finding the Path to Physical, Psychological and Spiritual Well-Being. Suggested Offering $6 per session.

§ **The Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH invites you to attend two special events: Sunday, September 17 *Latino Day*** and **Sunday, September 24 *Family Day*.** Both events offer a special Mass at noon and confessions prior to Mass. Benediction and prayers for healing with the Relic of the True Cross will follow an outdoor rosary procession at 2:30 pm. Look us up at www.olcshrine.com for more information or call 419-396-7107.

§ **September 23 (9:30am -2:30pm) *Living Well with Cancer Program* at Mercy Health - Willard Hospital** Schaffer Room 2. 1100 Neal Zick Road. Willard, OH. Treat your body, mind and spirit to a gentle day away! Come and enjoy collaborative effort of St. Francis Spirituality Center, Mercy Health-Willard Hospital, Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services, and Community Hospice Care. A team of professionals will lead an informative seminar in a relaxed, peaceful setting for cancer patients, their caregivers and loved ones. Lunch is included. **Free will offering. To register: 419-443-1485 or peace@franciscanretreats.org by Sept. 16.**

§ **Pope Francis will launch the "*Share the Journey*" campaign for refugees and migrants on September 27, 2017.** The aim of the campaign is to promote the culture of encounter in communities where migrants and refugees leave and return to, where they travel through and where they choose to make their homes. Please join the Holy Father in prayer and action for migrants and refugees beginning at Masses on **October 7-8 through October 14**. A website with resources for parishes and schools will be launched no later than September 1. Key dates of the "*Share the Journey*" campaign include: - **September 27** – campaign launch - **October 8-14** – as part of Respect Life Month, connect the plight of migrants and refugees with respect for each person's life, particularly within the context of "*Be Not Afraid,"* the 2017-19 Respect Life theme - **December 12** – Our Lady of Guadalupe: prayers, Masses and processions to open our hearts to migrants and refugees - December 18 – International Migrants Day - **January 7-13, 2018 –** National Migration Week: Masses, cultural events interfaith prayers **- February 8, 2018** – St. Josephine Bakhita Day - **Lent 2018 –** CRS Lenten campaign will focus on refugees and migrants with the theme "*Share the Journey"* - **June 20, 2018 –** World Refugee Day.

§ **Catholic Charities Mass Sept. 28 Celebrates the Mercy of God & Memorial Service.** Have you or someone you love experienced a loss due to a stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, early infant death or abortion? Please join us for a Mass Celebrating the Mercy of God and a Memorial Service, at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at St. Rose Parish, 215 E. Front Street, Perrysburg, OH. The Mass will be celebrated by Rev. George Wenzinger. Testimonies from those who have experienced infant loss and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will follow the Mass at 7:30 p.m. Fellowship to follow in Church Cafeteria. All are welcome. For more information, call Clarissa Lapinski at 419-583-6817, or email her at clapinski@toledodiocese.org. This event is sponsored by Project Rachel and the St. Rose Respect Life Committee.

§ **The Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is holding their annual Conference on Saturday, September 30, at St. Joan of Arc Parish, 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo**. As Spiritual Advisor of the TDCCW, I invite you to join us. All women of the diocese are welcomed to attend. The theme is "To Each Person the Manifestation of the Spirit is Given for the Common

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Good " 1Cor 12:7 Renee Marazon, gifted teacher and motivational speaker, will be presenting based on her book "Charisms of the Holy Spirit. Deacon John Nahrgang, Diocese of Phoenix, will also be addressing the group on "Discerning Fatima and Other Church Approved Private Revelations with the Guidance of the Holy Spirit." I am requesting that you post the enclosed conference flyer on your parish bulletin board. Please encourage your women's organization or members of your congregation to attend this year's Conference, regardless whether they have any affiliation with the TDCCW. Please try to attend yourself as your presence does make a difference. You may register with your organization or by using the form below. There is no registration fee for members of the clergy. Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 am, followed by lunch. If you would like to concelebrate, please bring an alb and a stole. I look forward to seeing you at the Conference. Please register by September 20 – 2017 TDCCW Conference Reservation Clergy: _____ I will attend the convention _____ I will concelebrate Non-clergy - $25 Registration Fee – Make checks payable to TDCCW Name

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Parish _____ City

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Amount Enclosed $_____.

OCTOBER 2017

§ **Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, OH invites you to "*Our Journey with Our Blessed Mother.*"** The sixth and final "*Journey*" series will be on **Sunday, October 1st** at the noon Mass with the former Pastor of St. Michael's Parish, Findlay, OH Mgsr. Michael Hohenbrink. Plan to attend our "Journey." Any questions call 419-396-7107 or look us up at olcshrine.com.

§ **Sanctify & Empower Us! *Let Us Proclaim! JUBILEE CELEBRATION*** - Celebrating 50 years of the Holy Spirit's Power in the Church & our lives - continue to lead us! Join inspirational, international speakers Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR and James "Butch" Murphy as they share the richness of spiritual life, joy and gifts from deepening our personal relationship with the Holy Spirit. **OCTOBER 6-7, 2017** at St. Jerome Parish Center Gym, 300 Warner St., Walbridge, OH 43465. For more information, visit **www.mccrholyspirit.org,** call the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal at 419-691-6686 or email mccrholyspirit@gmail.com Early Bird discounts & YOUTH Group Rates.

§ ***Trip of a Lifetime!*** Next October 13 will be the 100th Anniversary of Mary's final appearance at Fatima. You could be part of the celebration! Join Fr Steve Schroeder and Deacon Ron Plenzer for a faith filled week in Fatima. Trip Name: 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima. **Dates: Oct 07-15, 2017.** Cost: $4,200.00. This elite tour includes airfare, 4/5 star accommodations, taxes, tips, fees, tour guide fees, entrance costs, transportation, breakfast, and dinners. Places you'll visit: Lisbon, Fatima, Santarem. This all-inclusive trip is being arranged by Pro Catholic Tours. Please register through their website, www.procatholictours.com or by calling Customer Service at 769-220-2702.

§ **October 18, 2017 ~ *Poems, Prayers and Praise*** ~12:00 - 2:00 pm. Come and explore the link between poetry and prayer, and see how often a poem is really a prayer dressed up in fresh words and metaphors. You'll experience how your religious imagination is, in fact, a poetic gene that you may not have yet acknowledged! With Sr. Pat Schnapp, you'll look at some poems that look innocent, but explode into praise and petition to God. Cost: $15.00 (includes lunch).

NOVEMBER 2017

§ **Catholic Faith Journeys and the Diocese of Toledo are organizing a bus trip to**: Join Bishop Thomas for the ***Venerable Solanus Casey beautification Mass*** at: Ford Field (Detroit) ***November 18 4:00 p.m.*** Ride in the comfort of luxury motor coaches to enjoy a rare spiritual experience of the Mass of the beautification of Fr. Solanus Casey which will take place in Fr Casey's adopted home town of Detroit. Please Register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bus-trip-to-fathersolanus-casey-beatification-tickets-37252612567 ***Must register by August 30, 2017*** Please email questions to: jmalenfant@toledodiocese.org or call Deacon Joe Malenfant at 419-244-6711 x4914 "The beatification of Father Solanus will be a tremendous blessing for the whole community of southeast Michigan and the whole region, an opportunity for all of us to experience the love of Jesus Christ." Archbishop Allen Vigneron of Detroit.

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