

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

MARCH 25, 2018

Items added this week are
highlighted in Green

Events & Info from Outside Our Parish—
many which have more 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:theresa.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 Mother Church approved! Transforming women's health care one Creighton Model 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

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)

Project Rachel Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE or projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Learn more at www.hopeafterabortion.org.

▪ **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.

▪ **Pope Francis' campaign for refugees & migrants.** The aim of the campaign is to promote the culture of encounter in communities where migrants & refugees leave and return to, where they travel through & where they choose to make their homes. Please join the Holy Father in prayer & action for migrants & refugees. **Lent 2018 – CRS** Lenten campaign will focus on refugees and migrants with the theme "*Share the Journey*" - **June 20, 2018 – World Refugee Day.**

▪ **Culture Project Missionaries in the Diocese of Toledo.** The Culture Project is returning to the Diocese of Toledo! Five missionaries from the Culture Project will be staying in the Diocese of Toledo **October, 2017, through May, 2018** and are available to give presentations on human dignity and living the virtue of chastity. They are available to

speak with your high school, junior high school, youth group, or homeschooling group. To learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org. Join the movement and let's help to restore a culture of life! The Culture Project is an initiative of young people set out to restore culture through the experience of virtue. They proclaim the dignity of the human person and the richness of living sexual integrity, inviting our culture to become fully alive. You can learn more about and schedule the Culture Project at www.restoreculture.com.

- **United Way Agency Designations** As you fill out your United Way donation form this fall, please consider donating to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo or the Catholic Club, an educational youth and child care center in downtown Toledo. Donation forms and designation opportunities vary by county and by company. However, all forms have a write-in option where you can designate an organization to be the recipient of your United Way donations. Since both are 501c3 non-profits, you may write in either Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo or the Catholic Club in the space designated on the bottom of the form for the agency name. You may also call Catholic Charities to set up an automatic monthly payment directly with Catholic Charities. Please call Sharon Marshall at 419-214-4909 or email smarshall@toledodiocese.org. Last year, Catholic Charities served more than 100,000 people throughout Northwest and West Central Ohio by providing crisis navigation services, food, shelter, emergency rent assistance, jail and prison ministries, adult advocacy and guardianship services to the elderly, and respect life ministries and support. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!

- **Yoga Classes on Wednesdays (5:15-6:15 pm) and on Thursdays (6:00-7:00pm)** at St. Francis Spirituality Center (Greccio Room), 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 info, call Sr. Paulette Schroeder at 419-447-0435, ext. 136.

- **40 Days for Life Campaign Begins February 14th**. Catholic Charities is hosting the ecumenical 40 Days for Life campaign in Northwest Ohio from **February 14 through March 25**. You can participate in three ways: prayer and fasting,

community outreach and peaceful vigil. We invite you to pray for an hour in front of Capital Care Network, the Toledo abortion clinic, located at 1160 W. Sylvania Avenue. Sign up at: www.40daysforlife.com/toledo. Since the international 40 Days for Life Campaign began in 2007, over 750,000 volunteers in over 40 nations have stood in prayerful witness at abortion clinics to witness to the dignity of human life. Through these prayerful campaigns, over 14,000 lives have been saved, 170 abortion workers have quit their positions, and 90 abortion facilities have shut down! To learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org. Join the movement, and help us end abortion in Northwest Ohio!

- **Wednesdays, February 14 – March 28 (1:00-2:00pm) “A Lenten Retreat with Thomas Merton”** at St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Spirituality Center, Tiffin. Fr. Donald Goergen, O.P., will give a 25 minute CD presentation, Followed by reflective sharing among participants. Quotes of Thomas Merton: "In a world of noise, confusion and conflict, it is necessary that there be places of silence, inner discipline and peace. In such places love can blossom." ; "Compassion is the keen awareness of the interdependence of all things." ; "In silence God ceases to be an object and becomes an experience." ; "We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time." **Free Will Offering. Pre-registration requested: 419-443-1485 or peace@franciscanretreats.org.**

- **SpiritSpace Gallery & Gift Shop**, located inside St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Ave., offers gifts that enhance the spiritual dimension of life. Consider ordering a personalized Blessing Cup from local potter, Sister Jane Omlor for First Communion, Confirmation, weddings, baptisms, RCIA, and anniversaries. **Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 1-4pm, Sat. 10am-4pm.** For more, call 567-207-5393.

- **OLC Retreat House – Celebrating 100 Years. Mission Statement ~ Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation.** “The mission of the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation is to draw people to union with God. Through devotion to Our Lady of Consolation and to provide a ministry of consolation to people in their personal, emotional, and spiritual needs through prayer, preaching, presence, and spiritual renewal.”

MARCH 2018

▪ **DIVORCED & SEPARATED**—So many are hurting from the pain of divorce. Separation was never a part of God's plan. There are many too who don't understand their place in the Church after a divorce. A team has come together to help these people, to bring together a community of people to help one another. It doesn't matter your age, how long you were married, how long since your divorce, if you're married again, or even if you're not Catholic... You are welcome! The team will be going around to a few of the parishes in our area to talk to people after Masses. Then all are invited for a one-day Retreat on Sat., April 21, at St. Michael, Hicksville. Our goal is God's Healing and community. Contact Deacon Rod at 419-542-6473 or rodconkle@live.com for more information. You can go to https://drive.google.com/open?id=1bEY5B-6PN0y-DW3ZGv_KUip6LRPJtFusUp7mJBJGkJI to fill in the form to get registered for the retreat. The cost of the Retreat is a free will donation. Please spread the word to any divorced or separated people you may know. Also, we are recruiting Table Leaders for the Retreat—if you would like to help at the Retreat, please register and indicate so on your registration. This is a Catholic program, **SO ALL ARE WELCOME!** Parish Visits will be: March 10-11 at St. Patrick, Bryan, March 17-18 at St. Augustine, Napoleon AND St. Michael Ridge, Defiance, March 24-25 at Divine Mercy, Paulding, April 7-8 at St. Michael, Hicksville, April 14-15 at St. John, Defiance.

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▪ **N.W.O. Men's Fellowship Breakfast.** Jim Gillis to present at Veterans Tribute Breakfast on March 24th, 2018. This breakfast is our annual tribute to the veterans in our community. We are honored to have Jim Gillis, a veteran of the Korean War, join us as the guest speaker for the breakfast.

Jim was a Corporal in the 1st Division of the US Marine Corp. He was in the campaign of the Chosen Reservoir, where they drove back the North Koreans to the China border and rescued thousands of Korean people to freedom. Jim and several other Marine veterans from the 1st Division were recently invited to return to South Korea where they received special recognition for their valor from the South Korean President Moon Jae-in. In 1976 Jim and his family moved to Defiance where he became a prominent businessman. He spent time volunteering in many community services and was extremely involved in many Ministries at St. John Catholic Church. Jim has been a great servant to our nation and a great servant to our community. We invite all veterans, their families and friends, to come and be recognized for their service. All men, women, and families from all Faiths' are invited to join us to share fellowship as brothers and sisters in Christ. This is an ecumenical effort to bring all Faith's together to share fellowship, listen to insightful sharing, and to enjoy a great breakfast with others in Christ's love. Join us, even if you never have, and meet some new friends in Christ. St. John's Catholic Church, Defiance, Ohio. **Coffee & Donuts 7:30 am – Breakfast & Program 8:00 am.** For more info please call George Westrick 419-784-3975.

APRIL 2018

▪ **Monday, April 2 & Tuesday, April 3 (8:00am-3:00pm) Science Day for Kids 5-10 Years Old at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center,** 194 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. Become scientists for the day. What is a naturalist? What about oceanography? Join us for as many days as you can. We will explore a different branch of science each time. And the only way to explore is to do—experiments, labs, and activities. Come ready to experience the life of a scientist. **Theme:** Oceanography is the study of the ocean. Turn our center into an ocean. I will bring the sand for the beach, you will make the creatures and things that live in the ocean. Learn how important the ocean is to our survival. Please bring your lunch. **Cost \$15.00, scholarships are available.** All programs will be led by Sister Shirley, a science teacher for 28 years and Matt Miller, a biology teacher. **To register: call 419-448-7485 or email sshafranek@felctiffin.org. Please register at least 3 days before the date of the program.**

▪ **Mondays, April 2, 9, 16 & 30: May 7, 14 & 21 (7:00-8:30pm) "Conversations about Faith"** at St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. **"No Hopes Barred"** is an informal gathering

where matters of faith can be freely discussed and explored. Participants bring their topics of interest. Although the faith lens will be primarily Roman Catholic, all faith traditions are welcome. Conversations will be guided by Sister Edna Michel, OSF, M.A. (Theology) and held in the first floor lounge. Free Will Offering. **For more information or to register: Ph. 419-443-1485 or peace@franciscanretreats.org.**

▪ **Saturday, April 7 (9:00am-2:30pm) *Now In My Family*** at St. Francis Spirituality Center (Greccio Room), 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH. A seminar in a retreat setting for parents, grandparents, adult children and significant others who face the reality of drug addiction by their family members. Doors open 8:30 am for continental breakfast, seminar begins at 9:00 am. Lunch is included. Presented by licensed social workers, a chaplain, and a mother of an addicted son. Free Will Offering. **Please register: 419-443-1485 or peace@franciscanretreats.org.**

▪ **Divine Mercy Catholic Parish ~~ invites you to join us for Divine Mercy Sunday!**
April 8, 2018



at our Paulding Church location, 315 North Main Street, Paulding. Confessions 1-3pm, Veneration of St. Faustina Relic 1-2:30pm, Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3pm, Mass following the Chaplet. Guest Homilist – Deacon Scott Perry. Everyone is welcome to join us for a potluck supper following Mass in the basement of the Paulding Church. (elevator available).

▪ **Tuesdays, April 10, 17; May 1, 8, 15 & 22 (10:00-11:00am) A DVD Discussion Series “Karl Rahner: Theologian of Grace”** presented by Fr. Richard Lennan, Dr. Theol., at St. Francis Spirituality Center (Greccio Room), 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH. Encounter one of the most significant voices in Catholic theology in the 20th century as you learn about Rahner’s life, his thought and his works. His theology of grace will help you discover God’s profound presence in history and in our world today. This 12-part series will continue in the fall of 2018. Free Will Offering. Pre-registration requested: 419-443-1485 or peace@franciscanretreats.org.

▪ **Friday, April 13 (7:00pm) “Working for a Nonviolent Tiffin with John Dear”** at Elizabeth Schaefer Auditorium, 190 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. John Dear, priest, author and peace activist will launch “Nonviolent Tiffin” as the 51st Peace City in the United States. Doors will open at 6:30 for visitors to view art projects submitted by students and people in recovery, etc. Refreshments provided. Donations welcome.

▪ **Tickets are now on sale for the “Clean Comedy Show” Fundraiser** at the Ritz Theatre, 30 S. Washington St., Tiffin on **Friday, April 20 at 7:30pm**. Fr. Joshua Wagner returns to Tiffin, from Columbus Ohio, for the Opening Act. Fr. Wagner’s presentation uses humor, scriptural reflection, and theological insight that flows directly from the Roman Catholic tradition. Headliner & Clean Comedienne Leslie Norris Townsend, of Celina, Ohio provides a blend of stand-up comedy, music and audience participation will move your audience from tears to laughter, while motivating, mesmerizing and captivating each one. Leslie has had 30+ television appearances include Comedy Central, A&E’s “An Evening at the Improv” and sketches seen on “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.” She was even a Grand Finalist on “Star Search”. **Tickets: \$25 each. Order tickets by calling The Ritz Theatre at 419-448-8544 or online at ritztheatre.org. Proceeds benefit St. Francis Spirituality Center.**

MAY 2018

▪ **May 17, 2018- Landscapes & Soulscapes, an Adventure into the Divine: A Guided Retreat (Camino Divina)** Led by Gina Mamano, Author of Camino Divina - Walking the Divine Way. Through the practice of “camino divina- walking the divine way”, inner and outer landscapes will be explored through intuitive observation and imagination, journaling, conversation, finger labyrinths and walking meditation, accompanied by the words of poets and sages to walk alongside you. Retreat begins on **Thursday, May 17 at 6:00 P.M.** with book signing and presentation, and ends after lunch at Noon on **Sunday, May 20**. Cost: \$285.40 (Standard Room). \$300.85 (Select Room) *Select Room availability is limited and will be assigned based on order of registration. Registration closes **April 20, 2018**

▪ **Sunday, May 20 – Saturday, May 26 “Assisi Within: A Franciscan Pilgrimage” Weeklong Retreat** at St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH. A retreat experience! Become a pilgrim vicariously to one of

earth's most peaceful cities. Visit places dear to the hearts of Francis and Clare. Participate in meaningful rituals. Share insights and reflections. Pilgrimage Leaders: Sr. Roberta Maria Doneth, OSF and Sr. Patricia Ann Froning, OSF. **Cost: \$480; Commuter: \$340. Deadline to register: May 13th, call 419-443-1485 or email peace@franciscanretreats.org. For more info visit: www.franciscanretreats.org.**

▪ **May 22, 2018 - Lunch & Learn: Squeezing All the Juice Out of the Gospels.** Presented by Sr. Pat Schnapp, RSM. Often we read a gospel and put all our attention on what seems its major theme. But almost always there are other ways of looking at that same passage which can enrich us as well, and be a powerful aid in our spirituality. Begins with lunch at Noon. Cost: \$15.00 per person.

JUNE 2018

▪ **June 01, 2018 - Exploring the Mysteries, A SoulCollage® Weekend Retreat.** Begins at 6:00pm & concludes June 3, 2018 at 1:00pm. Join us in a weekend of creating doorways and mirrors of life through the use of your imagination, intuition, and thousands of amazing images. We will explore praying in new ways using this delightful and fun process. This weekend retreat will focus on the mysteries of life: the self, relationships, the spiritual world and the natural world. All supplies, except scissors, will be provided. Led by Dr. Jane Steinhauser, a certified spiritual director and SoulCollage® facilitator. Cost: \$218.60 Standard Room. \$150.00 Commuter. Registration Deadline: **Friday, May 21, 2018.**

JULY 2018

▪ **July 07, 2018 - The Annual Directed Retreat.** Retreat starts at 7:00 pm on Saturday, July 7 and ends at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 14. Come into God's presence and enter the silence of your own heart as you pray, listen and reflect on how God is in your life. The personally directed retreat is designed to meet the spiritual and personal needs of each individual retreatant. Meeting daily with a spiritual director will help you listen well and be attentive to your own relationship with God. ***This is a silent retreat.** Cost: Standard Room - \$535.50/Commuter - \$350.00. Directors for the retreat are: Deb Brenneman, Bobbie Doneth, OSF, Breta Gorman, RSM, Stephanie Helfrich, OSU, John Lehner, OSFS Wanda Smith, RSM & Dede Swinehart.