

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

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[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 Project Rachel Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE or

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)

projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Learn more at www.hopeafterabortion.org.

▪ **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.

▪ **Yoga Classes on Wednesdays (5:15-6:15 pm)** 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.**

▪ **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."

▪ **Scholarships for Catholic Freshmen at the University of Toledo. Corpus Christi University**

Parish will again be offering \$5,000 Christian Leadership Program Scholarships to twelve incoming Catholic freshmen at the University of Toledo. These students will also receive spiritual formation, opportunities for community service, and leadership training. The 2018-2019 scholarship application is available online at www.ccup.org/clp. Please contact Becky Fournier in the parish office for additional information: bfournier@ccup.org or 419.531.4992.

▪ **The 8th Annual Project Respect Golf Outing** is quickly approaching! The outing will be held on **Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.** at Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance, Ohio. Teams and individuals can register online at projectrespectnwo.org or by calling (419) 636-2000. Business sponsorship opportunities are also available. Thanks for partnering with Project Respect to support positive youth development in our community! Project Respect is an educational program of CPC Women's Health Resource.

▪ **Life of the Beloved** ~ Please join us in hearing David Jimenez speak August 28th at 7 pm after 6:30pm Mass at St John's, Defiance. David was born in Auburn, California and will share how he came to Defiance. He will share about the book "**Life of the Beloved**" being chosen to follow Christ We can be broken and God puts us back together.

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▪ **Tuesdays, Sept. 4 & 18, Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 30 (10:00-11:00am) A DVD Discussion Series: "Karl Rahner: Theologian of Grace – Part II"** 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 began in the spring of 2018. Free Will Offering. Pre-registration requested. To register, **419-443-1485** or peace@franciscanretreats.org.

▪ **A Mother's Hope in Fort Wayne**, which is a home for pregnant women with nowhere to go, is hosting a men's night. This is the second annual all men's event, called *Holy Smokes*. It's at the Tippmann Pavilion on **September 6th, 2018**, with guest speaker Joe Reitz. Men who are interested can register at www.amothershopefw.org.

▪ **Saturday, September 8 (9:00am-12:00pm) An Oasis Day Mini Retreat "The Power of Forgiveness"** at St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200

St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH. Sister Betty Leon, IHM, MSW. Give yourself and Oasis Day...a time to refresh, regroup, reprioritize. Presenter: Sister Betty Leon, IHM, MSW. Cost: \$12, retreat only, \$22 for retreat and main meal at noon. Noon meal is optional. Register online at www.franciscanretreats.org, or email peace@franciscanretreats.org or call Jenifer at **419.443.1485**.

▪ **The Franciscans Friars at Our Lady of Consolation Shrine**, Carey, OH invite you to attend Mass on **September 8 at 5:30 pm and/or September 9, 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon** Fr. Jim Sichko will be the celebrant. Fr. Jim will be sharing his reflections on "*Consolation*." Join us also at 2:30 pm for Devotions and outdoor rosary procession. **All are welcome!**

▪ **Sunday, Sept. 9, Oct. 14 & Nov. 11 (2:00-4:00pm) Straw Bale House Tour** behind the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center located at 194 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. Tours are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Little Portion Green. You can also enjoy a home cooked brunch using local foods at Little Portion Green for a free will donation on Saturday and Sunday mornings. **Reservations for brunch and a tour at the Straw Bale House are available by calling Sr. Jane at 567.207.5393.**

▪ **Mass of Deliverance and Reparation**, Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018, 7pm; Oct 11, Nov 8 and Dec 13, at St Jerome Church, 300 Warner St Walbridge, OH. Praise & Worship, Holy Mass, and Teaching from Fr Tom Oedy. After the service, and opportunity, for Fr Tom to anoint individual, Prayer Teams for personal prayer.

▪ **Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Course hosted by Seneca County Park District (SCPD) & Franciscan Earth Literacy Center (FELC) in collaboration with The Ohio State University.**

Program benefits: learn about the biology, ecology and natural history of Ohio from many of the state's leading experts, become part of a local and statewide network of dedicated volunteers, apply your talents and passion to protecting, restoring and understanding Ohio's natural treasures. Certification Requirements: to become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, you must: complete 40 hours of instruction, perform 40 hours of approved volunteer service within the first year, after certification, 20 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training are required annually. Course locations will vary from week to week within Seneca County. **Classes will be 6-9pm on Tuesdays and 8:30-3:30 on Saturdays (Sept. 11, 18, 25, 29; Oct 2, 9, 16, 20, 23; Nov. 3).** For information on the course visit www.felctiffin.org or to receive an application,

contact Sister Shirley Shafranek or Matt Miller at FELC at **419.448.7485**. Spaces in the 2018 course will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Course size is **limited to 25 participants**. You must be a least 18 years old to apply. Cost of registration is **\$200.00**.

- **The CPC needs volunteers to make baked goods** (pies are great sellers) for a bake sale at their **'Steps for Life' Walkathon**. Please bake your goodies and bring them to the Walk at MacDonald-Ruff Ice Arena on Townline Road in Bryan on **Sept 15th**. (Please have them at the park by 9:00am.)

- **Saturday, September 15. A young adult Franciscan retreat** will be happening at Divine Mercy - Paulding. For more information, contact Christopher Bercaw - OFS at chriskofc@gmail.com Also, watch this bulletin for more information coming soon!!!!

- **32nd CPC Steps for Life Walkathon, Color Run & Family Fun Day!** Walkathon and 5K and 1 Mile Color Run: **8:00am – 11:00am Sat., Sept 15, 2018**. MacDonald-Ruff Ice Arena – Bryan, OH. Sign up at events.cpcnwo.org. To receive a walkathon packet, call 419-636-5692. Please join us as we take *Steps for Life!*

- **Prayer Vigil for Life—September 15** ~ On **Saturday, September 15, at 11 a.m.**, join Rev. Tim Ferris, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Genoa, OH, and the pro-life community of Northwest Ohio for a prayer vigil at Toledo's last remaining abortion facility. The hour-long prayer vigil will be at Capital Care Network, 1160 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH. Join us as we pray and seek God's grace that one of the 15 children scheduled to be aborted that week might be spared and given the gift of life! For more information, email Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice at prange@toledodiocese.org or call 419-214-4933.

- **Thursday, September 20 (6:30-9:00pm)** **"Awesome DIY Personal Care Products Using Essential Oils" Make-It, Take-It Workshop for Adults** at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, 194 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. You will learn how to make awesome do-it-yourself personal care products using essential oils. These products are natural and can influence your senses with a feeling of peace, relaxation, and satisfaction. Recipes will include shampoo, lotions, moisturizers, bug spray and cleaning products. These recipes are for adults, children, pets and your home. Make-It, Take-It and hands-on are part of this workshop. Our presenter is Nancy Brose of McCutchenville, Ohio. She has been making and using these products for many years. Sign Up Now Space is limited so sign up now. Fill

out the form below and send a \$15 check made out to "The Franciscan Earth Literacy Center" to the above address. Call 419-448-7485 with any questions.

- **Mass Celebrating the Mercy of God & Memorial Service with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas.** 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 20, 2018** at St. Rose Parish, 215 E. Front Street, Perrysburg, OH. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas and concelebrated by Rev. George Wenzinger and Rev. David Kidd. 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 Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo's Project Rachel and the St. Rose Respect Life Committee.

- **40 Days for Life Campaign Begins - Wed. September 26** ~ Catholic Charities is hosting the ecumenical 40 Days for Life campaign in Northwest Ohio from **Wednesday, September 26 – Sunday, November 4**. 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, 177 abortion workers have quit their positions, and 96 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!

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- **Empowered for Discipleship, 2018 Holy Toledo Conference on Fri/Sat Oct 5-6TH**.

- **Mondays, Oct. 1, 8, 15 & 29: Nov. 5 (6:30-7:30pm)** **"Learning to Meditate: A Five Week 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.

Introduction to various meditation styles and methods. All faith traditions are welcome, although approach is predominantly Christian. Suggested Offering: \$6 per session. For more info: **419-443-1485** or peace@franciscanretreats.org or online at www.franciscanretreats.org

▪ **Bishop Daniel E. Thomas Celebrates Oct. 6TH Mass for the Dignity of Life.** October is designated as "Respect Life Month." Join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for a Mass to Celebrate the Dignity of Life at **9 a.m., Saturday, October 6**, at St. Catherine's Parish, 4555 N. Haven Ave., Toledo, OH. The Mass will be followed by a Eucharistic Procession to Capital Care, Toledo's last remaining abortion facility. For more information, or for your group to be recognized in attendance, please contact Director of the Office for Life and Justice, Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org or at 419-214-4933. Join us for this powerful time of prayer and peaceful witness for life!

▪ **Join us for the Red Mass** to pray for all members of the Legal Community, judges, Lawyers, law school professors, law students and government officials. Celebrant and Homilist, Archbishops Timothy P. Broglio, at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo OH, on **October 6, at 5pm.**

▪ **Monday, Oct. 8 (9:30am) – Thurs.. Oct. 11 (11:00am) PRAYING WITH JESUS: THE LORD'S PRAYER (A 3 ½ day retreat to grow in the way you pray)** at St. Francis Home Chapel, 182 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. Conferences at 10:15 AM & 3:00 PM, Monday – Wednesday. Mass will be offered daily at 9:30 AM. Retreat Leader: Rev. John Blaser of the Diocese of Toledo. Cost: Free will offering for St. Francis Community residents, \$75 – Commuters (no meals or lodging), \$240 – Retreat with meals and lodging at St. Francis Spirituality Center. **To register: 419-443-1485 or peace@franciscanretreats.org or online at www.franciscanretreats.org.**

▪ **Pilgrimage to Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama and EWTN** in Irondale, Alabama on **October 8--11, 2018.** Bus leaving from Monroeville & Findlay, Ohio. \$495 each for double occupancy and \$620 for single occupancy. Call Sts. Alphonsus & Joseph Church Parish Office 419-465-4142 for registration form, or visit stalphonsus-stjoseph.org First 40 registrants will receive tickets to EWTN LIVE show with Fr. Mitch Pacwa.

▪ **Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, October 28, 2018, 3PM.** If you are

celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2018, 25,40,50,60 or 60+ years - Plan to join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples with in Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following Mass. To register go to www.toledoanniversarymass.org or contact your parish office, by Oct 8. Questions? contact Marsh Rivas at mrivas@toledodiocese.org or 419-214-4978.