

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Recognizing that “with God, all things are possible,” Christians all over the U.S. are joining from September 28-November 6 to respect life and end abortion through prayer & fasting, peaceful vigils, & community outreach. More info at church doors clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or www.40daysforlife.com.

THANKS FROM OUR YOUTH

Many thanks to all who supported the Near West Parishes High School Youth Group Bowling Party that raised several hundred dollars for our teen pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) and other mission trip options! Special thanks to Fr. Mark DiNardo, who won the 50/50 Raffle — and then promptly donated his winnings back to the program!

MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS

Many blessings on Ron & Rachel Magliola and Yaw & Christi Nyame, who were recently married here; also, on Mary Ellen & Mark Kindt who, on their 30th wedding anniversary, celebrated convalidation of their marriage in the Church.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Join us Wednesday, October 5, at 7pm for *Praying with Teresa of Avila* for prayer & reflection based on *Praying with Teresa of Avila* by Rosemary Broughton; materials provided. If you have been looking for help to take your prayer home, please join us. You need not be present for every session to benefit. “For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.” (Teresa of Ávila)

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF CLEVELAND

Rick Krivanka, Executive Director of Jesuit Retreat House, will speak on *Living Our Faith in the Workplace with Others* on Thursday, October 6, 11:30AM at Cleveland City Club, 850 Euclid Ave., 2nd floor. Discount parking: Euclid-Prospect Gateway Garage; \$3 with First Friday Club stamp. Lunch is \$25; reservations: Cheryl Zelenka email: firstfridayofcleveland@smail.com or 440-390-0172.

FAITH DIRECT

Fall into eGiving through *Faith Direct*, the most convenient & secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Malachi. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for you & our staff. Visit www.faithdirect.net; use our church code: OH337. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

PARISH COUNCIL GUIDELINES Q & A

Q. *What is “fully initiated” Catholic, and why is it in the proposed Guidelines for being eligible to serve on Parish Council?*

A. A fully initiated Catholic has received the sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. According to U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: “Anointed by the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, Christians strengthen their bond with the Church and become better equipped to carry out the Church’s mission of love and service.” This is in line with the leadership roles of council members: “The Council collaborates with the Pastor in guiding the life and pastoral ministry of St. Malachi Parish.” (proposed *Guidelines*, page 1, section II, “Purpose and Function of the Council”)

As for the rationale for this requirement, one can think of this in relation to other organizations. For instance, top executives would be expected to be fully initiated into a company, as would members of the Board of Trustees or Governors. Similarly, although a family may consult with outside experts (legal, medical, financial, social services), the members of the family discuss and resolve family issues; rarely would a non-family member be allowed to determine a family’s course of action.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Christian families are willing to help others. The gospel today tells us not to gloat or feel pride in this. Rather, “we have done what we ought to have done.” The blessings we enjoy are meant to be shared with others. Be a blessing to others.

CHRIST ALIVE IN OUR MARRIAGE: A RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES IN THEIR 20’S AND 30’S
How is Christ alive in one another? In our journey as a couple? How do we make Christ alive in our world? Charis Ministries, the Jesuit Retreat House, and the Sisters of Notre Dame present this retreat for couples in their first five years of marriage. Take this opportunity to step back from your busy lives and reflect on the vocation of marriage and how you are being invited to live out your faith. Spend the day hearing inspiring talks by other young couples, talking with your spouse and other couples, praying and reflecting as a couple, and ending with Sunday Mass. Cost includes lunch and hand-outs. Next Sunday, October 9, 2016 9AM- 6PM at Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Rd. Parma. Cost is \$70 per couple.