

Saint Ann Social Concerns Calendar December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 -Enkindling Peace 1:15PM-2:45PM (Contact 216-321-4502)	3 -Pro-Life Committee @ 7PM (Holy Family Room)	4	5 -Legion of Mary -leads saying of Rosary 3:30 pm (Chapel)
6 -RCIA – Rite of Acceptance 9:30 am Mass	7 -Vigil Mass 5:30 pm	8 -9:00 am Feast of Immaculate Conception 7:30 pm	9	10	11	12 -Angels in the Heights Celebration 8:00 pm
13 -BP Screening after Mass (Joachim Room)	14	15	16	17 Enkindling Peace 1:15PM-2:45PM (Contact 216-321-4502)	18	19 -Ozanam Center @ St. Philomena (10am-1pm) -Breakfast with Santa 10am-noon -PTO Holiday Bake Sale 5 pm
20 -PTO Holiday Bake Sale after Mass (Walsh Hall) -Coffee & Donuts	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 5:30 pm Midnight Mass	25 Christmas 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass	26 HEFC Collection (Joachim Room)
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The Rainbow Peace Ministry

Hearts united in a power of prayer for the well-being of all people in the City of East Cleveland. Participation is usually individual and encouraged to be daily or regular according to one's choice of prayer, time, and place. Special cards and brochures are available in the Joachim Room. Enkindling Peace— Expands the RPM prayer for peace to include East Cleveland, our cities, our nation and our world. It is a living room gathering designed to join hearts in prayer and offer a stimulating inspirational presentation and sharing time. All held in a comfortable atmosphere.

The meetings take place twice a month, the first Wednesday and the third Thursday from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. at the home of The Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine in Cleveland Heights. It is not necessary to attend every session. For further information contact Sr. Marietta Rohr at 216-321-4502. Also check this calendar.

Father Michael Wittman Ozanam Center at Saint Philomena Parish

The Clothing Bank at the Ozanam Center at Saint Philomena's is now collecting fall and winter clothing. The seasonal transition has begun with the changeover from warm weather to winter attire. Your donation of fall and winter clothing can be taken to the Saint Philomena rectory any Saturday between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm, or brought to the Joachim Room at Saint Ann Church during the week. Our parish next volunteer opportunity @ St. Philomena is Saturday, December 19th from 9:45am to 12:30pm

We ask that you do not include spring and summer clothing, as we are unable to store off season clothing. Thank you for your continuing generous participation.

Please call the rectory or check the bulletin to learn how you can participate in this year's Advent Opportunities for giving. Rectory 216-321-0024

 **Please continue to look at the bulletin for details and updates on events** 



Saint Ann Social Concerns Ministries



Africa/ Third World Initiative This ministry was formed in July of 2007. It was created to raise awareness of the injustices happening around the world. The Africa/Third World Initiative holds regular meetings and is always open to new members who have a passion for peace and justice and want to make a difference beyond our borders. If you want more information about this dynamic group, Please call the **Christina Larsen 216-691-3143** or clars2@sbcglobal.net

Bereavement Ministry Through love and prayer this special ministry honors and remembers those parishioners who have died and their loved ones who remain. It is the love given by the Saint Ann Community that can help support them through their grief. A few ways that you can contribute to this ministry includes the following: **Participate in the Feast of All Souls Day Mass, Help with funerals being a Greeter, Lay Minister, or Lector or Send Holiday and Anniversary mailings to families to let them know we care.** If you would like to be more involved, please contact **Jane Crawford 216-321-8858** or jane031500@sbcglobal.net

Caring Connection About six years ago, fifty parishioners agreed to include their names on an email list that would become a source for emergency volunteer and prayer requests. Since that time many services have been performed and many prayers offered for those in need. It doesn't happen every day, but you never know when a request will come through the rectory. Some examples of request are: **Providing a meal for someone who is ill, Driving someone to doctors appointment or hospital treatment, Spending a few hours with a sick or elderly person to allow their caregiver some precious hours of relaxation and rest or Praying for someone in need.** If you would like your name placed on this email list or have a request, please call the **Tricia Brunton 216-798-5777** or tbrunton24@yahoo.com or tricia_a_brunton@progressive.com

Father Michael Wittman Ozanam Center at Saint Philomena Parish This food and clothing distribution center serves the people of East Cleveland and the surrounding areas. It is open every **Saturday from 10:00AM until 1:00PM** when people can come to pick up groceries and choose items from a large assortment of donated men's, women's and children's clothing. The Center is staffed by parishioners from twenty parishes in the Cleveland Diocese and Saint Ann has been proud to participate since its inception. We are encouraging **individuals or families, 10 years old and older**, who would like to offer time to the center, even if it is for one time only. List below are some ways to contribute: **Manage the desk, Distribute food and clothing and Stock and move food and clothing supplies. We are also looking for drivers with a truck that can help transport food (day to be determined).** If you are unable to donate your time, some other ways you can contribute is by donating **plastic and paper grocery bags, black garbage bags and money** is always welcome. You can drop it off before and after Mass in the Joachim Room. For more information and history on this wonderful ministry or to volunteer and have your name put on the reminder list please call **Annette Cappaert 216-321-3530.**

Heights Emergency Food Center The **last weekend of each month, December 26th and 27th,** is the time we ask our parishioners to bring **non-perishable food** items to Saint Ann Church for the benefit of the Heights Emergency Food Center located in Disciples Christian Church on Mayfield Road in Cleveland Heights, across from Severance Mall. The HEFC presently serves residents of Cleveland Heights, University Heights, South Euclid and Lyndhurst. The center is staffed by volunteers from area churches and donations help those in need right here in our own community. **Bring your donations to the Joachim Room before/after any Mass.** If you have further questions or are interested in volunteering, call: **216-381-0707.** If you are interested in transporting the donated food from Saint Ann's parish to HEFC one day a month, please contact **Meg Furlich at 216-321-4012** or mdf4040@aol.com.

Prison Ministry Through the years we have tried to sustain awareness of the incarcerated in Cuyahoga County. Thanks to the efforts of parishioners Linda Catanzaro, our parishioners were given two opportunities to hear about the ministry being done and the needs to help it continue. This is an often neglected ministry and awareness needs to be continually raised. A collection container is in the Joachim Room ready to accept you donations. Items collected are: **Stationary, Envelopes (business size and large brown envelopes for mailing legal documents), Blank Cards, Postage stamps, Prayer cards, Prayer /Spiritual/Religious books (paperback only, please), Religious Items (medals, holy cards, etc.), and Monetary donations often used to purchase Bibles.** If you are questioning whether you donation is appropriate please contact Patti. In the meantime, we hope to grow this ministry as a response to Christ's Mandate to "visit the imprisoned". Suggestions can be directed to **Patti DeRosa at 216-932-**

Pro-Life Committee This recently formed group works to educate the parish and school regarding Church doctrine on abortion, euthanasia, and directly related matters of medical ethics to motivate individuals and families to build a culture of life. **Our meetings are usually the 1st Thursday at 7PM and in the Holy Family Room.** All are welcome. **For further information, please call the Pro-life Committee Chair Julie Pecoraro at 216-321-9596**

The Rainbow Peace Ministry This ministry was established by Sr. Marietta Rohr. She has a well known history for her contributions at Christ the King Church in East Cleveland. Sr. Marietta recognizes the frustrations, the challenges and the outcry of our East Cleveland neighbors. The ministry funded by The Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine focuses on the well-being of all the people in East Cleveland. It is based on the desire and commitment to live non-violently and work through prayer for the peace of Jesus. The only membership requirement is **commitment to pray daily or regularly** for East Cleveland to support the wholesome movement toward a peace filled city that upholds the dignity and well-being of its entire people. The choice of what or how one prays is personal preference. However, opportunities will be offered periodically for members to gather for prayer or receive ongoing support in this prayer ministry. For more information, hopes, desires or questions, **please pick up a pamphlet in the Joachim Room** or call **Sr. Marietta Rohr, CSA at 216-321-4502.**

The Special Fund In the early 70s, Saint Ann began including an envelope in the monthly contribution packet utilized by registered parishioners, marked "For the Needs of the Poor". From this source, thousands of dollars are disbursed each year, some to immediate hunger and emergency needs: Heights Emergency Food Center, The Father Michael Ozanam Center, St. Philip Neri, Bishop Cosgrove Center, St. Catherine's, St. Aloysius and many others. A larger share has gone each year to organizations working to effect long term changes in poverty situations: Habitat for Humanity, Famicos, Family Transitional Housing, East Side Catholic Center and Shelters, Joseph's Home and New Life Community are some of these. Esperanza Threads teaches women to sew professionally and WREN (Women's Re-entry Network) works with women newly released from jail. Affordable housing, GED programs, clothing and counseling are among the kinds of help the "Special Fund" provides. If you would like more information you can call **Helen Doherty 216-371-5152**

Wellness Ministry Over the last seven years, the Saint Ann Wellness Ministry has been a very visible weekend presence. Providing healthcare information and monthly blood pressure screenings have been their primary tasks. However, there is so much more this group could accomplish. Our community is blessed with an abundance of healthcare professional whose expertise could be a great service to our parish as well as our cluster. If you are a healthcare professional and have not yet volunteered for this truly life giving ministry, please consider joining us with the following: **Taking blood pressures during our monthly screenings, December 13th.** If you like to **give your time or would like to present a short program on a particular health issue or have other ideas on how we can serve our parishioners,** please call **Mary Ann Winchester at 216-371-0282.**



If you have any questions or would like to start a new ministry, please call the Rectory 216-321-0024

