

Saint Ann Social Concerns Calendar November 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 -Martyrs Commemoration (Beaumont School) | 2 -All Souls Day Remembrance 7:30pm Mass followed by reception | 3 | 4 -Enkindling Peace 1:15pm-2:45pm | 5 -Pro-life Committee Meeting 7pm (Holy Family Room) -Spirit of Strength Grief Support Group @7pm (Rectory Lower Level) | 6 | 7 -Fr. Michael Wittman Ozanam Center 10am-1pm (Saint Philomena) -BP Screening after Mass (Joachim Room) -Legion of Mary leads saying the Rosary 3:30pm (Chapel) |
| 8 -BP Screening after Mass (Joachim Room) | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 -Spirit of Strength Grief Support Group @7pm (Rectory Lower Level) | 13 | 14 |
| 15 -Wellness Speaker Series- <u>Dr. Art McCullough</u> "Colon Cancer" @ 10:30am (Walsh Hall) | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 -Enkindling Peace 1:15pm-2:45pm -Spirit of Strength Grief Support Group @7pm (Rectory Lower Level) | 20 -2 nd St. Ann School Fair Trade Assembly | 21 -Fair Trade: Women of the Cloud Forest jewelry and bags being sold after Mass |
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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.

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.

Women of the Cloud Forest

Fair Trade is an important issue of justice that is overlooked or misunderstood by many. This year we are making a concerted effort to learn what Fair Trade means and how we can make our world a better place. Our speaker for **November** is **Michael Sobkowiak** co-founder of **Women of the Cloud Forest** in Costa Rica. He will be talk about how buying Fair Trade will help provide opportunities to the women of rural Costa Rica and their families when he comes to Saint Ann School on Friday, November 20th. *We welcome him as he will speak to all the students in three grade level assemblies in Walsh Hall. On **Saturday, November 21st** and **Sunday, November 22nd**, after all of the Masses, someone will be selling hand **embroidered bags and jewelry** decorated with the variety of beautiful seeds found wild in the rainforest. There will also be students for SAS who will be available with information on our special justice project for this year.*

Wellness Ministry's Speaker Series

Upcoming guest for the Wellness Ministry Speakers Series
November 15th Art McCullough "Colon Cancer"
December 13th Meg Winchester "AIDS"
 If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact **Mary Ann Winchester 216-371-0282**.

Prison Ministry

Your donations of **Christmas cards and postage** for our Prison Ministry are welcome and much needed. Please place your donations in Prison Ministry collection box in the **Joachim room by Dec. 1**. Thank you.

IT'S AN EMERGENCY!

The **Heights Emergency Food Center** is in need of the following baby items: **FORMULA, BABY FOOD, and DIAPERS** So, **Saturday and Sunday, November 1st**, we are going to have a special collection for the Center for these items. Bring formula, baby food and diapers to the **Joachim Room** and help restock the shelves!

Holiday Angels

This will be the **seventh year** that Saint Ann parishioners will be participating in **Holiday Angels Program**.. It is an initiative of the **Heights** Interfaith Council. We begin to distribute children's names after **Thanksgiving Mass** and **after the Masses** the **wendend of November 28th and 29th**. For more details please call the rectory. 216-321-0024.

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

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. Saint Ann volunteers are scheduled to serve this **Saturday, November 6th at our new location, Saint Philomena Parish. We ask volunteers to arrive at 9:30 AM for an orientation to the new site.** 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, **November 28th and 29th,** 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 216-932-8188.**

Pro-Life Committee This ministry has been recently formed at Saint Ann. Our initial goal is to educate the parish and school on Church Doctrine on abortion, euthanasia, and directly related issues so as to move people to act accordingly. **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 base 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.**

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, November 7th and 8th.** 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.**