



Next Weekend 2nd Collection
for
**REFUGEES/MIGRANTS
IN EUROPE**

When you watch the news about what is going on in Syria and hear about the plight of those who are fleeing for their lives, do you catch names and places that you have read from the bible or heard from the gospels? Did you know Jesus spoke the Sermon on the Mount – The Beatitudes, in Syria. Mt. Hermon in Syria; parts of ancient Israel is in what is now Syria. We know about the conversion of St. Paul on the road to Damascus and that from Antioch, the early Christians traveled to spread the Gospel. It is the the Syriac Church that has retained the record of the Gospel in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke. These are the people who are fleeing in rafts and rickety boats where families have drowned even before they reach the shore. On the ground they are often not welcomed and harassed as they walk the fields and roads toward places where they feel they can be safe and seek refuge in Europe. They are undergoing unimaginable suffering, hungry, and exhausted. Most of them are children and youth. Pope Francis has instructed parishes along their way, and churches in their destinations to help them. The Catholic Relief Services are on the ground providing assistance where they find them regardless of whether they are Christian or Muslim. One of these refugees/migrants primary concern is the discontinuation of their children's education. The Catholic Relief Services have established schools where they teach the children to continue their education currently in settlements in Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon. We can assign where the fund we collect may be applied. On this Feast of the Holy Family, please be reminded that Jesus, Mary and Joseph were once refugees in Egypt and that we are a country of immigrants. We ask that you search your hearts deeply and be generous with our second collection for the refugees/migrants in Europe. Please see the C. R. S. prayer for the refugees/migrants in Europe. Feel free to take a copy home with you.



The next **LIFT** (Ladies In Fellowship Together) meeting will be held **this Tuesday, January 5th at 7:00 pm**. We will be discussing the movie, "God's Not Dead", which we viewed at the December meeting. Even if you have not seen the movie, please join us for some thoughtful discussion and fellowship. All women parishioners, ages 18 and older, are invited.

MONTHLY PRAYER

All are invited to gather in the Education Building at Sacred Heart Parish **this Wednesday evening, January 6th** at 7:30 pm for an inspiring evening of song, praise, teaching, sharing, and, of course, prayer. All are welcome!

- 4, Monday**
11:00 am Bible Study – Education Building
7:15 pm Bible Study - Education Building
- 5, Tuesday**
7:00 pm LIFT Ladies In Fellowship Together
- 6, Wednesday**
7:30 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting - Church
- 7, Thursday**
7:30pm Peace & Justice Committee Meeting
- 9, Saturday**
10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry – Edu. Bldg.
After Mass – Coffee Hour/Fair Trade Sales
- 10, Sunday**
8:45 am "Grounds" For Faith Sharing-Edu.Bldg.
8:45 am PSR
After Mass – Coffee Hour/Fair Trade Sales
- 11, Monday**
11:00 am Bible Study – Education Building
7:15 pm Bible Study - Education Building
- 12, Tuesday**
6:00 -8:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration with
Benediction at 7:45 pm
- 17, Sunday**
8:45 am "Grounds" For Faith Sharing-Edu. Bldg.
8:45 am PSR

2016 P.S.R. QUILT PROJECT

Our P.S.R. students are planning on making a new parish quilt. All parishioners are invited to partake of this project by either donating material, old clean blankets or to come and sew or cut out squares. This project will get underway the beginning of next year to be completed by Mother's day. Any quilters and anyone who would like to become a part of this adventure may contact Sue Kubicki at 440-240-3192.

OBERLIN COMMUNITY SERVICES will be collecting **EGGS, MILK and DIAPERS** plus any other items you may wish to donate. Donations may be dropped off at the back of the church or taken directly to 285 South Professor Street during business hours. Questions or assistance, call 774-6579.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION will be next **Saturday, January 9** from 10:15 am– 1:00 pm, Saturday only (unless prior arrangement). This is for residents of Oberlin, Wellington, New Russia Township, Carlisle, Kipton, Brighton, Lagrange, Penfield, Camden, Huntington, Rochester, Pittsfield, and Wellington Townships. Please bring: **I.D. address verification, proof of income and grocery bags.**



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Grounds" for Faith Sharing

The Spiritual Life Committee is responding to the request of our parishioners by offering a weekly adult faith sharing opportunity.

All adults are invited to attend sessions to be held Sunday mornings, 8:45-9:45 am. We will meet in the parish hall near the coffee counter where we will share a cup of coffee while we also share our faith.

For the past few months Fr. Cole and Deacon Tom have been posting their homilies on the website with three reflection questions at the end of each homily. The posting from the previous week will be the basis of the discussion on the following Sunday session.

Very little preparation is needed. We are all hopeful this simple approach will make it easy for you to attend even at the last minute. Hard copies will be made available at the gathering in the event you were unable to print the one from the website.

Save the date! The first session will be next **Sunday, January 10th** 8:45-9:45 am.

Any questions, please call Deacon Tom 440-655-0647.

Saturday	January 2
5:00 pm	✠ Jim Oliver
Sunday	January 3
10:00 am	✠ Bob Schreiber
Monday	January 4
10:30 am	Mass at Welcome - 417 So. Main St. Special Intention
Tuesday	January 5
8:30 am	✠ Joe Gurtis
Wednesday	January 6
7:00 am	✠ Carol Youngless
Thursday	January 7
	No Mass
Friday	January 8
8:30 am	✠ Loretta Neal
Saturday	January 9
5:00 pm	✠ Annie Brandt
Sunday	January 10
10:00 am	✠ Josephine Manning

SPEND SOME QUIET TIME WITH THE LORD

Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12
Monday	1 John 3:22-4:6 Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 John 4:7-10 Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 John 4:11-18 Mark 6: 45-52
Thursday	1 John 4:19-5:4 Luke 4:14-22
Friday	1 John 5:5-13 Luke 5: 12- 16
Saturday	1 John 5:14-21 John 3:22-30
Sunday	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

If you can knit or crochet, or if you'd like to learn, please join us. We will meet next **Saturday, January 9**, beginning at 10:30 am in the Education Building. We can provide needles, hooks, and yarn. This is an ecumenical ministry, so feel free to bring friends from other churches (or even friends who have no church but believe deeply in the power of prayer). If you have questions, please Email Carrol Wilhelm at proofit1@gmail.com or call her at 440-371-8356.

If you would like a prayer shawl, please make arrangements with Carrol Wilhelm to pick it up. No shawls will be mailed out.

ST. JUDE OPEN HOUSE

St. Jude School invites everyone to attend our annual Open House on **Sunday, January 31** from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. St. Jude offers a challenging curriculum designed to meet the needs of all students in preschool through eighth grade. Busing is available from many local communities including Grafton, LaGrange and Oberlin. Before school and after school child care is available for all of our students including preschool. St. Jude School is an Ohio EdChoice approved school. For more information, contact Terry Ziegelmeyer, Director of Admissions, at (440) 366-1681 or visit us online at www.stjudejaguars.org.

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Only you can divide your property as you wish. A bequest to your Church can be a living memorial to the nobility of your life. A bequest to your Church is exempt from estate and inheritance taxes, and reduces the amount of the estate to be taxed. Your attorney will be happy to assist you.