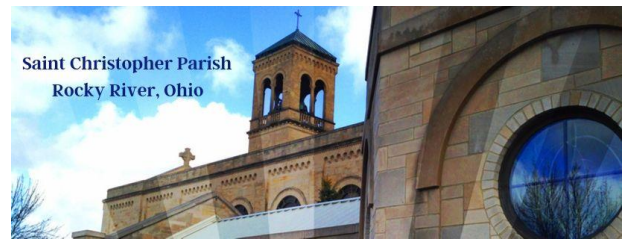


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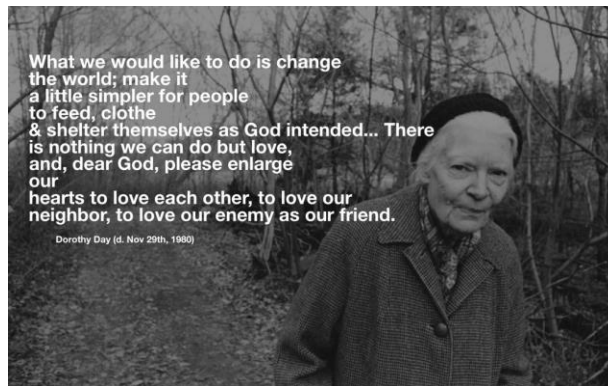
This issue begins our 6<sup>th</sup> year of publication! For the past few months, we have been working with Logan Feldkamp, Pastoral Minister at St. Chris, to streamline and improve our publications and outreach. As a result, you will see some changes beginning with this issue.

The monthly prayer will continue to come first, followed by the social justice calendar for the month. Following that you will find information about things happening at and around St. Chris, including current local volunteer and charitable opportunities. Lastly you will find information about education and advocacy taking place in the region and online.

This newsletter will no longer contain a listing of the many regional volunteer opportunities. The list is simply too long for a short publication. The comprehensive list of regional volunteer opportunities will be moved to the St. Chris website soon.

**Consider keeping informed of the changing situation and social concerns issues via our Facebook page.** Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/stchris-scc> (St. Chris Social Concerns Committee) to join. Just click on the box: *Join Group* on the main picture. If you have a problem, let us know. We value your input regarding this newsletter. Please send ideas and comments to John Hosek: [jjudehosek@gmail.com](mailto:jjudehosek@gmail.com).

### PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 2021



### NOVEMBER 2021 SOCIAL JUSTICE DATES

(FROM THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER)

- *Native American Heritage Month*
- *National Homeless Youth Awareness Month*

November 8th: Dorothy Day Birthday

November 10th: World Science Day for Peace & Development

November 15th: America Recycles Day

November 19th: World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse

November 20th: Universal Children's Day

November 25th: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

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### SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS AND UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

#### ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH

##### PIES, POTATOES...AND POMMES (APPLES!)



During the weekend of November 20 and 21 we will be collecting baked pies (not frozen), fresh potatoes and fresh apples. As in the past, these fresh items will be distributed to needy families in the St. Colman neighborhood for Thanksgiving.

**Please drop off the food gifts only on the weekend of November 20 and 21.** Look for signs and tables in the upper gathering area.

##### GIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)

It's that beautiful time of the year when we can share our love with those in need. Gift cards will be available in the Gathering Area for 16 participating nonprofit agencies beginning November 20 and 21. These cards contain lists of Christmas gifts for people being served by the agencies. Why not pick up several cards and donate needed Christmas gifts to others?

**Gifts can be dropped off in the Gathering Area beginning the weekend of November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> through the weekend of December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. All gifts must be dropped off by 11:30 am on Sunday December 12.**



##### ROCKY RIVER ASSISTANCE



You may now drop off non-perishable items at Saint Christopher Church in the Upper Gathering Area for the Rocky River Assistance Program. The needs for November are Complete Meals (Canned, Spaghetti, Chili), Soup. The November collection will be the weekend of November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

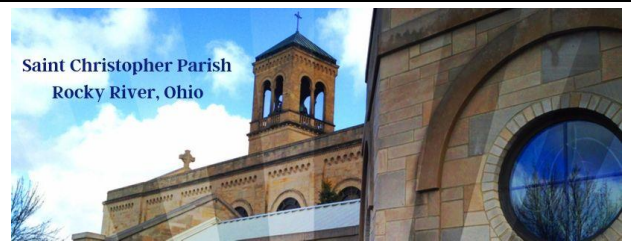
##### REFUGEE DONATIONS

The Social Concerns Committee thanks everyone who participated in the Refugee Donation outreach in October. Donated items filled **four** vehicles!

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If you would still like to donate, go to: <https://www.ccdcle.org/service-areas/migration-refugee-services/help/donate> .

Below is a picture of donations at the parish, and the donations being delivered to the Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services offices. The staff at Catholic Charities were amazed at the generosity of St Chris parish!



## ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE OF THE DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Catholic Climate Covenant has TWO current action alert invitations to follow up this latest Season of Creation:

1. Send a message to U.S. leaders with this Catholic appeal to work together to boldly protect our common home and our future. This petition is in solidarity with Catholic institutions signing a Catholic climate action letter.
2. Urge your Representative and U.S. Senators to Support (Co-sponsor) the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Legislation! A significant piece of climate legislation, we encourage you to ask your Representative to co-sponsor the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 2307) and to ask your Senators to introduce it in the Senate or co-sponsor once it is introduced.

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/advocacy>

### NORTHEAST OHIO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS (NEOCH)

Free educational series: Root Causes of Homelessness

**Click here to register:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZl5dOuhrjsjGdzf2qEjC14rGM2FaB-o7aEz>

TWO PART EVENT: WED. NOV. 17 6-8PM (**VIRTUAL**), SAT. NOV. 20 11-3PM (**IN-PERSON**).

#### **Part 1: Root Cause Analysis, Historical Context**

Part 1 will be a **Zoom based webinar**. Through dialogue, interactive activities, and presentations from experts, participants will

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learn about the root causes of homelessness in the Cleveland area. This will include historical context as well as current issues; redlining, blockbusting, white flight, gentrification, and housing as a commodity, evictions, source of income discrimination, and fair housing issues will be discussed. Participants will be asked to think about how their work relates to the root causes of homelessness and changes they can advocate for within their communities.

The recommended readings for this session: [Homelessness and Racial Disparities](#) and [Beyond White Flight](#).

### Part 2: Community Tour

Part 2 will be an **in-person community tour**, with stops around the city. (Involves walking and driving. Vehicle required.) NEOCH's Board President will kick the tour off in Bratenahl, then make stops in Glenville and University Circle. Participants will then travel to Cleveland's near west side and walk through areas where unhoused people typically access resources. The tour guides will point out signs of the issues we discussed in Part 1 (redlining, gentrification, housing as a commodity, etc.). Donations of survival supplies for NEOCH's Street Outreach program will be accepted at the end of the tour. **Driving directions will be included in the confirmation email when you register for Part 1 on Zoom.**

The recommended reading for this session: [Scarlet E Podcast: 40 Acres](#)



## OHIOANS TO STOP EXECUTIONS

There are three webinars for November:

**Prolonging our Pain: Ohio's Death Penalty, November 8 at 6 pm.** Losing a loved one to violence is unspeakably painful and the death penalty only prolongs this pain for the families of victims. This powerful discussion features Melinda Dawson and Jonathan Mann, both of whom lost loved ones to murder and still vehemently oppose the death penalty. Cosponsored by the Human Rights Center at the University of Dayton. [Register here.](#)

**The Death Penalty is Dying, November 10 at 6 pm.** The death penalty is on its way out in Ohio! Join us for a panel discussion featuring former Columbus Dispatch journalist, Alan Johnson, retired warden and chaplain, George Alexander, and director of Conservative Concerned About the Death Penalty, Demetrius Minor. Cosponsored by Ashland Center for Nonviolence at Ashland University. [Register here.](#)

**Faith, Costs, and Mercy: Abolishing the Death Penalty in Ohio, November 11 at 7:30 pm.** Join Isaac M. Wise Temple and RAC-OH for a Virtual Panel and conversation about this issue. Hear from Rep. Jean Schmidt, co-sponsor of the Bill, Jonathan Mann, a family member of a murder victim and Hannah Kubbins, Executive Director of Ohioans to Stop Executions. [Register here.](#)