

### **Pilgrimage to the Rhoda Wise House**

Consider the upcoming visit to the Rhoda Wise House in Canton on *December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception*. **Please contact the parish office by Monday, December 6th** to let us know of your intent to join the others who have signed up to go. You will leave St. Joseph parking lot at 10:00 am, visit the house at 11:00 am and have a Dutch Treat lunch at Bob Evans in NE Canton.

### **Today is the Last Day for Fall Collection Project –Safer Futures, Portage County**

**Safer Futures**, Portage County's only domestic violence shelter and resource center, posts a donation wish list. This is the **Youth Group collection project for 2021**. *There is a collection box in the back of the church. The collection is over today, November 21<sup>st</sup>*. A gift card box will be available for donations. Donation wish lists are located on the table at the church entrance. They are requesting new linens, household items, kitchen items, feminine products, baby wipes and diapers. PLEASE DO NOT bring in clothing or shoes. Walmart/Marcs/Giant Eagle gift cards are welcome also. Your donations will be greatly appreciated!

### **DIOCESAN PHASE OF THE SYNOD- This is a Chance For Your Input**

On October 17th, Bishop David Bonnar and the Diocese of Youngstown celebrated the Opening Mass of the diocesan phase of a worldwide “Synod on Synodality.” Consultations, listening, and dialogue have now begun in our diocese, and this process will continue in steps leading to the Synod of Bishops in 2023. All are invited to learn more and participate in this synod: visit [www.doy.org/SynodalPath/](http://www.doy.org/SynodalPath/) for more information and to fill out an online form and reflection tool. **Responses are required by November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

The word “Synod” means to “journey together,” and the theme for this Synodal process is: “Communion, Participation, and Mission.” In his homily for the Opening Mass, Bishop Bonnar said that this Synod “is the continuation of Pope Francis’ missionary dream seeking to bring the Good News to the world, especially to the peripheries with the hope of bringing renewal to the Church, a renewal that breathes new life and change into the Church from the Holy Spirit.”

### **Giving Tuesday**

#GivingTuesday is one of the largest giving days and one of the most successful social media campaigns all over the world. You can participate and make a difference for Catholic Charities by visiting [www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org) on Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Sponsorships are available. Also, join us on #GivingTuesday for a Zoom Q&A with Catholic Charities’ Executive Directors.

Proceeds from #GIVINGTUESDAY will help support the many programs and services offered by Catholic Charities. YOU are a light in the darkness! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

### **Lessons and Carols**

Saint Columba Cathedral, 154 West Wood Street, Youngstown will present its annual **Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** The service will feature the Cathedral Choir under the direction of Dr. Daniel Laginya, and the cathedral lectors coordinated by Mrs. Laura Elder, and families of the parish led by Sister Martha Reed, OSU. The program is based on the ancient traditional “O Antiphons” and culminates with the Annunciation narrative. The event is free and open to the public. Security and ample free parking will be provided.

*Today is the end of this Liturgical Year. Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, will begin a new Liturgical Year.*