

Our Lady of Victory Parish Worship and Spiritual Life Commission
presents

“Death and Dying: How do we prepare? What do we prepare?”

We prepare for births, baptisms, confirmations, first communions, marriages, school, jobs, college, retirement, and so many other things in life . . . so just HOW do we prepare for death and dying? And, WHAT do we prepare?

Beginning MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, and continuing the following 3 Monday evenings, at 7:00 PM in Room 101 of the Parish Center, we will provide opportunities to help answer these questions and others, or at the least, begin a very important conversation that each of us should be having, with family, perhaps friends and others, even the Church.

◆ **Monday, October 5th – “What does the Church teach about End of Life Issues?”** Father Joseph Koopman, S.T.D., a priest of the Diocese of Cleveland and Assistant Professor of Moral Theology at Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology, will talk about important “end of life” issues: the dignity of all human life; how the Church understands suffering and palliative care; the 'balance' of the Church's teaching in terms of treatment at the end of life (ordinary/proportionate and extraordinary/disproportionate means in terms of medical intervention, including conversation about DNR – *Do Not Resuscitate* - orders, etc), as well as the importance of advanced directives.

◆ **Monday, October 12th – “The Legalities of Death – What do you need?”** Mark Salerno, Attorney at Law, member of Our Lady of Victory Parish and Knights of Columbus, will offer information on: Probate Taxes and Protecting Your Assets; Living Wills and Do Not Resuscitate orders; Last Will and Testament and Durable Power of Health Care

◆ **Monday, October 19th – Begin with “The Order of Christian Funerals”** Father Mike Matusz will begin by helping us walk through the Church’s “Rites” that mark the various stations of our journey through death and dying.

◆ **Monday, October 26th – Ending with “The Order of Christian Funerals – Funeral (Liturgy) Preparation/Planning”** Father Mike Matusz will conclude with a conversation about when and how to plan/prepare the Funeral Liturgy . . . in some ways, a final act of love to those we will leave on this side of life.

REMEMBER: IT IS NEVER TOO SOON TO KNOW JUST “HOW” TO PREPARE AND “WHAT” TO PREPARE, FOR WE WILL ALL DIE ONE DAY. BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS THESE EVENINGS.