



## SSJC (Y-W) Chapter Updates

### Stay in the Loop – Here’s the Scoop

1. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 15, 2017 from (SIX {6} PM – 8:30 PM)

Location: St. Marks Orthodox Church, 3560 Logan Way,  
Liberty, Ohio 44505 (330-759-8383)

Host Pastor: Fr. Dan Rohan (President)

Speaker: David Prosen

Presentation: “Truth, Love, Hope: What we who experience ‘same sex attractions’ need from the Church.”

### David Prosen’s Bio:

David Prosen is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville with an MA in Counseling. He was the leader of the Steubenville chapter of Courage from 2004-2011 and has had several articles published in Lay Witness, Crisis Magazine and one for Life Site News as well. He has given numerous presentations across the country on the topic of “Same-Sex attractions” from a Catholic perspective. In addition to this, he presented his testimony at a conference in Rome, held two days prior to the Synod on the Family, 2015. David's testimony was also featured in Blackstone's film, The Third Way:

Homosexuality and the Catholic Church, a film that beautifully explains the teachings of the Catechism of the Catholic Church regarding same sex attractions. It features testimonies along with words from Catholic national speakers such as Jason Evert, Fr Mike Schmidt, Christopher West and more.

2. Please note the David Prosen will be representing the Catholic Church's teaching on chastity and "same sex attractions" in full compliance with the Catechism of the Catholic Church. I've heard (in person) David speak before, and was impressed. The last time that we heard a speaker on this topic, it was from an Orthodox Scripture Scholar, Dr. Edith Humphrey, and it was at St. Mark's. You may refer to the links below for more information on David Prosen and related subjects:

VIDEO: "THE THIRD WAY"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rgDLWOFcRA>

Video on "The Courage Apostolate"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGr70D900-M>

<https://couragerc.org/>

Related topics:

<http://www.crisismagazine.com/author/david-prosen>

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/pro-gay-clergy-are-harming-same-sex-attracted-catholics-like-me...and-it-hu>

Desire of the Everlasting Hills Video:

<https://everlastinghills.org/movie/>

3. MIA: Our Chapter Banner is MISSING ☹

We are trying to locate our missing Chapter Banner, pole and base (designed by Ray Nakley). We usually transported the banner to various chapter meetings. If anyone knows the location and returns the missing banner, Ray Nakley will gladly share some organically grown produce from his outstanding garden harvest as a reward!!!!!!

4. SSJC (Y-W) Chapter Treasures Report: \$1,911.72 (10/23/17)

5. Our local SSJC (Y-W) Chapter Executive Committee members were featured on Spotlight:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CgDRTBmUxWE>

Also airing on the Religion Channel on Armstrong and Time Warner Cable Companies,

Mondays:

November 27, 2017 10:30 AM and 8 PM

April 23, 2018 10:30 AM and 8 PM

## 6. SSJC (Y-W) Chapter Study Group

Fr. John Schmidt and Fr. Bill Loveless surfaced the idea about a STUDY GROUP. Please contact them if you are interested. We met a few times for breakfast years ago and discussed a specific ecumenical topic. Fr. Kolitsos, Vito Carchedi & Fr. Hopko (Memory Eternal) also made contributions to this endeavor. Most enjoyable!

Contact info:

Fr. John Schmidt: [presbyter423@verizon.net](mailto:presbyter423@verizon.net)

Fr. Bill Loveless: [senzamore@aol.com](mailto:senzamore@aol.com)

7. Oct. Meeting - Thank you Fr. Ken Bachofsky for leading us in prayer, providing a delicious meal and for your presentation at St. Nicholas Church in Warren! Many blessings!

8. Regional Sister Chapters: If you live in the following areas, please let us know if you are willing to start a local SSJC chapter!

- Cleveland area
- Pittsburgh (we have one starting) Please contact Steve Puluka – [steve@puluka.com](mailto:steve@puluka.com)

\*\*\* If you would like to attend the first meeting of the SSJC Pittsburgh Chapter on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 from 9am-11am, please contact Ray Nakley at [ray112@ameritech.net](mailto:ray112@ameritech.net) We would like to form a carpool.

- Akron – Canton
- Steubenville
- Erie, PA

9. Some of our members have been making suggestions for future topics. However, we need to find speakers to speak.

- The Challenge of Evangelical Christians: “Worship as Entertainment”
- The Challenge of Christian Fundamentalism
- Islam
- The Anglican Church: Status Report
- Culture Wars in the USA
- Transgenderism: A pastoral response.
- Catholic – Orthodox Dialogue: Status Report
- Secularism, Relativism and Nihilism
- St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Gregory Palamas
- Marriage, Divorce and Annulments
- Rome, Constantinople, and Moscow
- Persecuted Christians in the Middle East
- Christianity growing in China and Iran????!!!
- Polish Catholics: Eastern Christians – Roman Rite

## Upcoming Meetings:

**December 29 (Friday) at St. Maron's Maronite Catholic Church in Youngstown, Ohio - 6-9pm**

Pot luck Holiday Social: Members, Family and Friends invited; Chobishop Kail (host Pastor)

**January, at the Franciscan Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted in Youngstown, Ohio**

Speakers: Fr. Vit Fiala, OFM Roman Catholic and Bi-Ritual Priest)  
and Lori Demiduk, OFS (Byzantine Catholic)

(Topic, Date and Time TBA)

**February – May 2018 Please send suggested topics and speakers to [mattiussi52001@yahoo.com](mailto:mattiussi52001@yahoo.com)**

### 10. Other Items:

- **Our New website is in process! Thank you, Steve Puluka!**
- **We are updating emailing list. Please send in your 2017 dues if you would like to remain on the active list. THANK YOU!**
- **Possible exploration of the SSJC (Y-W) Chapter applying for 501© 3 next year**
- **WISH LIST --- Requesting pledges for:**
  - Portable microphone and mini speakers (pending)**
  - Projector and screen**
- **Newsletter to be published sometime in Dec. 2017 \* please suggest articles by sending the link of the article, podcast, website, blog, etc.**

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