



**Wednesday, April 9th
7:00PM**

“THE FORGIVENESS PROJECT”

Dr. Richard Clark brings a unique perspective to discussion of the death penalty. He will share his research of the parents of homicide victims with a special focus on their feelings toward the offender.

Dr. Clark is Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at John Carroll University and is currently the director of the University's Peace, Justice, and Human Rights program.

**Wednesday, April 30th
7:00PM**

“A JUSTICE THAT HEALS”

Mary Hallinan will show the compelling documentary film “A Justice that Heals” and lead a discussion following the film.

Hallinan says, “While the circumstances

A Justice That Heals



will change, I believe that the spirit of compassion that we witness in this story is meant to live on in every parish.”

**Monday, May 12th
7:00PM**

“A RESURRECTION STORY”

Fr. Neil Kookoothe and Joe D'Ambrosio share Joe's story of exoneration after being wrongfully convicted in 1988 and sentenced to death row. He was released from prison in 2010.



Fr. Kookoothe, a registered nurse and an attorney, is the pastor of St. Clarence Church in North Olmsted. He visited Joe in the Mansfield Correctional Institution and after reading Joe's court transcript in one evening, Fr. Neil took on Joe's case.

WHAT IS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE?

Rather than focusing on punishment, restorative justice seeks to repair the harm done.

It holds the potential for victims and their families to have a direct voice in determining just outcomes, and reestablishes the role of the community in supporting all parties affected by crime.

AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Restorative justice matters because relationships matter. We aren't designed to solve problems by ourselves; we are designed to be interdependent.

A process that engages all those involved—the victim, the offender, and the community—can succeed, leading to healing and a lower recidivism (recurrence) rate.

re·stor·a·tive jus·tice

noun

1. a system of criminal justice that focuses on the rehabilitation of offenders through reconciliation with victims and the community at large.

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