

April 28, 2019

Divine Mercy Sunday

# SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISH  
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND



## 10TH ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER SERIES BEGINS

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 6:30 PM

Dr. Ray Guarendi

PRESENTING

RAISING DISCIPLES

Dr. Ray Guarendi is a Catholic father of ten adopted children, a clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. His radio show "The Dr. Is In" can be heard on over 440 stations and Sirius XM channel 130. His TV show "Living Right With Dr. Ray" can be seen on EWTN Global Catholic Network and is aired in 140 countries. To learn more about Dr. Ray go to [www.drray.com](http://www.drray.com).

*We have so many great things you can participate in for the 10-year Anniversary.  
Check them all out at <https://srweclid.cc/10th-anniversary>*

## COMING UP AT THE PARISH

- Divine Mercy Devotions are from 2:00 – 3:30 pm today in the Church.
- Fulfilled Bible study begins Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the school conference room.
- Families in Christ Jesus will meet in the upper hall at 8:00 pm this Thursday.
- First Communion practice is this Friday starting with dinner at 5:30 pm in the Upper Hall.
- Billy Bob's Brewers gather outside the rectory to brew this Saturday at 9:00 am.
- First Communion Mass is Saturday at 4:00 pm.
- Confirmation Mass is Sunday at 11:00 am.

## THE FJB BLOG

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, April 29

12:00 PM (JB) † Marcelo & Anita Markon by Family

#### Tuesday, April 30

8:00 AM (JB)† Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jaworski by Daughter, Donna

#### Wednesday, May 1

12:00 PM (TR) † John and Anne Swartzmiller by Children and Grandchildren

#### Thursday, May 2

8:00 AM (JB) † Zenta Schmid and Isolde Haberkorn by Her daughter/sister, Edie Martorello

#### Friday, May 3

12:00 PM (JB) Carla V. Anderson, Special Intention by Ron Sylvester

#### Saturday, May 4

8:30 AM For the People  
4:00 PM(JB) † Anton and Benjamin Corazza by Natale Corazza

#### Sunday, May 5

9:00 AM Active Duty Military, Special Intention by Catholic War Veterans Post 613  
11:00 AM † Cresencia Sta-Ana by Family  
6:00 PM (JB) † Madison Rose Chase by Kate Hostetter

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! It is a joyous day for us to celebrate God's absolute wonderful and divine MERCY. Each and every one of us has the opportunity to approach the Lord and ask for His Mercy.



One of the areas that has been weighing heavily on my heart in regard to Mercy is the current state of the church, in light of the most recent sexual abuse revelations and the apparent cover-up by some of the church leadership. It seems to go all the way to the top with a struggle of how to deal with these serious issues. As I think about God's Mercy and Love...I keep coming back to this in my mind. There is a part of the Divine Mercy Chaplet that says, '*Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*' It seems fitting that atonement be made for these grave sins/crimes against vulnerable children. I hope that my brother priests and I can pray this prayer to help bring atonement and healing to our bruised church. I would like to share some thoughts with you as some time has passed since the revelations of the abuse and cover-up:

Even one child harmed by a priest, religious, employee, or volunteer of the church is one too many. There is never an excuse for it. It is evil, pure and simple.

I do believe that the vast majority of priests and bishops are good men who are trying their best, and, while sinners, do live good and moral lives focused on Christ. Jesus said in the scriptures that the "weeds and wheat will grow together until harvest time." I have always taken that to mean that there will always be Saints and Sinners together in this world until the Final Judgement when He will separate the Good from the Evil.

I personally struggle with the fact that Bishops and perhaps even Popes knew about this and seemingly chose to cover it up. While I think most of the Bishops were not equipped to know how to handle it and many had good intentions; the harm is indisputable. We are trained with a heart of forgiveness and reconciliation. We usually operate from that mentality. While using what we know today...it is clear that people who harm children can rarely, if ever, be rehabilitated to a point where they can be around children again, but we do struggle to exile these perpetrators completely. I think we have to recognize they are very sick and in need of our assistance to help accept the consequences of their actions and seek the mercy of God on their souls. How this is done is far beyond anything that I can figure out...I do know it needs to be addressed.

I pray for Pope Francis in a special way every day. I am really struggling with his response or lack of response. I once heard an analogy that we in the US use a microwave response and the Vatican/Italy use a crock pot response. In other words, they are quite slow. I do believe that this is being dealt with. I am just not sure the speed and/or communication is what we may desire.

Overall...I am going to be praying for God to have mercy on our church. To allow His Divine Love to shower our church, cleanse it from evil, and get it back on track.

When things were difficult for the early disciples and they were facing tough times, Jesus asked them if they wanted to leave Him. They told him "where would we go? You have the words of Eternal Life." I stay Catholic, and stay a priest, because of Jesus Christ, the Eucharist, and the other Sacraments. The church is the means to help me, and the people I am called to pastor, accept the wonderful gift of Salvation that was given to us at our Baptism.

I am using this time and to renew my commitment to leading/pastoring well. While I am not perfect and I know I will not ever be...I will strive to do my best.

Sorry for this rambling. I just felt this on my heart and I wanted to share it with all of you on this Divine Mercy Sunday. I love each and everyone of you. I love the Church I serve and I seek to always do my best. Part of this leadership will be praying for the atonement and cleansing of evil from our church and our world.

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,  
Fr. John

St. John of the Cross weekday Mass Schedule: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday at 8 am | Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30 pm



## A six-week Grief Support Group for those mourning the loss of a loved one.

**Saturday, May 4th  
10:30 am until Noon  
in the Parish Office**

### TO MORNING

*Mourning to Morning* is an opportunity to reflect on the grieving process, reaffirm your faith, and learn to move on. Everyone grieves in their own time and in their own way. If you feel that you would benefit from such a group, please consider joining us. There is no cost. However, in order for us to prepare materials, **registration is requested.** Send an email to [rbar-ber@sreuclid.cc](mailto:rbar-ber@sreuclid.cc) or call 216.731.1515 Ext. 262.

## Blood Drive

**SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM PARISH**

**SUNDAY, MAY 19  
9:45 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.**

367 E. 260th St., Euclid

Please eat before you donate.

All gifts of blood count toward Vitalant grants for the school.

Sign up online & earn hero points at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)  
Sponsor code: ssrobwil

For more information or to schedule a donation,  
call **888.258.4825** or visit us at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)  
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St. Raphael Center, Inc. and The Mother Angelica Tour has announced the publication of the organization's first book. The work is entitled *The Mother Angelica Tour Prayer Book* which is available for preorder now at [CatholicBook.net](http://CatholicBook.net) or at [MotherAngelicaTour.com](http://MotherAngelicaTour.com). The book retails for \$18.95 or can be purchased by stores or churches for a wholesale discount. The St. Raphael Books & Gifts store will start selling the book in store, 4365 Fulton Dr. NW in Canton, on April 15th. Those who cannot make the journey will now have the chance to pray in the footsteps of the Canton native and the foundress of the Eternal World Television Network (EWTN), Mother Angelica (Rita Rizzo). For more information email Barbara Gaskell at [bagask@livingbreadradio.com](mailto:bagask@livingbreadradio.com) or call 330.492.7018.

## Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming our newest members of the Catholic Faith who received Sacraments of Initiation at last week's Easter Vigil.

### The Newly Baptized



**Erika Stutzman:** Erika is a senior at Mayfield High School where she is the varsity girls soccer captain. She hopes to pursue a degree in special education. "The RCIA has been everything I hoped it would be and more. This process has helped me learn how to value a life guided by faith."

With that I have been able to experience all of this with my sponsor by my side who is the most influential person in my life."



**Dan DeMello:** Dan grew up in Euclid and is the son of a Jewish mother and Catholic father. Growing up, he became familiar with both faiths. He currently works in the insurance industry as an adjuster and is engaged to be married this September. "My faith is very important to me which grew even stronger by graduating from Lake Catholic High School and John Carroll University. I am very excited to formally convert to the Catholic faith and am very excited to be a part of such a fantastic faith community as Ss. Robert and William!"



**Michelle Kusa:** Michelle is a life-long resident of Euclid and an accountant at Lubrizol where she has worked for almost twelve years. She has many hobbies including kayaking, running, yoga, and home remodeling, and cherishes spending time with family and friends. Michelle is a huge advocate for animal rescue.

"I'm excited to become a member of the Ss. Robert and William community and strengthen my relationship with Jesus."



**Sara Hufnagle:** Sara was born and raised in Euclid and had her first exposure to the Catholic faith as a graduate of Regina High School in 2001. She spent 13 years living and working at Walt Disney World in Florida. In October 2017 she moved home and began working for Campus Dining, Inc. in Chagrin Falls. This fall she will be married to Tony Sustersic who grew up in St. William Parish and is Sara's sponsor.



**Amanda Palermo:** Amanda is the third of six children, an aunt to fifteen, and the mother of a beautiful baby girl who will turn one year old on Easter Sunday. She and her husband Steve have been married for two and a half years and together for nine. "He, his family, and our daughter are among my many reasons for starting this journey."



## Women's Fellowship

Please join us for our annual Women's Fellowship Tea at 9:00 am on May 11th in Ss. Robert & William Upper Hall. Our speaker, Mary Lou Beers, will speak on Our Lady of Lourdes.

Reservations are needed by Monday 5/6/19.

Please call the rectory at 216.731.1515.



**CELEBRATE SRW'S 10<sup>TH</sup>**

# DROP **10**

## Ss. Robert & William Parish

in cooperation with

### Euclid Hospital

wants to help you incorporate wellness  
into your everyday life.

Join us for 5 Wednesdays beginning May 1, 2019  
5:30PM to 6:30PM

Sacred Heart Room of the Parish Office  
Learn integrative medicine techniques  
that support the body's natural ability to heal,  
which helps to reduce stress

and promote a state of relaxation that can lead to better health.



## SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Power of the Pen is an interscholastic program in written expression offered for writers at the 7th and 8th grade levels. Students participate at district, regional, and state levels by writing creatively on given prompts. Ss. Robert and William Catholic School has successfully competed in the Power of Pen competition for the past several years. We are grateful to teacher moderators, Mrs. Linda Checovich and Miss Laura Grudzinski for working with the students to hone their creative writing skills.

Original team members this year were

Maura Murphy, Jasmine Ellul, Billy Knox, Ariana Somich, Clare Sweet, Michael Arcaro, C.C. Carstarphen, Abby Neate, Sophia Nowak, Sofia Thornhill, Sammy Turk, Mary Radachy, Victoria Baioni, and Vanessa Rivers. They began the Power of Pen trek at the district competition held at Monticello Jr. High back in December. Ari, Jasmine, Maura, Sophia, Mary, Sofia, and Vanessa moved on to the regionals at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School in early April.



Congratulations go out to 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Mary Radachy, for receiving the Director's Choice Award. Mary also placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall at the regionals. Mary has earned the privilege of competing in the Power of Pen State Tournament at the end of May for the second year in a row! This is quite an accomplishment considering there are over 7,500 students from all 88 counties in Ohio competing to earn a spot at the State Tournament!

Good Luck, Mary. We are so very proud of you, and all of our Writing Warriors!

## INFORMATION FROM THE DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

My dear brothers and sisters,

Peace and joy to you in Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord and Savior! May the Morning Star which never sets shine on you and your families this Divine Mercy Sunday and throughout the year!

After consultation with the Presbyteral Council and the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, I have elected to retain our current Communion Rite posture policy, first promulgated in 2003, which reinforces the universal Church's policy of standing for the singing of the Communion Hymn, during the distribution and reception of Holy Communion. We will renew our practice of these postures beginning today, Divine Mercy Sunday.

When considering the postures we may have observed during Mass over the course of our lives, we must remain ever conscious that "liturgical services are not private functions but are celebrations of the Church...the holy people united and organized under the authority of the bishops." For this reason, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, third typical edition [hereafter, GIRM] has laid down normative postures for the celebration of Mass. The Church reminds us of the importance of unity in posture by stating that "in the celebration of Mass the faithful ... [are] to avoid any appearance of singularity or division, keeping in mind that they have only one Father in heaven and that hence are all brothers or sisters one to the other."

Thus, beginning Divine Mercy Sunday 2019, in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, the faithful will: **Stand** ...after the Great Amen, and remain standing after the Lamb of God and through the celebrant's reception of Holy Communion. The faithful remain standing during the **distribution** and **reception** of Holy Communion for the singing of the Communion Hymn.

Sit or Kneel...if / when necessary,' in pastoral consideration of the, needs of individual member, of the faithful

Sit or Kneel.....during the period of sacred silence ... after the distribution of Holy Communion. This period of sacred silence should begin as soon as the distribution of Holy Communion has been completed. At this point the faithful may sit or kneel.

The faithful are not required to stand during the purification of vessels, or until the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Conscious that in our highly mobile society, many travel both within and outside the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland for celebrations of Mass, I further ask that the faithful of our diocese, acting in full charity towards their brothers and sisters in Christ, observe carefully and prayerfully the postures of the parish communities to which they may travel, even if these postures are different from the enclosed norms - "when in Rome, do as the Romans" - that all may indeed be one in Christ Jesus in the celebration of the Eucharist. I humbly ask for your continued prayers, as you remain in mine.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D. Bishop of Cleveland

**Have you thought of leaving a legacy, especially for our parish or school?** Remember Ss. Robert & William in your will or trust to continue our traditions and education. Contact Fr. John at the Parish Office for more information.

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Closed Saturday & Sunday

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The Collection: for April 21st will be in next weeks bulletin

Loan Balance: \$1,253,612

Faith Direct April, Second Half, \$3,169

Monthly Loan Payment: \$8362.00



### Capital Campaign

Total of pledges	\$2,089,197.16
Total received/posted	\$1,131,394.39
Total donors	559

Please consider a donation to help lower our long-term debt. Please call Fr. John at the Parish Office at 216.731.1515 or email him at [fjb@srweuclid.cc](mailto:fjb@srweuclid.cc). Thank you very much for your continued generosity.

~Fr. John

### PRAYERS NEEDED

Please pray for... Bernard Novotney, Bill Flowers, Jim Flowers, Carla Anderson, Ann Montreal, Dolly Luskin, Darlene Novotney, Judy Gallagher, Kathy Shroka, Paula Milam, Eileen Driscoll, Rosemarie Terrell, Parker Fine, Tom Brickman, John McRedmond, Joann Dietz, Betty Mailander, Esther Zobec, Marti McRedmond, Robert Gallagher, Rose Dibartolomeo, Dakota Miller, Yaminah Ortiz, Curt Jones, Andrew Carnes, Helen Herman, Karen Long, Liza Raddell, Mary Ellen Fellenstein, Anthony Fratino, Thomas Bukovec, Karen A. Waldron, Tony Hocevar, Katie Kalish, Jean Feiten, Marianne Ellul, Geraldine Hoffert, Janet Cika, Pauline Dutcher, Sharon Kazusky, Grayson Kazusky, Violet DeStefanis, Ann Grossman, Donald Pavlovich, Mary Ann Hudak, Faye Bukovec, James Augustine, Ted Sabat, Christopher Henderson, Rose Leo, Patricia Johnston, Pauline Krall, John Ellul, Ray Golick, Jeanette Hocevar, Josephine DiTirro, Danita Wells, and all those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit.

We thank, pray, and ask for God's blessings for those in the military and safety forces serving our country and community.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the families of: Betty Bednarski, Robert Bennett, Vonceil Franklin and all those who have lost a loved one. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of our parish community.

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