

SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISH | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND



THE FJB BLOG

Dear Parishioners,

Happy last weekend of August! Summer is flying by. I love Fall, so as I soak in the last weeks of summer, I do look forward to Fall.

School is back in session at SRW and our Guardian Angels Early Learning Center for our youngest learners will be starting right after Labor Day. We are at 415 students in the K – 8 program and over 80 in the Early Learning Center. Our primary focus in both programs is to bring Jesus and Jesus' ways into our young people. Now more than ever, they need to be guided with the way of the Gospels and know that Christ loves them and wants the best for them. Please keep our students, teachers, parents and staff in your prayers. They will be sharing more with you throughout the year on their work. I do hope that we are able to welcome once again guests into the buildings and share with you the great things we do. Please know the students and staff lift the parishioners and benefactors up in their prayers daily. We will be doing weekly Mass with the school community in K – 8 and monthly for our early learning students. Grades 5 – 8 will have Mass on Tuesdays and K – 4 will have Mass on Thursdays, both at the 8:30 am Mass. SRW and SJC parishioners are always welcome to join us!

Over the last couple of months there has been a focus at both SRW and at SJC on some "temporal" things as we talk about sound systems (SJC) and new Tabernacle and related updates (SRW). Obviously these are very good things and contribute greatly to the worship space and our worship itself. I am overwhelmed and humbled by the immense generosity. I firmly believe these changes/updates can and will increase the sacredness, beauty and vibrancy of our worship and praise of God.

However, I want to turn our attention to the Spiritual and Evangelizing dimensions of parish life. I am imploring you all to help with this very important endeavor. We will be launching Alpha this fall. Alpha is a Christian program but has developed a "Catholic" dimension and focus. It starts at the very beginning and draws people who are searching for meaning and purpose in their lives to something we all know very well, and this is a strong relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Alpha is the first letter in the Greek alphabet. Jesus in the Scriptures calls himself the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. We desire to draw our family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and strangers to this program and allow God to touch their heart and soul and start their relationship with Him. This program is not for us in the pews. I promise we will have programs and ministries for you too! But this is for those without a relationship with God. Can you think of someone and invite them to the program. It starts in late September and will be offered on Monday morning at SJC and Monday evenings at SRW. You are welcome to come if you bring someone with you . Watch the bulletin for more information or call Renee Barber at SRW or Deacon Tom at SJC. As we continue with the COVID and related variant, please know of my prayers and support. Unless mandated by a civil or diocesan authority, I plan to keep everything as a choice of each individual on how to approach. Please consider your own health and well being, advice of your medical professionals, the common good and yourself and your peace of mind. I encourage us to be respectful of one another and the choices each person makes. Please remember that last fall in our buildings we put high tech air scrubbers and Heppa filters on all of HVAC and the air is being constantly cleaned in all of our buildings. We continued to do extra cleaning and disinfecting. Finally we continue to offer hand sanitizer and masks at the entrance of the church. Be safe, be healthy and be well.

Make it a great week! See you in Church!

Peace,

Fr. John

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH PRAYER

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM CATHOLIC PARISH PRESENTS

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER
5TH
AT
1:00 PM**

**OUTSIDE THE
CHURCH
(WEATHER
PERMITTING)**

A CONCERT OF HOPE

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INFORMATION**

**Children's
Liturgy
OF THE
Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is starting up again on September 12 at the 11:30 am Mass. All children are welcome to partake in discovering God's word in an easy-to-follow lesson during the Homily. September 19th is Catechetical Sunday and will not have a children's Liturgy. Adults who may be interested in learning more about becoming a Children's Liturgy of the Word leader can call Paul at 440-278-0980, or shadow one of the other leaders during Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 30

11:30 AM (TK) † Johnny Harwood

Tuesday, August 31

8:30 AM (TK) † Thomas Brenkus

Wednesday, September 1

11:30 AM (JB) † Hoag Anniversary

Thursday, September 2

8:30 AM (JB) † Mary & William Planisek

Friday, September 3

11:30 AM (TK) † Joseph Wutchiett

Saturday, September 4

8:30 AM (JB) † Mary Bostelman

4:00 PM (TK) † Michael Manuszak

Sunday, September 5

9:00 AM (TK) † John & Marie Lunka

11:30 AM (TK) † Bryan Duke

6:00 PM (JB) † People of the Parish

JOIN US FOR A MEN'S RETREAT...

From time to time, many men think about making a retreat. Maybe this October is your time to do it! The Men of Praise Prayer Group is honored to invite you, to spend some time together, to share our faith, and grow in Christ. The group has been conducting retreats for over 30 years and have experienced the Lord's blessing every time.

The year's theme is ***Keep Your Eyes on the Prize!***

See Phil 3:14

When: October 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Friday evening until Sunday Noon.

Where: Hiram House – Retreat Center in Chagrin Falls

There will be talks and discussion on the theme. A time for praise and worship, prayer, and fellowship with like-minded men. The surroundings offer a beautiful setting to get away, reflect, rest, and energize. Meals will be abundant. At night, you should find accommodations more than adequate and quite pleasant.

All men, 18 and over, are invited. The cost of \$130 for the entire weekend is an excellent value. Contact Frank Mokris at 216.233.3563 for more information.

We look forward to seeing you there. It won't be the same without you!

UPDATE ON CHURCH BRICK PAVERS FROM FR. JOHN...

As you know in late May we removed the brick pavers in front of the church and replaced with concrete. This was done for two reasons. First and foremost, for SAFETY. These pavers tended to shift and cause unevenness of the walkway. We had a number of people trip and fall. Second, in the winter, this area must be salted and the salt deteriorates the brick pavers and we were constantly having to replace them. Our original hope was to put them in the flower beds along the side. In talking with our landscaper, it seems the best place for them will be in front of the St. Padre Pio statue that is located between the rectory/parish offices and church. There is a brick area there already. They will be installed there in late August. I know this was the not original intention or place that people wanted them, but know that my decision was based on safety and financial realities. If you would like to see the brick paver before you walk into church, you can still do that, as there is a church entrance on that side.

If this causes you any angst and you are not happy with this plan, I would be happy to refund your money that you paid for the paver. The paver will still stay in the new area, I just don't want to upset anyone. If you would like a refund because of the relocation, just email me, call me or send me a note. I appreciate your patience and understanding. I am always so humbled by your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are available year round, 18-months from the date of scheduling. Remember, we can schedule no more than 3 Masses per year for the same person. Mass intentions can be for the living or the deceased. The suggested donation is \$10.

I will never forget what one of my professors in graduate school said, "If we measure in small enough increments, everyone is getting better." He was referring to clients attending counseling services and how slow progress can be at times. Now that I am out of graduate school and in the field, I see what he means. It is easy to get frustrated with ourselves and with others when we do not see the results that we desire or expect. We likely all know people where a change seemed to happen overnight, but

it is important to remember that this is not the norm. When we are struggling with something such as depression, anxiety, or addiction, it is important to remember that these problems have sometimes been present for years or even decades. Imagine for a moment that you have been a front desk receptionist at a hospital for thirty years and the boss says to you, "Congratulations, you've been promoted to brain surgeon. Your first surgery is in twenty minutes." The decades you have spent as a receptionist have made you very proficient at thinking, acting, and behaving in a certain way, but you are not prepared at all for brain surgery. It would take a lot of practice, education, and effort to move into that position and the same is true for our mental health. Years of self-defeating thoughts, worry, and stress have shaped us and changing things up will be difficult. It is easy to get discouraged when we do not make those changes overnight or we are not a brain surgeon after a week, but it is important to be patient with ourselves. If we keep pursuing Christ and are working to improve our mental health, we will always be able to see progress, no matter how small, if we look closely enough.

-Luke Brown, LPCC

COMMUNITY MEAL

Our next Community Meal is this Tuesday, August 31st, at 5:00 pm. These will continue to be take-out meals until further notice.

AUDITIONS!

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**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 7TH, 5
PM - 8:30 PM**

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9TH 5
PM - 8:30 PM**

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**CALLBACKS
(INVITATION ONLY)**

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11TH
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM**

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The Collection: for August 15th: \$4286.00 & 22nd: \$6707.00

Faith Direct August, Second Half: \$5,005.00

Loan Balance: \$698,091.00

Monthly Loan Payment: \$8,362.00



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Total of pledges \$1,966,126.54

Total received/posted \$1,686,644.34

Total donors 561

Please consider a donation to help lower our long-term debt.
Please call me at the Parish Office at 216.731.1515 or email me at fjb@srweuclid.cc. Thank you very much for your continued generosity. ~Fr. John

PRAYERS NEEDED

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

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of all families 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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