



# SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 • 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**140 RICHMOND ROAD  
EUCLID, OHIO 44143**

**Website:** [www.saintjohnofthecross.org](http://www.saintjohnofthecross.org)

**Parish Office:** 216-289-0770

### Parish Staff

Rev. Salvatore M. Ruggeri .....	<i>Pastor</i>
Rev. Timothy Buyansky, OSB .....	<i>Weekend Assistant</i>
Rev. Edward E. Mehok .....	<i>Weekend Assistant</i>
Rev. Mr. Charles Doerpers .....	<i>Deacon</i>
Martha Dodd .....	<i>Principal for Student Success at Ss. Robert and William School</i>
Kate Fraser .....	<i>Youth Minister</i>
Ben Koval .....	<i>Director of Music &amp; Liturgy</i>
Kay Magri .....	<i>Business Manager</i>

### Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday.....	8:00 am–4:00 pm
Saturday.....	9:00 am–1:00 pm

### Parish Membership

*All are welcome!*

Please register at the Parish Office.

### Celebration of Eucharist

Saturday Vigil.....	4:00 pm
Sunday.....	9:00 am & 11:00 am
Monday & Thursday.....	6:30 pm
Tuesday & Friday .....	8:15 am
Holy Day.....	8:15 am, 12:00 & 6:30 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday .....	9:00 am–4:00 pm
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### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday .....	3:00 pm
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### Rosary

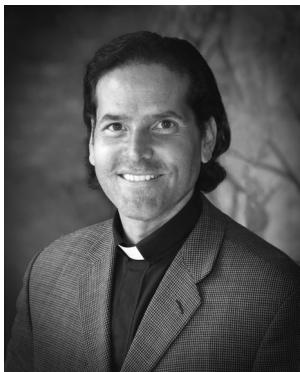
is prayed after the Tuesday and Friday morning Masses.

### Marriage

Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Please call Fr. Ruggeri at the Parish Office.

### Baptisms

Expectant parents are to attend a Baptism Class prior to making Baptismal arrangements.



## FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR

"The Spirit is certainly moving here"

These words were spoken to me by someone who visited us last week on our "Bring Someone to Church" weekend. What an amazing testimony to our parish and to what this person experienced in being here...yes, the very Spirit of God in this place.

All I can say is that last weekend was truly a humbling experience for me. In seeing you, our parishioners, introducing yourselves to our visitors, in experiencing the many ways that you made sure that they felt welcomed and included by answering their questions and simply being present, I could not have been more proud of who we are as a parish family.

The weekend truly did far exceed my every expectation. Several weeks ago, someone asked me how I would measure the success of our initiative...I told them that as long as we touched one heart that day, as long as we made one person feel welcomed, feel as though they are loved by God, as long as one person felt a door in their life open to new spiritual possibilities, the weekend would have been a success. Seeing what I saw, and hearing what I heard, we truly succeeded.

By the end of the weekend, we had close to 30 people complete welcome cards and one family already join our parish! In the days ahead I will continue to reach out to our visitors and encourage them to visit us again, and to consider making SJOC their spiritual home. I know that many of them are already considering doing so. I could not be more proud of all of you who prayerfully considered who you thought should be invited and were courageous enough to invite them.

Yes, I would say that we were successful, but our work is far from over! In the coming months, our Evangelization Committee will continue to look for ways for ALL of us to be involved in the ministry of inviting and welcoming. As Christmas approaches, we will have another wonderful opportunity to welcome those who may not worship here often, and to do our best to make sure that they not only feel as though they are important and valued, but also that they return soon. So, begin praying about that now...how you might encourage those that you know, who may attend Mass here very infrequently, to become active in their faith and to make worship here a part of their life.

As I prayed Sunday night, tears filled my eyes as I revisited the events of the weekend...so many of your faces and the faces of our visitors flooded my mind, and I felt nothing but joy, peace, love and gratitude. We have so much to be grateful for in this community, so many wonderful people who serve in our parish and beyond, so many who respond to our call to serve, who will give so much to be sure that no one who walks through these doors ever feels like a stranger.

The visitor was right..."The Spirit is certainly moving here."

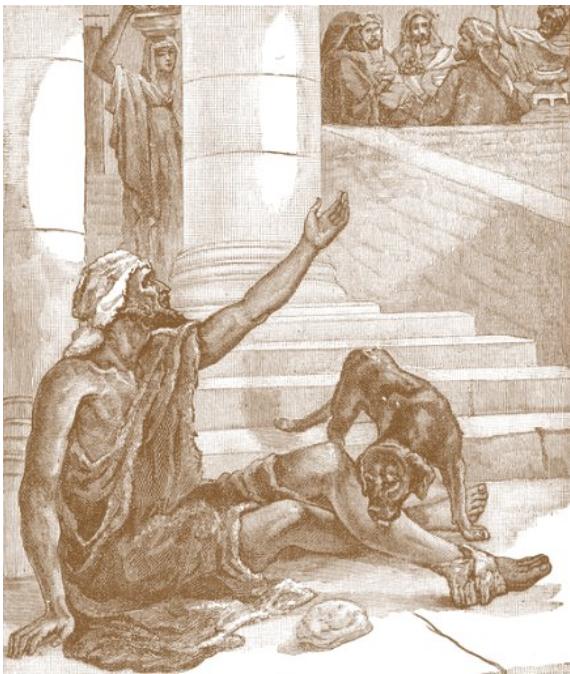
God's peace.....

*Living Mercy in the  
Jubilee Year of Mercy*



Amos castigates religious people who, "comfortably complacent", ignore the unfolding collapse of culture, nation, religion. In Jesus' parable, such complacency becomes the rich man's undoing. He neither hurt nor harmed Lazarus, neither denied him leftovers nor ordered him removed. That is Jesus' devastating point. The rich man did nothing wrong to Lazarus; he just did nothing at all good for him. Only in death, separated by "a great chasm", could the rich man finally see Lazarus, whom he had failed to see in life, right before his eyes. Like the rich man's "five brothers still in my house", we who are alive in the Church still have time to see that same Someone, Jesus, lying neglected right at our door—and time to do something. Who, specifically concretely, practically, is Lazarus in my life? What can I do for that Jesus-in-the-flesh during this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*?

—Peter Scagnelli



**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS  
PRAYER NETWORK HOTLINE  
216-289-0770 ext. 33**

Call and leave a short message regarding your request. Let us know when your request has been answered. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.



**Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday:      | Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31                    |
| Monday:      | Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50                                  |
| Tuesday:     | Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-8<br>Lk 9:51-56                       |
| Wednesday:   | Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15<br>Lk 9:57-62                           |
| Thursday:    | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a<br>Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51             |
| Friday:      | Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3,<br>7-10, 13-14/Lk 10:13-16        |
| Saturday:    | Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71,<br>75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24 |
| Next Sunday: | Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9<br>2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10       |



**Our Mission**

*We are the Catholic Community of  
St. John of the Cross, established in 2009.  
Uniting the people of God as one family,  
we are rooted in, and empowered by, our  
sacramental life and Eucharistic celebrations.*

*Living as disciples of Jesus Christ,  
we recognize our God given potential and  
challenge one another to share our giftedness,  
embrace our diversity, and engage in  
social outreach, service and education.*

*In doing so, we seek to extend the reign of God  
in Euclid and the wider community.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	Weekday	SEPT. 26
6:30 p.m.	Special Intention	
TUESDAY	St. Vincent de Paul	SEPT. 27
8:15 a.m.	Joe Nalepka	
WEDNESDAY	Weekday	SEPT. 28
THURSDAY	Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	SEPT. 29
6:30 p.m.	Richard Westlake	
FRIDAY	St. Jerome	SEPT. 30
8:15 a.m.	Franc Poderzai	
SATURDAY	St. Therese	OCT. 1
11:00 a.m.	<i>Wedding: Matthew Deibel and Danielle Brady</i>	
1:00 p.m.	<i>Wedding: Nicholas Petrak and Cassandra Meier</i>	
4:00 p.m.	Adolf Rot	
SUNDAY	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OCT. 2
9:00 a.m.	Marie Jarm	
11:00 a.m.	Ike Dulaney	

## REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS...



Apanasewicz Family, Beverley Argento, Eileen Baur, Trovatore Briganti, Jane DePalma, Lillian Dolenc, Constance Durrah, Mary Frain, Patrick Gornick, Ann Grossman, George Halgash, Joe Hocevar, Marlene Hoageson, Andrew Jarm, Doris Kowalski, Evelyn Kublin, Lucille Kucharski, Daniel Latessa, Joan Latessa, Marie Lipold, Joe Matejka, Ronald Maxey, Pete McVoy, Linda Moore, Linda Palko, Anna Pepock, Joan Raddell, Jeanette Schlatt, Judy Schmidt, Carole Smigelski, Frank Somrack, John Tarmann, John Tousel, Ken Udovic, Marcie Vanek, Leonard Vargo, Perry Ward, Debbie Williams, and Jessie Vozar

*Please remember our elderly and homebound as well.*

Please notify the Parish Office when a name can be removed from this list.

## MARRIAGE BANNS



III. Matthew Deibel & Danielle Brady
III. Nicholas Petrak & Cassandra Meier

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Sept. 28th.....Marla  
Grande Pointe-Sunday, Oct. 2nd.....William

## COUNTERS

Counters for Monday, Oct. 3rd ..... "D" Team

## MINISTERS SCHEDULE —OCTOBER 1-2, 2016

MASS	PRESIDER	GREETERS	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Timothy	A. Molle S. Thomas-Greaves	M. Freas	C. Williams	C. Barni, P. Kiikka, M. Monger, J. Monger, M. Monger, W. Nalepka, J. Oberle, R. Raguz	K. Brokamp J. Monger
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Mehok	M. Chinchar M. Singer	L. Bochenek	A. Dean	L. Ashcroft, M. Chinchar, R. Corbo, E. Edelman, P. Mastrangelo, D. Szafranski, J. Volk, R. Volk	E. Somich A. Somich
Sun. 11:00am	Fr. Timothy	D. Mallett R. Simek	J. Matlock	J. Solpa	J. Berquist, C. Cinkole, J. Kirchmeir, A. Koballa, F. Koballa, K. Musarra, J. Schmidt, T. Wetzel	E. Chapo C. Chapo

## NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

**FR. MEHOK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY** continues on Monday evenings at 7:30pm in Rm. 6 of the Parish Community Center, studying the Acts of Apostles.

**BLANKET SUNDAY** is coming soon. The weekend of October 8-9<sup>th</sup> marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the needy. This collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Due to lack of storage space, they will gratefully accept your financial donation and do the shopping for you with bulk purchasing of blankets and other items needed by the homeless and disadvantaged. We will have envelopes in the pews for you next Weekend. For more information please visit the Saint Vincent de Paul website [www.svdpclc.org](http://www.svdpclc.org)

**PET BLESSING:** In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing of pets at 9:00am on Saturday, October 1st in the field near the bocce courts. Let us gather to bless our pets and give thanks to God for the gift of the animals in our lives.

#### **SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM SCHOOL:**

Meet Miss Nora Joyce. Ms. Joyce teaches Religion to students in grades 4 and 5 and Math to students in grade 4. Here is her classroom mission:

The mission of my classroom is that every student enters feeling capable of learning. I hope to instill life lessons along with textbook lessons. Every student will feel supported but also held accountable to be the best version of themselves. We will encounter Christ in each other and in our own gifts and talents. In doing so, we will treat others with dignity and respect as children of God. We will not give up until we are proud of ourselves and the work we have done. We will view "mistakes" as learning opportunities.

Students will be invited into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and will better understand how to live out that relationship in their daily lives. We will build a sense of community, a commitment to prayer, a reliance on God's message, and a devotion to service of others in Christ's name. Students will know that they do not have to be the best, but they do have to be their best. Students will feel safe, included, and respected as all children of God deserve in my classroom, we are "**All In**" for love and respect for others and ourselves.

As always thank you for your support of our school. Feel free to join us every Tuesday at 8:00 am for our All School Mass.

#### **SECOND BLESSINGS SALE**

is this weekend,

**Saturday, Sept. 24th 9:00am-6:00pm and  
Sunday, Sept. 25th 12:00pm-5:00pm**

#### **FREE ADMISSION**

Stop by and see all the wonderful treasures that are available.

SJOC Bake Shop open all day !

Lunch Menu Available & Free Coffee  
All children receive a free book of their choice  
Cash or Credit  
No Checks Please  
Shopping Carts provided by  
Unique Thrift Store



#### **PRAYER FOR LIFE**

*Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Creator and Redeemer of all Life. As your creation we thank you for the life we now enjoy. But we humbly pray in this moment for the lives which are in danger of being ended right now because of abortion.*

*We pray for those children in danger of abortion, and for the mothers, for the fathers, and for the doctors involved. We pray that they may see as you have allowed us to see, that all life is sacred, holy, and made in your image. We pray O Jesus, that men and women of all walks of life will come to see the inherent dignity of all of your creation and that one day, all life from the moment of conception to natural death, will enjoy the great gift of life in all its fullness that can only be experienced because of the love you showed on the Cross. We pray all this through Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

## NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

**23RD ANNUAL SILENT LIFE CHAIN:** Sunday, October 2nd, Just one hour (1:30pm-2:30pm) Please save the date and participate in Lake County's SILENT LIFE CHAIN. Our chance to silently "speak" for those who have no voice. It will be at the intersection of Route 20 (Mentor Ave.) and Route 306 (Reynolds Rd.) in Mentor. Please park on the outer edges of Points East Shopping Center and then meet at any four corners of the intersection to *silently* remind the community of the truth that abortion kills children. Actions speak louder than words. For more information please contact Immaculate Conception Pro-Life Commission Member Jean at 440-942-7906.

**GENERAL ELECTION:** The US Conference of Catholic Bishops say that "Catholic social teaching strongly promotes active citizenship. Through our opportunities as citizens, we can help shape a world more committed to protecting human life and dignity and promoting justice and peace. In their statement Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the bishops state, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (No. 13)."

We hope that you are planning to vote on November 8, 2016. Your county board of elections provide previews of the ballots so voters can research and prepare.

Website Resources:

**Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**  
**Ohio Catholic Conference Election Issues Page**

#### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 28th-November 6th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life— 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm at 12000 Shaker Blvd. Cleveland, or Planned Parenthood at 25350 Rockside Rd. Bedford Hts, or Family Planning at 564 S. State St. in Painesville. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information—and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact John Noall at 216-245-9744 or email; [clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com)

WEBSITE: [www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Birthright is a pregnancy Service that helps pregnant women and new mothers. We are currently seeking volunteers for our Eastside office to answer the phones, make up infant layettes and help women find community resources. No experience is necessary and training is provided. If you are interested in helping us help the women and babies of our community, please call Toni Sabo at 216-228-5998 or at 216-486-2800 for more information.

**FALL BEREAVEMENT SERIES** presented by DeJohn Funeral will be on Monday evenings, October 3-November 14, 6:30pm-8:00pm at 28890 Chardon Rd. in Willoughby Hills. A support group for those working through the process of grief, open to all adults. For more information/register, please call 440-516-5555.

**ROSARY SUNDAY FESTIVAL** at our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, 21281 Chardon Rd. on Sunday, October 2nd. Activities and fun for folks of all ages. Masses at 8:00am, Outdoor Mass at 9:30am & 11:00am, 3:00pm Stations, 4:00pm Rosary with Candlelight Procession and Benediction.

"Our Lord does not come down from Heaven every day to lie in a golden ciborium. He comes to find another heaven which is infinitely dearer to him—the heaven of our souls, created in His Image, the living temples of the Adorable Trinity."

~ St. Therese of Lisieux



## FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

In today's gospel parable the rich man wanted to warn his brothers so they could avoid his fate. Evidently, his whole family ignored the poor! If you were the rich man and could warn your family, what would you tell them? Better yet – invite them to practice the works of mercy to those in need.



### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate.  
He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in and out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering.  
Is there a Lazarus in my life?  
What am I doing to help?

## YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Giving.....	\$6,062.50
Last Week's Online Giving.....	\$1,798.00
Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....	\$976.00
Last Week's Online Maintenance Giving.....	\$317.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$9,154.00</b>

**God bless you for your generosity.  
Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.**

## PARISH SCHEDULE

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26th

**MONDAY-SEPTEMBER 26th**  
6:30pm PSR; Gr.7-8 (PCB)  
7:00pm Edge (PCB)  
7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (Rm. 6)

**TUESDAY-SEPTEMBER 27th**  
7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)  
7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Rm. 6)

**WEDNESDAY-SEPTEMBER 28th**  
7:00pm Adult Ensemble (C)

**THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER 29th**  
6:30pm Bingo Team #1 (G)

**FRIDAY-SEPTEMBER 30th**

**SATURDAY-OCTOBER 1st**  
9:00am Pet Blessing (PG)

**SUNDAY-OCTOBER 2nd**  
9:30am PSR (PC)



C-Church  
MR2-Meeting Room #2  
SHR-Sacred Heart Room  
P-Parish Office  
PG-Parish Grounds  
G-Gym  
PC-Parish Community Center  
PCB-Parish Community Basement  
Rm. 6 in Parish Community Center  
SRW-Ss. Robert and William