



SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



NOVEMBER 6, 2016 • 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**140 RICHMOND ROAD
EUCLID, OHIO 44143**

Website: 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 & 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. Sal at the Parish Office.

Baptisms

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

The Jubilee Year of Mercy will end on November 20th.

Let us join in prayer for 24 hours in gratitude for God's mercy shown to us, for the mercy we have shown to others, and for the grace to accept and offer mercy in the future.

We will join as a parish family in Eucharistic Adoration from 4 PM on Friday, November 18th until the beginning of Mass (4 PM) on Saturday, November 19th.



Please consider being a part of this important moment in our parish community and in our Church as we close this Year of Mercy. You are welcome to come for as long as you can, at any time that you can, but if you can commit to one hour, please complete the form below so that we can be sure that all hours are filled.

I would like to be a part of the 24 Hours of Adoration with our Lord

Name:

Phone Number: _____

e-mail: _____

- I will come when I am able*
 - I will be there during the following hour(s):*
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Please return form in the collection basket or to the parish office by Monday, November 14, 2016

Living Mercy in the Jubilee Year of Mercy



One of the most moving images of Pope Francis' ministry comes from Holy Thursday. Slowly, deliberately, Francis kneels down before prisoners—men, women, young, old, Christian, Muslim—and washes their feet, recalling Jesus admonition to Peter: "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14). On today's Jubilee for Prisoners, whose rights the Church bids us advocate, Jesus declares in the Gospel, "to God all are alive" (Luke 20:38). Have we "imprisoned" anyone figuratively, but no less painfully, passing harsh judgment, then refusing our respect, acceptance, even affection? This month of All Saints and All Souls bids us reflect on our eternal destiny and prepare for it. Respect for ourselves and others, souls and bodies, practical care for neighbors and strangers: such witness affirms that we view our present in light of our future, and believe that, even now, in our midst, stands the Lord of life, the living Jesus.

—Peter Scagnelli

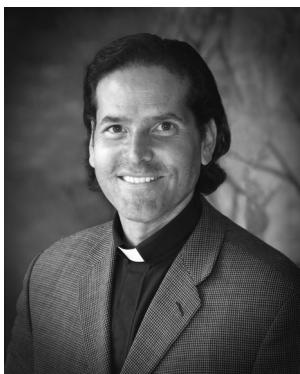


VOCATION PRAYER

O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
send Your Graces upon those You have called
to gather the fruits of Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their
lifelong service of You.

Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender
themselves to serving others in the name of
Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective
paths in life guided by
Your Divine Word and Truth.
Through the intercession of the Most Blessed
Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints,
humbly hear our prayers and grant
Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR

In these final weeks of the Year of Mercy, we focus on a spiritual work of mercy that is surprisingly simple and accessible to everyone: **Pray for the Living and the Dead.** What a wonderful opportunity for us to consider our prayer lives, and what we can all do to improve how we pray, and looking for more and more opportunities to turn to God in prayer.

As it says in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, we should “pray without ceasing”—pray constantly and endlessly. This doesn’t mean that we need to spend all day, every day, in a church praying the Rosary, and saying The Lord’s Prayer and Hail Mary’s. It means incorporating prayer—conversations with God, Jesus, Mary, and the saints—into our everyday lives and broadening the scope of our prayer which can sometimes become very narrow.

Do you pray for your personal needs, immediate family, close friends, and local community? What about the needs of others, complete strangers, enemies, and people in cities on the other side of the world? Do you pray for just the living, or do you also pray for the dead—the souls in purgatory? How can you and I, the busy people that we are, adopt a pray-without-ceasing lifestyle? It’s much easier than you think if we are willing to see the many opportunities for prayer that come to us each day...

- ◆ When you hear a police car, ambulance, or fire truck siren, pray for the officers, paramedics and anyone involved.
- ◆ When you pass a funeral home with a parking lot full of cars, pray for the soul of the deceased person, as well as that person’s family and friends.
- ◆ When you do laundry, cook, take a shower, or go to bed at night, ask God to comfort those who don’t have clothes to wash, food to eat, running water to use, or a bed to sleep in.
- ◆ When you see a cemetery, pray for the souls of the people who are buried there, as well as the souls of your loved ones who have died.
- ◆ When you are impatient, frustrated, or going through a struggle in your life, pray for the poor souls in purgatory who are awaiting their entrance into heaven.
- ◆ Pray for the unborn, pray for your enemies, yes, pray for those who consider acts of terrorism, those who do harm in their own homes. Pray not only for those that you know and love, pray for those who you do not know, those who have no one to pray for them.
- ◆ Sometime during November—the month devoted to praying for the deceased—pray a novena specifically for the souls in purgatory

This month, we will be placing a Book of Intentions by our statues of Joseph and Mary. This book will remain there permanently and offer the opportunity for our parishioners and others to write their prayers for themselves and others in its pages. My hope is that not only will you use the book to make your prayers known, but also take the time to read the intentions of others to make them a part of your prayer. In this we truly bless not only ourselves, but those who have placed their prayers, with great hope, within the pages of the book.

So, as we enter these final days of the Year of Mercy let us all strive to deepen our prayer lives, let us see the many opportunities before us to turn to God. Let us lift our own needs, and the needs of all before our God. Let us commit to pray without ceasing, for the living and the dead.

Peace.....

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	Weekday 6:30 p.m.	Coletta Herchl	NOV. 7
TUESDAY	Weekday 8:15 a.m.	Robert Kravos	NOV. 8
WEDNESDAY	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		NOV. 9
THURSDAY	St. Leo the Great 6:30 p.m.	Frank & Agnes Potochnik	NOV. 10
FRIDAY	St. Martin of Tours 8:15 a.m.	Anthony Carmosino	NOV. 11
SATURDAY	St. Josaphat 4:00 p.m.	Verna Gorgon	NOV. 12
SUNDAY	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Florence & Walter Gruszka Deceased Members of Stempihar and Jarc Families	NOV. 13

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



Apanasewicz Family, Beverley Argento, Ann Barni, Eileen Baur, Trovatore Briganti, Jane DePalma, David & Barbara DeProspero, Lillian Dolenc, Constance Durrah, Mary Frain, Patrick Gornick, Ann Grossman, 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, Martha Rymer, Jeanette Schlatt, Judy Schmidt, Carole Smigelski, Frank Somrack, John Tarmann, John Tousel, Marcie Vanek, Leonard Vargo, and Debbie Williams

Please remember our elderly and homebound as well.

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



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.

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Nov. 9th.....Sandy Grande Pointe-Sunday, Nov. 13th....Legion of Mary

COUNTERS

Counters for Sunday, Nov. 13th "B" Team

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE –NOVEMBER 12-13, 2016

MASS	PRESIDER	GREETERS	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Sal	K. Beyer A. Molle	M. McVoy	L. McVoy	D. Abreo, M. Freas, P. Kiikka, P. McVoy, J. Oberle, R. Raguz, S. Ruggeri, S. Thomas-Greaves	K. Brokamp
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Sal	H. Drozin M. Singer	A. Dean	L. Miller	L. Ashcroft, L. Bochenek, L. Fulton, M. Gricar, C. Gricar, P. Mastrangelo, K. Sorc, D. Szafranski	A. Champa J. Gricar
Sun. 11:00am	Fr. Mehok	D. Mallett M. Van Gorder	T. Hocevar	K. Musarra	R. Apanasewicz, D. Apanasewicz, C. Cinkole, D. Delic, J. Matlock, K. Musarra, C. Preto, J. Schmidt	E. Chapo C. Chapo

NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH PROJECT: On Sunday November 20th at 12:00pm, we will be making Advent Wreaths. If you are pruning your evergreens, please save them until the weekend of November 12-13 and bring them to the opened garage at SJOC. The Advent Wreaths will be made from the fresh evergreens that you provide! If you want to participate in this Advent Project, registration forms can be found on the gathering area table.

FR. MEHOK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY continues on Monday evenings at 7:30pm in Rm. 6 of the Parish Community Center, studying Paul's Last Letters.

SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM SCHOOL:

Meet Mrs. Karen Long. Mrs. Long is the SRW Kindergarten teacher. Here is her mission:
 My mission statement reflects the seriousness of my responsibility as an educator. I strive to help students work to the best of their ability. I recognize that each student is unique and requires instruction that meets individual needs. This is accomplished by providing instruction in various styles and group sizes. Accommodations are made to allow each child to work with materials that best suit academic needs. Numerous decisions face me daily. My decisions are based on the way I'd want myself, my children, and my grandchildren to be treated. I try to be firm and fair, yet conscientious of the individual child. I provide a safe and comfortable working environment. My classroom is clean, orderly, and inviting. I display student work and encourage students to help care for their own classroom. This helps promote responsibility. I try to bring students closer to Jesus by teaching them about our faith. We share Bible stories, sing songs, and participate in prayer services, retreats, and weekly Mass. I want the children to live our Catholic faith by being kind and considerate. The slogan "Good choice, bad choice, my choice" reminds them that every action has a consequence. We explore the options of a situation and then I allow them to make the decision. Mistakes can be a valuable lesson. Good manners are recognized. I prepare my students for living in the 21st century. Expectations are high and their success is a top priority. I want them to enjoy learning and experience happiness. I want to provide them with the basic tools that allow them to face whatever the future holds. Finally, I want my class to always know how much I love and care about each one of them!

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER:**

Save the date! Saturday, December 3rd is the Annual St John of the Cross Parish Christmas Dinner. We're preparing for a lovely evening of fellowship, food and fun. We'll begin the evening after the 4:00pm Mass, starting with hot and cold appetizers, our special holiday punch or adult beverages, followed by a lovely buffet dinner. Tickets are \$15/person and \$6/child and will be available after Masses beginning next weekend in the gathering area or at the parish office through November 26th. No tickets will be sold after November 27th.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO SUPPORT VETERANS:

VETERANS: In honor of Veterans Day, the Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast today Sunday, November 6. The proceeds will be donated to the annual Christmas Gift Shop at the Wade Park VA Medical Center. We hope you will join us for some pancakes, eggs, sausage, and bacon. May God bless our Veterans.

SAVE THE DATE—April 29, 2017: The date is set for our 3rd Annual Spring Extravaganza. This year will be honoring our own Fr. Mehok. So mark your calendar now because you don't want to miss this very special event and tribute to Fr. Mehok. If you would like to be part of the planning committee or help out at the event, we will have our 1st planning meeting on November 20th at 10:00am in the church meeting room. Please contact Marilyn Wagner if you have any questions 216-235-4018.

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS: We realize and greatly appreciate your contributions to the parish as your gift to the church. Your generosity allows our parish to continue the many ministries here at St. John of the Cross. There can be tax benefits to your contributions in the year they are made. 2016 contributions must be received by the parish on or before December 31, 2016 or if mailed, the postmark must be on or before December 31, 2016. This year, December 31st is a Saturday. The 4:00pm Mass contributions will be posted to 2016. The Sunday Masses, on January 1, 2017 will be posted to 2017. We are obligated, by law, to post the contribution when it is received regardless of the date on the check. If you have any questions regarding year end contributions please feel free to contact our Business Manager, Kay Magri, (216) 289-0770.



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| Sunday: | 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/2
Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27,
34-38 |
| Monday: | Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 17:1-6 |
| Tuesday: | Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27,
29/Lk 17:7-10 |
| Wednesday: | Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:3-6, 8, 11/1
Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22 |
| Thursday: | Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7-10/Lk 17:20-25 |
| Friday: | 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18
Lk 17:26-37 |
| Saturday: | 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-6/Lk 18:1-8 |
| Next Sunday: | Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-
12/Lk 21:5-19 |



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.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

The November/December issue of **Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine** will begin arriving in homes on Nov. 9. This issue features an article on Sister Corita and Father Joe, who lead a ministry of mercy and love, feeding thousands of hungry people every year. You'll also read about the singing nuns, the Daughters of St. Paul, who will perform a free concert at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Also, try a wonderful meatloaf recipe and access a listing of Catholic events throughout the diocese. All this and more will be in your free issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine, coming to your home soon, compliments of your parish and the Diocese of Cleveland.

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School Open House: All 6th, 7th, & 8th graders and their families are invited to Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin's Open House on Wednesday, November 9th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Tour our beautiful 75-acre campus and experience how NDCL's academic, spiritual, and extracurricular programs prepare students for lives that will transform the world. Please join us at 13000 Auburn Road, Chardon. For more information contact Michael Suso '03 at 440.279.1088, or visit ndcl.org/Admissions.aspx.

MASS FOR NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH: November is National Adoption Month. To celebrate, Mary Queen of Peace invites all to our 7th Annual Mass for National Adoption Month on Sunday, November 13th at 2:00pm. Birth parents, adoptive parents and adopted children will be recognized during Mass. Guest homilist will be Deacon Jim Armstrong. Mary Queen of Peace is located at 4423 Pearl Rd. in Cleveland. For more information please call 26-749-2323 or info@maryqop.org

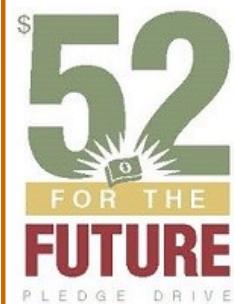
FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

The Sadducees in today's gospel did not believe in the resurrection. Death was the end of the road. At family gatherings all the fun, caring, support, affection, and laughter gives us a glimpse into eternal life. Family life can be a window to eternity.



STEWARSHIP THOUGHT

In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened *"in every good deed and word."* May, we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.



Pledge Progress

204 responses



Annual Pledge Increase \$25,242.

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Giving.....	\$6,007.10
Last Week's Online Giving.....	\$1,176.50
Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....	\$817.00
Last Week's Online Maintenance Giving.....	\$392.50
Total.....	\$8,393.10

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

PARISH SCHEDULE

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7th

MONDAY-NOVEMBER 7th

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

TUESDAY-NOVEMBER 8th

7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)
7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Rm. 6)

WEDNESDAY-NOVEMBER 9th

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (MR2)
7:00pm Adult Ensemble (C)

THURSDAY-NOVEMBER 10th

6:30pm Bingo Team #3 (G)
7:00pm Evangelization Meeting (SHR)

FRIDAY-NOVEMBER 11th

5:30pm Girl Scouts Meeting (PCB)
8:00pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

SATURDAY-NOVEMBER 12th

Donut Weekend
7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Rm. 6)
6:30pm Bingo (G)

SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 13th

Donut Weekend
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