



# SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



**JANUARY 22, 2017 • 3RD 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..... *Pastor*

Rev. Timothy Buyansky, OSB ..... *Weekend Assistant*

Rev. Edward E. Mehok ..... *Weekend Assistant*

Rev. Mr. Charles Doerpers ..... *Deacon*

Martha Dodd..... *Principal for Student Success at  
Ss. Robert and William School*

Kate Fraser..... *Youth Minister*

Richard Grebenc..... *Pastoral Associate*

Ben Koval..... *Director of Music & Liturgy*

Kay Magri..... *Business Manager*

### **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, 12:00pm & 6:30 pm

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday ..... 9:00 am–4:00 pm

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday ..... 3:00 pm

### **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.

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR



A few weeks ago, I got a text from my niece...a text that brought joy to my heart, and tears to my eyes, because it was the first time that I laid eyes on my great niece., her daughter. No, she had not yet been born...she texted me a picture of the ultrasound that had been taken just a short time before.

I stared, in awe, at the picture...in awe of God's amazing love, in awe of this creation that I have not yet met, but whom I love so very much, in awe of the life that pulses within this child already at 19 weeks after conception. I also considered the fact that this beautiful child could still legally be aborted, and sadness filled my heart.

This weekend, we remember a historic decision made by the US Supreme Court on January 22, 1973. We remember a decision that is still contentious today, and I believe, calls each of us to work even harder for a world in which all life is valued, treasured, and recognized for its sacredness.

The good news is this... The abortion rate in the United States has fallen to its lowest level since *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision legalized abortion nationwide. But, there are still over 3,000 abortions in the US and about 125,000 worldwide each day. Yes, the abortion rate has been declining for decades, but, of course, we must still work for the rights of the unborn, for an increase in the awareness of the sanctity of all life, and for the healing of men and women whose lives have been impacted by abortion.

I hope that you will join with me in a Nine Day Novena for Life available in the Gathering Area as one way for us to do this. To allow ourselves time over the next nine days to pray for an end to abortion in our country and in our world, and for a true sense of the beauty and sacredness of all life. Let us pray for the teens and adults from our parish who will attend the Pro Life Rally in Washington, DC next weekend. And may our prayer continue in the days, weeks, months and years ahead...remembering that with God, all things are possible, and that our prayers truly make a difference.

And by the way, I would like to introduce you to my latest great niece at 19 weeks...name still be to determined, due April 18. What a gift.



*Fr. Gal*

God's peace.....

### 15 MINUTES OF ADORATION AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Please plan to spend 15 minutes before the blessed sacrament after the Mass you attend this weekend as we pray together for an end to abortion and for an increase in the awareness of the sanctity of all life on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade which legalized abortion in the US. The World Health Organization estimates that there are 40-50 million abortions performed throughout the world each year (approximately 125,000 per day) and the US, there are approximately 3,000 per day or 125 per hour. Let us raise our voices in prayer to the God who gives us life. Let us pray for those who consider abortion, those who have had them, and for all of the children whose lives were ended in the womb.



#### **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.*



#### Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17  
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17  
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98/Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40/Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117  
Mk 16:15-18  
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96  
Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1/Mk 4:35-41  
Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146  
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a



**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.

#### **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**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b>	<b>JAN. 23</b>
6:30 p.m.	SJOC Parish Family	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>St. Francis de Sales</b>	<b>JAN. 24</b>
8:15 a.m.	SJOC Parish Family	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle</b>	<b>JAN. 25</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Ss. Timothy &amp; Titus</b>	<b>JAN. 26</b>
6:30 p.m.	SJOC Parish Family	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>JAN. 27</b>
8:15 a.m.	SJOC Parish Family	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>St. Thomas Aquinas</b>	<b>JAN. 28</b>
4:00 p.m.	Coletta Herchl	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>JAN. 29</b>
9:00 a.m.	Noreen Nemeth	
11:00 a.m.	Viktor Obreza	

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



Beverley Argento, Ann Barni, Trovatore Briganti, Noella Burrows, Jane DePalma, David DeProspero, Deacon Charles Doerpers, Lillian Dolenc, Constance Durrah, Mary Frain, Ann Grossman, Joe Hocevar, Marlene Hoageson, Andrew Jarm, Doris Kowalski, Evelyn Kublin, Daniel Latessa, Joan Latessa, Marie Lipold, Joe Matejka, Ronald Maxey, Fr. Edward Mehok, Joe Pastore, Anna Pepock, Joan Raddell, Martha Rymer, Carole Smigelski, Frank Somrack, John Tousel, Marcie Vanek, 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.**



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Jan. 25th.....Chris B.  
Grande Pointe-Sunday, Jan. 29th.....Eric and Jeff

**COUNTERS**

Counters for Monday, Jan. 30th....."A" Team

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE — JANUARY 28-29, 2017**

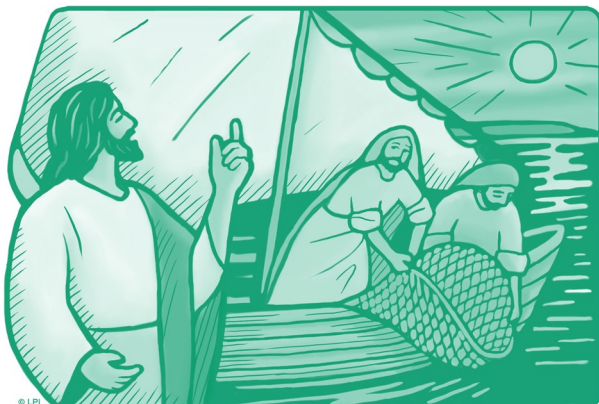
MASS	PRESIDER	GREETERS	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Sal	K. Beyer M. Hiti	J. Monger	M. Monger	T. Brokamp, M. Dodd, M. Malta, M. Monger, J. Oberle, J. Page, R. Raguz, S. Ruggeri	K. Brokamp J. Monger
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Sal	M. Chinchar B. Contorno	L. Miller	R. Somich	L. Bochenek, M. Chinchar, R. Corbo, D. DiMare, E. Edelman, L. Fulton, C. Hainrihar, K. Sorc	A. Champa A. Somich
Sun. 11:00am	Fr. Timothy	D. Mallett R. Simek	J. Johnson	T. Wetzal	K. Burke, C. Cinkole, J. Hocevar, D. Hocevar, S. Johnson, F. Koballa, A. Koballa, D. Rymer	E. Chapo C. Chapo

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." Peter, Andrew, James, and John's lives would never be the same. They were going about their usual business--fishing on the Sea of Galilee--when Jesus approached them and said, "Come after me." And that's just what they did. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Such a quick response to such a radical request!

What compelled these men to leave their livelihood to follow the Lord? His promise to them was that he would make them "fishers of men." Perhaps they thought that promise sounded fabulous. But it seems more likely that it was Christ himself who drew the men. There must have been something utterly attractive about him, and completely trustworthy. Otherwise, it seems unbelievable that these men would have been so quick to respond to his call.

This compelling man is the same Christ who calls us. We hear his voice in a different way, of course, through the Church and through the Bible, through his Spirit in our hearts, but it is nonetheless the same Jesus of Nazareth who asks us to follow him. Have we allowed ourselves to be drawn by his voice? Are we open to a real encounter with the Lord who changes lives?

If our relationship with Jesus does not transform us, if it does not change us into different, better people moment by moment and day by day, then chances are that we are not truly encountering him. He is too powerful to be inconsequential. It might take some courage and commitment to come into authentic contact with the Lord, but when we do, our lives will never be the same.



## NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

**IS PHOTOGRAPHY YOUR HOBBY OR PROFESSION?** We are looking for a few parishioners willing to take pictures at our events. We want to be able to share those great moments with all of our parishioners and post them on our website and in our bulletin but we need your help. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

**FR. MEHOK GET WELL WISHES:** If you would like to send Fr. Mehok a card or note wishing him a quick recovery, you may drop cards off at the parish office or place in the collection basket, and we will get them to him. Please keep him in your prayers.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** The St. John of the Cross Knights of Columbus is hosting a pancake breakfast today Sunday, January 22, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., to raise money for Euclid Life Teen to travel to Washington D.C. for the March for Life. The March for Life is an annual event held on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade, January 22, 1973. Members of our parish (not just youth) have regularly participated in this public demonstration on behalf of life for the unborn. Make plans to enjoy pancakes (including blueberry and chocolate chip), sausage, bacon, and eggs for a most worthy cause. As usual, there is no charge. Donations will be accepted with the proceeds to be given to Euclid Life Teen to help offset the cost of the trip.



### PASTA DINNER—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH:

Serving 5:00pm-7:00pm. Tickets will be \$10.00, and children under ten eat free. All you can eat authentic sauce, meatballs and sausage, salad, and bread and butter. Dessert with coffee and soft drinks. Please plan to come and re-connect with fellow parishioners.

**SAVE THE DATE—April 29, 2017:** The date is set for our 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, please contact Marilyn Wagner 216- 235-4018.

## NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

### SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM SCHOOL:

Meet Miss Lura Spinks. Miss Spinks teaches Kindergarten. Here is her mission:

The mission of my room is to ensure that every child is looked at as a unique child of God, to work as a partner in education with families and teach my students how to be productive classmates.

Every child that enters the classroom is a wonderful and talented individual, and should be treated as such. The mission in the classroom is to understand and identify each child's individual academic, emotional and physical needs. It is important to identify these needs and then meet each child at their level to help each child grow to their full potential.

It is important that each child's family feels included and respected. In order to help families feel included in the classroom open communication is vital. My mission is to make sure that all families view my classroom as a safe place, with the common goal of doing what is best for their child.

In the classroom we teach basic manners. It is important that each student not only learns how to interact with their peers but adults as well. If a child can treat others with respect and love then they will develop into good and productive students as well as good and productive citizens.

My hope is that every child and family knows and feels that their child and family is truly cared for and that I will do whatever I can to promote a positive and loving atmosphere.

As always thank you for your support of our school.

**SRW OPEN HOUSE:** Experience first-hand the awesome learning and growing going on daily at Ss. Robert and William Catholic School! Stop by the school during Catholic Schools' Week Open House Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 12:30pm – 2:00pm. Tour the school, visit classrooms, meet the teachers and staff, see awesome displays of our students' creations and learn about our unique program. All parishioners, families, friends and neighbors are welcome. We love to show off the wonderful things happening at SRW!

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE:** SJOC Men's Prayer Group would ask all men to save the date of Saturday, March 25th, 2017, for a Men's conference at Holiday Inn Rockside. More details to come....

**ANNUAL LOURDES NOVENA:** February 3<sup>rd</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>. Each evening will begin with the rosary at 7:00 PM followed by Mass. A novena is nine days of prayer for all those needs that we have, spoken and unspoken. The novena to Our Lady of Lourdes is a very powerful one. It becomes even more powerful because we join our prayers together. In one voice we raise our hearts and petitions to the Blessed Mother who in turn becomes our advocate to her Son, Jesus. All of us have petitions and needs in our lives, our country, our world. Join us in this novena.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Birthright is a pregnancy Service that helps pregnant women and new mothers. They are currently seeking volunteers for their East side location 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 please call Toni Sabo at 216-228-5998 or at 216-486-2800 for more information.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE GIFT SHOP** offers a wide variety of gifts for that special person making their First Communion or Confirmation. The shop is open seven days a week from 10:00am to 4:30pm, located at 21281 Chardon Rd. Euclid.

**RETRouvaille:** Retrouvaille is a three-month program to help couples struggling in their marriages. It has three phases, starting with a weekend experience in which couples learn to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. Post sessions are held over a period of 12 weeks to further develop and enhance the techniques learned on the weekend. A support group is available offering interaction with other couples who are striving to improve their relationship. For more information go to their website [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) or contact Marce & Liz Gliha at [3031@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3031@retrouvaille.org)



**Pledge Progress**

**312 responses**



**Annual Pledge Increase \$33,075.**

**YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Last Week's Giving.....	\$5,830.00
Last Week's Online Giving.....	\$1,990.00
Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....	\$594.00
Last Week's Online Maintenance Giving.....	\$347.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$8,761.50</b>

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

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

The Gospel tells us that Jesus “withdrew” when John the Baptist was arrested. It is important to know when to withdraw. Many disputes at home are about petty things. We may win an argument but damage the relationship. Knowing when to withdraw from conflict is the Spirit’s gift of wisdom and the reward is peace.

**PARISH SCHEDULE**

**WEEK OF JANUARY 23RD**

**MONDAY-JANUARY 23rd**  
6:30pm PSR-Gr. 7-8 (PCB)  
7:00pm Edge (PCB)  
7:00pm Pre Cana Meeting (MR2)

**TUESDAY-JANUARY 24th**  
7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

**WEDNESDAY-JANUARY 25th**  
7:00pm Adult Ensemble (C)

**THURSDAY-JANUARY 26th**  
6:30pm Bingo Team #1 (G)

**FRIDAY-JANUARY 27th**  
5:00pm Girl Scout Meeting (PCB)  
8:00pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

**SATURDAY-JANUARY 28th**  
7:00am Men’s Prayer Group

**SUNDAY-JANUARY 29th**  
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