



SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



FEBRUARY 12, 2017 • 6TH 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.....*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 PASTORAL ASSOCIATE



As we celebrate World Marriage Day today and are in the midst of National Marriage Week USA, I thought it appropriate to share with you a lovely piece about a long and faithful witness to marriage. This should be an inspiration to all of us, married or not married, of the beauty and power of authentic Christian love.

The greatest of these is love—By Cathy Donovan

My parents have been married for more than 50 years. Their marriage is a testimony to the real joys and challenges of spending a lifetime together. Their bond is perhaps most beautifully illustrated in the following story:

It was about three years ago and my parents were in Florida expecting company for the weekend, so I offered to help my Mom out for a few days. (Florida sounded really good given that it was February and I live in Minnesota.) With the support of my husband, I headed to Florida for what became a frightening week. My Dad was hospitalized for complications related to his lung disease. By the grace of God, he recovered, but I am forever thankful for the privilege of being with my parents during that time.

Over the course of several days, I watched my parents interact with each other. It was clear that their love for each other was the best medicine for my Dad. My Mom was aware of his deteriorating condition in some cases before the doctors. When he went from sleeping to unconscious, my Mom was aware of the subtle change before we were. When she would stroke his forehead, he would relax. When they were away from each other, they were not themselves. They may not be physically one, but they certainly are one spiritually.

This is love. It is a love that is faithful and constant through good, bad and frightening. It is a love that brings healing and peace. It is an aged love that has lived through proud moments and disappointment, happiness and deep sorrow. And through it all, they love. I would say it is even a sanctuary for my parents; it is the most dependable, reliable and devoted relationship I know.

I believe my parents emulate the love God has for us. Just like that divine love, it has an impact on others. It encompasses my seven siblings and our families and has become a road map for the way to walk through life. I take for granted the loyalty and dependability that is a characteristic of my family. We learned that value from my parents. Often in my growing up years, and especially when there was tension between us, my Dad would simply say, "Love one another." A seemingly simple command, but difficult to live out when my sister had ruined my favorite sweater, or my brother had frightened me with a fake spider down my back. Love one another; maybe that is good medicine for us all.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." Mt 22:37-40

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Please go to the parish website, saintjohnofthecross.org, to find links to additional materials regarding marriage in general and World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week USA in particular.

May God bless you abundantly.....Richard Grebenc

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 6:30 p.m.	Weekday SJOC Parish Family	FEB. 13
TUESDAY 8:15 a.m.	St. Cyril & Methodius Tony Grebenc	FEB. 14
WEDNESDAY	Weekday	FEB. 15
THURSDAY 6:30 p.m.	Weekday Allan Glagola	FEB. 16
FRIDAY 8:15 a.m.	Weekday Sharon Matejka	FEB. 17
SATURDAY 4:00 p.m.	Weekday Jack Barni	FEB. 18
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Stephen & Mary Ann Jarosz SJOC Parish Family	FEB. 19

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

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

Please remember our elderly and homebound as well.

Please notify the Parish Office when a name



**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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Feb. 15th.....Chris H.
Pointe-Sunday, Feb. 19th.....William

COUNTERS

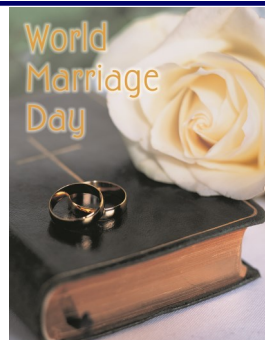
Counters for Tuesday, Feb. 21st....."D" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE — FEBRUARY 18-19, 2017

MASS	PRESIDER	GREETERS	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Sal	K. Brindo S. Thomas-Greaves	J. Cernansky	K. McVoy	T. Brokamp, M. Freas, P. Kiiikka, P. McVoy, W. Nalepka, J. Page, B. Pophal, S. Ruggeri	K. Brokamp J. Monger
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Sal	J. Chounet H. Drozin	C. Hainrihar	D. Wagner	L. Ashcroft, R. Lammermeier, P. Mastrangelo, M. Proctor, R. Somich, J. Volk, R. Volk, M. Wagner	E. Somich A. Somich
Sun. 11:00am	Fr. Timothy	R. Simek M. Van Gorder	J. Matlock	J. Solpa	D. Apanasewicz, R. Apanasewicz, J. Berquist, J. Dreyer, A. Koballa, F. Koballa, K. Musarra, T. Wetzel	C. Knox W. Knox

TODAY'S REFLECTION:

"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus presents two paths for us today: we can break his commandments or obey them. And the result corresponds to our choice. If we decide not to follow God's guidelines, we will not enjoy the fullness of the kingdom of heaven. But if we choose otherwise, eternity will look much brighter for us! Of course, it's easy to know in our minds what the right choice is. But putting this into practice is another matter. The commandments Jesus gives in today's Gospel are not easy to follow. He takes the ancient Ten Commandments to a deeper level of commitment. He says more than do not kill. Rather, do not even harbor anger in our hearts. He says more than do not commit adultery. Rather, do not even indulge in lustful thoughts. He says more than do not lie. Rather, do not even swear. Undoubtedly, Jesus is asking us to chart a challenging course. But he would not expect us to follow these directives if it were impossible to do so. And it's important to bear in mind that Jesus doesn't set high standards to test or punish us. His love for us is at the root of everything he teaches us. Following these commandments, challenging though they may be, will in fact make us happier people, both now and in eternity! As with so many good things in life, committed effort on our part is necessary--whether it be maintaining good health, accomplishing a certain skill, or earning a sought-after award. So too with a soul that is truly free. We need to exercise a life of virtue by taking the advice of Jesus Christ, the best life coach we could ever hope to have.



*O God, we want to live our life together with you
and always to continue it with you.*

*Help us never to hurt and
never to grieve each other.*

*Help us to share all our works,
all our hopes, all our dreams,
all our successes, all our failures,
all our joys and all our sorrows.*

*Help us to have no secrets from each other
so that we may be truly one.*

*Keep us always true to each other,
and grant that all the years ahead may draw us
ever closer to each other.*

*Grant that nothing may ever come
between us and nothing may ever
make us ever drift apart.*

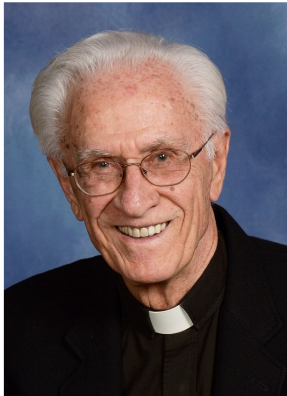
*And as we live with each other,
help us to live with you,
so that our love may grow perfect in your love,
for you are the God whose name is love.
This we ask for your love's sake. Amen*



Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Mk 8:34--9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



Annual Extravaganza

Saturday, April 29, 2017

In the Parish Community Center
This year we honor a special priest,
Fr. Edward Mehok.

At this time we are collecting "Silent Auction" items. Many of the Ministries will be working on items but you can also make a personal donation in cash, gift certificates or new items (books, pictures, electronics, etc.) by dropping your item(s) off at the Parish Office before March 12th.

We will begin taking dinner reservations in March. Ticket prices this year will be \$50.00 per person. Don't miss out on this wonderful evening. Stay tuned for more announcements and fun surprises as we welcome Spring at St. John of the Cross.

Questions, please call Marilyn Wagner at
216-235-4018



LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE PASTA DINNER TICKETS:

Please join us for the Annual St. John of the Cross Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 18th, after the 4:00pm Mass. We'll start the evening with light appetizers and Wedding Soup. Beer (\$1.00) and wine (\$1.25) will be available for purchase, (so no BYOB will be permitted). About 5:45pm we will serve salad and our special homemade bread tableside and then open the buffet lines around 6:00pm and you can enjoy all you can eat pasta, with Frank's signature sauce, meatballs and sausage. We'll clear up the tables and serve dessert around 7:15pm. Remember to hang on to your fork for dessert! Tickets are still only \$10.00 and children under 12 are free. Come and join us for a night of good food and good friends. Tickets will be available after weekend Masses.

FR. SAL GET WELL WISHES: If you would like to send Fr. Sal a get well card or note, 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.

FR. MEHOK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY will resume on February 13th, Monday evening at 7:30pm in Room 6 of the Parish Community Center, studying the Gospel of St. Matthew.

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

SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM SCHOOL:

Meet Mr. Mark Dean. Mr. Dean teaches Physical Education to the students in Grades Pre-K-8. Here is his mission:

My name is Mr. Dean, and I am a teacher. My title is teacher of Physical Education, but I am really a teacher. When our students enter our gymnasium they may need to learn to tie their shoes, or need someone to talk to...

I am a teacher, guiding our students to fair play and sportsmanship and praying before we begin our class. I am a teacher leading by example and inspiring our students that winning is not the objective but playing with dignity and respect are our goals. Life will throw things at you; you can not anticipate or predict the outcome. If your only concern is winning when you fail you may struggle to recover.

I am a teacher, when my students enter my classroom they know it is a safe place where they will be loved and respected.

I am a teacher and my name is Mr. Dean.

As always thank you for your support of our school.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

Today's Gospel is from the "Sermon on the Mount." Jesus gives strong and lofty ideals to inspire and guide our living. Today we celebrate World Marriage Day and are reminded that ideal marriages are not lived on lofty mountaintops, but in the nitty-gritty of everyday life. In their love, mutual sharing and forgiveness, couples give us a glimpse of the Kingdom of Heaven.

ROSE-MARY CENTER THANKS YOU for the generous gifts that were given at Christmas time. These gifts ensure that the children and adults with developmental disabilities have access to the care and resources they need. Thank you again for your support.

NEW WAY OF LIVING: As we enter the 2017 calendar year, we must continue in our Christian journey for growth, penitence, conversion and to enrich our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We invite you to join us at: THE NEW WAY of LIVING. This one and one half day program will be life-changing and help you find Peace and Purpose in your life! Date: February 17 and 18th Time: Friday evening from 7:00pm-10:00pm, Saturday from 8:30am-5:00pm Breakfast and Lunch will be included; a free will offering will be taken. Location: Saints Robert and William Catholic Parish (Upper Hall). For any questions, or to register please call Matt & Mary Chinchar - 216-486-3310.

SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM SCHOOL—NOW ENROLLING: Ss. Robert and William Catholic School is pleased to announce that we are now enrolling students from Preschool through Grade 6. Our mission is to foster student success by providing a nurturing environment focusing on faith, academics, and service. We provide a traditional learning environment enhanced with the integration of STREAM lessons. Contact Angela Casey in the school office at 216-731-3060 for information.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE-MARCH 25TH: Men of all ages are invited to attend the Cleveland Diocese Catholic Men's Conference from 9am-4pm Saturday, March 25th at the Holiday Inn Rockside, at Interstates 480 and 77 in Independence. Registration begins at 8am. Tim Staples, a nationally known Catholic evangelist, will be the featured speaker. He will address men's issues. Other speakers include Fr. Michael Denk, parochial vicar at St. Gabriel Parish, and a blogger at the prodigalfather.org, and Elvis Grbac, a former NFL quarterback, who was a star football player at St. Joseph High School in Cleveland and University of Michigan. Register through our Men's Prayer Group (Richard Volk; 216-383-6525) or online at cmfneo.com, or by mail to P.O. Box 2171, S. Euclid, OH 44121. Individual registration is \$38; \$34. for groups of eight or more; \$15. for students. Cost includes continental breakfast and lunch.

“YOU DID IT FOR ME”: The 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the “least among us.” Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Thomas requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail. Your support of the 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the appeal, which provides essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. We invite you to view the stories of inspiration and more information at www.catholiccommunity.org/2017Appeal

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Giving.....	\$6,677.00
Last Week's Online Giving.....	\$893.00
Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....	\$2,279.00
Last Week's Online Maintenance Giving.....	\$158.50
Total.....	\$10,007.50
School Support for January.....	\$661.00
Capital Improvement for January.....	\$295.00
Life Teen Fund for January.....	\$80.00

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

PARISH SCHEDULE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13TH

MONDAY-FEBRUARY 13th

6:30pm PSR Gr. 7-8 (PCB)
 7:00pm Edge (PCB)
 7:00pm Social Justice (MR2)
 7:00pm KofC Meeting (PC)
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (Rm.6)

TUESDAY-FEBRUARY 14th

7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 15th

7:00pm Adult Ensemble (C)

THURSDAY-FEBRUARY 16th

6:30pm Bingo Team #4 (G)
 6:30pm Ministry of Consolation (MR2)

FRIDAY-FEBRUARY 17th

8:00pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

SATURDAY-FEBRUARY 18th

5:00pm Pasta Dinner (G)

SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 19th

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



Pledge Progress
312 responses



Annual Pledge Increase \$33,075.