



# SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



**MARCH 19, 2017 • THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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*

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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



Men, there is an opportunity for you to enrich your Lenten Journey with one of the following Men's Conferences being held on March 25th:

This year **CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF NORTHEAST OHIO** is sponsoring a one-day conference for men in Independence, OH. In an environment with hundreds or thousands of men, speakers offer presentations on many issues men deal with in the contemporary world. In this "charged" atmosphere, men learn they are not alone in the struggle. It is a time of great spiritual encouragement. Speakers are Tim Staples, Fr. Michael Denk, and Elvis Grbac. Register at [www.cmfneo.org](http://www.cmfneo.org).

**2232 MEN** live the passage from Luke 22:32 — "But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers". The 4th annual Men's Conference in Erie, PA will give participants the opportunity, once again, to gain the tools we all need to strengthen ourselves first so we can be the builders of faith in others. The day will be filled with exciting and gripping speakers who will challenge us to take a hard look at our lives and encourage us to bring our Father into our lives so He can be the presence that leads us in all we do. Register at [www.2232men.com](http://www.2232men.com).

See representatives from the Men's Prayer Group in the gathering area after Mass for more information.

May the Lord give you His peace..... Richard Grebenc



**LENT IS A TIME OF GRACE, A  
TIME TO CONVERT AND LIVE  
OUT OUR BAPTISM FULLY.  
-POPE FRANCIS**



### Readings for the Week

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:3-4, 18-21ab Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



### LENTEN REGULATIONS REGARDING FASTING AND ABSTINENCE:

Our observance of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, March 1st, a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> <i>No Mass</i>	<b>MAR. 20</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:15 a.m.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Walter Needs	<b>MAR. 21</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>MAR. 22</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Victor Kmetich	<b>MAR. 23</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:15 a.m.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Vincent Veneziano	<b>MAR. 24</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b> Lombardo Family	<b>MAR. 25</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> Walter & Florence Gruszka Frank & Anna Sustar	<b>MAR. 26</b>

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

Beverley Argento, Trovatore Briganti,  
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,  
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  
can be removed from this list.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Mar. 22nd.....Rich  
Pointe-Sunday, Mar. 26th.....  
.....Chris & Dawnmarie

**COUNTERS**

Counters for Monday, Mar. 27th....."A" Team



**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.

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE —MARCH 25-26, 2017**

MASS	PRESIDER	GREETERS	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Sal	K. Brindo P. Kiikka	M. McVoy	L. McVoy	C. Barni, M. Freas, M. Malta, P. McVoy, W. Nalepka, R. Raguz, S. Ruggeri, S. Thomas-Greaves	K. Brokamp J. Monger
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Timothy	J. Chounet T. Chounet	A. Dean	R. Somich	T. Davisson, R. Lammermeier, N. Powell, M. Somich, D. Szafranski, R. Tepley, J. Volk, R. Volk	A. Somich E. Somich
Sun. 11:00am	Fr. Sal	D. Mallet R. Simek	J. Hocevar	T. Wetzel	C. Cinkole, J. Dreyer, E. Dulaney, D. Hocevar, J. Matlock, K. Musarra, D. Rymer, J. Solpa	C. Knox W. Knox



# Easter Every Sunday

*"What wonderful times we shared." "Hurry up, you're late!"*

*"Time stood still." "I'm counting the days 'til the kids come home."*

*"Will tomorrow never come?" "I know my days are numbered."*

*"She's watching the clock." "Relax—we have all the time in the world."*



Human life exists in time. Each person's life unfolds over time, made up of a finite number of days, weeks, months, and years. Yet all time is not the same. There are moments when we are impatient and eager for time to pass. On other occasions time seems to "stand still": the moment is full of serenity, complete and whole. In daily life we may struggle to manage time, organize time, keep up with the passage of time, and use time wisely. Yet there are also occasions when time seems to be pure gift. Time is the subject of some of our deepest anxieties and regrets, but also the vessel of our joys, promises, and hopes.

## ETERNITY, CREATION, AND TIME

To be human is to live in time, but also to long for eternity. Built into our very nature is the capacity to know that our contingent, time-bound life is not all there is. God is eternal; he exists outside of time. To be in relationship with God is therefore to touch eternity. Faith changes the landscape of our imagination, allowing us to discover time in new ways—not as a mere procession of days, but as a gift of our Creator.

In the story of creation, from the Book of Genesis, we read that day and night take shape under God's guiding hand. When the biblical account says, "Evening came, and morning followed," this refrain is not simply a statement of fact. It stands as witness to the beauty and order that God has ordained for our world. As day after day unfolds, and the world comes into being, "God saw that it was good."

It is not surprising, therefore, that believers understand and perceive time in light of faith. The patterns by which we organize and live out our time are not merely functional or practical, but express a faith-filled perspective on the meaning of life.

## THE ORIGINS OF SUNDAY

Christians inherited from their Jewish forebears a seven-day week, corresponding to the seven days described in the creation story in the Bible (Genesis 1:1–2:1). What the early Church brought to this experience of time, however, was a striking new element: the resurrection of Jesus. Christ was raised from the dead on "the first day of the week"—Sunday. So, whereas the Jewish people centered their week on Saturday, the day on which God rested, in the Christian week Sunday became the high point, because of the Resurrection. Sunday was—and remains—our weekly celebration of Easter.

For the Fathers of the Church, Sunday also had a mystical significance. It was "the eighth day," pointing to the future fulfillment of all God's promises at the end of time. Knowing that God created light on the first day of creation, they noted the fact that Jesus was raised from the dead on the "day of light." On Sunday, in this mystical view, creation and redemption met. Hope of future glory filled the hearts of the faithful. They touched eternity.

## A RENEWAL OF SUNDAY

Blessed John Paul II explored the rich theological meaning of Sunday in his apostolic letter *On Keeping the Lord's Day Holy* (1998). He offered pastoral guidance to strengthen our experience of Sunday—with the celebration of Eucharist at its heart. In this letter, he called for Sunday to be renewed in the lives of the faithful as a “day of joy, rest, and solidarity.”

Sunday is the day the whole Church comes together for the eucharistic assembly. It is a day of joy, when we are more than ever aware that the Risen Lord is in our midst. “The festive character of Sunday Eucharist expresses the joy that Christ communicates to his Church through the gift of the Spirit,” John Paul wrote, “Joy is precisely one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit (cf. Romans 14:17; Galatians 5:22)” (56).

In the rhythm of work and rest, Sunday also plays an essential role. “Rest is something sacred, because it is a way for men and women to withdraw from the sometimes excessively demanding cycle of earthly tasks in order to renew an awareness that everything is the work of God” (65).

Finally, Sunday is a day for works of mercy, love, and service. Sharing what we have with the very poor has been part of Christianity from the beginning, as John Paul explained: “Far from trying to create a narrow ‘gift’ mentality, [St.] Paul calls rather for a demanding culture of sharing, to be lived not only among the members of the community itself, but also in society as a whole” (70).

To keep the Lord's Day holy is to honor basic Christian values: worship of God is central, while care for ourselves and solidarity with others complete the picture.

## SUNDAY MASS

Eucharist may be celebrated on other days too, of course. Yet the unique qualities of Sunday make it the premier setting for celebrating the Eucharist (Saturday evening

Mass is included as part of Sunday, in the Church's calendar). Eucharist, in turn, imparts to Sunday its deepest significance. Christ is risen. He is in our midst.

For people today who lead busy and often stress-filled lives, Sunday can be a true gift. Participation in Sunday Mass, to celebrate the Lord's Day, calls us back to an awareness of God, of salvation in Christ, and of the eternal horizon of our faith.

## REFLECT

Take an inventory of things you typically do on Sunday. What are the high points? Low points? What could make this day more truly a “day of light” for you?

## ACT

Put more joy into your Sunday. Choose one action that brings you joy and treat yourself to it on Sunday. Could that action be one of sharing?

## PRAY

O God of Creation, thank you for the gift of time. Help me to cherish the rhythms of my life, and to honor you through all of them. Keep me ever mindful of the resurrection of your Son, who illumines our days and draws us into his own, wonderful life.

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## NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

**OUR LENTEN JOURNEY  
REAWAKEN US...****Stations of the Cross:****Every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm**

We gather as a community in prayer to reflect on the Stations of the Cross. Come and travel the journey of Christ's passion and death as we remember how He carried each of us on His journey to the Cross.

**Friday, Mar. 24;**

Stations led by Social Justice

**Friday, Mar. 31st;**

Stations led by Fr. Sal

**Friday, April 7th;**

Stations led by Ministry of Consolation

**Good Friday, April 14th;**

12pm Stations of the Cross

7pm Living Stations led by Youth Ministry

**Opportunities for Reconciliation:**

~Every Saturday; 3:00-3:30pm

~or by appointment

~Communal Penance, Monday, Mar. 20th  
at 6:30pm at Ss. Robert-William

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

In Jesus' time, men and women did not converse; Samaritans and Jews hated each other. In today's Gospel, Jesus was able to change the life of the woman at the well because he was willing to break down the barriers of hatred and misunderstanding. Whenever we break the barriers of misunderstanding and mend tattered relationships in our own families, we too discover the "gift of God."

**NO MASS MONDAY, MAR. 20TH:** Everyone is encouraged to attend our Communal Penance Service that evening at Ss. Robert and William at 6:30pm.

**SIGN UP** sheets for Holy Week are posted in the sacristy. Please consider signing up for this most holiest week of the year on the Catholic church calendar.

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE:** We will have a Communal Penance Service on Monday, March 20th at 6:30pm at Ss. Robert-William.

**ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA: Saturday, April 29th.**

In the Parish Community Center. This year we honor Fr. Edward Mehok who is celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> year of ordination. Tickets are now available for purchase after all Masses or in the Parish Office. Seating is limited so don't miss out on this special evening. Doors open at 5:00p.m. and the evening begins with delicious appetizers, beer and wine followed by an exquisite catered meal including Beef Tenderloin and Chicken Marsala. Tickets are \$50.00 with limited seating. We are still accepting donations in the form of cash, gift certificates and new items that we can include in our silent auction. Please drop items off at the Parish Office before April 7<sup>th</sup>. Questions, please call Marilyn Wagner at 216 235 4018.

**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.

**SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER:** Join us for a soup supper in the Sacred Heart Room on Friday, March 24th starting at 5:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross.





**Pledge Progress**

**315 responses**



**Annual Pledge Increase \$33,485.**

### 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.*

### CRS COLLECTION: HELP JESUS IN DISGUISE

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

### YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Last week's collection will be posted  
In next weekend's bulletin.

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

### PARISH SCHEDULE

#### WEEK OF MARCH 20TH

##### MONDAY-MARCH 20th

6:30pm Communal Penance (SRW)  
6:30pm PSR Gr. 7-8 (PCB)  
7:00pm Edge (PCB)

##### TUESDAY-MARCH 21st

7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

##### WEDNESDAY-MARCH 22nd

7:00pm Adult Ensemble (C)

##### THURSDAY-MARCH 23rd

6:30pm Bingo Team #1 (G)  
7:00pm Parish Council Meeting (P)  
7:00pm Areopagus (SRW)

##### FRIDAY-MARCH 24th

##### Day of Abstinence

5:30pm Simple Soup Supper (SHR)  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (C)  
8:00pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

##### SATURDAY-MARCH 25th

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Rm. 6)

##### SUNDAY-MARCH 26th

9:30am PSR (PC)  
1:00pm Legion of Mary Acies (C&G)  
6:00pm Life Teen (SRW)



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