SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

EXTRAVAGANZA

MAY 7, 2017 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 BUSINESS MANAGER

Today looking out the window and seeing the trees blooming, it is difficult to believe that spring has arrived. As March closed we also completed the 3rd quarter of our fiscal year. Richard Grebenc, our Pastoral Associate joined our staff in January. He has been busy meeting with our various ministry groups learning what you are all about and the plans you have for our parish. During the month of February, you may have seen scaffolding in the church. Our own Tom Hagen continues painting not only making our church beautiful but saving the parish over $50,000. March was filled with an inspiring Lenten Mission, beautiful Stations of the Cross and our simple soup supper. Several more parishioners joined our "52 for the Future" effort getting us a bit closer to our goal. We are now only $6,403 short of our goal, so if you have not responded or have a little extra income tax refund that you did not expect and would like to donate to our future please just mark it "52 for the Future." Linda White and her Bingo team have continued to work hard on innovative ideas to bring in a steady crowd as bingo remains an important source of revenue for our parish. Planning has taken place for another Extravaganza and our next Second Blessings Rummage Sale plans are already underway. We had generous donations for our Easter Flowers and the number of our online giving contributors has grown. All of this allows us to continue to grow our mission here at Saint John of the Cross Parish. We are truly blessed. Below is a financial summary of July, 2016-March, 2017 activity:

INCOME			EXPENSE	
Collections	$360,077		Administration	$168,588
Other Donations	20,418		Celebrating	69,824
Program Income	8,110		Teaching	5,814
Devotional Candles	5,778		Evangelization	18,128
Rental Income	49,495		Participating/Caring	9,103
Fundraising	38,532		Plant Operations	143,476
Property Tax Refund	11,890		Equipment Replacement	2,919
Investment Gain	24,092		Diocesan Assessments	48,045
Rooted in Faith Funds	23,313		Future Capital Improvements	31,233
Miscellaneous Income	3,085			
Total Income	**$544,790**		**Total Expenses**	**$497,130**

As we continue this fiscal year and plan, with the assistance of our Parish and Finance Councils, we sincerely thank you for your continued support. This allows all of us to fulfill our mission as Disciples of Christ and continue to plan for the future of our St. John of the Cross Community.

Blessings……Kay

NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

FR. MEHOK'S 60th ANNIVERSARY is Thursday, May 18th. Fr. Mehok will preside at the 6:30pm Mass that evening. Please join us as we thank him for sharing his gifts in our community for over forty-five years.
Fr. Mehok will also preside at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, May 21st and we will have refreshments afterwards. Fr. Mehok is truly a living witness to what it means to share and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our world. Come celebrate as a parish and take a moment to let him know how he has touched your life.

FR. MEHOK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY continues on Monday evening at 7:30pm in Room 6 of the Parish Community Center, studying the Gospel of Matthew.

READY, SET, GO! SECOND BLESSINGS is getting ready for the **FOURTH** annual rummage sale coming this September 9-10th. The mobile unit will be open for items to be dropped off Monday through Friday from 9-5. Our next drop off Saturday will be on May 20th. If you can help out, in any way, with our next sale and would like to join in the fun or would like more information please contact Carla Colo at (216) 970-0219 / cfcolo@gmail.com.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed today, Sunday, May 7th, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the USCCB Vocations webpage (www.usccb.org/vocations).

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

Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6 1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts	13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Rest in Peace

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY OF:

Joseph Lonchor

MAY THEY KNOW THE PEACE AND COMFORT OF GOD'S LOVE AND FIND STRENGTH IN THE SUPPORT OF FAMILY AND OUR PARISH COMMUNITY.

Thank You

Thank you to all you supported our Extravaganza last weekend. It was a beautiful evening honoring Fr. Mehok. We had many familiar faces come back to help us celebrate as well as visiting clergy and a table from Notre Dame College. Marilyn Wagner and her committee did an amazing job planning this successful event. The food was plentiful and delicious and the youth of our parish who helped serve the meal were so friendly, polite, and attentive. We sincerely thank you whether you served on the committee, attended the event or donated for the auction. It was a very beautiful and successful event on so many levels.

100 Years Ago
Our Lady Came to Fatima

Please join us at St. John of the Cross on **Saturday, May 13th** for events throughout the day honoring the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima, Portugal.

MORNING

8:15 am MASS in honor of Our Lady of Fatima

8:45 am BREAKFAST: continental (in the Gathering Area)

9:00 am MOVIE: *The 13th Day* dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady (in the Sacred Heart Room)

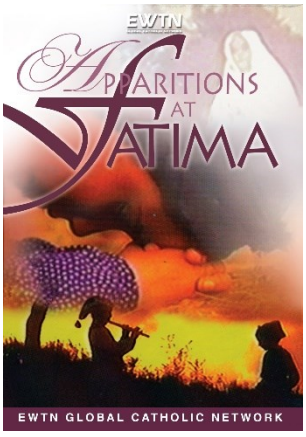
10:30 am TALK: "Fatima through the Years"

11:00 am END of the morning session

EVENING (sponsored by the Knights of Columbus & Legion of Mary)

5:00 pm ROSARY recitation (immediately after Mass)

5:30 pm DINNER & MOVIE: *Apparitions at Fatima* dramatizes the story of Fatima filmed in the very places Our Lady appeared (in the Parish Community Center)



8:00 pm END of the evening session

We hope you will join us for all or part of the day! It will surely be a blessed time.

Almsgiving Blessings

Thank you for your continued support of our sister parish, The Sacred Heart of Jesus in Chacraseca, Nicaragua.

We are truly grateful for the overwhelming generosity of St. John of the Cross parishioners this Lenten season and for your Almsgiving offerings of $3,253.00. Along with offerings from parishioners at St. Mary's in Chardon, we are very pleased to report that we raised more than enough to ensure the completion of work on the Casa de Cural. The newly renovated building will provide a community space and a much-needed rectory. We will hold the excess funds in reserve for future needs of The Sacred Heart of Jesus parish.

This is a time of transition and mixed emotions for the parishioners in Chacraseca and for our team. Our close friend and partner, Padre Tomás, remains in our hearts and prayers, and we wish him all the best in his new parish in León. At the same time, we are very excited to welcome the new pastor, Padre Harold José Venerio, and look forward to working with him. Let us join our hearts and prayers in celebration of our continued commitment to our global partnership and in support of the new pastor. May our prayers and support for one another truly be a source of strength and hope that reaches across the miles that separate us and brings us closer to each other and to our loving God.

We also ask for your prayers for the members of our mission team who will be leaving for Chacraseca on Monday, May 8. It will be a busy, faith-filled week as we join in the celebration of the Feast of San Isidro, the patron saint of farmers. We will also be getting to know Padre Harold José, hosting a Bible study program for the children of the parish and working side-by-side with our friends in Christ to help paint the recently converted rectory.

Please know that you are helping to change the face of poverty and bring the Good News to the beautiful children of The Sacred Heart of Jesus. God bless your generous hearts and helping hands!

Manos Unidas en la Esperanza y el Amor

PA'S CORNER;

I'm excited to let you know that we have lined up renowned speaker, author, teacher, and dean of the Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality, Susan Muto, to speak on the life and spirituality of our patron, St. John of the Cross, on his feast day, December 14th. We will lead up to that day with a number of special events related to this great spiritual guide.

As always, I would love to hear from you!

rgrebenc@saintjohnofthecross.org or x18

God bless! Richard

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

Too many families take too little time to talk about their faith. Try an Emmaus family journey. Talk about Jesus and your faith on the ride to church. Or, make time this week to meet with a trusted friend with whom you can talk and pray and even share a meal. Where two or more are gathered in His Name, Jesus is present in their midst.

We congratulate the following children who will receive our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time weekend:

Samuel Bray
Deviars Thomas
Cole Geiger-Dugandzic

CONFIRMATION 2017

Congratulations to Peter "Sebastian" Elliot who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	**Easter Weekday**	**MAY 8**
6:30 p.m.	Kevin Lynch	
TUESDAY	**Easter Weekday**	**MAY 9**
8:15 a.m.	Joe & Marija Jalovec	
WEDNESDAY	**Easter Weekday**	**MAY 10**
THURSDAY	**Easter Weekday**	**MAY 11**
6:30 p.m.	Joe Caresani	
FRIDAY	**Easter Weekday**	**MAY 12**
8:15 a.m.	Mark Sedar	
SATURDAY	**Easter Weekday**	**MAY 13**
4:00 p.m.	Frank & Coletta Herchl	
SUNDAY	**5th Sunday of Easter**	**MAY 14**
9:00 a.m.	Mary Organiscak	
11:00 a.m.	Joseph Loparo	

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS: It is time to prepare the next Liturgical Minister's Schedule. The schedule will begin in June and go through the end of September. If you have any special requests or would like to make changes in Mass times at which you serve etc. Please contact Ben at the parish office or by email bkoval@saintjohnofthecross.org. by

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

Beverley Argento, 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, Marilyn Matlock, 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.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. May 10th…….....Marla
Grande Pointe-Sunday, May 14th…..Legion of Mary

COUNTERS

Counters for Monday, May 15th ……..”D” Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —MAY 13-14, 2017

MASS	PRESIDER	GREETERS	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Sal	K. Brindo J. Buda	M. McVoy	L. McVoy	F. Buda, P. Kiikka, M. Malta, P. McVoy, J. Page, R. Raguz, S. Ruggeri, S. Thomas-Greaves	K. Brokamp J. Schmidt
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Mehok	J. Chounet C. Hainrihar	E. Koval	D. Wagner	T. Davisson, P. Mastrangelo, M. Proctor, D. Szafranski, R. Tepley, J. Volk, R. Volk, M. Wagner	E. Somich A. Somich
Sun. 11:00am	Fr. Timothy	R.Apanasewicz D.Apanasewicz	K. Musarra	T. Wetzel	C. Cinkole, D. Delic, J. Dreyer, J. Hocevar, J. Kirchmeir, J. Matlock, D. Rymer, J. Solpa	C. Knox W. Knox

Pledge Progress

316 responses

Annual Pledge Increase

$33,597.

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.

FACEBOOK: Our Facebook page is www.Facebook.com/sjocp. Become a Saint John of the Cross "follower" and receive weekly messages about parish activities and events, as well as enlightening topics on spirituality and our Christian faith. "Like" and "share" messages that appeal to you and "post" your thoughts on stewardship and pray for the needs of others. Post a private message and we will follow up with resources to help you with questions you may have or to provide you with a parish "mentor" to meet you at your next Mass.

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Giving……$5,185.00

Last Week's Maintenance Giving……$907.00

Last Week's Online Giving……..……$1,241.00

Last Week's Online Maintenance Giving..…$402.50

Total……..……..…$7,735.50

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

PARISH SCHEDULE

WEEK OF MAY 8th

MONDAY-MAY 8th
7:00pm Edge (PCB)
7:00pm Your Faith Journey with Fr. Sal (SHR)
7:00pm KofC Meeting (PC)
7:00pm Social Justice (MR2)
7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (Rm.6)

TUESDAY-MAY 9th
7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

WEDNESDAY-MAY 10th
7:00pm Prayer Shawl (MR2)
7:00pm Women in Faith (SHR)
7:00pm Adult Ensemble (C)

THURSDAY-MAY 11th
6:30pm Bingo Team #3 (G)
7:00pm Evangelization (SHR)
7:00pm Areopagus (SRW)

FRIDAY-MAY 12th
8:00pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

SATURDAY-MAY 13th
7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Rm.6)
8:15am Mass (C)
8:45am Continental Breakfast (SHR)
9:00am Fatima Movie (SHR)
10:30am Movie Discussion (SHR)
5:00pm Rosary (C)
5:30pm Fatima Movie and Dinner (G)

SUNDAY-MAY 14th-*Mother's Day*

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