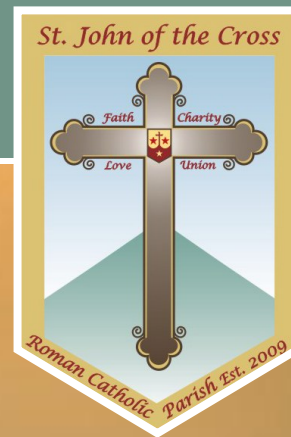
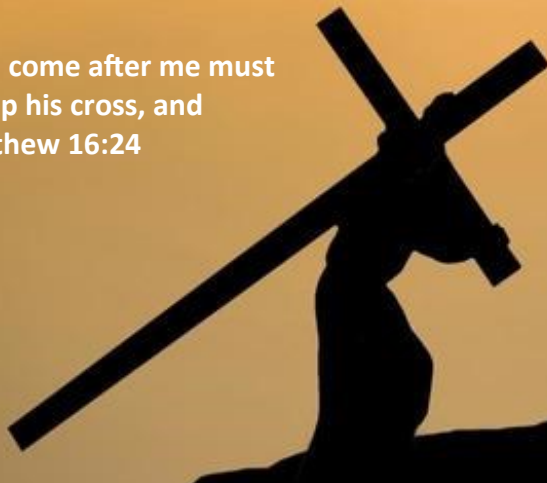


Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." — Matthew 16:24



September 3, 2017

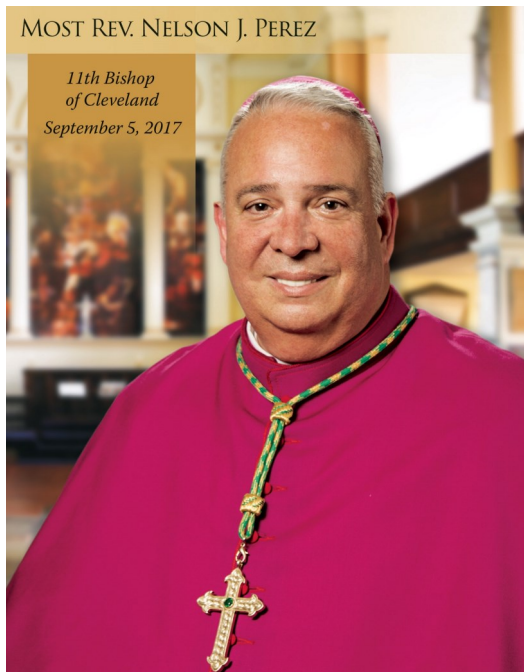
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Take Up Your Cross

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" - Mt 16:24b-26

MOST REV. NELSON J. PEREZ

11th Bishop
of Cleveland
September 5, 2017



Bishop Perez's Vision:

*"Church on Mission:
Proactive, Involved,
Supportive, Fruitful,
and Joyful"*

*(The Joy of the Gospel, #24,
Pope Francis)*

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THE SOLEMN INSTALLATION
OF THE MOST REVEREND NELSON J. PEREZ
Live Stream begins at 1:30pm on Tuesday, September 5, 2017

From the Desk of Our Pastor

Blessings abound!

This week, on September 5 at 2 pm, **the Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez will become the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland.** If you were able to see the press conference that was held after the announcement of the decision from Rome to appoint him our Bishop, I think that everyone would agree that it was almost immediately apparent that **Bishop Perez** will be a true loving shepherd and model of Christ's love for us in our Diocese. Although the installation is not open to the public at large there are many ways that you can watch or listen to the Mass which I strongly encourage you to do! You can tune into EWTN at 2 pm, listen on AM 1260, The Rock, or livestream on Cleveland.com or Ohio.com. It will certainly be something that you will not want to miss!

Another tremendous blessing will occur next weekend, namely **Second Blessings Rummage Sale.** This event, chaired by **Carla Colo**, who works tirelessly to coordinate many volunteers and to make sure the event is a success, only happens with the true dedication of SO MANY in our parish. I am so grateful to all of you! The event not only blesses us as a fundraiser, but is truly a blessing for the wider community as so many will come here to buy affordable items and to just enjoy the experience. This event truly makes an impact in our parish and our community!

Alpha ... all I can say is WOW! As of last week, we have over 140, YES 140 registered. **John Miranda** and his wife **Rosella** who spoke about Alpha at all of our Masses a few weeks ago have informed us that they believe that this is the most that have EVER REGISTERED IN ANY PARISH IN OUR DIOCESE for the first Alpha! How wonderful it is for me, as your pastor, to see the enthusiasm of so many of you who have registered for what I know will be an amazing journey and adventure of faith. I know that it will truly change our parish. Again, an amazing blessing.

Let us, each day, commit to sharing our blessings with others ... to revealing God's love in what is such a broken, fractured world. May we, in the words of St. Francis, sow love where there is hatred. Blessed by God, let us bless our world.

God's peace.....



Fr. Salvatore Ruggeri

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.

Questioning your faith? Need help with an issue in your life? **Talk to the pastor.**

Set up appointment by calling (216) 289-0770 or emailing to frsal@saintjohnofthecross.org.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday:

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalms 63:2-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Monday:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Psalms 96:1, 3-5, 11-13
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11
Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday:

Colossians 1:1-8
Psalms 52:10-11
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday:

Colossians 1:9-14
Psalms 98:2-6
Luke 5:1-11

Friday:

Micah 5:1-4a or
Romans 8:28-30
Psalms 13:6
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or
1:18-23

Saturday:

Colossians 1:21-23
Psalms 54:3-4, 6, 8
Luke 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Sept. 4 9:30 am	Weekday Joseph Ross
Tuesday, Sept. 5 8:15 am	Weekday John & Josephine Radovic
Wednesday, Sept. 6	Weekday
Thursday, Sept. 7 6:30 pm	Weekday St. John of the Cross Parish Family
Friday, Sept. 8 8:15 am	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary St. John of the Cross Parish Family
Saturday, Sept. 9 4:00 pm	St. Peter Claver Frank & Coletta Herchl
Sunday, Sept. 10 9:00 am 11:00 am	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Walter & Florence Gruszka Edward Kriz

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish and their Caregivers...

Beverley Argento	Marlene Hoageson	Joe Pastore
Lew Ballard	Andrew Jarm	Anna Pepock
Jim Brown	Doris Kowalski	Joan Raddell
Noella Burrows	Evelyn Kublin	Pat Rossoll
Chester Campana	Joan Latessa	Martha Rymer
Jane DePalma	Mili Lekan	Carole Smigelski
David DeProspero	Marie Lipold	Frank Somrack
Lillian Dolenc	Bill Magri	Mary Somrack
Constance Durrah	Del Mastrangelo	John Tarmann
Mary Frain	Joe Matejka	John Tousel
Ann Grossman	Ronald Maxey	Marcie Vanek
Joe Hocevar	John Paglia	
John Hocevar	Linda Palko	

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.

Parish News & Events

Parish Community Center Update

The roof repairs on our **Parish Community Center** are almost completed and just in time for the upcoming **Second Blessings Rummage Sale** and **Alpha Program**.

So many of our ministries' activities take place in this building: The newly revised **PSR Program** will soon begin another year to learn more about their faith and grow closer to Christ. Our **Confirmation Program** will also be starting in the spring to prepare for receiving the Holy Spirit. Events like the **Pasta Dinner**, **Christmas Dinner** and the new **Oktoberfest** will take place here.

The Parish Community Center is also used for fundraisers like the **Spring Extravaganza** and **Bingo**. The **Knights of Columbus Chapter** uses the building to provide our **Pancake Breakfasts** and **Bingo Concessions**. The **Girl Scouts** use the rooms for meeting spaces. We continue to sponsor **AA Meetings** once a week and **Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study** meets here weekly. Our **Men's Prayer Group** meets twice per month to pray together early on Saturday mornings and the **Women in Faith** use it for their book discussions. We also use the building for **Red Cross Blood** drives and other community events.

We lease spaces to other not-for-profit organizations who complement our mission: **Covenant Baptist Church**, a small congregation led by Pastor Christine Smith, has been with us for the past 3 years. They use one classroom for worship on Sunday mornings while they are waiting for a permanent new home. **Rising Star Academy** has been here for nearly three years now leasing four rooms and office space. Rising Star's mission is to transform the lives of children with motor disabilities helping them to be capable, spirited, whole members of the community.

We are pleased to have partnered with these wonderful programs. In opening our doors and sharing our resources we can provide them with the space they need to fulfil their mission. They in turn have provided our parish with financial resources to help supplement the cost of operating our Parish Community Center.



Parish Family Life Events

Welcome

If you are visiting, we welcome you and hope you will join us again. You can find out more about us at saintjohnofthecross.org or [Facebook.com/sjocp](https://www.facebook.com/sjocp).

Membership

If you wish to become a member of our parish, complete the online form on our website, visit the parish office, or call. We look forward to welcoming you!

Baptism

Expectant parents are to attend a Baptism Class prior to scheduling a Baptism. Contact the parish office to discuss arrangements.

Marriage

Wedding arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Please call Fr. Sal at the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE St. John of the Cross Oktoberfest October 28

The evening begins with a Polka Mass at 4 pm followed by a traditional German feast, music and dancing! If you would like to help or need more information, please call the parish office at (216) 289-0770.

Parish News & Events



Labor Day Mass

Come and celebrate Labor Day Mass on Monday, September 4 at 9:30 am.

Let us together join in consecrating our labor to the Lord.

Second Blessings Rummage Sale Next Weekend!

Saturday, September 9; 9 am — 6 pm
(8 am \$5 early bird Saturday only)

Sunday, September 10; 12 pm — 5 pm

Free Admission
Cash and Credit Cards Accepted

Seven more days until our **BIG SALE!** Hundreds of hours of preparation means lots of items were collected. If you would like to work the day of the sale for a few hours, please call the parish office. If you are able to help with the Bake Sale, please drop off your baked goods next Friday, Sept. 8 on the table in the Gathering Area.



Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week's Giving	\$5,001.25
Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....	\$817.00
Last Week's Online Giving	\$959.00
Last Week's Online Maintenance Giving	<u>\$375.50</u>
Total	\$7,152.75

Your generous support helps our parish fulfill its mission to serve God and share our gifts with the community.

Parish Activities Schedule

Monday, September 4

9:30 am Mass (C)
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

6:30 pm Art & Environment (C)
7:00 pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

Wednesday, September 6

7:00 pm Choir (C)

Thursday, September 7

6:30 pm Bingo Team #4 (G)
7:00 pm Liturgy Meeting (MR2)

Friday, September 8

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

Saturday, September 9

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (Rm. 6)
9 am - 6 pm Second Blessings Sale (PC)

Sunday, September 10

12-5 pm Second Blessings Sale (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

Next weekend, Sept. 9-10
there will be a special
Emergency Collection for
Hurricane Harvey victims.
All checks should be made
out to St. John of the Cross,
with memo marked
"Hurricane Harvey."

“Each headstone marks a life, and it marks a death.
But since death is not an end,
each headstone heralds a beginning, too.”

The **Ministry of Consolation** will be cleaning and decorating graves
at All Souls Cemetery on Sunday, September 24 at 1 pm.

If you have a loved one and you would like us to clean and decorate
their plot, please fill out the form below or contact the parish office
with their name, section and plot number, and if they were a
member of the Armed Services.

If any parishioners would like to join us,
please meet us in the office parking lot of All Souls at 1 pm.

(We will be going to Fosters for ice cream afterwards!)



Gravesite Visits

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ I would like to help visit and clean gravesites on Sunday
afternoon, September 24.

_____ I am unable to help that day, but will attend to the burial
places of my loved ones during this month.

_____ I would like the group to visit someone's burial place
during this activity:

Name of Deceased: _____

Is the Deceased a Veteran? _____

Cemetery and Plot Location: _____

**Please return this form to the Parish Office or call (216) 289-0770
by Monday, Sept. 18**

Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study

The Gospel of St. Matthew
will be studied beginning
Monday, Sept. 11 at 7:30
pm in Rm. 6 of the Parish
Community Center.

Did you register?

Today is your last chance to
register for the **Alpha Course**.
FYI—over 20 registrants are
non-parishioners!

Fill out the form in the
Gathering Area or online
today!



News from our Neighbors

Annual Silent Life Chain

Actions speak louder than words.

Please save the date and
participate on Sunday, Oct. 1, for
just one hour, 1:30-2:30 pm for
Lake County's 24th Annual Silent
Life Chain, at intersections of
Route 20 (Mentor Ave.) and Route
306 (Reynolds Rd.) in Mentor. For
more information contact Jean of
Immaculate Conception Pro-Life
Commission at (440) 942-7906.

Need to Know

Ministers Schedule — September 9-10, 2017

<i>Masses:</i>	<i>Presiders</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Lector 1</i>	<i>Lector 2</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	<i>Servers</i>
<i>Saturday</i> <i>4 pm</i>	Fr. Sal	K. Brindo S. Lonchor	M. McVoy	L. McVoy	T. Burrello, M. Freas, P. Kiikka, P. McVoy, W. Nalepka, J. Page, B. Pophal, S. Thomas-Greaves	K. Brokamp J. Monger
<i>Sunday</i> <i>9 am</i>	Fr. Mehok	M. Chinchar H. Drozin	D. DiMare	C. Hainrihar	L. Ashcroft, M. Chinchar, R. Corbo, T. Davisson, E. Edelman, N. Powell, M. Proctor, K. Sorc	A. Somich A. Somich
<i>Sunday</i> <i>11 am</i>	Fr. Timothy	D.Apanasewicz R.Apanasewicz	T. Hocevar	J. Matlock	S. Dreyer, J. Dreyer, J. Hocevar, D. Hocevar, F. Koballa, A. Koballa, K. Musarra, J. Schmidt	K. Matlock O. Matlock

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS: It is time to prepare the next Liturgical Minister's Schedule. The schedule will begin in October through January 2018. If you have any special requests or would like to make changes in Mass times at which you serve, etc., contact **Anita Linsky** at the Parish Office by Sept. 18. at secretary@saintjohnofthecross.org or call (216) 289-0770. *Thank You.*

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

Richmond Heights Hospital
Wednesday, Sept. 6 **Chris H.**

Grande Pointe
Sunday, Sept. 10 **Legion of Mary**

Counters

Monday, Sept. 11 **"A" Team**

Parish Staff & Office Hours



Rev. Salvatore M. Ruggeri Pastor
Rev. Timothy Buyansky, OSB Weekend Assistant
Rev. Edward E. Mehok Weekend Assistant
Rev. Mr. Charles Doerpers Deacon
Francesco Binda Director of Music
Terri Burrello Sacristan
Anita Linsky Secretary
Kay Magri Business Manager
Nancy Powell Bookkeeper

Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00 am–4:00 pm
 Saturday 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Mass Schedule

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, noon & 6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00—3:30 pm

Rosary follows Tuesday and Friday am Masses