

# Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish



September 10, 2017

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."**

"Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." - Mt 18:19-20



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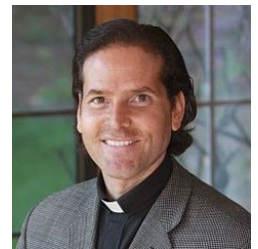
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# A Note from Our Pastor



## "Joy and Gratitude"

These two words were spoken repeatedly during **Bishop Perez's** first homily after being installed as our bishop. He spoke of the joy and gratitude in his heart as he became the 11th Bishop of our diocese, the joy and gratitude that he felt for the many who had paved the way for him, from family and friends to brother priests, parishioners and those most recently in Cleveland. The words poured from his lips over and over again, with an incredible smile on his face and what everyone knew was love in his heart...he not only felt joy and gratitude, it was apparent that he **lives** joy and gratitude.

It was an honor, a privilege and a blessing to attend **Bishop Perez's** installation. Not only because of the historical nature of the event, but also to witness something beautiful in the cathedral. A true sense of peace, love, and yes, joy and gratitude filled that church as **Bishop Perez** brought those things to us. It seemed as though his very presence impacted the hearts of those present...and it brought me great hope and peace.

As we remember the 16th anniversary of September 11 this Monday, not only do I recall the horrific events of that day, but I will, as I pray that day, recall **Bishop Perez's** installation...why? Because I believe that, as we strive to bring peace into our world, we all need to be a little more like him if the peace of Christ is to reign.

I witnessed, first hand, the power that the love of one person can have, the impact that can be felt from the heart of one whose love is genuine and real and true. There was no doubt that the love was palpable, that everyone, no matter where they came from, where they had been, or where the future might take them felt his love. I would venture to guess that most, if not all, who attended the installation left wanting better for themselves and for our world.

Of course, most of us will never have the power to bring peace to every corner of our globe, and yet we can all do something to bring peace to our acre of God's world...to the acre of God's world that we inhabit. 9/11 should, of course, be a day on which we remember, but it should also be a day on which we reflect, on which we act to make peace. We should ask ourselves how we can bring reconciliation to fractured relationships, calm to tension, healing to division, understanding where there is currently an inability to understand.

We know that our world is full of discord, that peace seems elusive, that so many people are full of hatred for those who are not like them...but on this anniversary of 9/11 let us commit to doing something about a lack of peace in our own lives...to start with ourselves and let peace radiate from our hearts. We may not be able to change the world, but we can change a small part of the world with hope, and yes, with joy and with gratitude.

**Bishop Perez** proved that last Tuesday.

With prayers for peace in our world and in our hearts.....**Father Sal**

## 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](mailto:frsal@saintjohnofthecross.org).

## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

Colossians 1:24--2:3  
Psalms 62:6-7, 9  
Luke 6:6-11

### Tuesday:

Colossians 2:6-15  
Psalms 145:1b-2, 8-11  
Luke 6:12-19

### Wednesday:

Colossians 3:1-11  
Psalms 145:2-3, 10-13ab  
Luke 6:20-26

### Thursday:

Numbers 21:4b-9  
Psalms 78:1bc-2, 34-38  
Philippians 2:6-11  
John 3:13-17

### Friday:

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14  
Psalms 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11  
John 19:25-27 or  
Luke 2:33-35

### Saturday:

1 Timothy 1:15-17  
Psalms 113:1b-5a, 6-7  
Luke 6:43-49

### Next Sunday:

Sirach 27:30--28:7  
Psalms 103:1-4, 9-12  
Romans 14:7-9  
Matthew 18:21-35

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Sept. 11 6:30 pm	Weekday <b>Bill Guhde</b>
Tuesday, Sept. 12 8:15 am	Weekday <b>Jack Barni</b>
Wednesday, Sept. 13	St. John Chrysostom
Thursday, Sept. 14 6:30 pm	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross <b>Allan Glagola</b>
Friday, Sept. 15 8:15 am	Our Lady of Sorrows <b>Shirley Jean Jay</b>
Saturday, Sept. 16 4:00 pm	Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian <b>Marie &amp; Dominic Lemmo</b>
Sunday, Sept. 17 9:00 am 11:00 am	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Dave Thomas-Greaves</b> <b>Joseph Loparo</b>

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

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

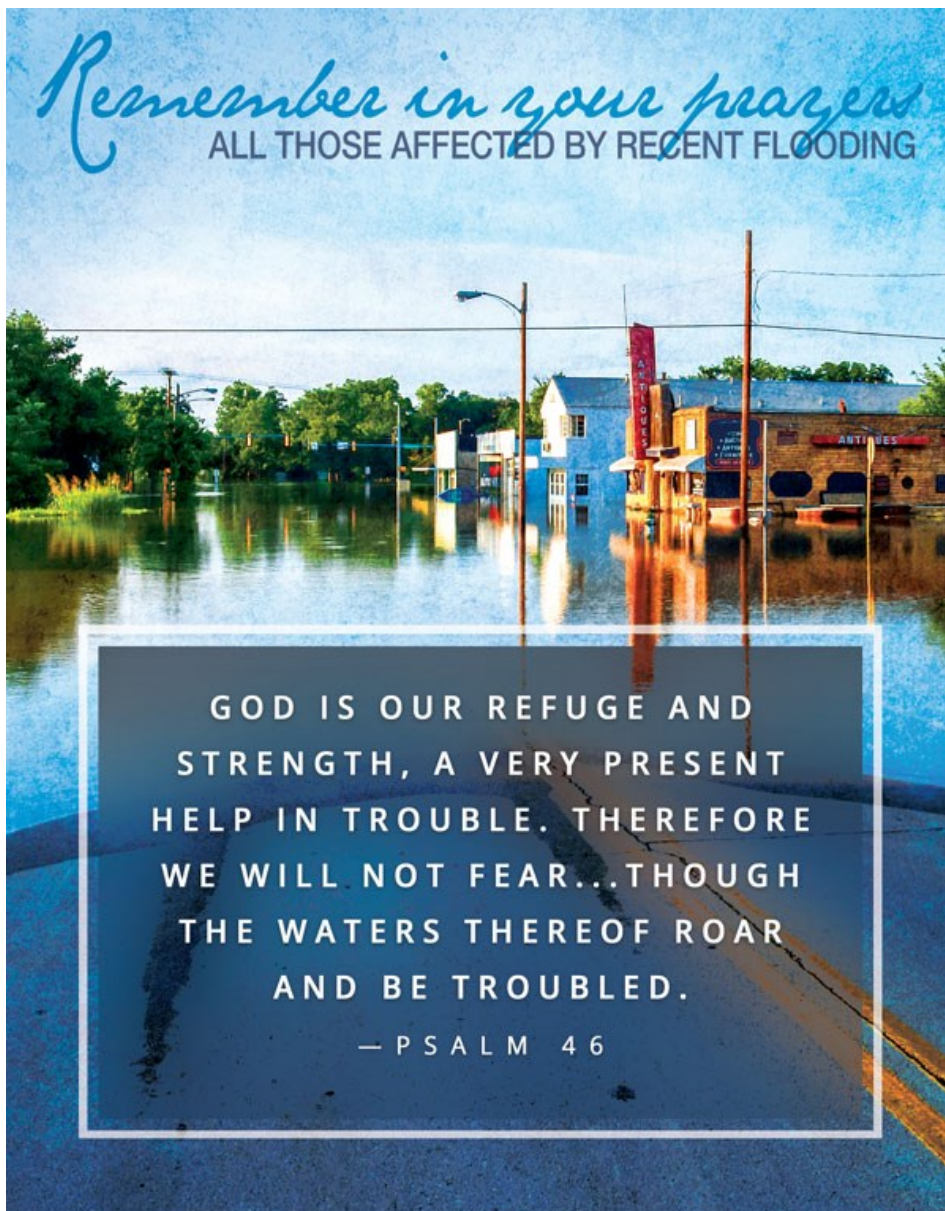
***Remember our elderly and homebound as well.***

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 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 on our 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.

## Prayer for the Anniversary of 9/11

O God, our hope and refuge, in our distress we come quickly to you. Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided, replaced now with an emptiness, a longing for an innocence lost.

We come remembering those who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania.

We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their lives for friends. We commit their souls to your eternal care and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity.

We come remembering and we come in hope, not in ourselves, but in you.

As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken, we are reminded of the illusion of security. In commemorating this tragedy, we give you thanks for your presence in our time of need and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth, our guide and our guardian. Amen.



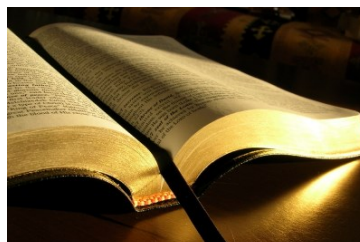
# Parish News & Events



**Second Blessings Rummage Sale**  
**This Weekend!**  
**Saturday, September 9**  
 9 am — 6 pm (8 am \$5 early bird Sat. only)  
**Sunday, September 10**  
 12 pm — 5 pm  
 Free Admission  
 Cash and Credit Cards Accepted

## 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.



## Save the Date: October 28 St. John of the Cross Oktoberfest!

Oktoberfest is coming to St. John of the Cross! The evening begins with a Polka Mass at 4 pm followed by a tradition German feast, music and dancing! If you would like to help out with set up, serving, or clean-up, call the parish office at (216) 289-0770.



## Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week's Giving .....	\$4,072.26
Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....	\$1,949.00
Last Week's Online Giving.....	\$1,134.00
Last Week's Online Maintenance Giving .....	<u>\$375.50</u>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,530.76</b>

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

## Parish Activities Schedule

### Monday, September 11

7 pm	PSR Teacher Meeting
7 pm	Social Justice (MR2)
7 pm	KofC Meeting (PC)
7:30p	Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (Rm. 6)

### Tuesday, September 12

6:30 p	Alpha (G)
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### Thursday, September 14

6:30 p	Bingo Team #1 (G)
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### Friday, September 15

8 pm	AA Meeting (Rm. 6)
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### Sunday, September 17

8:45a	Confirmation (Rm. 6)
9 am	PSR (Rm. 7&8)

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

It is simply  
impossible to lead,  
without the aid of prayer,  
a virtuous life.

Saint John Chrysostom



# News from our Neighbors

## Public Rosary Rally

As we all know, the United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy

Mother. This Public Rosary Rally, sponsored by *America Needs Fatima*, will be one of over 16,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day. The first Rally started in 2007 in honor of the 90th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, with 2,100 Rosary Rallies and has steadily grown. This year (on October 14, 2017) in honor of the 100th year anniversary of the Fatima apparitions and Miracle of the Sun, an estimated one million Catholics will attend these rallies to pray for the conversion of America.



Please join in the 2017 Public Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14, at noon at St. John Vianney Parish, in the Fr. Kline Social Center. Text or call Char at 440-668-7180 or Jodi at 440-856-6106 for more information or visit the *America Needs Fatima* website: [www.americanneedsfatima.org](http://www.americanneedsfatima.org)

## Annual BBQ & Boutique Event



The **Sisters of Notre Dame** invite you to their Annual BBQ & Boutique to be held on Sunday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 24 from noon-5 pm. Enjoy barbecued chicken or ribs, chips, apple pie, coleslaw or applesauce. Shop for select sisters' handmade items in the Boutique. Tickets are \$13/chicken, \$16/ribs. Held in Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin Gym, 13000 Auburn Rd. Chardon. Take-out is available.

***Welcome, Bishop Perez!***

## High School Open Houses

**St. Edward High School Open Houses:** Sundays, October 15 and November 5, 11 am—1 pm

**Lake Catholic Open Houses:** Sunday, October 8, 1—3 pm and Tuesday, November 7, 6—8 pm

**Villa Angela-St. Joseph Open House:** Sunday, October 15, 1 pm, Thursday, November 9, 6 pm, and Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 6 pm.

**Benedictine Open Houses:** Thursday, October 12, 5—7:30 pm Wednesday, April 25, 2018 5—7:30 pm.



## National Life Chain Prayer Rally

Sunday October 1, from 1—2 pm, come, bring your families and join us to STAND FOR LIFE in front of St. Paschal's church 5384 Wilson Mills Road Highland Hts. Parking in the rear of the church. We will hold signs that say "Children-Life, Abortion hurts women-Adoption the Loving choice. With your help 13,305 babies saved, 86 abortion centers closed in 2016! Let's keep it going!

# Need to Know

## Ministers Schedule — September 16-17, 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>	<b>Fr. Timothy</b>	<b>A. Molle</b> <b>S. Thomas-Greaves</b>	<b>J. Cernansky</b>	<b>K. McVoy</b>	<b>C. Barni, M. Freas, S. Lonchor,</b> <b>M. Monger, M. Monger, J. Monger,</b> <b>W. Nalepka, R. Raguz</b>	<b>J. Monger</b> <b>J. Schmidt</b>
<i>Sunday</i> <i>9 am</i>	<b>Fr. Timothy</b>	<b>J. Chounet</b> <b>C. Hainrihar</b>	<b>B. Contorno</b>	<b>E. Edelman</b>	<b>L. Bochenek, A. Dean, R. Tepley,</b> <b>P. Mastrangelo, R. Somich,</b> <b>M. Somich, J. Volk, R. Volk</b>	<b>E. Somich</b> <b>G. Somich</b>
<i>Sunday</i> <i>11 am</i>	<b>Fr. Mehok</b>	<b>D. Apanasewicz</b> <b>R. Apanasewicz</b>	<b>K. Musarra</b>	<b>T. Wetzel</b>	<b>D. Delic, J. Dreyer, S. Dreyer,</b> <b>J. Kirchmeir, A. Koballa, F. Koballa,</b> <b>J. Matlock, J. Solpa</b>	<b>C. Knox</b> <b>W. Knox</b>

**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., please contact **Anita Linsky** at the Parish Office at [secretary@saintjohnofthecross.org](mailto:secretary@saintjohnofthecross.org) or call (216) 289-0770 by September 18. *Thank You.*

### Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

Richmond Heights Hospital  
Wednesday, Sept. 13 ..... **Katie**

Grande Pointe  
Sunday, Sept. 17 ..... **Eric & Jeff**

### Counters

Sunday, Sept. 17 ..... **"B" 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**