

Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish



October 22, 2017

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

- Mt 22:19-21

Alpha Registrants Reminder

The 10-week Alpha Course continues.

**Next week's discussion will be,
"How Does God Guide Us?"**

Alpha

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A Note from Our Pastor

We have so much to celebrate and to be thankful for here at Saint John of the Cross. Each week at **Alpha** about 180 people - parishioners and non-parishioners - gather in the community center to grow in their faith in God and to grow closer to one another. I cannot begin to tell you the number of stories that I have heard and the things that I have experienced that have made it so clear that God is working through this Alpha program to reach the hearts and souls of all who are attending. It has been such a blessing for our parish.

Next weekend, we will celebrate our parish **Oktoberfest**, beginning with 4 pm Mass followed by a tremendous German meal and dancing. I am grateful to *all* who have made this event possible, and look forward to my "inner Slovenian" coming out that evening. If you have not yet purchased your tickets, please be sure to do so as I am sure that we will sell out.

Our five Candidates and Catechumens in **RCIA** are truly amazing. It has been such an honor and a privilege to walk this journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church with them. In the coming days, we will be asking you to consider praying for a particular Candidate (baptized in another Christian faith) or Catechumen (unbaptized), writing them a note, or doing something else for them to make them feel as though they are already a part of our loving community. More details to follow.

I am also so grateful to God for the grace that I have been given in recording the CD, "**Blessed Beyond Measure**," which will be released in December (see the flyer). I am forever indebted to our own parishioners Sarah Mather Kozlowski, Paul Zaepfel and our Music Director Francesco Binda, and other local musicians, for sharing their time, gifts and talents and helping me to make the CD a reality. When I began this journey, I had absolutely no idea how much work it would be! I truly hope that you plan to attend our **Live Concert & Reception on December 8**, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception beginning at 7 pm. If you do, plan to be here, please be sure to RSVP to the parish office at 216.289.0770 or email to secretary@saintjohnofthecross.org or so that we can prepare accordingly. Recording this CD has been a true gift to me, and I pray that the songs on it will be a blessing and gift to all who hear it.

May these Fall days be filled with faith, hope and love for all of you.

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:

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Psalms 96:1, 3-5, 7-10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

Monday:

Romans 4:20-25
Luke 1:69-75
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
Psalms 40:7-10, 17
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Romans 6:12-18
Psalms 124:1b-8
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday:

Romans 6:19-23
Psalms 1:1-4, 6
Luke 12:49-53

Friday:

Romans 7:18-25a
Psalms 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday:

Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalms 19:2-5
Luke 6:12-16

Next Sunday:

Exodus 22:20-26
Psalms 18:2-4, 47, 51
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Monday, Oct. 23 6:30 pm | Weekday Arthur & Francis Cunningham |
| Tuesday, Oct. 24 8:15 am | Weekday Margaret Momsen |
| Wednesday, Oct. 25 | Weekday |
| Thursday, Oct. 26 6:30 pm | Weekday Kenneth & Margaret Magri |
| Friday, Oct. 27 8:15 am | Weekday Tom O'Toole |
| Saturday, Oct. 28 4:00 pm | Ss. Simon and Jude Darlene Brokamp |
| Sunday, Oct. 29 9:00 am 11:00 am | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Rose Burrello Richard Kramer |

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

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

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



Saint John of the Cross Parish
Community Center

Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017

Featuring Joey Tomsick Orchestra

Polka Mass 4 pm

Dinner & Dancing 5 pm

\$20 / Adult, \$5 / Child, includes one free drink with ticket

Tickets available at Masses, parish office and website

Dinner includes pork schnitzel, smoked sausage with sauerkraut, potatoes, salad, and German-style desserts!

Prayer for Life

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Creator and Redeemer of all Life.

As your creation we thank you for the life we now enjoy.

But we humbly pray in this moment for the lives which are in danger of being ended right now because of abortion.

We pray for those children in danger of abortion, and for the mothers, for the fathers, and for the doctors involved.

We pray that they may see as you have allowed us to see, that all life is sacred, holy, and made in your image.

We pray O Jesus, that men and women of all walks of life will come to see the inherent dignity of all of your creation and that one day, all life from the moment of conception to natural death, will enjoy the great gift of life in all its fullness that can only be experienced because of the love you showed on the Cross. We pray all this through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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.



Parish News & Events

A Month of Remembrance

In November, the Church takes time to remember in prayer those who we have lost during the year. As a special way to honor the deceased friends and family of St. John of the Cross parishioners, we will create a **photo collage** to remain in the gathering area throughout the month.

If you have lost someone special this year that you would like included in the collage, please email secretary@saintjohnofthecross.org or drop off their photo so we can include them in our prayers. The collage can include deceased who are either parishioners or non-parishioners.

Photos that are dropped off can be on regular paper or photo paper. We will not be able to return these photos, so if you have one that is dear to your heart, stop by the parish office and we can make a copy of it to use on the photo collage. **Please submit all photos by October 30.**



All Souls Mass of Remembrance Thursday, November 2

In November, the Church takes time to remember in prayer those who we have lost during the year. Please join us for a special liturgy Thursday evening, November 2 at 6:30 pm.

Holy Day of Obligation: All Saints Day Wednesday, November 1

Masses on Wednesday, will be at 8:15 am, 12 pm and 6:30 pm. All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on Nov. 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2.

Your Financial Stewardship

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| Last Week's Giving | \$4,235.00 |
| Last Week's Maintenance Giving..... | \$845.00 |
| Last Week's Online Giving | \$1,931.00 |
| Last Week's Online Maintenance Giving | <u>\$313.50</u> |
| Total | <u>\$7,324.50</u> |

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

Parish Activities Schedule

Monday, October 23

7 pm RCIA Meeting (P)
7:30 p Fr. Mehok's Scripture
Study (Rm. 6)

Tuesday, October 24

6:30 p Alpha (G)

Wednesday, October 25

7 pm Choir Practice (C)

Thursday, October 26

6:30 p Bingo Team #3 (G)

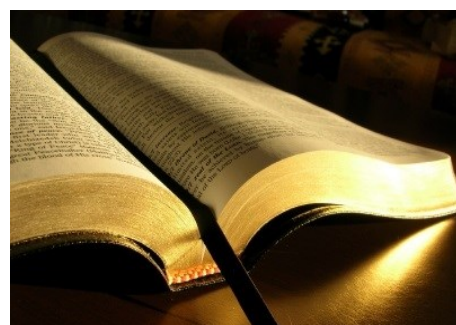
Friday, October 27

8 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

Saturday, October 28

4pm Polka Mass (C)
5pm Oktoberfest (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



Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study

The Gospel of St. Matthew will be studied on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in Rm. 6 of the Parish Community Center.

News from our Neighbors

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is able to provide hope through the faithful support of our Diocese. To date, our parish has raised \$37,051.00, which represents 103.13% of our goal! This appeal is also an opportunity for our parish to share in the important mission of our Church here in the Diocese of Cleveland. We are excited to say that 35% of our parish has already participated. For those who haven't had the opportunity to give, letters will arrive in the mail in mid-October. Your support of the 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal provides help to the least among us, in the name of Jesus. If you have not yet donated, please consider a generous gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Contact Holly Hebebrand at 1.800.869.6525 ext. 1049 to make a gift by phone or make a secure gift at <http://www.catholiccommunity.org/donate>.

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Holly Berry Bazaar

Ss. Robert & William Parish, 367 East 260th Street, Euclid, is hosting their annual Holly Berry Bazaar on Saturday, November 4, 9 am – 3:30 pm. A variety of handmade/homemade items, fair trade items and home party items will be available. You can also take a chance on Christmas Raffle Baskets. A light lunch will be available from 11:45 am – 1:15 pm. Admission is \$1.00 and includes coffee/cookies. Call 216.731.1515 for more details.

French Toast Breakfast & Mini Craft Fair

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine
21281 Chardon Rd.,
Euclid, OH 44117

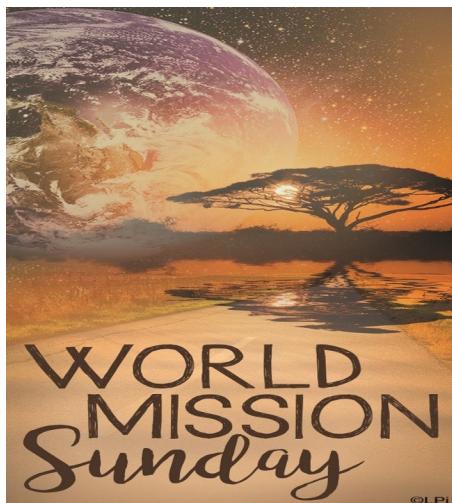
French Toast, Bacon or Sausage,
Coffee or Tea and Juice

216.481.8232
Sunday, November 5,
8:45—11:30 am
Tickets: \$5.00
(216) 481-8232



Ss. Simon & Jude Feast Day, Oct. 28

O God, who by the blessed Apostles have brought us to acknowledge your name, graciously grant, through the intercession of Saints Simon and Jude, that the Church may constantly grow by increase of the peoples who believe in you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Open House

Trinity High School will host an Open House on Wednesday, November 15, 6:-8 pm.

Trinity, located at 12425 Granger Road in Garfield Heights, provides a quality Catholic education to young people in a manner that prepares them for life — both academically and spiritually.

Need to Know

Ministers Schedule — October 28-29, 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> |
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| <i>Saturday</i> <i>4 pm</i> | Fr. Sal | K. Beyer M. Hiti | M. McVoy | L. McVoy | T. Brokamp, K. Brown, M. Freas, M. Malta, P. McVoy, W. Nalepka, B. Pophal, S. Thomas-Greaves | K. Brokamp J. Monger |
| <i>Sunday</i> <i>9 am</i> | Fr. Mehok | M. Chinchar M. Singer | L. Bochenek | L. Miller | M. Chinchar, A. Dean, M. Gricar, C. Gricar, N. Powell, K. Sorc, J. Volk, R. Volk | A. Somich G. Somich |
| <i>Sunday</i> <i>11 am</i> | Fr. Sal | D. Apanasewicz R. Apanasewicz | P. Delic | J. Hocevar | J. Berquist, D. Delic, S. Dreyer, J. Dreyer, D. Hocevar, D. Rymer, J. Solpa, T. Wetzel | W. Knox B. Knox |

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

Richmond Heights Hospital
Wednesday, Oct. 25..... Kathy

Grande Pointe
Sunday, Oct. 29..... Eric & Jeff

Counters

Monday, Oct. 30 “D” 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