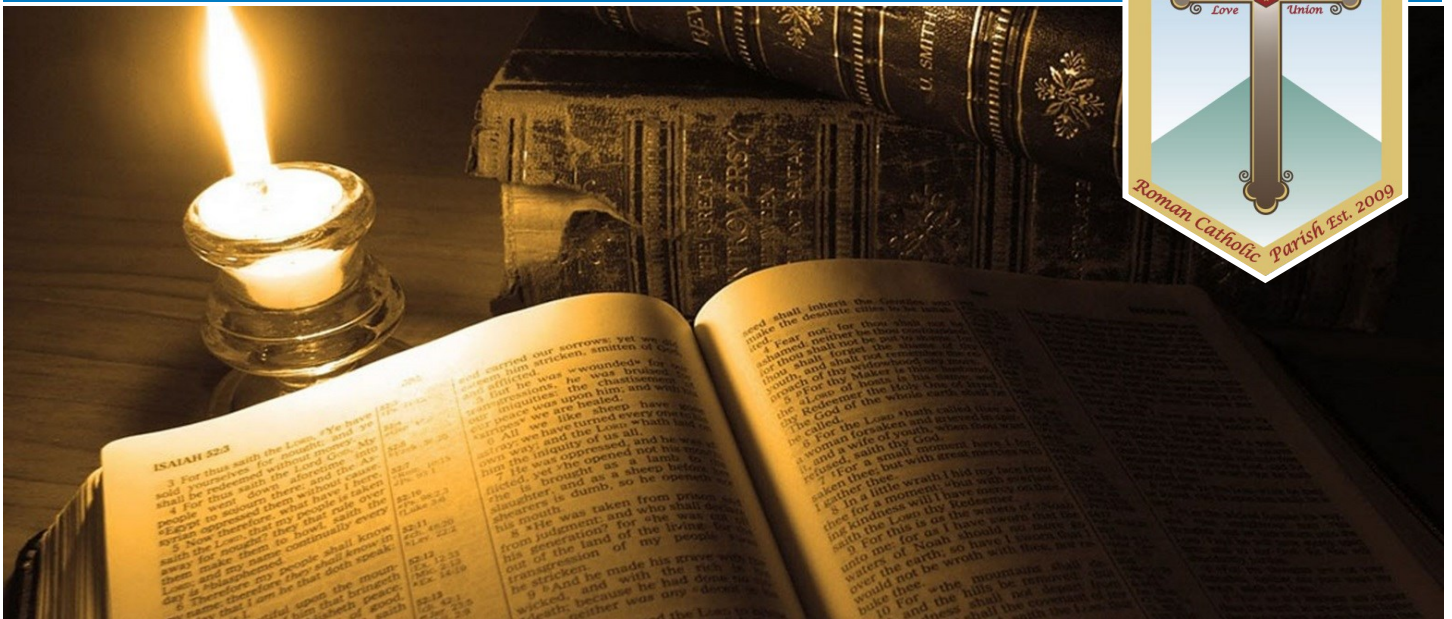


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Roman Catholic Parish



April 15, 2018

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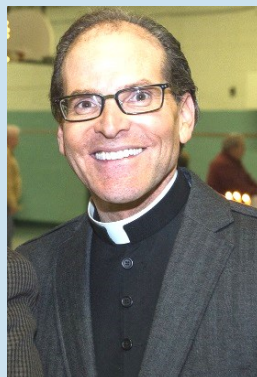
Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Luke 24: 45-46

Celebrate Our Journey Together: Fr. Sal's Farewell

Sunday, April 29

Fr. Sal will celebrate his final Mass at **11 am** with a reception to follow in the Parish Community Center.

There is a journal in the Gathering Area for anyone wishing to write Fr. Sal a special note.



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From Our Pastoral Associate



Greetings!

As you may have heard, St. John of the Cross is approaching a special anniversary. November 29, 2019 will mark **ten years** of the parish of St. John of the Cross. Wow! This is certainly something to be proud of and to celebrate! Fr. Sal has declared a year-long celebration, starting this November and going through to

next November. He has already invited Bishop Perez to celebrate Mass next November to close out the year of celebration. This will be our new bishop's first visit to our parish and we are grateful to him for coming to celebrate this anniversary with us! To start the year of celebration off, our choir will be performing a concert this November. By this November, we hope to have our new Pastor in place to celebrate these special events with us. And, of course, there will be a service aspect in going out into the community and an evangelizing aspect where we are inviting ALL of our brothers and sisters in our community to see this parish as a place of sanctuary, connectedness, and spirituality. We'll be beautifying our amazing parish grounds and offering more opportunities to all for outdoor prayer and devotions.

A Celebration Committee has formed and met and are very excited to bring us some new events throughout the year, to revive some events we haven't done in a while, and to put an "anniversary spin" on our great events that we run every year. Watch for a parish picnic in the summer, an outdoor Eucharistic procession in June, Alpha in the fall, a parish day of service, some great family events, and of course, learning about and celebrating our patron saint, St. John of the Cross. We will also be bringing in some great Catholic speakers and musicians! If you have any ideas, suggestions, or would like to add your talents to our year of celebration, please let me know, I'd love to hear from you!

With thanksgiving and excitement that I'm on board for the next ten years of our journey together,

your Pastoral Associate,

Tara Mowery



Bible Study

"Who do you say that I Am?" Join us for a nine-week Bible study exploring Jesus' own answers to this question. Working through the Gospel of John and John's Book of Revelation, we will study the "I Am" statements of Jesus.

This study will run on Tuesdays in Meeting Rm. 2. Each week is independent, so feel free to join us for any or all sessions.

Our Parish 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.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15
Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]
John 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51--8:1a
Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]
John 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8
Psalms 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]
John 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40
Psalms 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]
John 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20
Psalms 117:1bc, 2 [Mark 16:15]
John 6:52-59

Saturday:

Acts 9:31-42
Psalms 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]
John 6:60-69

Next Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12
Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 16 6:30 pm	Easter Weekday Fr. Bob Kraig
Tuesday, April 17 8:15 am	Easter Weekday Frank & Jennie Antenucci
Wednesday, April 18	Easter Weekday
Thursday, April 19 6:30 pm	Easter Weekday Frank & Agnes Potochnik
Friday, April 20 8:15 am	Easter Weekday Chuck Pophal
Saturday, April 21 4:00 pm	Easter Weekday Elaine Sustarsic & Children
Sunday, April 22 9:00 am 11:00 am	Fourth Sunday of Easter Resh Family Andrew Carson

Pray for the Sick of the Parish and their Caregivers

Beverley Argento	Doris Kowalski	Pat Rossoll
Jim Brown	Lucille Kucharski	Martha Rymer
Noella Burrows	Joan Latessa	Jerry Scarniench
Fr. Timothy Buyansky	Mili Lekan	Judy Schmidt
Chester Campana	Marie Lipold	Rose Simek
Tim Carlile	Bill Magri	Carole Smigelski
Jane DePalma	Joe Matejka	Frank Somrack
Lillian Dolenc	Ronald Maxey	Mary Somrack
Constance Durrah	Rudy Myeress	John Tarmann
Mary Frain	Jeff Monger	Rita Vaitkus
Marie George	John Paglia	Pat Ventura
Ann Grossman	Linda Palko	Abbie Vernon
John Hocevar	Anna Pepock	
Andrew Jarm	Joan Raddell	

Remember our elderly and homebound in prayer 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. 27

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

Lenten Testimonials

Thank you to all who participated in this Lenten season's "Journey of the Heart." Here are more testimonials taken from your Lenten Calendar Cards:

"Holy Week was amazing!"

"Loving Matthew Kelly (Dynamic Catholic) as always ... Fr. Dom brings back childhood memories (Mission) ... Tara's class on The Screwtape Letters (C.S. Lewis) was very enjoyable. I learned about my faith and met three new people ... The combined vocal and instrumental of SJOC and Covenant Baptist was glorious at Tenebrae."

"I was deeply moved on Ash Wednesday giving ashes and Holy Communion (to parishioners). I was honored and humbled ... Attended the Men's Conference - Answer the Call on Feb. 24. Outstanding speakers. I was challenged to follow Jesus more closely ... My wife and I attended a retreat at St. Helen's Parish in Newberry called "Heart of Jesus." We were prayed over to receive the Holy Spirit and (inspired) to begin (a) prayer ministry at SJOC ... This week's parish mission helped me to see God in the littlest of things in everyday life. Too often I miss seeing Jesus in everyday activities looking for Him in the obvious – a beautiful sunny day, a walk in the park, a full moon, etc. ... I personally treasure the rich Church tradition that occurs during Holy Week ... My small prayer group watched "The Passion of the Christ" on Mar. 29 together and it set the tone for the Triduum services that I would participate in. It made me more aware of what Christ did."

The "Journey of the Heart" led me on a structured Lent ... more than (just) giving something up. The calendar provided daily activities that call us to almsgiving, fasting and prayer. Best Tenebrae ever!"

"The Screwtape Letters (Book Study) was wonderful. Tara explained everything so well – it was a good examination of conscience ... The (Lenten) Tree in the lobby was a great experience and I hope we do it again. Can't wait to see the Lenten Garden ... Good Friday services were so spiritual ... it made me feel closer to Jesus."

"Through his passion and love of our Lord, Fr. Sal made everyone 'want' to participate ... awesome!"

"Through this Holy Week, Jesus models for us how to embrace the will of His Father. Lord give me the courage and grace to accept the Father's will in my life ... As our pastor moves on, send us another loving and caring shepherd ... Where God will lead me I will go ... Thank you Fr. Sal for all you've done to prepare us along the journey of Lent to the glory of Easter ... Love always involves sacrifice! This was my best Lent ever."



Parish Mission to Nicaragua

Want to experience more adventure in your life ... and serve the people of God?

Join the mission trip to Nicaragua planned for this coming December! We will help transform the **Chapel of Divino Nino** into a more permanent house of worship. Learn more about the mission trip on our website at saintjohnofthecross.org/nicaragua. If you are interested in joining us, please contact **Dale George** at maridalegeo@msn.com.



Spiritual Wellness Center

Our Spiritual Wellness Center is up and running. The materials include literature and talks on scripture, prayer life, the Church and more. These are resources that are available FREE to you. All we ask is that when you are finished with the book, pamphlet or CD, that you pass it on to someone else.



Pray for our Confirmandi

Please join us in praying for our Confirmandi:

Everett Chapo, Andrew Apanasewicz, Sarah Carlile, Roman Hubans and Jeffrey Cefaratti. These five candidates will complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday April 28 at the 4 pm Mass. **Bishop Martin Amos** will be here to celebrate the Mass and confer the Sacrament.

Candidates and sponsors/parents are reminded to attend the mandatory rehearsal on April 22 at noon in the Church.



Liturgical Tribute Fund

All money that is donated to this fund in memory of a loved one or friend, or a special occasion will be used to purchase items utilized in our worship and help us to do all that we can to assure that we have what we need to worship reverently and well.

Sincere thank you for your donations to our Liturgical Tribute Fund:

In Memory of **Evelyn Kublin**.....**Joann Telzrow, Rosina Ugrinic, Jim and Vida Omahen, Kublin Family, Marjorie Knaus, Roger and Marie Murray & Family**

In Memory of **Dorothy Fatica**.....**Fatica Family**

Child Abuse Awareness Month

The Church is the Body of Christ. All members of the Church are linked to one another. We all have a responsibility to ensure the safety of children in our parishes, schools, families, and local communities.

Here are five ways you can help keep children safe:

1. Develop appropriate and loving relationships with your children.
2. Teach your children safety and health boundaries.
3. Know who has access to your children.
4. Learn the warning signs of abuse.
5. Report abuse to the authorities.



The Catholic Church is committed to ensuring the safety of children and young people and providing pastoral outreach to victims and survivors of sexual abuse by clergy. The Church's mission to protect and heal stems from the Gospel: the life and teachings of Jesus Christ provide us with the perfect foundation for our efforts to create safe environments for children. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Mt 19:14). For more information, go to www.saintjohnofthecross.org.

Parish Family Life Events

Membership

If you wish to become a member of our parish, complete the online form on our website, visit the parish office, or call us. 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.

Our Deepest Sympathies

Family of Frank Andrzejczyk

May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of friends, family and our parish community.

Parish News & Events

Extravaganza!

Spring has finally arrived, so come celebrate with us at our annual spring fundraising event on **May 5**.

The doors open at 5 pm with drinks and appetizers. Dinner will be catered again by Stancato's featuring Beef Tips in a Cabernet Demi-Glace and Chicken grilled in lemon-infused olive oil. Our ministries and parishioners have donated gift baskets, silent auction items and raffle prizes. This adult evening will conclude with a live auction and yummy desserts. Tickets are \$50 and available after Masses, in the parish office or online. **Deadline for purchasing tickets is April 22.** If you are unable to attend, consider purchasing a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize valued at \$500. For additional information please call **Marilyn Wagner** at 216.235.4018 or the Parish Office at 216.289.0770.



Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week Giving	\$3,989.00
Maintenance Giving.....	\$1,147.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,259.00
Online Maintenance Giving	<u>\$138.50</u>
Total	\$6,533.50

Easter Giving	\$13,874.00
April 1 Maintenance Giving	\$2,268.00
April 1 Online Giving	\$1,233.00
April 1 Online Maintenance Giving.....	<u>\$427.50</u>
Total	\$17,802.50

Thanks for your generous support toward our mission to serve God!

Music CDs Still Available

The music CD, *"Blessed Beyond Measure,"* recorded by Fr. Sal, as a fundraiser for **St. John of the Cross Ministries** can still be purchased for \$20 each online at www.saintjohnofthecross.org/cd or by calling the Parish Office at 216.289.0770. The CD includes a mix of traditional hymns and contemporary Christian favorites.

Fr. Mehok's Bible Study

Fr. Mehok is back and will continue his Bible Study every Monday at 7:30 pm in Room 6 of the Parish Community Center.

Parish Activities Schedule

Monday, April 16

7:00 pm Finance (P)
7:30 pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (Rm. 6)

Tuesday, April 17

9:00 am Bible Study (MR2)
5:30 pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

Wednesday 18

7:00 pm Choir Practice (C)

Thursday, April 19

6:30 pm Bingo #2 (G)
6:30 pm Ministry of Consolation (MR2)

Friday, April 20

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

Saturday, April 21

9:30 am EMHC Training (C)

Sunday, April 22

9:00 am PSR (Rm. 6&7)
12:00 pm Confirmation Rehearsal (C)

C-Church
SHR-Sacred Heart Room
P-Parish Office
PC-Parish Community Center
MR-Meeting Room #2
G-Gym
Rm. 6-8 in Parish Community Center

Bocce Signups

Signup forms for Women's (Wednesday nights) and Couples (Friday nights) Bocce Leagues are in the Gathering Area. For more information please call **Joanne Myeress** at 216.261.4190 or **Barb Grauel** at 216.486.5276.

Need to Know

Ministers Schedule — April 21-22, 2018

<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 4 pm</i>	Fr. Timothy	J. Buda P. Kiiikka	L. McVoy	M. McVoy	T. Brokamp, F. Buda, M. Malta, P. McVoy, W. Nalepka, B. Pophal, R. Raguz, S. Thomas-Greaves	K. Brokamp
<i>Sunday 9 am</i>	Fr. Timothy	M. Chinchar	D. DiMare	D. Wagner	L. Ashcroft, M. Chinchar, G. Petrof, L. Petrof, M. Proctor, J. Volk, R. Volk, M. Wagner	R. Schulz
<i>Sunday 11 am</i>	Fr. Mehok	M. Van Gorder	J. Solpa	P. Delic	J. Bretz, J. Bretz, D. Delic, E. Dulaney, A. Koballa, F. Koballa, J. Matlock, T. Wetzel	S. Knox B. Knox

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

Richmond Heights Hospital
Wednesday, April 18..... **Chris B.**

Grande Pointe
Sunday, April 22..... **Kathy & Celeste**

Waterford
Sunday, April 22..... **Legion of Mary**

Counters

Monday, April 23..... **“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
Dr. Francesco Binda..... Director of Music
Terri Burrello Sacristan
Anita Linsky Secretary
Kay Magri..... Business Manager
Tara Mowery Pastoral Associate
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