



Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish

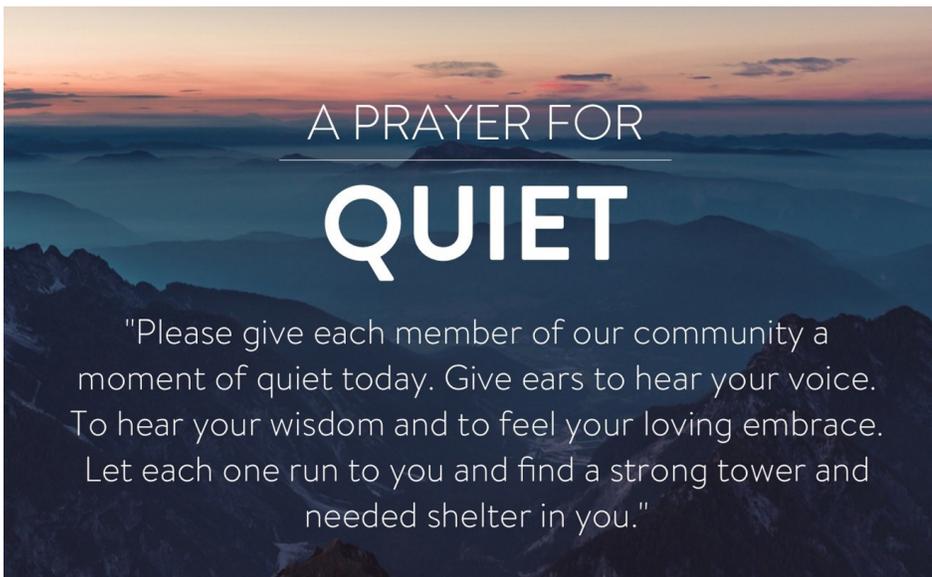


July 22, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, ‘Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.’ People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.”

- Mark 6:30-34



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Plan to attend the Sacred Music Concert at Celebration Plaza after Mass on Sat., July 21!

From Fr. Tim Roth

Greetings! It has been an incredible first few weeks learning about this wonderful parish, and I have truly enjoyed meeting you and speaking with you. It will take me a while to learn so many names, so please continue to tell me your name when you see me! Even though it has only been a month, I thought I would share with you some of my impressions of the parish in my experience so far, as well as some of my hopes for the future:

Since I have arrived, I have been struck by many great things happening here. One of the first things I noticed was how welcoming everyone is in this parish. I personally felt very loved and welcomed during my first weekend here, and I can see how this joyful spirit presents a very inviting atmosphere for all, especially for visitors, people exploring the Catholic faith, and individuals who may have been away from the faith and may consider returning. Such a welcoming environment can do so much for evangelization in drawing people into or back into the faith. The greeters and ushers play such a significant role in this regard, and I am impressed by the warmth and kindness they exude as they extend their hospitality to those entering the church for worship.

I am also struck by the faith of the people here. The Holy Spirit is moving in a very special way, and it is tangible. I have loved celebrating Mass in the new daily Mass chapel, and I enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the Mass outside at the beautiful Shrine. What a blessing! The music at this parish is especially uplifting, and I am struck by the prayerfulness and faith of the people. It is obvious how this creates a great sense of community and close relationships centered on Christ, which flows into the life of the parish. I am impressed how the parishioners take ownership and pride in their parish, as evidenced by

the 'beautifying' of the parish grounds on Cleanup Day. What a testament that is to the bond people feel with their parish home.

I am also very grateful to the staff here, and the many ways they have helped me feel welcome and ensure I am comfortable in my transition. It is apparent that they take pride in their work because they understand the link between what they do and how that serves the people of the parish. Not only do they have big hearts that desire to serve others, but they also center their lives around Christ, which gives their work meaning, purpose and direction. It has been so refreshing to pray with them for the parish at staff meetings, and hear their reflections on the Sunday Scriptures and how the living Word applies to their lives. I also love to see so many people on staff at our Sunday liturgies! What a blessing to this community!

Aside from all of this, I can tell that this is a parish that knows how to have fun! I had a lot of fun at the Extravaganza where I was first introduced to the people of SJC. That celebration gave me the opportunity to meet many people and observe the community in full swing, and I look forward to many more parish celebrations to come! I have also enjoyed the summer concert series that Francesco and the choir have started. I have taken part in a golf outing to benefit Euclid LifeTeen, the teen trip to Cedar Point, and I look forward to zip-lining with them next month! I also look forward to joining in on Bingo night and I am excited to play bocce ball with the Mercedarian sisters! I have really enjoyed living, eating and praying with **Fr. John** and **Fr. Thom**, as well as the seminarians that have been staying with us (**Alex Spenik** and **Michael Garvin**). The community they offer provides for a very healthy spiritual life, and I can honestly say that it has been a while since I have laughed as hard as I have



Fr. Tim Roth

with these guys this past month. Fr. John has helped me so much in making this transition, and I look forward to learning from his gifts in leadership and pastoral care as the shepherd of this parish.

Over the next few years, I will be working with a variety of groups that will benefit parishioners at SJC. I will be helping out with Euclid LifeTeen and Edge, I will continue the Colloquy group for young adults in the area, I will be helping Fr. Thom develop a post-Cana group for married couples, I will teach in the grade school/PSR, and work with the Confirmation program (among other things). I also hope to offer a series on prayer that will address many of the roadblocks we encounter when we pray, a series on discerning the various voices in our lives based on the spirituality of St. Ignatius, as well as 'teaching Masses' that will offer the opportunity to break down and explain the meaning of various symbols, gestures and parts of the Mass to enhance our experience of liturgy and prayer. I also plan to offer my reflections on mysticism and the Spanish mystics (St. John of the Cross and St. Theresa of Avila), as well as the spiritual portion of a presentation that will focus on both spiritual and physical self-defense (an idea that someone proposed that sounds rather interesting!)

It has been an amazing month, and I look forward to these next four years. Be assured of my continued prayers for all of you, and please pray for me that I may be a worthy servant for you. God bless!

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday:

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

Monday:

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8
Psalms 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday:

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Psalms 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]
Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday:

2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Psalms 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]
Matthew 20:20-28

Thursday:

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Psalms 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday:

Jeremiah 3:14-17
Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday:

Jeremiah 7:1-11
Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]
Matthew 13:24-30

Next Sunday:

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalms 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 23 8:00 am	Weekday John & Margaret Walsh
Tuesday, July 24 6:30 pm	Weekday Karl Angeline
Wednesday, July 25 8:00 am	St. James St. John of the Cross Parish Family
Thursday, July 26 6:30 pm	Ss. Joachim and Anne Bill Carrick
Friday, July 27 8:00 am	Weekday Suhy Family
Saturday, July 28 4:00 pm	Weekday Leo & Rose Burrello
Sunday, July 29 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Kathy & Marc Ryser Kriz Family Deceased Berardinelli & Plevelich Families

Pray for the Sick of the Parish and their Caregivers

Beverley Argento	Doris Kowalski	Anna Pepock
Jim Brown	Fr. Dennis Kristancic	Joan Raddell
Noella Burrows	Joan Latessa	Pat Rossoll
Chester Campana	Mili Lekan	Martha Rymer
Jane DePalma	Marie Lipold	Jerry Scarniench
Constance Durrah	Joe Matejka	Judy Schmidt
Mary Frain	Ronald Maxey	Patricia Seaman
Marie George	Rudy Myeress	Rose Simek
Margaret Hasto	Jeff Monger	Carole Smigelski
John Hocevar	Larry O'Donnell	Frank Somrack
Andrew Jarm	John Paglia	John Tarmann
Betty Kovelan	Linda Palko	Abbie Vernon

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 with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

Interested in joining our parish or becoming Catholic? Call 216.289.0770 to set up an appointment.

Parish News & Events

Town Hall Meeting

The Town Hall Meeting has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, August 28 at 7 pm**. Please come to the 6:30 pm Mass and the meeting will follow. No staff will be there. **Fr. John** just wants an opportunity to listen to your comments, respond to your questions/concerns, and share a little bit of how we can enter into a process here to celebrate the last 10 years of our parish and plan for the next 10 years.

Bible Study

Jesus gives us two Commandments: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength; And: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. But what does this mean and how do you actually do these things? Join Pastoral Associate **Tara Mowery on Tuesdays at 9 am in Work Sacristy** to explore these questions through the letters of St Paul to the Romans and to the Corinthians. Bring your favorite Bible.



“Blessed are those who mourn; they shall be consoled”

The **Ministry of Consolation** is currently looking for new members. They meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Our activities include Stations of the Cross, All Souls Day Mass, Grave Decorating at All Souls, and a Summer Picnic and Bereavement Grief Support Group. If you feel you are being called to this kind of ministry, please join us at our next meeting or contact **Joy** at 216.261.2774.

Second Blessings Rummage Sale

The **Second Blessings Ministry** has been working together to get ready for the **Fifth Annual Rummage Sale this September 8-9**. Our parish Community Center will be open every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm for donations. Ministry members and friends will be there to help you unload. Please do not bring televisions, computers, upholstered furniture, tires, mattresses, cribs, baby car seats. If you would like to be a volunteer for Second Blessings please call **Carla Colo** at 216.970.0219 or email her at cfclo@gmail.com. This is a great way to meet new people, help our parish and help social service organizations.



Parish Activities Schedule

Tuesday, July 24

9:00 am Bible Study (WS)
5:30 pm Legion of Mary (Rm. 7)

Wednesday, July 25

6:30 pm Ministry of Consolation (Rm. 7)

Thursday, July 26

6:30 pm Bingo #4 (G)

Friday, July 27

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

Saturday, July 28

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Rm. 6)
9am-1pm Second Blessing Drop Offs (PC)

C-Church
PC-Parish Community Center
WS-Work Sacristy Room
Rm. 6-8 in Parish Community Center
PG-Parish Grounds



Questioning your faith or need help with an issue in your life? Talk to the Pastor.

Set up appointment with Fr. John by calling 216.289.0770 or emailing to frjohn@saintjohnofthecross.org.

Prayers for Peace

More than 40 parishioners and others from the community gathered Tuesday evening to offer prayers for peace in Nicaragua, where Catholic bishops and priests have become intermediaries in seeking a solution to political turmoil that has resulted in 329 deaths since April. **Padre Tomás**, who visited SJC two years ago, is among the clergy serving as both peacekeepers and spiritual leaders.

Organized by pastoral associate **Tara Mowery** and the **Hands United in Hope and Love Ministry**, the prayer service included intercessions for:

- The conversion of the souls of **President Daniel Ortega, First Lady Murillo**, the Sandinista paramilitaries and the State Police in Nicaragua ...
- The protection of Padre Tomás, **Padre Harold**, the Papal Nuncio to Nicaragua, **Archbishop Baez, Cardinal Brenes** and all bishops and priests in Nicaragua ...
- The protection of innocent, unarmed civilians who are taking shelter in churches, and for the priests who are harboring them ...
- Priests who are using their churches as field hospitals and tending to the wounded ...
- Priests and bishops who are negotiating with police for the release of young men stripped and imprisoned without fair trials ...
- Mothers who have lost their sons, some as young as 18 months ...
- Sons who are fighting to protect their mothers, with nothing but a sling and a rock ...
- And the souls of the 329 people killed in Nicaragua since April, mostly college students.

Symbolizing the spirit of the Nicaraguan people, participants in the service also heard the story of David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17), in which God intercedes for His people.



Outdoor Shrine Masses

Every Sunday, from now through September 2, we will celebrate Mass at our Outdoor Shrine at **7:30 am**. If the weather is inclement, this Mass will be held in the Church. The Sunday 9 am and 11 am Masses will be held in the Church as usual.



Summer Wellness Series Continues

August is Physical Wellness Month:

Saturday, August 11, 9 am - "Prayer Walk" Take a walk around the grounds of the SJOC campus for a spiritual journey of prayer while getting your heart pumping. We'll meet in the Gathering Area and the walk will take about an hour, so wear comfortable shoes.

Tuesday, August 14, 9 am "Staying Active" with Kathy Brown (certified low-impact aerobic instructor). This 45-minute gentle exercise and stretching routine that you can do at home, is geared toward older adults. This fun and lively class will help you improve muscle tone, maintain joint flexibility, and prevent injury. The class is open to all ages and will be held in the Gathering Area.

Thursday, August 23, 6:30 pm - "Bocce with Sister" Join us for Mass at 6:30 pm, then play along or watch the Bocce tournament with the Mercedarian Sisters and the SJOC League.



Parish News & Events

SJC 10th Anniversary Celebration

Help the **Hospitality Committee** by submitting your favorite recipes for the **Parish Anniversary Cookbook!** And ... we're calling on all artists in the Parish to submit your renderings of the Church and Shrine. The Committee will select at least five images for the **Anniversary Note Cards**. Submit all recipes and artwork to the Parish Office or turn them in to the Celebration Table in the Gathering Area by **August 15**. Include your name and contact information.



Visit the Celebration Table in the Gathering Area to update your **roster information** throughout the summer. Soon, you will be given **name tags** that you can leave in your car and wear at each Mass to help our new priests to get to know you and encourage visitors to feel welcomed!

Get your family and friends portrait taken for the **10th Anniversary Commemorative Book**. Before and after Mass, come to the "portrait studio" set up in the Celebration Room of the Gathering Area. The portraits will be taken through October. They're casual and FREE! No need to schedule a time or dress up. Be sure to provide us with names.

Interesting Reading

How do I love someone I can't stand? Are you familiar with the popular restaurant Edwin's and its owner **Brandon Chrostowski**? Did you know Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland is celebrating its 125th anniversary? Find this out and more in the latest issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine. It's arriving soon in your mailbox! Do you also receive Northeast Ohio Catholic's weekly E-Newsletter? Go to www.dioceseofcleveland.org/enewsletter to sign-up and stay connected.



Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week Giving	\$4,876.00
Maintenance Giving.....	\$1,086.00
Online Giving	\$1,705.00
Online Maintenance Giving	<u>\$307.50</u>
Total.....	\$7,974.50

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

Parish Family Life Events

Membership

If you wish to become a member of our parish, complete the online form, visit the parish office or call us at 216.289.0770. 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. Contact **Fr. John** at the Parish Office.

Feast of St. James the Apostle

The faithful in Spain celebrate the life and deeds of James, son of **Zebedee**, on Saint James' Day (Santiago Apostol) on **July 25**. **Saint James** was one of Jesus' first disciples. Some Christians believe that his remains are buried in Santiago de Compostela. It is a public holiday in the Spanish communities of the Basque Country and Galicia in Spain.

Triduum at Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid invite you to attend the **Triduum to Ss. Anne and Joachim** for three days of prayer, **July 24-26 at 7 pm to** include the Rosary followed by Mass. We will pray for you and support your personal petitions each of the three days.

Need to Know

Ministers Schedule — July 28-29, 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. Thom Kowatch	A. Molle K. Brindo	W. Nalepka	D. Abreo	C. Barni, K. Brown, T. Burrello, M. Freas, P. Kiiikka, M. Malta, R. Raguz, S. Ruggeri	J. Monger
<i>Sunday 9 am</i>	Fr. John Betters	H. Drozin M. Singer	D. DiMare	C. Hainrihar	L. Ashcroft, L. Bochenek, T. Davisson, L. Fulton, G. Petrof, L. Petrof, N. Powell, R. Somich	A. Somich A. Somich
<i>Sunday 11 am</i>	Fr. Edward Mehok	D. Mallet M. Van Gorder	T. Wetzel	K. Musarra	J. Berquist, E. Dulaney, D. Hocevar, J. Hocevar, J. Solpa,	S. Bray

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

Richmond Heights Hospital
 Wednesday, July 25**Marla**

Grande Pointe
 Sunday, July 29**Eric and Jeff**

Waterford
 Sunday, July 29**Legion of Mary**

Counters

Monday, July 30 **“A” Team**

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Parish Office Hours

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

Mass Schedule-SJC

Celebration of Eucharist

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
 Sunday (Outdoor Shrine) 7:30 am
 Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday.. 8:00 am (Chapel)
 Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 pm (Chapel)
 Holy Days 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

Weekday Mass Schedule-SRW

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00 pm
 Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am
 Saturday..... 8:30 am