



# Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish

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*"You who are my messenger,  
in you I place my absolute trust."*

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Respect Life Month  
October 2018

October 7, 2018

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John of the Cross Parish, 140 Richmond Rd., Euclid OH 44143 216.289.0770

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# From Our Administrator - Fr. John Better

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Feast of the Holy Rosary. While we do not formally celebrate the feast today because it is on a Sunday it is a good day to recognize this beautiful form of prayer that offers us an opportunity to have a focused prayer time reflecting on the mysteries of Jesus' and Mary's lives. I do encourage you to pray the rosary.

This weekend we are implementing a new procedure for the reception of Holy Communion. You will notice several things:



The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will not be in the opening procession. It will be the altar servers, lector with the Book of Gospels and the priest. We will start the procession from the Baptismal Font along the north section of pews then down the center aisle to the Sanctuary. We are doing this to allow the Sacred Heart Chapel (where the procession used to begin) to remain a sacred and quiet place for prayer.

We have shifted the "Communion Stations." This will only affect the center section. All the people sitting in the center sections will come all the way forward to the front of the sanctuary. There will be no ministers in the cross aisle.

The priest (except when it is **Fr. Mehok** who is unable to distribute) will always be in the center section on the Tabernacle side. There are a number of people who prefer to only receive from a priest and this will allow them to do so. If you are one of those people we ask that you sit in this section so it is easy for you to receive from the priest.

The biggest change will be how we help those who are not able to come forward to receive because of age or health reasons to receive. A Host and Cup minister will come to you. Just stay where you are seated. You need not sit in any special section. The Host and Cup minister will first distribute to those in the music ministry then they will work their way through the church to make sure everyone is able to receive. Please watch for them and just raise your hand or wave at them if they do not see you.

They say it takes six weeks to change a habit so I am sure it will take a few weeks for us to make all of this go smoothly but I know we can. After five months of worshipping with you I have come to know you all as a wonderful, joy filled reverent people! We have awesome Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Servers, Ushers, Greeters and Music Ministers. They do a wonderful job and are so reverent and help us to have a joy filled sacred Mass. It is an honor to serve with and for you.

We have several "newer" items in the church vestibule to help you grow in knowledge of your faith. We have free books, CD's and materials from Dynamic Catholic that are yours to take and are free (aka Spiritual Wellness Table) now on a rack. We have our Kiosk that has lots of information about events in the parish and surrounding community. Finally we have rack of books, cd's, brochures that are yours to keep for a small donation. All three of these are great opportunities to grow in your faith knowledge and grow closer to Christ in your love and acceptance of him as your Lord and Savior.

This week is the annual Convocation for priests of our Diocese. We will be gathering with **Bishop Perez** and all of our brother priests to pray together, reflect on our ministry and our call to serve, and spend some fraternal time together. The gathering is from Tuesday evening through Friday morning. **Fr. Tim** and I will be attending. **Fr. Thom** has graciously offered to stay at the parish so we can continue to have daily Mass as well as cover for any emergencies and funerals. I ask that you keep the priests in your prayers. This is a difficult time for ALL CATHOLICS, but for priests we face our own failings, sinfulness and that of our brother priests and bishops. We reflect on that, beg God's mercy on us through our genuine repentance and ask his Grace to move forward in the light of Christ.

Make it a great week!

See you in Church. Peace,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "John D Better".

## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Sunday:

Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalms 128:1-2, 3,4-5, 6[cf. 5]  
Hebrews 2:9-11  
Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

### Monday:

Galatians 1:6-12  
Psalms 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]  
Luke 10:25-37

### Tuesday:

Galatians 1:13-24  
Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]  
Luke 10:38-42

### Wednesday:

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14  
Psalms 117:1bc, 2  
Luke 11:1-4

### Thursday:

Galatians 3:1-5  
Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75  
Luke 11:5-13

### Friday:

Galatians 3:7-14  
Psalms 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]  
Luke 11:15-26

### Saturday:

Galatians 3:22-29  
Psalms 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]  
Luke 11:27-28

### Next Sunday:

Wisdom 7:7-11  
Psalms 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]  
Hebrews 4:12-13  
Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 8  
8:00 am (JB)

Weekday  
**Suzanna Jukic**

Tuesday, October 9  
6:30 pm (TK)

Weekday  
**Rosemary Wallace**

Wednesday, October 10  
8:00 am (TK)

Weekday  
**Jim & Artis Cole**

Thursday, October 11  
6:30 pm (TK)

Weekday  
**Ryan & Brian Malovrh**

Friday, October 12  
8:00 am (TK)

Weekday  
**Robert Kravos**

Saturday, October 13  
4:00 pm TR)

Weekday  
**Joseph Loparo**

Sunday, October 14  
9:00 am (JB)  
11:00 am (EM)

Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
**St. John of the Cross Parish Family**  
**Deceased members of Berardinelli & Plevelich families**



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

**Beverley Argento**  
**Noella Burrows**  
**Chester Campana**  
**Skip Casamatta**  
**Jane DePalma**  
**Constance Durrah**  
**Mary Frain**  
**Marie George**  
**Margaret Hasto**  
**John Hocevar**  
**Andrew Jarm**  
**Betty Kovelan**

**Doris Kowalski**  
**Fr. Dennis Kristancic**  
**Mili Lekan**  
**Marie Lipold**  
**Bob Lucas**  
**Joe Matejka**  
**Ronald Maxey**  
**Rudy Myeress**  
**Jeff Monger**  
**Carla Moore**  
**Larry O'Donnell**  
**Linda Palko**

**Anna Pepock**  
**Joan Raddell**  
**Pat Rossoll**  
**Martha Rymer**  
**Jerry Scarniench**  
**Judy Schmidt**  
**Rose Simek**  
**Carole Smigelski**  
**Frank Somrack**  
**John Tarmann**  
**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.



# Parish News & Events



**Saint John of the Cross  
Parish Community Center**

**Saturday, Oct. 27, 2017**

**Featuring Joey Tomsick Orchestra**

**Polka Mass 4 pm**

**Dinner & Dancing 5 pm**

**\$20 per Adult, \$5 per Child**

**Tickets are available after Masses, Parish Office,  
and the Website**

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

## New Business Manager

I am happy to announce that we have hired a new Business Manager for the parish. We welcome **Jim Granito** to our staff. He will work with Anita and Nancy in our office. He will be part-time. He will work on the finances and facilities for our parish. I believe Anita, Nancy and Jim will make a great team in making sure we are good stewards of the resources entrusted to us.....**Fr. John**

## Let's keep in touch!

Get important updates via email & text. This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in our parish.

You can unsubscribe any time. Go to: [www.flocknote.com/StJohnoftheCrossEuclid](http://www.flocknote.com/StJohnoftheCrossEuclid) OR Text SJOCEUCLID to 84576 from your phone to subscribe.

## 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.



**OCTOBER 20  
10 AM - 12 PM**

**WHERE:  
ST. JOHN OF  
THE CROSS  
GYM**

## PHYSICAL/ SPIRITUAL SELF-DEFENSE

Learn simple physical self-defense tactics and spiritual self-defense tactics to protect your body and soul in today's world. With Fr. Tim Roth instructing the spiritual and Lieutenant Tom Wetzel demonstrating the Self-defense. Coffee and bagels will be provided



## 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 display to

remain in the gathering area throughout the month of November. If you have lost someone special this year, please email [secretary@saintjohnofthecross.org](mailto: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 29.



## Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study

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

## SSR

Join **Fr. Tim Roth** for Sunday Scripture Reflection (SSR) on Tuesday's at 9am in Meeting Room #1. Come and experience the living Word of God speak to you in the context of your daily life.

## 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.

### Wedding Banns

|| **Eric Edelman** and **Brittanie Olson** (St. Gabriel)

### Our Deepest Sympathies to the Family of James Brown

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

## Prayer for Life

*Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.*



# More News & Events

## Ss. Robert and William Catholic School:

*To foster student success, Ss. Robert and William Catholic School provides a nurturing environment focusing on faith, academics, and service.*

Each month at SRW School we celebrate Worthy Warriors! This is recognition of all the students who have made good behavior choices throughout the month. In a raffle chance the students can have the possibility of winning money, candy, games, SRW spirit items, and other assorted prizes. We are grateful to the Parent Association for sponsoring this positive incentive program. It "pays to be good" at SRW!

## Are you looking for good, wholesome, Catholic, content on the web?

Visit our FORMED Community... You can visit the Community Page for SS Robert and William/St. John of the Cross by going to the following link <https://srwsiceuclid.formed.org> to see our active discussion groups and featured content. If you are not yet registered on FORMED this same link will allow you to first set up a new account as part of our on-line FORMED Community.

## Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week Giving .....	\$7,105.50
Maintenance Giving .....	\$571.00
Online Giving .....	\$1,149.00
Online Maintenance Giving.....	<u>\$277.50</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$9,103.00</b>

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

## Blanket Sunday

Next weekend marks the 32nd Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the needy. This collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Due to lack of storage space, we will gratefully accept your donation and do the shopping for you, making your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by the homeless and disadvantaged. So "blanket" someone for the winter-and give yourself a warm feeling! Envelopes will be in the pews next weekend. You may also donate online at [www.svdpcle.org](http://www.svdpcle.org)

## Parish Activities Schedule

### Monday, October 8

- 7:00 pm Celebration Committee Meeting (MR2)
- 7:00 pm Social Justice (Rm. 7)
- 7:30 pm KofC Meeting (PC)
- 7:30 pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (Rm. 6)

### Tuesday, October 9

- 9:00 am SSR (MR1)
- 5:30 pm Legion of Mary (Rm. 7)

### Wednesday, October 10

- 7:00 pm Women in Faith (Rm. 7)
- 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl (MR2)
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice (C)

### Thursday, October 11

- 6:30 pm Bingo #3 (G)
- 7:00 pm Evangelization & Spiritual Life Meeting (Rm. 7)

### Friday, October 12

- 5:00 pm Girl Scout Mtg (PCB)
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

### Saturday, October 13

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (Rm. 6)
- 5:00 pm Coffee with Fr. John (G)

### Sunday, October 14

- 9:15 am PSR (PC)
- 10:00 am Coffee with Fr. John (G)

C-Church  
SHC-Sacred Heart Chapel  
MR1-Meeting Room #1  
PC-Parish Community Center  
G-Gym  
P-Parish Office  
PG-Parish Grounds  
Rm. 6-8 in Parish Community Center



# SJC 10th Anniversary

## Be a part of the celebration!

### Opening Concert

Friday, November 30th at 7pm  
Followed by light refreshments

### Opening Mass

Saturday, December 1st at 4pm Mass  
Followed by a wine and appetizer reception

Look for many exciting events and guest speakers  
throughout the year's celebration.



## Need to Know

### Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

Richmond Heights Hospital

Wednesday, October 10 ..... **Rich**

Grande Pointe

Sunday, October 14.....**Legion of Mary**

### Counters

Monday, October 15 ..... **"C" Team**

## Mass Schedule-SJC

### Celebration of Eucharist

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 pm

Sunday.....9:00 am & 11:00 am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday.....8:00 am (Chapel)

Tuesday & Thursday.....6:30 pm (Chapel)

Holy Days.....8:00 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

## Parish Staff & Office Hours

**Rev. John D. Betters**..... Administrator  
frjohn@saintjohnofthecross.org

**Rev. Thomas Kowatch**  
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**Rev. Edward E. Mehok**

**Rev. Tim Roth**..... froth@saintjohnofthecross.org

**Rev. Mr. Charles Doerpers** .....Deacon

**Dr. Francesco Binda** ..... Director of Music  
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**Terri Burrello** ..... Sacristan

**Jim Granito**.....Business Manager  
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**Anita Linsky**..... Office Manager  
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**Nancy Powell** .....Bookkeeper  
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**Anney Roach**.....Pastoral Associate/DRE  
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### Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday ..... 8:00 am–4:00 pm

Saturday..... 9:00 am–1:00 pm