



Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish



Song Written In Honor of Our 10th Anniversary

"The Living Flame of Love"

This is a delightful weekend: with the grace of God, we celebrate the 10th Year Anniversary of Saint John of the Cross Parish! During the 4:00 p.m. mass, the Choir will present a new song for meditation. Knowing how important music is to pray and worship the Lord, and how meaningful it is to you, Francesco and his wife Lauren took the opportunity to compose a song and dedicated it to the choir. Its title is *The Living Flame of Love*. The lyrics are taken from an English translation of the poem written by Saint John on the Cross, and can be found inside the bulletin, on page 6.

St. John of the Cross Parish

140 Richmond Road

4:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

M, W & F, 8:00 a.m. (Chapel)

T & Th, 6:30 p.m. (Chapel)

Saturday, 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

First Friday of each month,
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Saturday Vigil Mass

Sunday Masses

Weekday Masses

Confessions

Eucharistic Adoration

Information

Ss. Robert & William Parish

367 E. 260th Street

4:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

M, W & F, 12 Noon (Church)

T, 8:00 a.m. (Church)

Th, 8:00 a.m. (Chapel)

Sat., 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)

Saturday, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

24 hours/day, 7 days/week in
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November 17, 2019

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of Fr. Andrew

A majority of my ministry is serving as the Chaplain to Cleveland Clinic's Hillcrest Hospital in Mayfield Heights. Hillcrest is a Level 2 Trauma Center with a 500 bed hospital. Needless to say I am actively engaged in my ministry. I am in residence at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Gates Mills which is just a walk across the parking lot and the city border to Hillcrest. This allows me to be on call and I can respond to a midnight emergency within a few minutes. Given the size of the facility my average walking mileage is about 3.5 to 4 miles a day. My typical day consists of visiting 40~60 patients a day with daily rounds through the Intensive Care Units (ICUs) offering prayers, blessings and the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.



There is still a misconception that the Anointing of the Sick is 'last rites' for the dying. If we consider the definition of a sacrament from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) paragraph 1131, "The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us." All the sacraments are for the living so that we may experience divine life now in our earthly existence. "By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them." (CCC 1499). Anointing of the Sick is meant to heal us of our wounds both spiritual and physical and may be received more than once. With the other repeatable sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation why would you not want to receive them often to have that taste of divine life now?

"Oh Father I don't need 'last rites' I'm not dying." There are additional rites in the little green book Pastoral Care of the Sick that are used for those ready to meet the Lord. These additional rites, apostolic pardon — forgiveness of all sins, commendation of the dying — giving over of a dying person to the Lord, viaticum — last reception of Eucharist 'food for the journey,' combined with the Anointing of the Sick, collectively could be called 'last rites.'

From the Pastoral Care of the Sick, "The Letter of James states that the sick are to be anointed in order to raise them up and save them. Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament. The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious. A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Sick children are to be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament." These instructions serve as a guide for reception of Anointing of the Sick. It is a sacrament of healing, a taste of divine life now. If you are in need, ask. Invite the Divine Physician to cure you of your ills both spiritual and physical.

.....Fr. Andrew



Gospel Meditation

Jesus combined predicting the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. with predicting the end of the world. He did this because there will be marked similarities between the two catastrophes. Also, Jesus' accuracy regarding the fall of Jerusalem indicates the credibility of His revelations regarding the end of the world. Jesus revealed many more details regarding the end of the world than He revealed about most other aspects of His plan. He did this to underline the fact that the end of the world is literally true and to help us prepare for it. Jesus gave us the details because we need them. One of the most important details Jesus gave about the end of the world is: "By patient endurance you will save your lives" (Lk 21:19). We can persevere through the most savage persecution of the Church ever (see Lk 21:12), through the worst apostasy ever (2 Thes 2:3-12), and through the worst tribulation ever (Mk 13:19) because we have accepted the grace not to be proud but to fear the name of the Lord (Mal 3:19-20). This humble fear of the Lord is the beginning of love (see Dt 6:2-5). "Love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Pt 4:8) and leads us through the calamities of the end of the world into perfect, everlasting love in heaven. The world will certainly end, as Jesus said. Learn what Jesus has revealed about it. Live and persevere in love so as to live forever with the Lord.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 18 8:00 am (JB)	Weekday Stephen & Nadine Lucas
Tuesday, November 19 6:30 pm (JB)	Weekday Lisa Kaluza
Wednesday, Nov. 20 8:00 am (EM)	Weekday Rudy Ujcich & Family
Thursday, November 21 6:30 pm (AM)	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Anna Pepock
Friday, November 22 8:00 am (AM)	St. Cecilia Rudy Ujcich
Saturday, November 23 4:00 pm (VP)	Weekday Deceased Members of Freas Family
Sunday, November 24 9:00 am (EM) 11:00 am (AM)	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe St. John of the Cross Parish Family Lita Pignatiello

Pray for the Sick of the Parish and their Caregivers

Evelyn Adamczak
John Ballard
Noella Burrows
Matthew Dolenc
Constance Durrah
Mary Frain
Margaret Hasto
John Hocevar
Andrew Jarm
Anna Jalovec

Nick Kaluza
Lucille Kucharski
Bob Lucas
Joe Matejka
Ronald Maxey
Rudy Myeress
Sheila Moore-Baka
Larry O'Donnell
Joan Raddell
Pat Rossoll

Jerry Scarniench
Judy Schmidt
Christia Schutt
Rose Simek
Frank Somrack
John Tarmann
Jennifer Tennyson
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. 120**

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



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass will be held at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 28. This is an opportunity for our St. John of the Cross family to gather and offer our prayers of gratitude for all of God's blessings in our community this past year.

Luke Brown's Reflection

In the coming weeks, we will be discussing the issue of pornography. In this first installment of three, we will be exploring the effect of pornography on an individual's mental health. Pornography can be a struggle for both men and women and it's everywhere now due to widespread access via the internet. While pornography is a controversial topic, we as Catholics believe that it is morally wrong, disordered, and harmful behavior. There are studies linking pornography use to mental health issues such as anger, anxiety, and even depression. If you look at brain scans of people addicted to substances such as drugs or alcohol, you'll see differences between their brains and healthy brains- the same is true of pornography use. When it comes to pornography use, shame is almost always involved. Guilt over use is good, but shame is bad. Guilt means, "I *did* something wrong." Shame tells us, "You *are* something wrong." Ongoing pornography use only deepens these feelings of shame. Pornography affects our mental health, relationships, marriages, and spiritual lives. If you want to read more about pornography, addiction, mental health, and recovery, I highly recommend the book "The Porn Myth" by Matt Fradd. If you find yourself struggling with pornography, consider counseling! Counseling can put you in touch with valuable resources or support groups to help individuals overcome pornography use. Next week, we will be exploring the harmful effects that pornography has on marriages and relationships.

Adoration

This month's Eucharistic Holy Hour focuses on the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Join us on Monday, November 18 from 6:30pm-7:30pm as we recall our Loved Ones during prayer, song and scripture reading. If you would like a Loved One's name spoken aloud during the hour, please write his or her name on the paper provided in the Gathering Space. Drop the paper in the nearby basket anytime you're in Church from now until November 17.

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.



Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study

The Gospel of St. Matthew will be studied on Monday evenings at 7:30pm in Room 10 in the community center.



Annual Giving Tree

The **Saint John of the Cross Giving Tree**, sponsored each year by the **Social Justice Ministry**, will be on display beginning at the 9:00 am Mass on Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day. This is always a phenomenal event and WE THANK YOU for thinking of others during the Christmas season! If you plan to take tags for donation, here are some suggestions for gifts:



BIRTHRIGHT (pink tags): There is a need for diapers in sizes 3, 4 and 5. All sizes of clothing are needed from newborn through 18 months especially snowsuits and winter jackets, along with blankets, baby wash, lotion, shampoo and BPA-free bottles. DO NOT WRAP.

CATHOLIC MINISTRY TO THE INCARCERATED (gold tags): First-class postage stamps are needed.

LEGION OF MARY (yellow tags): Word-search puzzle books, hand soaps, slipper socks, shaving lotion, pocket tissues and small cuddly stuffed animals for home-bound seniors are needed. Place all in one bag indicating male or female.

ST. ALOYSIUS HUNGER CENTER (blue tags): Children's t-shirts, sweatshirts, socks, gloves and hats are needed. DO NOT WRAP.

THEA BOWMAN CENTER (orange tags): Gift cards from Giant Eagle, Walmart, and McDonalds are needed. Place gift cards in the offertory basket or drop them off at the Parish Office.

ROSE MARY GROUP HOMES (white tags): Specific items requested by the residents will be on the tree. Please wrap individually.

PADRE TOMAS, PADRE HAROLD & PADRE ROGER IN NICARAGUA (lilac tags): monetary donations accepted.

GENERAL GIFT CARDS (green tags): Giant Eagle, Walmart, Marc's, Kohl's and Target used for parishioners in need and to fill in missing gifts for the already mentioned organizations.

Giving Tree Instructions: Attach the tag to the matching gift. Place the gifts under the trees. Place gift cards and stamps in the offertory basket or drop off at the parish office. All items will be immediately sorted and taken to the organizations. We don't want to miss anyone's Christmas party. **All gifts must be returned no later than Sunday, December 15, 2019 at noon.**

Parish Family Life Events

Our Doors Are Open:

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. John of the Cross. To become a registered parishioner, please pick up a form at the parish office or visit our website at www.sjceucld.com

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.

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

R.H. Hospital Wednesday,
November 20.....**Katie**
Grande Pointe Sunday,
Nov. 24.....**Chris & Dawnmarie**

Counters

Monday, Nov. 25**"A" Team**

Parish News & Other Events

Advent Communal Penance Service

St. John of the Cross Parish, together with Ss. Robert and William Parish, will celebrate our annual **Advent Communal Reconciliation Service** at Ss.

Robert and William on Monday evening, Dec. 2, at 6:30 pm. We will join together in prayer, seeking the peace that comes with the endless mercy of our God, and will also have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please join us in receiving God's forgiveness and grace as we begin to look forward to the coming of Emmanuel —God's most precious act of love and mercy for us.



The Living Flame of Love

The lyrics are taken from an English translation of the poem written by Saint John on the Cross. Here is the poem:

O living flame of love
that tenderly wounds my soul
in its deepest center! Since
now you are not oppressive,
now consummate!
if it be your will:
tear through the veil of this
sweet encounter!
O sweet cautery,
O delightful wound!
O gentle hand! O delicate touch
that tastes of eternal life and
pays every debt! In killing you
changed death to life.
O lamps of fire! in whose
splendors the deep caverns of
feeling, once obscure and blind,
now give forth, so rarely, so
exquisitely, both warmth and
light to their Beloved.
How gently and lovingly you
wake in my heart, where in
secret you dwell alone; and in
your sweet breathing, filled with
good and glory, how tenderly you
swell my heart with love.



It was such a joy and privilege to be able to utilize a poem written by the patron saint of this church!

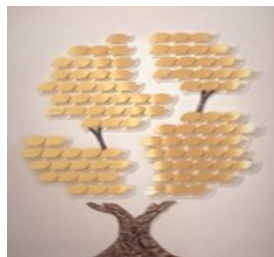
But we have something more. Starting with the first Sunday of Advent, we will introduce a new mass setting, called *Mass of Wisdom*. If you have a chance to come to mass a little earlier over the next few weekends, we will practice that with you right before mass.

Thank you for being part of this remarkable community!

.....Francesco

St. John of the Cross Tree of Life

To help commemorate our 10th anniversary, we are creating a memorial piece called the **SJC Tree of Life**. This tree will hang in the Gathering Space and will serve as a testament, for generations to come, of the love of and commitment to our beloved parish. We are asking each parishioner to consider obtaining a "leaf" on the tree with a \$125 donation. Your leaf can display your family name(s), honor a graduate of St. Felicitas or St. Paul, remember a deceased parishioner, etc. Order forms can be found in the kiosk or on our website.



Registration for Advent Wreath Activity

Sunday, November 24, 10 am in Community Center

Family Name: _____

Number attending: _____ Phone: _____

\$10 enclosed: Check Cash

Please mail this form to Saint John of the Cross, 140 Richmond Rd., Euclid OH 44143 or drop off at the parish office by November 17.

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Parish Activities Schedule

Monday, November 18

6:30 pm Holy Hour (C)
7:30 pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (Rm. 10)

Tuesday, November 19

9:15 am Scripture Reflection (MR2)
5:15 pm Legion of Mary (MR2)
6:30 pm Bingo (G)

Wednesday, November 20

6:30 pm Ministry of Consolation (MR2)

Thursday, November 21

Friday, November 22

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 10)

Saturday, November 23

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (Rm. 10)

Sunday, November 24

9:15 am PSR (PC)
10:00 am Advent Wreath Activity (MR2)

C-Church
G-Gym
P-Parish Office
PG-Parish Grounds
MR2-Meeting Room #2
SHC-Sacred Heart Chapel
PC-Parish Community Center
PCL-Parish Community Center Library
Rm. 10 in Parish Community Center
SRW-Ss. Robert & William

Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week Giving\$4,954.50
Last Week Maintenance Giving\$890.00

Online Faith Direct Collections will be posted twice a month.

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

This is my Home...We are Family Program

Within the next couple of weeks you will receive a Summary Report detailing the results of our This is my Home... We are Family Program. Several weeks ago we began this program and we are beginning to see signs that our Sunday offertory collections are growing through the generosity of many, many parishioners. Thank you so very much to all who have chosen to participate in this very important program. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of St. John of the Cross.