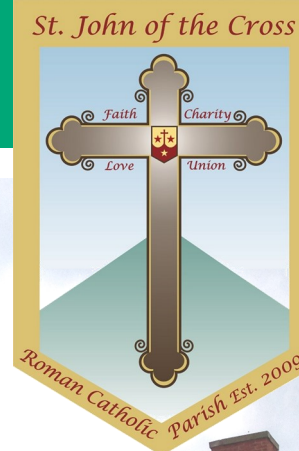


Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish



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. – 7:00 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)

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February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Today, Jesus calls us the salt of the earth. He also warns us that we can become so bland that our contribution ends up being about as appetizing as dirt: able to enhance nothing at all. Then he warns us that we are like the light of a city on a hill: Whether we are salty or insipid, we cannot hide. Everything we do gives witness to our faith or lack thereof. This can be a challenge! I remember once giving a homily to school children in which I challenged them to be *salt* and *light* and not *pepper* and *darkness*. It is not easy to live in the light when we are in such a *dark* world but through the Grace of God we can choose to live in the light. Choose to live in the light of what is right in our world and our individual lives.

This weekend is our annual Catholic Charities appeal. Catholic Charities is a MAJOR blessing in northeast Ohio and helps to impact so many peoples' lives. Last year our parish met its goal of raising \$40,000 for Catholic Charities ministries.

Faces of Hope. Though we are many, we are one in Christ. Many parishioners received letters in January, inviting their support of the Annual Appeal. Please pray for the good work of Catholic Charities and make a pledge today. Your donation makes a difference! Your support of the 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will help us serve those individuals who are most in need and most vulnerable. From Matthew's Gospel: Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for me. When we feed the hungry, take care of the sick, and welcome the stranger, we are also serving Jesus himself. We appreciate your donation and will take special care to use it wisely in providing essential programs and services to people in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. I invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2020Appeal. **To make a donation today, text CCHOPE to 41444 or visit CatholicCommunity.org/Donate.** Here at St. John of the Cross we have *System of Care* doing their work. They are a division of Catholic Charities that seeks to provide mental health assessment and care coordination for families with children who are emotionally disordered or traumatized and who are referred by the Cuyahoga County Tapestry System of Care because they are involved with the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services or the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court System. Services are school and community-based and build on the wrap-around fidelity model for care coordination. Neighborhood-based services and supports are leveraged to keep families intact and to reduce placement of children outside the home.

Make it a great week! See you in Church. Peace, Fr. John



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.



Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish and their Caregivers

Evelyn Adamczak
John Ballard
Noella Burrows
Matthew Dolenc
Constance Durrah
Mary Frain
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
Abbie Vernon



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*Please notify the parish office
when a name can be removed
from this list.*

*Remember our elderly and
homebound in prayer as well.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 10 8:00 am (JB)	St. Scholastica St. John of the Cross Parish Family
Tuesday, February 11 6:30 pm (JB)	Weekday Daniel Sedar
Wednesday, February 12 8:00 am (EM)	Weekday Jack Wolfe
Thursday, February 13 6:30 pm (AM)	Weekday Marcey Kaluza
Friday, February 14 8:00 am (AM)	Ss. Cyril and Methodius Jack Barni
Saturday, February 15 4:00 pm (AM)	Weekday Anna Pepock
Sunday, February 16 9:00 am (EM) 11:00 am (JB)	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. John of the Cross Parish Family Natalie Petruziello



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of
the world. A city set on
a mountain cannot be
hidden.” - Mt 5:14

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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

Many Thanks from Your SJOC Knights of Columbus

Thank you very much to all of our SJOC families who supported our January Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast! Your generosity resulted in our donation of \$600 dollars to the Cleveland Prays for Life/40 Days for Life organization. We are grateful for their efforts to address this important issue.

We especially appreciate all of you who braved the weather to join us for breakfast. Once again thank you very much.

Also, if you have not done so, please pick up a baby bottle to help support the Womankind maternal and prenatal care center. Bottles should be returned to the gathering area by February 8.

May God bless all of you and our entire St. John of the Cross parish community.

Luke Brown's Reflection

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. I have always believed that this is one of the most encouraging, fulfilling, and hopeful Gospel passages. I have found it especially encouraging for times in my life when I thought my job, status in life, or presence were not "holy" enough to bring anyone closer to Christ and I couldn't find any real meaning for my presence in the world. I think of the time I was a tractor mechanic and aspired to make a difference in the world. In hindsight, what a difference that job made! Changing the oil on those tractors meant farmers were able to do their job, which meant crops were able to be planted, which meant food was put on the table for people all over the world! My point is this- whatever job we have, age we are, or status we hold, we can influence the world around us for better or for worse. You might think that your position at work is lowly and insignificant or that your age is a barrier since you are elderly and you think you have nothing to offer, but this Gospel passage proves that it is the opposite with Christ. If you were no longer good for anything like salt that has lost its taste, you would be trampled underfoot. I take that to mean dead. I often meet with people who are depressed because they feel useless and that their life has no meaning. We learn in the Gospel this week that if *your heart is still beating, you are valued in this world and that God wants to use you to build His Kingdom.*

Please Note:

"Monday Holy Hour" will not be held this month. The March 16th Holy Hour will take place in the Church 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Stay tuned for more about this special time of prayer.



St. John of the Cross 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, 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.

St. John of the Cross to Host Conversation with Ted Ginn, Sr. about Faith and Friendship

Ted Ginn, Sr., one of the area’s most successful high school football coaches, is coming to St. John of the Cross Parish at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 23, for a conversation about faith and friendship – and perhaps a little bit about football. Coach Ginn will be joined in conversation by St. John of the Cross parishioner **Matt Chinchar**. The two will discuss their diverse backgrounds and friendship, built over 30 years of work on and off the football field, and their shared desire to save lives and souls, to help build strong young men physically, emotionally, academically and spiritually.



Coach Ginn is the founder and executive director of The Ginn Academy, as well as head football coach and head track coach of Glenville High School. He is also a member, deacon and trustee of The Historic Greater Friendship Baptist Church in the Glenville community. Coach Chinchar is an assistant football coach at Glenville and the college advisor at The Ginn Academy. Call 216-289-0770 or visit our website www.sjceucclid.com for more information.

Calling All Bakers

Help us welcome our guests and extend the conversation by making baked goods for the Ted Ginn Event. You can drop off your sweet or savory finger foods in the Parish Office on Friday, February 21st from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and before or after all weekend Masses, February 22nd and 23rd in the Gathering Space of the Church. Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket next week. If you have any questions, please call the office at 216-289-0770.

Name _____

Phone # _____

Baked Good _____

Thank you so much for helping make this event memorable for our fellow parishioners and guests.

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.sjceucclid.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.

Our Deepest Sympathies to the

Family of Francis Bortnick

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 & Other Events



The 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant

pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Perez requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.

Faces of Hope. Your support of the 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 410,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.

On behalf of the poor and needy of Northeast Ohio, thank you! We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2020Appeal.

To make a donation today, text CCHOPE to 41444 or visit CatholicCommunity.org/Donate.

40 Days for Life

From February 26 – April 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Pre-term - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or Planned Parenthood - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Heights, 44146, or Family Planning - 54 South State St, Painesville, 44077.

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. Justin Martyr Church in Eastlake on February 25 at 7 PM with Keynote Speaker, Fr. Daniel Bowen, O. de M. Contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.



SRW School News

Each year, as part of the Catholic Schools' Week Opening Liturgy, Endowment Scholarships are distributed. All students are eligible to apply for these scholarships and winners are chosen by a committee of teachers and Endowment Board members.

Pastor/Principal Scholarship is awarded to *Fahari Wagaba*

Founder's Scholarship is awarded to *Lilah Stachnik*

Benefactor's Scholarship is awarded to *Lorenzo Oriani*

The Sr. Dorothy Kazel High School Scholarship winner is Katrina Erich-Lukans

The Sr. Helen Marie Davidson, OSU, Scholarship, is awarded to *McKenna Murphy, Sophia Stachnik, Frankie Oriani, and Noah Stachnik*

Edward J. Czyzycki Annual Service Award to Grace Cooke

Congratulations to all the winners!!

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Parish Activities Schedule

Monday, February 10

7:00 pm KofC Meeting (Rm.10)
7:00 pm Social Justice (MR2)
7:30 pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (Rm. 10)

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

7:00 pm Prayer Shawl (MR2)

Thursday, February 13

7:00 pm Spiritual Life and Evangelization (MR2)

Friday, February 14

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 10)

Saturday, February 15

Sunday, February 16

9:15 am PSR (PC)
9:30 am RCIA (P)

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's Giving\$4,781.72
Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....\$1,715.00

Online Faith Direct Collections will be posted twice a month.
Thanks for your generous support toward our mission to serve God!

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

R.H. Hospital Wednesday,
February 12.....**Rich**
Grande Pointe Sunday,
February 16.....**Matt**

Counters

Tuesday, Feb. 18.....**"A" Team**