



# Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143  
October 3, 2021

Roman Catholic Parish  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the month of October, we enter the month that dedicates and honors our Blessed Mother, Mary. Over the last months as we struggle with the fears and anxieties of the continued global pandemic, the never ending political tensions in our country, all that is happening in Afghanistan, and the divisions within our beloved Catholic Church; I have told people that I want to go back to being a "little kid" and just run into my mom's arms and have her tell me all is going to be well. I am probably a little too old and big for this now. But the great news is Mary, our Blessed Mother, is always willing to allow us spiritually and emotionally into her arms. She desires to love, console and help take us to her Son, Jesus to deal with the struggles and sufferings of our lives. She used her own sufferings and struggles as grace filled moments to grow closer to Jesus. I encourage you in this special month of October to grow in your relationship with Mary, our Blessed Mother, and allow her to help you find Joy, Peace, and Hope in the realities of living in 2021.

Tomorrow, Monday, October 4 is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Next to the Blessed Mother, I am fairly certain he was of the most well known Saints. There are a number of things we associate with St. Francis and one of them is the gift of our beloved animals, especially the ones we domesticate and invite into our homes as our pets. At both SRW and SJC, we will have the annual St. Francis Pet Blessing at 6 pm in front of each church. Fr. Thom has prepared a little gift bag for each person that comes. Invite your friends and neighbors as well so that their pets may receive a blessing. The other thing that St. Francis is known for is promoting peace.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

I think at this time in our history, this would be a beautiful prayer to pray each day. As parish communities I encourage us to pray this prayer each day in the month of October with one Hail Mary.

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,

Fr. John

## YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH PRAYER

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.





### A Prayer for Life

O God, our Creator,  
all life is in your hands from  
conception until death.  
Help us to cherish our children and  
to reverence the awesome privilege  
of our share in creation.  
May all people live and die in dignity and love.  
Bless all those who defend the rights of the  
unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten  
and be merciful toward those  
who fail to love, and give them peace.  
Let freedom be tempered by responsibility,  
integrity and morality.



## Celebrating Fr. Edward Mehok



Please join us October 10th  
at the 10:15 am Mass  
as we thank Fr. Edward Mehok  
for his humble service  
to the Parish of  
St. John of the Cross.  
There will be a small reception  
after Mass in the Gathering Space.

## The GOOD News from Thea Bowman Center Virtual Benefit Oct 7, 8, and 9th

This past year, assistance from parishioners of St. John of the Cross has allowed Thea Bowman Center to celebrate light in a world filled with darkness. The pandemic, a perfect storm of grief, loneliness, fear and hunger, hit Mt Pleasant residents hard. Thanks to our many “candles” of support, we continued to light the way and even strengthened our connections with the southeast Cleveland community we have been privileged to serve, for so many years. Please help us to keep it going by adding your “candle” to our light with a donation to our benefit. Oct 7, 8, and 9, on our website, through emails and via Facebook, you will hear what’s been happening from program participants, appreciate the broad impact of our services, and learn what is in store moving forward.

As a bonus, restaurant partners will donate a percentage of proceeds from take-out dinners on Oct 9. B & M Bar B Que (North Randall location), J. Pistone One World Market & Café, Pearl Asian Kitchen, and Picnic Hill Market Café (they’d like you to order on Oct 7) Contact info will be posted on our website.

Find out more and donate at [theabowmancenter.org/donate](https://theabowmancenter.org/donate)

Register your email address at [theabowmancenter.org](https://theabowmancenter.org) to receive each day’s message

Forward emails to friends

Order take-out dinners, telling the restaurants “I’m with TBC!”

Additional information: Executive Director Ella Thomas 216-491-0699. Thanks!!!!

Scrupulosity is an issue that has long been present in those that are pursuing a life of holiness. If you struggle with scrupulosity, you are not alone- many saints in history had the same struggle. In summary, scrupulosity is the intense fear of sin and an overly concerned focus on violations of religious or moral teaching, which can result in severe anxiety. When we are scrupulous, we are so focused on the rules and laws of the church that we forget about the message of mercy that we learn about in the Gospel. The rules and laws of the church are good things and help us to avoid evil, but sometimes we become so hyper-focused on them that we are filled with shame and despair instead of hope and mercy. A balance needs to be present between laws and mercy. If you struggle with scrupulosity, I would like you to try the following exercise. When you have committed a sin, take a moment to imagine Christ sitting right next to you. What is He saying to you? What is His body language communicating to you? When we pray with our sin within the context of a one-on-one relationship with Christ, the way we view our sin changes. C.S.

Lewis said that some people are so concerned with learning about God that they never actually get to know God. I think this applies to our faith when we become so concerned with laws and rules that we forget about a personal relationship with Christ. If during this exercise you do not hear words of mercy, encouragement, and forgiveness, I would encourage you to pray with Isaiah 30:18, Hebrews 4:16, or Matthew 9:13 to get to know Christ better.

Luke Brown, LPCC



Mourning to Morning is an informative and prayerful program to help people move through the grieving process and forward in faith.

New six-week session begins Saturday, October 9, 2021 10:30AM – 12:00PM in the Sacred Heart Room of Ss. Robert and William Parish Office Bldg.

There is no fee, but registration is requested. Please contact Renée Barber at 216-731-1515 Ext. 262

## Rosary Rally

The world is at a crossroad. We must continue to pray through the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

On **October 16** we will be praying the rosary in front of St. Justin Martyr Church at noon. Please invite your friends and family and pray the rosary together.



DISCOVER TODAY HOW COUNSELING CAN HELP YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES THRIVE, GROW, AND HEAL.



## SACRED HEART COUNSELING

### OUR CARING TEAM CAN HELP WITH:

- ANGER MANAGEMENT
- ANXIETY
- MARITAL PROBLEMS
- TRAUMA
- DEPRESSION
- SELF-CARE AND MORE...

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, COUNSELING SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL PARISHIONERS. SERVICES OFFERED INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL, COUPLE, AND FAMILY COUNSELING.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LUKE BROWN, LPCC  
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## ST. FRANCIS PET BLESSING MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 6:00PM IN THE PARKING LOT



Bring all of your scaled, furry, and feathered friends to the St. Francis Day Pet Blessing. We will gather in the St. John of the Cross parking lot for our annual blessing. All of God's creatures are special and loved, join us with your lovable critters as we ask God to keep them healthy and safe.

## **ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS MASS SCHEDULE**

### **Weekday Mass Schedule**

Mondays & Wednesdays.....8:30 am  
Tuesdays & Thursdays.....6:30 pm  
Fridays:- Morning Prayer 8:30 am with  
Eucharistic Adoration 8:45 am to 2:00 pm

### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturdays.....4:00 pm  
Sundays.....7:45 am & 10:15 am

### **Confessions**

Saturdays.....3:00 - 3:30 pm

## ***MASS Intentions***

### **Monday, October 4**

8:30 AM (JB) † Marilyn Wagner

### **Tuesday, October 5**

6:30 PM (JB) † Rose Burrello

### **Wednesday, October 6**

8:30 AM (JL) † Rose Burrello

### **Thursday, October 7**

6:30 PM (JL) † Aubrey Zele

### **Friday, October 8**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)

8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

### **Saturday, October 9**

4:00 PM (JL/TS-P) † Erdani & Stergar Families

### **Sunday, October 10**

7:45 AM (JB/TS-P) † Patricia Mayer

10:15 AM (JB/EM/TS) † Mary & John Rogelj

## **Our Financial Stewardship**

Last week's Giving.....\$2,952.00  
Last week's Maintenance .....\$350.00  
Faith Direct\*-First Half of September Giving.....\$3,816.50  
Faith Direct\*-First Half of September Maintenance..\$1,213.50

**\*Online Faith Direct Collections will be posted twice  
a month for both Giving and Maintenance.**

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

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8 am to 4 pm  
Closed Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

**SJC Prayer 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.

*Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish  
and their Caregivers*

Evelyn Adamczak, John Ballard, Noella Burrows, Constance Durrah, Frank Hiti, John Hocevar, Andrew Jarm, Anna Jalovec, Nick Kaluza, Ronald Maxey, Sheila Moore-Baka, Vera Baka, Linda Palko, Bill Perko, Joan Raddell, Pat Rossoll, Mary Rot, Jerry Scarniench, Judy Schmidt, Rose Simek, John Tarmann, Abbie Vernon

*Please notify us when a name can be  
taken off this list.*

### WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FAMILY

If you would like to be a member of our Parish, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the Parish office and someone from the Parish will contact you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_