



Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish140 Richmond Rd, Euclid, OH 44143
February 6, 2022 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



HEART OF A SHEPHERD

Building for Today. Providing for Tomorrow.

Winter 2022 Campaign Update

Across the diocese, parishes like ours have worked since 2019 to bring the **Heart of a Shepherd** campaign to the faithful members of parishes across our diocese. This \$30 Million campaign is an extraordinary effort to better meet and serve the needs of St. Mary and Borromeo seminaries, current seminarians, and our newly-ordained and retired clergy. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, this campaign also raised funds to support parish local needs and projects.

We are so pleased to announce that as of January 2022, the campaign has secured **\$31.5 Million** in commitments for the diocesan campaign and an additional **\$19.63 Million** for local parish projects. Overall, the campaign raised \$51.2 Million to date from **12,806 households** across the diocese. This is outstanding progress and a testament to the generosity of our people.

We did it! Thank you for your generosity and continued support of this effort!

Thank you so much to parishioners who participated in this campaign and thank you to all who continue to pray for the success of this historic effort. We are humbled and inspired by your generosity and your love of our seminarians and priests. **Your timely pledge payments remain critically important.**

If you have questions about the Heart of a Shepherd campaign, please contact the Campaign Office at (216) 902-1300 or HeartofaShepherd@catholiccommunity.org.

**55 Plus
SRW/SJC
Book Club**

**First Discussion
February 16, 2022
10:00 AM
SRW Parish Office**

Books and Discussion Dates for This Season:

February 16

***My Cousin the Saint: A Story of Love, Miracles, and
an Italian Family Reunited*
by Justin Catanoso**

A compelling narrative written with grace and honesty, *My Cousin the Saint* is a testament to the challenge of being Catholic in twenty-first-century America. More than a biography, more than an immigrant memoir, more than a chronicle of renewed faith, it is a love letter to a family now reunited across oceans and years.

Justin Catanoso, born and raised in New Jersey, knew little of his family beyond the Garden State. That changed in 2001 when he discovered that his grandfather's cousin, Padre Gaetano Catanoso, was a Vatican-certified miracle worker. A typically lapsed American Catholic, Justin embarked on a quest to connect with his extended family in southern Italy and, ultimately, to awaken his slumbering faith.

*Above commentaries taken from Amazon.com. All titles
are available through their website.*

Winter/Spring Schedule

**Wednesday, February 16
Wednesday, March 16
Wednesday, April 13**

**OUR LADY
OF LOURDES**

PRAY FOR US

FEBRUARY 11TH

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Dear Parishioners,



Happy First Sunday of February! I hope you are having a good start to the month. I am so glad that January is over. It was so crazy with so many people struggling with so much. There are many people in our community who were, and still are, struggling with illness, death (a number sudden and young), anxiety, fear, isolation, financial issues and more. While I am blessed and have been able to keep up, it can be overwhelming because I (and so many people) want to help these people that are struggling. I so wish we could take away the pain and struggle. I don't know about you, but I am fixer and I like to solve problems. I think this is where I (and many of us) are called to surrender to God. We have to cooperate and work to solve our issues and help our sisters and brothers who are struggling; but the starting point has to be surrender to the higher power – our Heavenly Father who loves and cares for us so much! I offer you this prayer that I learned when I was at St. Ignatius High School. I often say it. (I once read that St. Pope John XXIII included it in his nightly prayers, "Lord, I am tired and going to bed, you take care of the church for now!") This prayer sort of reminds me of that:

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
My memory, my understanding
And my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace.
That is enough for me.
Amen.
Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola*

I also think that we often get ourselves caught up in worldly things, and that can certainly overwhelm us at times. We must remember that God has given us all we need and with his help and grace we can and will triumph. Maybe not always in this life, but certainly in the life to come.

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,

Fr. John

Luke Brown's Reflection

February 6, 2022



When I heard this week's Gospel as a younger man, the disciples leaving their boats on the shore and following Jesus was not noteworthy to me. Half the people I knew had boats and if someone gave one away, it would not have been a big deal. Then I learned in a Scripture class that boats in Jesus' time were hard to come by, difficult to make, and relied upon for livelihood. For the disciples to leave the boats is the equivalent of someone today permanently surrendering a college degree, medical license, or other livelihood. Leaving the boats suddenly became a very powerful thing when I reread today's passage. I can only imagine how intimidating and scary it was for the disciples to be led into the unknown and simply asked to trust. When I reflect on this in regard to mental health, I think about how quickly our lives can change when we least expect it. Illness, an accident, death of a loved one, or losing a job can change our life in very dramatic ways. We are left feeling numb and, like the disciples, exploring unknown territory. I imagine that trust was difficult at times for the disciples. I'm sure that they second-guessed many things about Jesus and about their decision to follow Him. After all, they were still very much human. However, the continued trust that the disciples had in Jesus taught them new ways of thinking, loving, and praying that resulted in peace and their sainthood. When our lives take an unexpected turn, good or bad, it is important that we remain mindful of God's presence in all of it and our need to remain faithful, trusting, and prayerful. If you find that your life is different than you thought it would be or has recently taken an unexpected turn, consider reflecting on the disciples from today's Gospel and the uncertainty that was replaced with trust in Jesus.

Luke Brown, LPCC



**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE
SRW/SJC Bereavement Support**

An informative and prayerful program
to help people move
through the grieving process
and forward in faith.

New six-week series begins
Saturday, February 19, 2022

1:30PM – 3:00PM

Sacred Heart Room

Ss. Robert and William Parish Office
Bldg.

There is no fee but registration request-
ed.

Contact Renée Barber
216-731-1515 Ext. 262

or

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**PLEASE NOTE: All names of the Sick of the
Parish will be removed after one month of
being noticed, unless we hear otherwise.
Please call the office should you have any
questions**

*Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish , the
homebound, those in nursing homes
and all Caregivers*

FEBRUARY:

Albert Grossman
Madeline Scarniench

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

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, February 7

8:30 AM (JB/TS-P) † Shaun Kuhne

Tuesday, February 8

6:30 PM (JB) † Maria Nych

Wednesday, February 9

8:30 AM (JL) † People of the Parish

Thursday, February 10

6:30 PM (JL/TS) † Sverga & Campoleiti

Friday, February 11

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)

8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, February 12

4:00 PM (TK/TS) † Frank Parsons

Sunday, February 13

7:45 AM (JL/TS) † Nancy Suhy

10:15 AM (JB/TS) † Natalie Petruziello

Our Financial Stewardship

1/31 Sunday Giving.....\$2,954.34
1/31 Maintenance.....\$ 688.00
Faith Direct* Giving 1st half January.....\$4,427.50
Faith Direct* Maintenance 1st half January.....\$ 384.00

***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.

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

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 _____