

Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143

Roman Catholic Parish

Easter
SUNDAY
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Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! What a wonderful day to celebrate our Savior's triumphant victory over death! **Welcome! Welcome to all of our guests and visitors today. We are so happy you are with us and we hope you will find your experience with us a good one!**



Thank you so much to Deacon Tom for leading our Holy Week Liturgies. Thank you to Francesco Binda, our Music Director, and all of his volunteers who are part of our music ministry. The music for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations is just beautiful and helped draw us in to these wonderful celebrations. Thank you to Terri Burello and the wonderful volunteers who decorate our Church and help to bring out such visual beauty! Thank you to all of our ministers who assisted at the Liturgies. We are so blessed! Thanks to all of you who have come here to worship. You all are a vital part of our Masses and your presence adds so much.

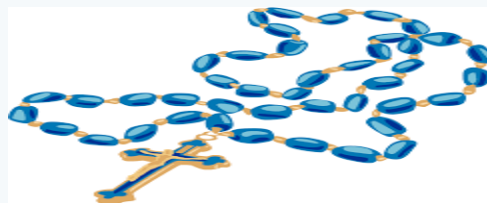
Divine Mercy Sunday is April 24. Traditionally, a novena is nine days of prayer in preparation for a celebration of a feast day. Though the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena can be recited at any time, it is best recited at 3:00 P.M. because it is the Hour of Great Mercy. On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to St. Faustina with rays radiating from His heart and gave her a message for humanity. On September 13, 1935, she had another vision. A day later, an inner voice asked her to pray this prayer on ordinary rosary beads. This chaplet is known as Divine Mercy Chaplet. I would suggest you pray the Divine Mercy Novena each day starting on Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday is April 24. It is this day that Jesus, in a very special way, wishes to shower His love and mercy upon His sons and daughters—us. On Sunday, April 24 **at Ss. Robert & William** we start with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11 am Mass. It will remain out through the closing Benediction that starts at 2 pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 12:00 noon – 1:45 pm. At 2 pm, we pray, we adore the image of the Divine Mercy, and we have Benediction. It is all very beautiful and very spiritually uplifting. More importantly, the graces available and experience of God's mercy is life changing. I hope you will plan on attending. **Copies of the Novena are available online or copies are in the SRW Ursuline Chapel.**

Have a blessed Easter!

Peace,
Fr. John



Fr. John invites the parishioners/friends of SRW & SJC to continue the Marian Consecration to the Immaculate Heart with Five First Saturdays.



When the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children at Fatima, she asked that certain devotions be followed in order to bring peace to the world. The most well-known of her requests is for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. But there is another request Our Lady made: For people worldwide to dedicate the first Saturday of the month, for five consecutive months, to prayer, confession, and attending Mass. These days of prayer are commonly known as the Five First Saturdays' devotion. The Five First Saturdays' devotion was first revealed to the children at Fatima, Portugal, during an apparition on July 13, 1917. On that day, the Blessed Virgin Mary showed the three children a vision of hell and asked them to offer up their lives in reparation for sin. In her 1941 memoir written for the Bishop of Leiria-Fatima, one of the visionaries, Sister Lucia, wrote that the Blessed Virgin Mary said to the children: "You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace." Mary returned to Sister Lucia on December 10, 1925, and specifically requested this devotion, according to a document Sister Lucia wrote, as recorded in the book "Fatima in Lucia's Own Words." According to the document, the Blessed Virgin Mary asked that on the first Saturday of any five consecutive months, Catholics go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep her company while meditating on those mysteries of the Rosary for 15 minutes.

Fr. John will lead both SJC and SRW parishes in fulfilling Mary's wish. Fr. John will hear confessions from 7:30 am – 8:15 am on the First Saturday of each month starting May 7. Mass will be 8:30 am and the Fr. John lead the Rosary after Mass with a 15 devotional prayer time. We will end the prayer time by praying the consecration prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We will do this the first Saturday of May – September. This will be taking place in church at Ss. Robert & William.

Please make a commitment to join us. In this time of so much evil and confusion in our world, it is a good time to join together in this beautiful prayer time with our Blessed Mother to her son, Jesus.



**Calls
of
Love**



LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

The "Calls of Love" Ministry wants to pray for you. On the 3rd Monday of every month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., members will be reaching out by telephone to all parishioners with just two questions: how are you doing and do you have anything or anyone you want us to pray for? These "Calls of Love" are being made with love and caring, and we are hoping to have a short conversation with you soon. Our prayer is to ask St. John of the Cross Parish to pray for our ministry and those we speak to. Thanks for answering our call!

God bless you all!

Luke Brown's Reflection

Rejoice! He is risen! This is one of the best times of year to look at your life and all that you have to be grateful for. We are saved from sin and death! Easter is always a good reminder that **everything** is grace. In an age of entitlement, it is easy to forget that the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the life we have are all incredible graces from God. Taking time to pray in thanksgiving for the graces in our life is often a practice that keeps us aware of what we have and gives us a disposition of gratitude and joy. One more thing that I always try to remember at Easter is how many graces came from the sacrifices of Lent and the additional prayer I added to my life. In the joy and celebration of Easter, it is easy to forget those graces and treat the Paschal Mystery as "that time of year when I get to eat chocolate again." As you celebrate Easter, take a moment to consider what Lenten practices brought you closer to God. Maybe giving up Netflix gave you time for prayer and brought you closer to God. Now that Lent is over, maybe consider watching **less** Netflix than you were before Lent so that you now have time for both! The deeper meaning behind the sacrifices of Lent is to change our relationship with the world around us and to rely more on God. Take the lessons learned through sacrifice in Lent out into the rest of the year to grow in holiness and virtue. In this Easter season, please keep me in your prayers and know of mine in return for you! Happy Easter!

Luke Brown, LPCC



ALL SOULS CEMETERY – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a one-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 1 p.m. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols. We kindly ask that you RSVP to All Souls Cemetery 10366 Chardon Rd., Chardon, Ohio, 216/641-7575 ext. 4 or email bdejohn@clecem.org.

CHILDREN'S MASS!



April 24th, at the 10:15 Mass

On the joyful spirit of the resurrection of Christ, let's continue celebrating with an upbeat and uplifting children Mass! Mark your calendars for April 24th, at the 10:15 Mass, one week after Easter. We will see you then!



COMMUNITY MEALS
— LOVE IN ACTION —

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
COMMUNITY MEAL**
Wednesday, April 20, 2022
5:00 pm — Drive Through

Our next community meal is Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Pick up begins at 5:00 pm. The community meals are designed to provide a nutritious and delicious meal to neighbors, friends and families in need. Stop by St. John of the Cross to pick up a meal or two for yourself, a neighbor, a friend or a family who may be in need. Spread the word!

+It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.....St. Teresa of Calcutta

Join us for a Men's Retreat...

From time to time, many men think about making a retreat. Maybe this April is your time to do it! The Men of Praise Prayer Group is honored to invite you, to spend some time together, to share our faith, and grow in Christ. The group has been conducting retreats for over 30 years and have experienced the Lord's blessing every time.

The year's theme... **We Claim Hope!** See 1 Peter 1.

When: April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Friday evening until Sunday Noon.

Where: Hiram House – Retreat Center in Chagrin Falls

There will be talks and discussion on the theme. A time for praise and worship, prayer, and fellowship with like-minded men. The surroundings offer a beautiful setting to get away, reflect, rest, and energize. Meals will be abundant. At night, you should find accommodations more than adequate and quite pleasant.

All men, 18 and over, are invited. The cost of \$140 for the entire weekend is an excellent value. Contact Frank Mokris at 216.233.3563 for more information. We look forward to seeing you there. It won't be the same without you!

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, April 18

8:30 AM (JL/TS-P) † Tom O'Toole

Tuesday, April 19

6:30 PM (JB) † Lucij Valetic

Wednesday, April 20

8:30 AM (JL) † Fr. Bob Kraig

Thursday, April 21

6:30 pm (JL/TS) Apolene Ferko

Friday, April 22

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)
8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, April 23

4:00 PM (JB/TS-P) † Victor Kmetich

Sunday, April 24

7:45 AM (TK/TS-P) † Mary Ellen and Joseph Loparo
10:15 AM (JL/TS-P) † Andrew Carson

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

Evelyn Adamczyk; Gerald Scarniench

Our Financial Stewardship

04/10/2022-Sunday Giving.....\$4,065.50
04/10/22-Maintenance.....\$ 803.00
Faith Direct* End of March Giving.....\$4,793.00
Faith Direct* End of March Maintenance.....\$ 656.00

***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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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_____