

FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK



I would like to take this one last opportunity to invite each of you to be a part of a very important moment in the life of our parish. On Monday evening, October 25th, we will gather in our school gym at 7 PM to continue our efforts to plan for the future of our parish. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us not only to connect as a community, but also to begin to shape a vision for what we hope our parish can be. I know that there are those that would say that their opinion and views are not important or that their presence is not needed since others will be there, but I would like to say that

EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU IS IMPORTANT TO THE LIFE OF THIS PARISH AND TO ITS FUTURE. We need your help, your input, your insight if we are to be what God intends for us to be. For those who attended the first session several weeks ago, we need for you to be a part of this important evening as well.

I am frequently asked how many families are registered at St. John of the Cross. The good news is that we continue to grow! We will be hosting our second new parishioner dinner on November 5. Invitations to over 30 new families have been sent. These are families that have registered since June. The evening is one during which we share a meal, answer any questions that they might have about our parish, and offer a tour so that they can be aware of all that our wonderful property offers. Our last new parishioner dinner was a great success and we are truly looking forward to this next one. Oh, and by the way, we have about 1500 families in our parish!

I am excited to tell you that the pastoral staff is working very hard to plan for many wonderful adult faith formation programs next year. We not only plan to gather to learn about the Revised Roman Missal, but also to have sessions on the Mass as we break down each part to learn more about its meaning and its impact on our lives. We plan to hold a multi session course entitled Catholicism 101 for anyone who ever wanted to know more about Catholicism, what we believe, why we believe it, why we do certain things that we do, etc...but was afraid to ask! I think that this will be a wonderful opportunity for us ALL to come to a deeper understanding of our faith. There will also be other opportunities for prayer and growth which you will be made aware of as they are planned.

Please be sure to consider attending Vicky Petro's Spiritual Gifts retreat which will begin on Friday, November 12th from 6:30 PM- 9:00 PM and reconvene on Saturday, November 13th at 9:00 AM. We are blessed to have Vicky on our staff and she brings great faith and enthusiasm to our parish. ALL are invited to consider our giftedness and how we can share our gifts for the good of God's kingdom. I know that you will not be disappointed!

I continue to be humbled by all of the good that God continues to do in our community.

Peace.....Fr. Sal

PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen!



Readings for the Week

- Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 [2a, 25-33]; Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
- Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

LIVING OUR FAITH

FR. MEHOK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY will continue on Monday evenings, at 7:30pm, in the school library, studying the Gospel of St. Luke.



Dear Parishioners,
 As you know there are many people right here in Northeast Ohio who can't afford some of the most basic necessities such as winter hats, gloves and scarves. The weather in fall, winter, and spring in the greater Cleveland area can be brutal. There are many people who need items to keep warm as they walk to work, school, go shopping, or wait for a bus. Christ called us to help others. We can share the love of Christ by helping those in need. The Catholic Business Connection is sponsoring a campaign to collect such items. Our collection campaign is running through November 9, 2010. We will have donation boxes in our gathering space Oct. 30-Nov. 7th. All items will be distributed locally in Northeast Ohio to individuals and families in need through multiple locations within the Diocese of Cleveland such as the St. Vincent DePaul Society, The Christ Child Society, Catholic Charities, and other local organizations. This is a great opportunity to encourage stewardship that directly helps our fellow brothers and sisters. Items accepted can be new or gently used (winter hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, & ear muffs). This project is sponsored by the Social Justice Ministry.

Social Justice

It's hard to believe but we are only a few weeks away from Thanksgiving. Consider starting off the holiday season right by making someone else's holiday memorable. We can all pitch in with the basics. As we are stocking our pantries consider buying an extra can or box of something nonperishable for the Euclid Hunger Center. They accept Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Fruit Juice, Macaroni and Cheese, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Rice, Soup, Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce, Toilet Paper, and Tuna Fish. Help fill the purple bins in the vestibule! Thank you!

LITURGY & MUSIC CORNER

I think meekness and humbleness are the keys to this Sunday's scripture. Notice what the First Reading says:

The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens.

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal,

nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay.

Prayer that pierces the clouds and does not rest till it finds its goal! Our minds race to the notion of power: anyone who can force their prayers through to heaven must be able to get everything they want. No worries about being weak or unworthy: they have command over the Most High God!

It is tempting to think that way... but look closely. The prayer that finds heaven is that of the lowly. It stays before God's throne not because it is wild and adamant but because it embodies the hushed spirit of truth. It whispers humble needs to the very one who can answer them. It has no hidden purpose.

Which of the following two people do you think embodies such lowliness?
 The Pharisee? ... or the Tax Collector?


The Pharisee says:
O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector...

The Tax Collector says:
O God, be merciful to me a sinner.

We know what Jesus thinks. In the Gospel he says, "I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Think about it.....Brandon


MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY 

MONDAY	Weekday	Oct. 25
7:00 p.m.	Eugene Lowery	
TUESDAY	Weekday	Oct. 26
8:15 a.m.	Tom O'Toole	
WEDNESDAY	Weekday	Oct. 27
THURSDAY	Saint Simon and Saint Jude	Oct. 28
7:00 p.m.	Anna & Frank Sustar	
FRIDAY	Weekday	Oct. 29
8:15 a.m.	Bill Guhde Sr	
SATURDAY	Weekday	Oct. 30
4:00 p.m	John & Mary Semen	
SUNDAY	Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time	Oct. 31
8:00 a.m.	Anthony Grano	
10:00 a.m.	Liv. & Dec. Andrew Simon Family	
12:00 p.m.	Anthony Zallnick	

Nicole Carter, Chester Campana, Theresa Farabaugh, Charlotte Farinacci, George Halgash, Andrew Jarm, Cindy Kinley, Gloria Kopera, Lucille Kucharski, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Ronald Maxey, Leo Nale, Fausta Nowosielski, Jim Nolan, Mark O'Bannon, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Martin Risko, Gerald Scarniench, Norma Sedar, Tony Stepec, Edward Slavkovsky, Milton Taisey, John Tarmann, Richard Warman and Jackie Zupan

Please notify the Parish Office when a name

 **ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PRAYER NETWORK HOTLINE**
216-289-0770 ext. 33

Call and leave a short message regarding your request. Let us know when your request has been answered, so we can offer prayers of thanksgiving.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

COUNTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Oct 27th.....Jack B.
Grande Pointe-Sun. Oct 31st..Chris B & Dawnmarie

Counters for Monday Nov. 1 "C" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —OCT. 30-31, 2010						
MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Sal	R. Lamm S. Lonchar	J. Borkey	K. Sullivan	J. Borkey, L. Colo, M. Freas, L. Kucharski, M. Malta, J. Melvin, J. Page, B. Pophal	R. Melvin J. Melvin
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Sal	S. Glavic C. Hainrihar	D. Drasler	L. Miller	W. Burnett, S. Calderone, B. Dennis, P. Mastrangelo, W. Nalepka, P. Reilly, M. Tracy, K. Zigman	A. Champa L. Rosace
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Timothy	M. Chinchar T. Chounet	T. Bernardo	D. Wagner	D. Apanasewicz, M. Chinchar, J. Chounet, M. Corbo, J. Dreyer, S. Dreyer, M. Wagner, M. Wagner	R. Corbo M. Shepard
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Mehok	J. Berquist K. McMahon	J. Solpa	S.Thomas-Greaves	J. Bretz, C. Cinkole, W. Knox, J. Martin, M. Proctor, J. Radachy, B. Rogers, D. Thomas-Greaves	B. Caruso-Taylor J. Mello

NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & RAFFLE will be Saturday, December 4th. Adult tickets will be \$12.00. The menu will be Italian wedding soup, salad, rolls, one large breaded pork chop, potatoes, vegetable and apple strudel, and pop, coffee, and water, catered by Sophie Mazi. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Advance sales only, no door sales. Tickets available at the Parish Office. Save the date!

Manna Christmas Gift Cards


During the month of November we will be taking orders for Christmas gift cards. The order form will be in the bulletin the weekend of November 6 & 7th. You can return your completed order form along with your payment (make checks payable to SJOC Manna) to either the Parish office during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm & Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm). You can also drop off your payment in the collection basket during November or at the school office to the Attention of either Teri Kern or Christine Mullins. Please allow two weeks for processing and three weeks for specialty cards.

RAFFLE WINNER

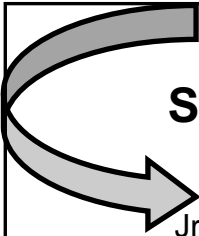


Congratulations to Gabriel Brokamp, our winner of the **Week #3 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Madeline Brokamp was the seller winner.


CARING COOKS MINISTRY:




Are you or your family enduring an illness, recovering from surgery or another emergency? The "Caring Cooks" can help. On a short-term basis, the Caring Cooks will provide meals during a difficult time. Call the Parish Office for further information. If interested in joining this ministry to help your fellow parishioners during their difficult time, also contact the Parish Office.



SJOC Youth Cove


Jr. High(gr. 6-8): **Younglings**;
 Sr. High (gr. 9-12): **Yearners**;
 YA(21-35): **Youthsome**; & **Young @** 

Next HS "Yearners"
Wednesday Nov. 3rd 6:30-8:30pm
"Hot Topics"



NEW BEGINNINGS
Young Adults: Youthsome
 Mark your calendars! First event will be:
Sat. Nov. 6th Beginning with the
4pm Mass followed by
"Theology on Tap" off site

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
BEREAVEMENT CORNER



Halloween

It is our tradition on Halloween to dress up and take on the character of someone else. When grieving we are often not certain who we are anymore. We may even put on a front or disguise with others to hide our true emotions. Focus today on how you have redefined your identity and how you present yourself to those around you.

* Donate candy to a children's charity in your loved one's name.

NEWS FROM NEIGHBORS

“GOSPEL IN THE CATHEDRAL” The Diocesan Gospel Choir ~In Concert~ *“In Christ All is New!”* Wednesday, November 3rd, Feast of St. Martin de Porres at 7:00pm The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. (free parking).

Richmond Heights Community Events

12th Annual Richmond Heights Craft Show, Saturday, November 6, 9:00am - 3:00pm, Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road. Contact: Anthony Gimellia, Richmond Heights Recreation Coordinator (216) 383-6313.

Lord, are you with Me? Transforming Pain into God's Purpose.

Cleveland Catholic Forum presents speaker Mark Tripodi, Executive Director of the Cornerstone of Hope in Independence. All are welcome to share an evening of reflection and exploration as Mark tells the inspiring story of how he and his family turned a tragic circumstance into a community ministry. The event is November 4, 2010, at St. Charles Borromeo Church on 5891 Ridge Rd. in Parma, from 7:00pm-8:00pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome. No registration required. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Soltis at 440-623-9183. Visit www.ClevelandCatholicForum.com for more details.

Craft Fair

Lake Catholic will be hosting a Craft Fair on Saturday, November 13 from 9:00-3:00. If you are a crafter, tables are still available. Contact Mary Ellen DeSantis at 440-578-1020 ext. 330 or crafftair@lakecatholic.org for more information. You can also find us on Facebook at “Lake Catholic Music Booster 27th Annual Craft Fair”.

The Communion of Saints Parish Mission

Rev. J-Glenn Murray, S.J. Week-end Masses: Oct.30-31 Parish Mission; Nov. 1, 2 and 3 at St. Paschal Baylon Parish, 5384 Wilson Mills Road, Highland Heights, Ohio. November 1st, All Saints Day 7pm Mass with Fr. Murray, celebrated for our Youth and Parents Ice-Cream Social following Mass; Nov. 2nd All Souls Day 7pm Liturgy of Lament; Sacrament of Reconciliation Nov. 3rd, Closing Mass and Homily with Fr. J-Glenn Murray. Reception immediately following.

The Annual Memorial Mass. sponsored by the Greater Cleveland Police, Fire & EMS Holy Name Society, will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2010, at Our Lady of Angles Church, 3644 Rocky River Drive, at 8:00pm, with the most Rev. A. Edward Pevec, PhD., V.G. as the Presider and Homilist. There will be a public reception in Linus Hall immediately following the Mass.



EMPLOYMENT NETWORKING

Saint John of the Cross Employment Networking

We would like to do whatever we can to help those in our parish who are looking for work. If you are out of work and would like for us to help, just send us a resume that we can keep on file making sure that you give us a one or two word description of your specialty/field/job title. We will then list those job titles (WITHOUT NAMES) in the bulletin alerting potential employers that we have a potential candidate and asking them to contact our office. Once those employers contact us, we will contact you to be sure that we have your permission to forward your name to them. Please forward all resumes and job titles to Anita Linsky at our parish office via collection basket, mail, or e-mail at secretary@saintjohnofthecross.org

Parishioners Job Candidate Title;
Secretary/Clerical/Accounting
Teacher/Tutor
Receptionist
Purchasing Agent

Employers looking for;
Residential Roofing Laborer
Plant Attendant
Customer Service Representative
Cushman Operator

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS QUOTE

“He who interrupts the course of his spiritual exercises and prayer is like a man who allows a bird to escape from his hand; he can hardly catch it again.”



LOOKING AHEAD

C-Church	
P-Parish Office	
S-School	G-Gym
MR1-Meeting Room #1	
MR2-Meeting Room #2	
MR3-Meeting Room #3	

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25TH

MONDAY-OCTOBER 25th

7:00pm Pastoral Planning (G)
7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)

TUESDAY-OCTOBER 26th

6:45pm Boy Scout Meeting (S)
7:00pm Grade 2 Parent Meeting (MR3)
7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

WEDNESDAY-OCTOBER 27th

1:30pm School Dismissal
7:00pm Confirmation & Sponsor Class(MR3)
7:00pm Women's Group (MR2)
7:30pm Adult Choir Practice (C)

THURSDAY-OCTOBER 28th

6:45pm Bingo Team #4 (G)
7:00pm Respect Life Meeting (MR2)

FRIDAY-OCTOBER 29th

6:30-8:30pm Halloween Bash (G)

SATURDAY-OCTOBER 30th

SUNDAY-OCTOBER 31st



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1ST

MONDAY-NOVEMBER 1st

6:30-7:45pm PSR (S)
7:00pm PTU (S)
7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)

TUESDAY-NOVEMBER 2nd

6:45pm Boy Scout Meeting (S)
7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)
7:00pm JR. National Honor Society (G)

WEDNESDAY-NOVEMBER 3rd

2:45-4:00pm Kids of the Cross Rehearsal
6:30-8:30pm Youth Ministry
7:00pm Women's Group (MR2)
7:30pm Adult Choir Practice (C)

THURSDAY-NOVEMBER 4th

6:45pm Bingo Team #1 (G)
7:30 Liturgy Meeting (MR2)

FRIDAY-NOVEMBER 5th

8:15am School Mass
6:30pm New Parishioner Dinner (MR3)

SATURDAY-NOVEMBER 6th

4:00pm Young Adult (Mass followed by "Theology on Tap")

SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 7th

3:00-7:00pm CYO Sports Banquet (G)



YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Giving.....\$10,836.50
Last Week's Children's Giving.....\$19.00

**God bless you for your generosity.
Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.**