

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH FIRST BULLETIN EDITION



Saint John of the Cross Parish

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Pastoral Staff

Father Salvatore M. Ruggeri-Pastor

Lisa Radey, Pastoral Associate

Sister Gale Marn, OSU, Director of Religious Education

Martha Dodd, Principal

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Joseph Grieco, Business Manager

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil:	4:00 PM
Sunday:	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
Weekdays:	Monday & Thursday at 7:00 PM Tuesday & Friday at 8:15AM, followed by Rosary
Holy Day:	7:00 PM Vigil Holy Day 8:15 AM and 12:00 PM
Parish Office Hours:	Mon.– Fri.: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Bulletin Deadline:	Noon Monday

Membership in Parish: We extend a sincere welcome to all moving into our parish. REGISTER AT THE PARISH OFFICE. Please call the Parish Office if moving or changing address.

Baptism: Expectant parents are to attend a Baptismal Workshop prior to making baptismal arrangements. Workshops are offered in the Spring, Fall, and Winter. Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at the 4:00pm Mass, second Sunday of the month at the 10:00am Mass, third Sunday of the month at the 12:00pm Mass. Call the Parish Office for arrangements.

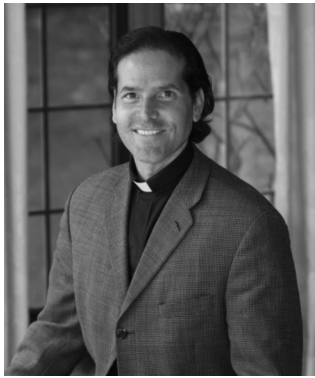
Confessions: Every Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Marriage: Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance.

Prayer Network: Prayer support during times of illness or personal/family crisis. Call the Prayer line 216-289-6456.

Community Services: Information about diocesan and community services can be obtained by calling Catholic Information and Referral Service - 696-HELP (4357).

FROM OUR PASTOR



My friends, this is a day that so many of have anticipated...the day that we have become the parish of St. John of the Cross. This is a day for which many have planned and worked, a day that many have anticipated nervously and maybe even with sadness. Others have looked forward to

this day with all that being a new parish can mean for them. Not only have the emotions of the past several months been varied, but I am sure that our emotions today are varied as well as we have just been asked to close the parishes that we have grown to love. I certainly do not purport to know how each of you is feeling, but I do know one thing...we are finally one, and today, for the first time, we truly stand together, not only to bring healing and peace to one another, but also to pray together for all that we know that we can become. We have spoken for so long about a time when the people of St. Paul and St. Felicitas would become one community of faith, bringing our histories and our stories to be shared with one another...and the day has come. We stand today, as the community of St. John of the Cross, even better than we ever could have been without each other. A future full of promise awaits us, and I am humbled and honored to be among each of you who has chosen to be a part of what I know will be a vibrant, caring, loving, prayerful community of believers. Together, I know that we will build a community that will strive to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and to share that message with our world. Let us dream big dreams for our community and bring those dreams to life. Let us bring forth the kingdom in our midst by working for holiness and challenging each other to strive to be one with God. Let us pray with and for one another, lifting each other up to God with joy. Let us support one another, love one another, and be Christ for one another...no longer two, but one...my friends in Christ, we are finally one, the parish of St. John of the Cross.

.....Fr. Sal



Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26;
 Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
 Lk 3:1-6

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalms — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God

(1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



We are currently updating our combined sick list from St. Felicitas and St. Paul. If you would like to have someone on the sick list, please call the Parish Office at 216-289-0770 and it will be posted in the bulletin once a month.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE: We will be forming a committee for Justice in the Parish of St. John of the Cross. If you feel called to be part of a group that will study the writings of the Church on Social Justice and help provide our Parish with a variety of opportunities to reach out to our neighbors and to larger civic and world communities; this is the place for you. One issue that needs our attention now is the Ozanam Center. **Please call Sister Gale at the Parish Office 216-289-0770 and get your name on the list.** We will gather on Wednesday, December 9th, at 7:00pm in the church to begin this great service.

Good Books on St. John of the Cross
 The life and works of St. John of the Cross are truly inspiring and offer so much in helping us to grow into an ever deeper union with God. At the "St. John of the Cross Night" I told those who attended that I would provide the parish with a list of books that I have found helpful in getting to know about our patron saint and his love for God. I have enjoyed the following:

The Impact of God : Soundings from St. John of the Cross by Iain Matthew
 (Available at Amazon.com)

John of the Cross : Doctor of Light and Love by Kieran Kavanaugh
 (Available at Amazon.com)

John of the Cross: Man and Mystic by Richard P. Hardy
 (Available at EWTN.org)

St. John of the Cross, pray for us. God's peace,
Fr. Sal

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PRAYER NETWORK HOTLINE
 216-289-6456



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

PREPARE A PLACE FOR JESUS IN THE STABLE AND IN YOUR HEART

*Behold, the days are coming,
 says the Lord,
 when I will fulfill the promise I made...
 In those days, Judah will be saved and
 Jerusalem will dwell securely.*
 —Jeremiah 33:14,16

*Today we begin Advent, the time when we await
 the coming of Christ.
 Each week an additional candle is lit on the Advent
 wreath, and Christ's light grows brighter.
 The stable has been placed in the gathering area;
 it also awaits the arrival of Jesus.
 In our hearts let us appreciate that we do not need
 any gift beyond the faith and hope
 God gives us to help us live through all the
 problems that may come our way.
 (thoughts from The Greatest Gift of All by Mark G.
 Boyer and Prepare a Home by James E. Adams)*



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 p.m.	Andrew, apostle Anthony & Ann Modic	Nov. 30
TUESDAY 8:15 a.m.	Advent Weekday Antonietta Calabrese	Dec. 1
WEDNESDAY	Advent Weekday	Dec. 2
THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.	Advent Weekday Ronnie Brown	Dec. 3
FRIDAY 8:15 a.m.	Advent Weekday Patrick O'Connor	Dec. 4
SATURDAY 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Advent Weekday Wedding: Pantaleano & Lewis Richard Willkomm	Dec. 5
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mary Hiznay Frances Gazvoda Leo Stark	Dec. 6



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

December 24th, Christmas Eve:
4:00pm(Children's), 6:30pm, and
12:00Midnight
December 25th, Christmas Day:
8:00am and 10:00am

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD
HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

December 31st, Vigil for Holy Day
4:00pm
January 1st, Mary, Mother of God:
10:00 am

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III. Philip Pantaleano & Melinda Lewis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Dec. 2.....
.....Thomas-Greaves
Grande Pointe-Sun. Dec. 6.....Legion of Mary

COUNTERS

Counters for Sun. Dec. 6....."B" Team
Counters for Mon. Dec. 7....."E" Team

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH
WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Beginning December 5th, 2009
SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —DEC. 5-6, 2009

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Sal	A. Barteld R. Lamm	Sister Gale	M. Melfi	T. Brokamp, K. Brown, F. Holtcamp, T. Melfi, M. Monger, J. Monger, M. Monger, J. Page	C. Chiappero A. Perez
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Timothy	J. Buda H. Drozin	K. McVoy	W. Nalepka	F. Buda, W. Burnett, M. Cinalli, C. Hainrihar, J. Kirchmeir, P. Reilly, J. Volk, R. Volk	J. Gricar S. Rosace
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Sal	J. Pesek V. Whitmore	T. Bernardo	L. Cooke	L. Bochenek, M. Cox, L. Fulton, C. Goodin, F. Koballa, A. Koballa, J. Kovelan, M. Somich	B. Caruso- Taylor S. Caruso- Taylor
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Mehok	C. Knox K. McMahan	J. Johnson	W. Knox	C. Cinkole, B. Dennis, J. Martin, D. Oligny, M. Proctor, M. Tracy, K. Wetzel, T. Wetzel	D. Davis C. Knox

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

KidStuff Coupon Books: Support the St. Felicitas School PTU by purchasing your KidStuff Coupon book for \$25.00. Enjoy great savings on clothing, shoes, toys, sporting goods, electronics, activities, food and more. Books are available at the Parish Office or School until December 20th. Thank you for your support.

WILL OUR SCHOOL'S NAME CHANGE? Yes. However the state of Ohio does not allow schools to change their name mid school year. Therefore we will end this school year as St. Felicitas School and open next school year as St. John of the Cross School.

JUST A REMINDER all contribution checks should be made out to Saint John of the Cross Parish. Thank you.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS WEBSITE: The new St John Of The Cross website is published in test form on the web. The permanent address is: www.saintjohnofthecross.org

Precautions during this flu season

Many people have asked if we are going to make changes to the liturgy based on the severity of this flu season, including not shaking hands at the sign of peace and not offering the Precious Blood at Mass. What the Bishops of the United States have said up until now is that we use our discretion and keep in mind that if we are not feeling well and believe that we have the flu, not only should we not attend Mass, but also not shake hands with others or drink from the cup. If and when Bishop Lennon asks that we forgo the sign of peace or offering the Precious Blood, we will do so. Until then, please use your best judgment, and know that it is okay to simply acknowledge others and say, "Peace be with you" without a handshake at the sign of peace and okay to receive the Eucharistic Bread, but not drink from the cup if you are not feeling well. The best advice if you are not feeling well, is to not come to Mass and to take care of yourself...God knows your heart.



**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH
BEREAVEMENT CORNER**

Join us on Saturday December 12, 2009 from 9:00-11:00 am in the large meeting room in the back of the church, for

"A Holiday Time of Remembrance",

a memorial service to remember those who have died and to support those grieving through the holiday season.

Kathryn Harrison, Bereavement Coordinator from Hospice of the Western Reserve's Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Bereavement Center will be our featured speaker and will discuss and present techniques on coping with grief during the holidays.

Please RSVP to Lisa Radey at the parish office 216-289-0770 as a light breakfast will be served.

May God comfort your heart as you work through the loss of your loved one.

LESSONS AND CAROLS: On Friday Dec. 11th at 8:00pm we will gather for this year's Lessons and Carols Prayer service. The evening is comprised of the story of creation, and carols that can be sung by all, featuring the Music Ministry, Children's Choir, Candlelight, and reception. We will again this year hold a food drive, which was wonderfully successful last year. We are asking you to bring 2 non-perishable food items to the Service to help those in need this holiday season. Let us gather and sing together as we begin our journey together as the Parish of St. John of the Cross.

RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to Sandra Jenovic of Cleveland, our winner of the **Week #7 PTU Weekly Raffle**. The Paus Family of Euclid was the seller winner.

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's regular collection will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Retirement Fund for Religious-December 6th

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS QUOTE

"Too often we become so preoccupied with the rind of the orange that we never get to the fruit. I mean we become so fascinated, so satisfied with our private store of images of God that we never get to God himself. He cannot break through our distraction, through the surface of our prayers."



NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Retirement Fund helps senior religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

St. Edward High School proudly presents the play, Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up? Dec. 3-6. Shows Thurs., Fri., and Sat., begin at 7:30, while Sunday's performance is at 2:00. The show features 2007 SFS grad Jonathan Flaughter.

Catholic Emerging Leaders Program: The Associate Board of Catholic Charities Health and Human Services has introduced a leadership development program called Catholic Emerging Leaders (CEL). **CEL will help emerging leaders develop their leadership skills, knowledge and exposure.** The cornerstone of the program involves a series of growth experience developed to provide leadership training and immersion experiences to enable participants to understand Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Cleveland more completely and to explore social services, civic, and religious issues facing our communities. Applications must be submitted by December 31, 2009. For more information visit www.CatholicEmergingLeaders.com.

LAST CHANGE!

to be part of
the first Church Directory for
St John of the Cross

Photography continues
one more week until
December 5

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**GET YOUR CHRISTMAS
PORTRAITS AND CARDS TOO!**



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December, 2009

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00-9:00pm Confirmation Formation (S) 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)	2 3:00-4:00pm Children's Choir Practice(C) 6-7:30pm Girl Scout Mtg(MR1) 7:00pm Women's Group Meeting (MR2) 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)	3 6:45pm Bingo Team #3(G)	4	5 6:00pm Christmas Dinner (G)
6 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C) 9:00am-12:00pm Breakfast with Santa	7 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR 7:00pm PTU Meeting(S) 7:00pm Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception	8 Holy Day Immaculate Conception 8:15am Mass 12:00pm Mass 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2) 7:00pm SFS Christmas Band Concert	9 3:00-4:00pm Children's Choir Practice(C) 7:00pm Social Justice (MR1) 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)	10 6:45pm Bingo Team #4(G) 7:00pm Rite of Enrollment-Gr.2	11 8:00pm Lessons and Carols (C)	12 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S) 8:30-9:30am Market Day P/U 9:00-11:00am Hope for the Holidays(MR3) 6:45pm Bingo Team A(G)
13 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)	14 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR 7:00pm Euclid Cluster Communal Penance at St. William	15 6:30pm SFS Christmas Program (S) 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)	16 3:00-4:00pm Children's Choir Practice(C) 6:00-7:30pm Girl Scout Meeting(MR1) 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice (C) 7:00pm Boosters (S)	17 6:45pm Bingo Team #1(G)	18	19
20 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)	21 SFS-Christmas Vacation-1/1/10 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR	22 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)	23 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)	24 Christmas Eve Mass Schedule: 4:00pm(Children's) 6:30pm and 12:00am Midnight	25 Christmas Day Mass Schedule: 8:00am and 10:00am	26 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S) 6:45pm Bingo Team B(G)
27 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)	28	29 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)	30	31 4:00pm Vigil for Mary Mother of God 6:45pm Bingo Team #2(G)	01/01/10 Holy Day 10:00am Mass-only Mass for today	