



# Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish



September 24, 2017

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## “Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

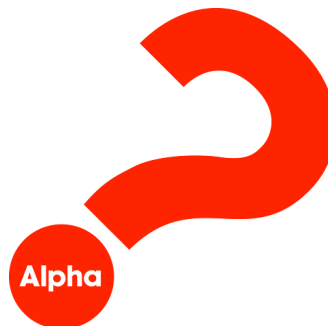
"He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same

as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

- Mt 20:13-16

### Alpha Registrants Reminder

The 10-week Alpha Course continues. **Next week's discussion will be, "Why Did Jesus Die?"**



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# A Note from Legion of Mary

## Annual Report 2017

St. John of the Cross Church – Euclid, Ohio

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

This is the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Legion of Mary Presidium, Our Lady Queen of Peace. We thank Mary Immaculate, Our Queen and Our Mother who has invited us to assist her in her work for her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Weekly meetings** are held in the church meeting room on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. **Deacon Charles**, our Spiritual Director, is on medical leave. **Marcie Williams**—President; **Ann Buda**—V.P.; **Joan Buda**—Secretary and **Lou Alessi**—Treasurer. Our other active members are **Frank Buda, Thomas Wetzel, Judy Schmidt, and Julie Matlock**. We have about 50 confirmed auxiliary members.

**Work Reports:** We continue our service at **Waterford Assisted Living Apartments**. Our prayer service begins at 9:30 a.m. and it is followed by the recitation of the Rosary. **Sister Julie** also conducts a Rosary service every Monday. Throughout the year, 342 people have attended and she has dedicated 43.5 hours to this ministry.

The **Richmond Heights Hospital** continues to provide our members with meaningful encounters with patients of various faiths. All willing patients, regardless of religious denomination, are visited by two members of our Legion. We minister Holy Communion only to alleged Catholics; however, everyone is offered prayers, Miraculous Medals, reading materials and rosaries.

We distribute communion on the second Sunday of the month to **Grand Point Nursing Home**.

Legion members call on many individuals within the parish on Sunday to either distribute communion and/or visit.

Submitted in Christ's love.....**Ann Buda**, Vice President

### TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS

Eucharist.....	7,006
Medals.....	1,040
Rosaries.....	777
How to Say the Rosary .....	603
Prayer Cards.....	1,705
Reading Materials .....	1,880
Bibles.....	145



### Our 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.

# Scripture Readings for the Week

## Sunday:

Isaiah 55:6-9  
Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a  
Matthew 20:1-16a

## Monday:

Ezra 1:1-6  
Psalms 126:1b-6  
Luke 8:16-18

## Tuesday:

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20  
Psalms 122:1-5  
Luke 8:19-21

## Wednesday:

Ezra 9:5-9  
Tobit 13:2-4befghn, 7-8  
Luke 9:1-6

## Thursday:

Haggai 1:1-8  
Psalms 149:1b-6a, 9b  
Luke 9:7-9

## Friday:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or  
Revelation 12:7-12a  
Psalms 138:1-5  
John 1:47-51

## Saturday:

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a  
Jeremiah 31:10-12ab, 13  
Luke 9:43b-45

## Next Sunday:

Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Psalms 25:4-9  
Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5  
Matthew 21:28-32

# Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Sept. 25 6:30 pm	Weekday <b>St. John of the Cross Parish Family</b>
Tuesday, Sept. 26 8:15 am	Weekday <b>Josephine Radovic</b>
Wednesday, Sept. 27	St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday, Sept. 28 6:30 pm	Weekday <b>St. John of the Cross Parish Family</b>
Friday, Sept. 29 8:15 am	Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael <b>Francis Poderzia</b>
Saturday, Sept. 30 4:00 pm	St. Jerome <b>Joe Nalepka</b>
Sunday, Oct. 1 9:00 am 11:00 am	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>John Burrello</b> <b>Frank &amp; Anne Sims &amp; Family</b>

# Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish and their Caregivers...

<b>Beverley Argento</b>	<b>Ann Grossman</b>	<b>Ronald Maxey</b>
<b>Lew Ballard</b>	<b>Joe Hocevar</b>	<b>John Paglia</b>
<b>Jim Brown</b>	<b>Marlene Hoageson</b>	<b>Joe Pastore</b>
<b>Noella Burrows</b>	<b>Andrew Jarm</b>	<b>Anna Pepock</b>
<b>Fr. Timothy Buyansky</b>	<b>Doris Kowalski</b>	<b>Joan Raddell</b>
<b>Bill Carrick</b>	<b>Evelyn Kublin</b>	<b>Martha Rymer</b>
<b>Chester Campana</b>	<b>Joan Latessa</b>	<b>Carole Smigelski</b>
<b>Jane DePalma</b>	<b>Mili Lekan</b>	<b>Frank Somrack</b>
<b>David DeProspero</b>	<b>Marie Lipold</b>	<b>Mary Somrack</b>
<b>Lillian Dolenc</b>	<b>Bill Magri</b>	<b>John Tarmann</b>
<b>Constance Durrah</b>	<b>Del Mastrangelo</b>	<b>John Tousel</b>
<b>Mary Frain</b>	<b>Joe Matejka</b>	<b>Marcie Vanek</b>

**Remember our elderly and homebound as well.**

Please notify the Parish Office when a name can be removed from this list.

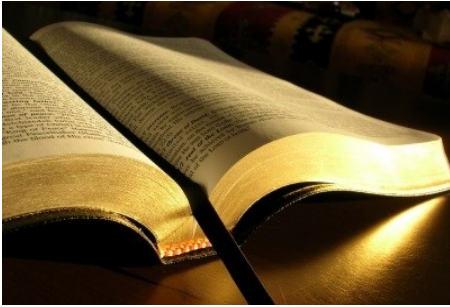
**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PRAYER NETWORK HOTLINE  
216-289-0770 ext. 33**

Call and leave a short message regarding your request. Let us know when your request has been answered. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.



# Parish News & Events

## Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study



The Gospel of St. Matthew will be studied on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in Rm. 6 of the Parish Community Center.

**Fr. Edward Mehok's** birthday is Sept. 25. May God bless him this year with health, hope, and happiness.

## Save the Date: October 28 St. John of the Cross Oktoberfest!

Oktoberfest is coming to St. John of the Cross! The evening begins with a Polka Mass at 4 pm followed by a tradition German feast, music and dancing! If you would like to help out with set up, serving, or clean up, call the parish office at (216) 289-0770. Tickets will be going on sale Oct. 7. Plan to join us for this fun event!



## Blanket Sunday

The weekend of October 8-9 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the needy. This collection is sponsored by the Diocesan **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Due to lack of storage space, they will gratefully accept your financial donation and do the shopping for you with bulk purchasing of blankets and other items needed by the



homeless and disadvantaged. We will have envelopes in the pews for you next Weekend. For more information please visit the Saint Vincent de Paul website [www.svdpcle.org](http://www.svdpcle.org)

## Parish Family Life Events

### Welcome

If you are visiting, we welcome you and hope you will join us again. You can find out more about us on our Facebook.com/sjocp.

### Membership

If you wish to become a member of our parish, complete the online form on our website, visit the parish office, or call. We look forward to welcoming you!

### Baptism

Expectant parents are to attend a Baptism Class prior to scheduling a Baptism. Contact the parish office to discuss arrangements.

### Marriage

Wedding arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Please call **Fr. Sal** at the Parish Office.

### Our Deepest Sympathies

#### Family of Greg Lonchor

May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of friends, family and our parish community.

Questioning your faith? Need help with an issue in your life? **Talk to the pastor.**

Set up appointment by calling (216) 289-0770 or emailing to [frsal@saintjohnofthecross.org](mailto:frsal@saintjohnofthecross.org).

# Parish News & Events

## Pet Blessing

In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing of pets at 9 am on Saturday, Sept. 30 in the field near the bocce courts. Let us gather to bless our pets and give thanks to God for the gift of the animals in our lives.



## Parish Activities Schedule

### Monday, September 25

7:30p Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (Rm. 6)

### Tuesday, September 26

6:30 p Alpha (G)

### Thursday, September 28

6:30 p Bingo Team #3 (G)

### Friday, September 29

8 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

### Saturday, September 30

9 am Pet Blessing (PG)

### Sunday, October 1

8:45 a Confirmation (Rm.6)

C-Church  
MR2-Meeting Room #2  
SHR-Sacred Heart Room  
P-Parish Office  
PG-Parish Grounds  
G-Gym  
PC-Parish Community Center  
PCB-Parish Community Basement  
Rm. 6 in Parish Community Center  
SRW-Ss. Robert and William



A PRAYER  
FOR RECOVERY  
AFTER DISASTER

*God our Father,*  
in the wake of disaster,  
visit our places of desolation with your consolation.  
Bring strength to the weary and courage to those who feel overwhelmed.  
We believe that you hold our concerns in your Fatherly care,  
and that you entrust us to one another as sisters and brothers.  
Mobilize your people near and far to feed the hungry, shelter the displaced,  
and protect those in deepest poverty.  
As we rebuild what is ruined,  
may we recover together as a stronger community.

*Amen.*

**Special  
Collection**

Next weekend,  
Sept. 30—Oct. 1  
there will be a special  
Emergency Collection  
for Hurricane Irma  
victims. All checks  
should be made  
out to St. John of the  
Cross, with memo  
marked "Hurricane  
Irma."

## Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week's Giving.....	\$5,141.00
Last Week's Maintenance Giving .....	\$1,102.00
Last Week's Online Giving .....	\$1,737.00
Last Week's Online Maintenance Giving.....	<u>\$188.50</u>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$8,168.50</b>

Your generous support helps our parish fulfill its mission to serve God and share our gifts with the community.

### Get Well Greetings.....

If you would like to send Fr. Timothy Buyansky a card, his address is;

Fr. Timothy Buyansky  
St. Andrew Abbey  
10510 Buckeye Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44104



# Rummage Sale a Huge Success!

The Second Blessings Rummage Sale was held on Sept. 9 and 10 and raised nearly \$17,000 for parish operations. In addition, \$500 was donated to the **Euclid Hunger Center** from entry fees and a Minnie Mouse raffle. **Carla Colo** and her team spent many hours sorting, cleaning and organizing the piles of donations we had received.

Although the event was hard work, the team of parishioners working side-by-side enjoying their time together. Many new volunteers came to help this year. The **Knights of Columbus** and **Men's Prayer Group** along with others helped move the boxes

and furniture from place to place. The Knights also provided food for volunteers day and night during the sale.

Thanks to everyone who donated their treasures and baked the amazing pastries ... and a special thank you to the many fabulous volunteers who gave unending hours of their precious time preparing and producing another extraordinary event!

Plans are already underway for our 2018 Rummage Sale. We will

begin accepting donations of your gently used items the first Saturday of **EVERY** month beginning Oct. 7, 2017. The donation mobile unit behind the Parish Community Center will be open from 9 am—1 pm.

The mission of the **Second Blessings Ministry** is to provide community outreach, raise funds for the parish and build up the family of God.



# Need to Know

## Ministers Schedule — September 30-October 1, 2017

<i>Masses:</i>	<i>Presiders</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Lector 1</i>	<i>Lector 2</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	<i>Servers</i>
<i>Saturday</i> 4 pm	Fr. Sal	K. Beyer P. Kiikka	M. Monger	J. Monger	C. Barni, T. Burrello, S. Lonchor, M. Malta, M. Monger, W. Nalepka, B. Pophal, R. Raguz	J. Monger J. Schmidt
<i>Sunday</i> 9 am	Fr. Timothy	M. Chinchar M. Singer	D. DiMare	L. Miller	W. Burnett, M. Chinchar, R. Corbo, M. Gricar, C. Gricar, C. Hainrihar, R. Lammermeier, K. Sorc	A. Champa J. Gricar
<i>Sunday</i> 11 am	Fr. Mehok	D.Apanasewicz R.Apanasewicz	P. Delic	J. Johnson	K. Burke, D. Delic, S. Dreyer, J. Dreyer, J. Hocevar, D. Hocevar, S. Johnson, C. Preto	A.Apanasewicz W. Knox

### Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

Richmond Heights Hospital  
Wednesday, Sept. 27 ..... **Marla**

Grande Pointe  
Sunday, Oct. 1 ..... **William**

### Counters

Monday, Oct. 2 ..... **“D” Team**

## Parish Staff & Office Hours



**Rev. Salvatore M. Ruggeri**..... Pastor  
**Rev. Timothy Buyansky, OSB** ..... Weekend Assistant  
**Rev. Edward E. Mehok** ..... Weekend Assistant  
**Rev. Mr. Charles Doerpers** ..... Deacon  
**Francesco Binda**..... Director of Music  
**Terri Burrello** ..... Sacristan  
**Anita Linsky** ..... Secretary  
**Kay Magri**..... Business Manager  
**Nancy Powell** ..... Bookkeeper

### Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday ..... 8:00 am–4:00 pm  
 Saturday ..... 9:00 am–1:00 pm

## Mass Schedule

### Celebration of Eucharist

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:00 pm  
 Sunday..... 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
 Monday & Thursday..... 6:30 pm  
 Tuesday & Friday ..... 8:15 am  
 Holy Day ..... 8:15 am, noon & 6:30 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday ..... 9:00 am—4:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday ..... 3:00—3:30 pm

**Rosary follows Tuesday and Friday am Masses**