



FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I know that everyone wants to know that their opinion matters...and it does. But I believe that when we gather in this place, we are asked to think differently and to make our voices heard in a spirit of the love of Christ...to think of ourselves as part of something much larger than ourselves...to realize that we may not always have things the way that we want them, that things may happen here that we do not always care for, that if we had our way, something would look nothing like it does right now...but that what we are about in this place is the Kingdom of God. Sometimes this will mean that while we do not agree with a policy, or a way that we do something at Mass, or how a particular

program is run, there are just as many people who treasure those very same things. We must remember that we are here to build one another up and to build a community, which may, at times, may mean that we have to let go of something, a personal preference, a way that we have always done something, a viewpoint, so that we can stand together. I only ask that as we make our views known, which I truly welcome, please remember that I cannot always promise that things will be exactly as you may want them...that does not mean that your opinions do not matter or that I have not listened. It would be impossible for me to make everyone happy.

I also believe that part of making our views known should involve dialogue. There have been times when a question has been posed (sometimes in a negative tone) without any possibility of anyone responding. Many times, either I or a member of staff or parish council do have a legitimate response or rationale for a decision, but no way of addressing the person who made the comment or asked the question. Please be sure to let us know who you are so that we can appropriately respond. I believe that we should always be willing to sign our names to that which is ours as a way of taking ownership and responsibility for what we say and do. It is, again, a way for us to respect one another and be Christ for one another.

Lastly, I ask that you keep in mind that I will do my best each day to lead this parish into the future. As I said on the day of my installation as your Pastor, "I will not promise you that I will be the perfect Pastor as there is no such thing. But I do promise to give you everything that I have each day." Please realize that most decisions, from those that could impact the entire future of the parish to those that are much less "pivotal" come from a spirit of prayer. I turn to God many times each day asking for direction and do my best to hear His voice and to do what is best for the greatest number of people, realizing that some may not be happy with the decision. I may not always make the decision that each of you agrees with, but I ask that each of you realizes that my every decision is made with you and the best interest of this entire community in mind.

Let us move into the future with our hearts set on building each other up and supporting one another, all in the best interest of our parish and the Kingdom. This may mean sacrifice on our part, realizing that things may not always be as we want them to be and that every decision made may not make everyone happy...it may mean putting our own agendas or desires aside for the greater good, for the benefit of others and for the greater glory of God.

As I celebrate my 11th anniversary as a Priest this weekend, please know of my gratitude to so many of you who support and encourage me each day. I am truly grateful for this gift of Priesthood. Please pray for me and be assured of my daily prayers for each of you.

God's peace.....Fr. Sal

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16;
Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28b-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17



Shrine
Mass

**Beginning June 6th,
through September 5th
8:00am Sunday Mass
will take place at our
outdoor Shrine.
(weather-permitting)**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Join us on **Monday, May 31st** for a special **Memorial Day Mass at 9:30am**. Let us remember those who have given so much for us and pray for the families who mourn their loss. Please note this will be the only Mass on the holiday!

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY: The sixth principle of Catholic social justice teaching tells us about solidarity. "Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity means that 'loving our neighbor' has global dimensions in an interdependent world" Corinthians 12:26-27 points out when we read "If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored all the members share the joy. You then, are the body of Christ. Every one of you is a member of it." How can we encourage our government to participate in nonviolent actions which lead to world peace? How can we discourage war? How can we respond to those suffering with aids, hunger, war, and natural disasters? The social justice ministry meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Please join us.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING: June 10th from 7 to 9pm All are welcome to join in creating prayer shawls to heal and uplift members of our community. Prayer shawls can be knitted, crocheted, sewn or quilted. Lovely shawls can also be created by using fleece and tying the ends. We have several women on hand who are willing and able to teach knitting or crocheting. Needles and yarn are available but if you choose to work with something else we ask that as a part of your ministry you provide the materials. Any questions you may call Lisa Radey at the parish office 216.289.0770. Don't forget to bring your scissors!!

CELEBRATION AND REFLECTION ON MARY: The St. John of the Cross Women of Faith group invites all parishioners to a night of celebration and reflection on Mary, mother of Jesus. Join us on June 9th at 7:00pm in the church, to hear local artist and author Jeanne Bonacci-Tiefenbach as she discusses her book *Madonna of the Way* and Finding your Mary Heart. This hour long presentation will talk about how each of us can find our Mary Heart within us, its' meaning and how Mary is present in our daily lives. There will be a question and answer session afterward as well as gifts and Jeanne's book for purchase for \$29.95. We look forward to seeing you there.

RESPECT LIFE: WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY??????? **Pray** and reflect on my duty to care for God's Creation. **Learn** about how respecting all aspects of life can change our world. **Assess** how I as an individual, my family, parish and school can contribute to change. **Act** to change my choices and behaviors. **Challenge** - The community of St. John of the Cross should have recycling cans available. Whether it is one bottle of water or 10 pop cans after a meeting, we need to be responsible. We are looking for individuals who can either 1; donate towards recycling bins 2; help to take the recyclables to a recycling center on a weekly basis. If you can do either of these, please contact Lisa Radey at the parish office 216.289.0770 THANK YOU.

THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST JUNE 2009-JUNE 2010

This community of St. John of the Cross has been blessed. Merging has been difficult but certainly has been made easier by the dedicated priests who have lead us each and every week in prayer. If you have not had the opportunity to introduce yourself to them please take the time to say hello, they would appreciate it. Over the next few weeks we would like to give you the opportunity to get to know them. Enjoy!!

Fr. Timothy Buyansky is a Benedictine Monk and Priest who resides at the monastery of St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland. He entered the monastery in 1962, professed his vows in 1963 and was ordained a priest on June 7, 1969. After ordination he attended Rosary College in Chicago where he received a Masters degree in Library Science. Since that time Fr. Timothy has served as librarian to Benedictine High School. He also enjoys spending time with the students as the Ski Club Moderator and Drama Director. As this school year comes to a close Fr. Timothy has just finished directing his 82nd play at Benedictine High School.

Since 1970 Fr. Timothy has been working at various parishes throughout the diocese. In 1972 he was assigned as weekend help to St. Paul's where he continued to minister until it's closing in November 2009. With the merging of St. Paul and St. Felicitas, Fr. Sal invited Fr. Timothy to continue with St. John of the Cross on weekends. Lucky for us Fr. Timothy happily agreed. *"It has been a pleasant transition. I enjoy very much celebrating the Liturgy at the new parish of St. John of the Cross. I hope to do my best to bring the love of Christ to our new and vibrant parish family."*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| MONDAY | The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Marie McNally | MAY 31 |
| 9:30 a.m. | | |
| TUESDAY | St. Justin, martyr Frida Grcar | JUNE 1 |
| 8:15 a.m. | | |
| WEDNESDAY | Weekday | JUNE 2 |
| THURSDAY | St. Charles Lwanga John Rosace | JUNE 3 |
| 7:00 p.m. | | |
| FRIDAY | WEEKDAY Genevieve Andrzejczyk | JUNE 4 |
| 8:15 a.m. | | |
| SATURDAY | St. Boniface Minka Kmetich | JUNE 5 |
| 4:00 p.m. | | |
| SUNDAY | The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Mary Halaus Anthony Sedar Koscak Family | JUNE 6 |
| 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. | | |




REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Phillip Adams, Thomas Becker, Daniel Carter, Theresa Farabaugh, Charlotte Farinacci, George Halgash, Andrew Jarm, Donald Justus, Cindy Kinley, Lucille Kucharski, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Ronald Maxey, Joanne 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, Alberta Ulrich, Richard Warman, and Jackie Zupan

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



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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. June 2.....J. Borkey
Grande Pointe-Sun. June 6.....Legion of Mary

COUNTERS

Counters for Sunday, June 6th”B” Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —JUNE 5-6, 2010

| MASS | PRESIDER | HOSPITALITY | LECTOR 1 | LECTOR 2 | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | SERVERS |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--|-------------------------|
| Sat. 4:00pm | Fr. Sal | A. Barteld A. Molle | T. Isabella | K. Sullivan | C. Barni, J. Barni, K. Brown, L. Colo, L. Kucharski, S. Lonchar, M. Malta, J. Melvin | J. Melvin J. Melvin |
| Sun. 8:00am | Fr. Mehok | C. Kinkopf C. Otters | K. McVoy | W. Nalepka | W. Burnett, S. Calderone, B. Dennis, R. Eppich, C.Gricar, M. Gricar, S. Ruggeri, M. Tracy | J. Gricar A. Gricar |
| Sun. 10:00am | Fr. Sal | R. Apanasewicz M. Chinchar | M. McVoy | E. Perme | M. Chinchar, L. Cooke, M. Corbo, S. Davisson, J. Dreyer, S. Dreyer, A. Koballa, F. Koballa | R. Corbo C. Dreyer |
| Sun. 12:00pm | Fr. Timothy | R. Manning L. Williams | T. Gorenssek | W. Knox | J. Berquist, J. Bretz, M. Dodd, J. Konchan, J. Martin, M. Proctor, J. Radachy, J. Solpa | C. Chambers D. Davis |

NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK: There will be a meeting of the new members of the Interfaith Hospitality Network team Monday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. All new members are requested to come for orientation. Any experienced members wishing to come are also welcome. A DVD will be shown about working with the guests. The IHN rules and Saint John of the Cross team rules will be explained. The new members will be asked to sign an agreement that you will abide by the rules. Thank you so much for becoming part of this helping ministry. For more information please call Andrea Dean at 440 944-1157.



“There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant...” -Ecclesiastes 3:1-3

The Fiacre Ministry of St. John of the Cross Parish is composed of over thirty families who have adopted garden plots on the parish grounds for the past two years. We donate the flowers that grace our property from early spring through the fall. We encompass a wide range of talents: horticulturist, landscapers, home gardeners, photographers, nurse, teachers, lawyers, retirees, business administrators, moms, dads, kids, grandparents. We plant, prune, mulch, transplant, weed, sow, and work with God in His continuing act of creation. And, at times, we have to make difficult decisions to protect our parish property. The two maple trees which have graced the entrance drive for years have been dying, albeit slowly. After much careful inspection, the decision was made to remove the trees, grind the stumps out, and replant. Twelve of us volunteered Saturday morning and carefully removed the trees and visible stumps. The remaining stumps will be ground out to make room for new trees to beautify our surroundings-properly chosen to preserve the roof and foundation of our Church. The logs from the trees were stacked to provide firewood for future bonfires for our parishioners and for our youth. If anyone would like to donate towards the purchase of the new trees, or to help defray the rental of the stump grinder, please forward your donation to Fr. Sal: Attn FIACRE Ministry.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed Monday, May 31st for the Memorial Day Holiday.

WE NEED YOUR OLD SUITCASES: Mission Possible update; will be returning to Higüey, Dominican Republic June 18-25th, to share Christ's love with the poorest of the poor. We will be continuing our medical outreach and completing construction of the new vocation center/medical clinic that we broke ground for in December, 2009. We are also planning to begin construction of some new houses to accommodate an influx of refugees from earthquake stricken Haiti. The mission team will be comprised of about 30 people. The Airline allows us an extra suitcase each to carry donated items and medical supplies. These extra suitcases are then left behind in the Dominican Republic. This system generated an ongoing need for newly donated suitcases. We will be accepting your suitcase donations, at the Parish Office between now and June 6th. Keep in mind that there is a 50 pound weight limit on all checked bags, so please, no oversized heavy suitcases. We are planning an informational meeting this fall for St. John of the Cross parishioners who might be interested in learning more about Mission Possible. Thank you so very much for helping support this mission effort in the Dominican Republic...Dale & Marie George

VBS: Get ready to set sail on a high seas adventure! Vacation Bible School will be July 12 – 16th from 9am – Noon. Our theme this year is “High Seas Expedition, Exploring the Mighty Love of God.” The program is for all children who will be in Preschool through 5th grade in the 2010-2011 school year. There are registration forms in the kiosk in the gathering area. We are looking for volunteers to help make this another successful year. If you are a high school student who needs service hours and loves working with kids, then this is the opportunity for you!! Also, you can help if you will be in the 6th grade or above. We are always looking for adult helpers, please come and join us for this fun week! If anyone has decorations for our sea theme and would like to donate them, you can drop them off at the rectory, school, or call me to pick them up. If you would love to volunteer or have any questions, call Rhonda Dulaney 440-953-0403 /email ronnerplus3@sbcglobal.net.

HOLY LAND GIFTS: After all the Masses this weekend there will be a display of hand made articles for sale including nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, the last supper and many other beautiful religious articles. Due to the recent interruption of the tourist trade, over 100 Christian families in Bethlehem make their livelihood through the sale of their handmade olive wood Religious articles.

MORE NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



WOMEN AND SPIRIT EXHIBIT being held at Maltz Museum is about the Catholic Sisters role in American History. There is a group going to visit this exhibit on June 22nd, from 1-3:00pm. There is always room for more. We will leave from the parking lot near the side of the Church at 12:40pm. Please contact Sister Gale at the Parish Office for information.

MANNA CARDS are a great and easy idea for Father's Day, Graduation, shower and wedding gifts. We have \$15 iTunes cards, \$25 Wal-Mart cards, \$10 Starbucks, as well as \$25 Penney's, Dillards and American Eagle cards. These cards can be purchased and/or other specialty cards can be ordered through the Parish Office during normal business hours. Please allow 2-3 weeks for specialty card orders. Thank you for your continued support for the St. John of the Cross Manna Program.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE: The High School Youth Ministry is heading to the ballpark! Join us on Tuesday, June 1st at Classic Ballpark in Eastlake to watch the Lake County Captains! Meet us outside the box office at 6:30 P.M. Tickets cost \$8 and food items are buy one, get one free! To confirm you can attend, email youthministry@saintjohnofthecross.org or visit us at our group Facebook page. We hope to see you there!

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Children who received First Holy Communion during this school year are invited to join Bishop Richard Lennon in a celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. They are invited to participate in a procession as the Cathedral on the vigil of the Feast, on Saturday, June 5th at the 4:30pm Mass. Please call the Cathedral Rectory at 216-771-6666, ext. 4700 by June 1st to indicate the number of children who will join the procession.

MEMORIAL MASS: Friday, June 4th at Lake View Cemetery, at 7:00pm, in remembrance of loved ones who are deceased. The Mass will be outdoor next to Wade Pond, you are encouraged to bring folding chairs/blankets.

A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the Willoughby Hills Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day, May 31 at 11:00am. Residents are encouraged to bring folding chairs. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held indoors.

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
BEREAVEMENT CORNER
MEMORIAL DAY**

Our nation's forefathers set aside this day for honoring and remembering the deceased. It is a day of reverence and reminiscence. Focus today on how important it is to remember. Rather than running away from memories, allow yourself the luxury of spending this day reflecting on those you have loved.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORKING

Saint John of the Cross Employment Networking 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;

- Supply Chain Professional
- Secretary/Clerical/Accounting
- Auditor

Employers looking for;

- Sewer Digger Crew
- Animal Control Officer
- Sewer Maintenance Crew
- Groundskeeper

RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Caroline Fatica of Highland Heights, our winner of the **Week #34 and final PTU Weekly Raffle**. Meredith Fatica of Highland Heights was the seller winner.

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Collection.....\$10,704.12
 Last Week's Children's Collection.....\$17.75
Thank you for your generosity.
Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.



St. John of the Cross

June, 2010

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 |
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| | | 1 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2) | 2 7:30pm Adult Music Group Practice (C) | 3 6:45pm Bingo Team # 3(G) 7:00pm Kindergarten Celebration (C) 7:30pm Liturgy Meeting (MR1) | 4 SFS-Track and Field Day | 5 |
| 6 | 7 7:00pm IHN Meeting (S) 7:30pm Liturgical Environment Meeting (MR1) | 8 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2) | 9 7:00pm (MR2) Women's Group 7:00pm Social Justice Meeting (MR1) 7:30pm Adult Music Group Practice (C) | 10 6:45pm Bingo Team #4 (G) 7:00pm Prayer Shawl (MR3) | 11 11:00am School Dismissal Last day of School 7:00pm 8th Grade Graduation | 12 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S) 6:45pm Bingo Team A(G) |
| 13 Interfaith (IHN) Hospitality Network Week <i>Donut Sunday</i> | 14 IHN | 15 IHN 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2) | 16 IHN 7:30pm Adult Music Group Practice (C) | 17 IHN 6:30pm (MR2) Bereavement Meeting 6:45pm Bingo Team #1 (G) 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting (MR1) | 18 IHN | 19 IHN 8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up (G) 10:00am-12:00pm Calendar Day (MR3) |
| 20 Father's Day | 21 7:30pm Finance Meeting | 22 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2) | 23 7:00pm (MR2) Women's Group 7:30pm Adult Music Group Practice(C) | 24 6:45pm Bingo Team #2 (G) 7:00pm Respect Life Meeting (MR1) | 25 | 26 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S) 6:45pm Bingo Team B(G) |
| 27 | 28 | 29 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2) | 30 7:30pm Adult Music Group Practice(C) | | | |