

THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST
JUNE 2009-JUNE 2010

As this year of the priest comes to a close we are grateful for the priests who serve this community and led us in prayer during this transitional year. Fr. Sal has truly been a blessing during this time of much change, we are excited to share with you his thoughts on priesthood and the joy he finds in his vocation.

When people ask me why I became a priest, they often really have no idea what the life of a priest is like. They see this life as one of denial...of not having the opportunities to do what others can do in life. Others imagining this life to be a boring one, wondering what a priest does after Mass on Sundays or what I do at all from Monday through Friday. Even those who understand the hard work that the priesthood entails (if lived well) too frequently imagine it as a sad and depressing life, not a life that can bring happiness and joy.

I am a priest I honestly believe that this is what God wants for me. Even after many years of atheism, there was a time, after much soul searching that I turned to God and opened my heart to His will. Even struggling with my decision through my last year in the seminary, I will never forget the moment when, sitting on a rock in Narragansett Rhode Island, that I felt as Peter might have felt when invited by the Lord to walk on water in faith, and somehow, trusting more than ever, that this was His call...that God was asking me for total trust and surrender, was asking me for a "Yes" like Mary's, a total "yes" to His will for me. Since that day, I have been sure that the "yes" to which God was calling me was and still is, the priesthood. I recall this moment often, so that I can recommit myself each day with the same fervor that I did 12 years ago on that rock.

This commitment, my friends, is not a burden, to carry, but a privilege to live. I thank God each day for the gift of priesthood, knowing that it is as a priest that He wants me to love Him and His people. Fulfilling the commitments I made on May 29, 1999, the day that I was ordained is a cause of joy.


It is a joy to live this priesthood. I do not pretend that it is easy, but the Lord has always found ways to show me that He is with me in that work that He asks me to do and to which I have given my life. He blesses me through supportive words from parishioners, through deep moments of prayer, through gathering with all of you at Mass, through the person who comes to confession telling me that it has been 30 years since their last confession, through those who allow me to spend last precious moments in the presence of their loved one who is dying, through the woman who comes to me to tell me of the abortion that she had so many years ago and how she is looking for peace, through the baptism of a child, and the vows made by a couple in my presence. All of these and so much more humble me and confirm to me that God has given me an unsurpassable gift.

So, my brothers and sisters in Christ, the priesthood is not sad, it is not lonely, it is not depressing, and trust me when I tell you it is never boring. Despite what the world may tell us, any life lived faithfully in response to God's call is a way to happiness. I am a priest filled with joy because I know that I am doing what God has asked me to do, and continues to work in me, today and every day.....Fr. Sal



**Weather-permitting,
8:00am Sunday Mass
will take place at our
Outdoor Shrine
through
September 5th**

Shrine
Mass



Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday:	Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Ps 63; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

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.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD's:
 They have arrived! Five new titles of CDs are here for your enjoyment and inspiration. The Face of God by Blessed Mother Teresa, The Battle for Souls by Father John Corapi, Discovering the Biblical Significance of Mary, by Dr Scott Hahn, Church Beliefs by Jesse Romero, and How to Bring Fallen- Away Catholics Back by Dr Scott Hahn are on the display stand in the gathering area.

My recommendation for this month is Blessed Pier Giorgio, Man of the Beatitudes by Father Tim Deeter. I chose this CD because I like biographies. I'll admit I had no idea who Pier Giorgio was. Little did I know how inspirational this would be. Pier Giorgio was born into privilege. He found a way to share his wealth and prestige. As I was listening to this three times so far I have been thinking about one of Father Sal's homilies. Father Sal told us that "it is not just freedom from but freedom for." I think this was an Independence Day homily but how perfect for each day. There is always something, some act of kindness, we can do for another.


If you would like to write about your favorite CD, please call Andrea Dean at 440 944-1157.

Thanks so much for remembering to donate \$3.00 for each CD taken.



ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PRAYER NETWORK HOTLINE
 216-289-0770 ext. 33
Please note the new number.

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

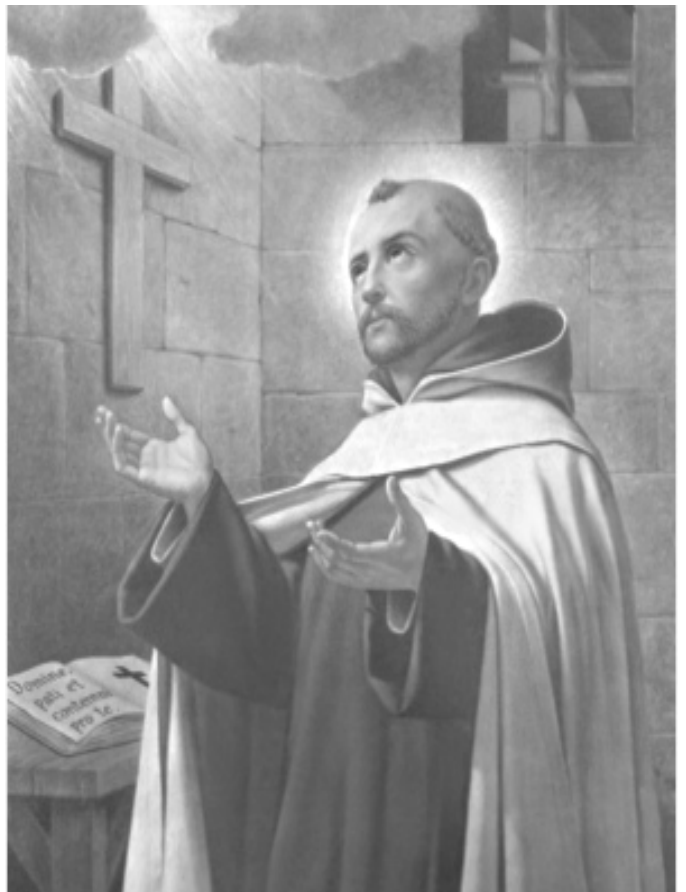


CARING COOKS MINISTRY: Are you or your family enduring an illness, recovering from surgery or another emergency? The "Caring Cooks" can help. On a short-term basis, the Caring Cooks will provide meals during a difficult time. Call the Parish Office for further information. If interested in joining this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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 p.m.	Weekday Monica VencI	JUNE 14
TUESDAY 8:15 a.m.	Weekday Helen Campolieti	JUNE 15
WEDNESDAY	Weekday	JUNE 16
THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.	Weekday Bill Guhde Sr.	JUNE 17
FRIDAY 8:15 a.m.	Weekday Helen Campolieti	JUNE 18
SATURDAY 4:00 p.m.	Weekday Patricia Frain	JUNE 19
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Anthony & Ann Modic Victor Kmetich Joseph Radachy & Victor Urankar	JUNE 20



St. John of the Cross—Pray for Us

COUNTERS

Counters for Monday, June 21st”C” Team

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. June 16....S. Lonchor
Grande Pointe-Sun. June 20.....Legion of Mary

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —JUNE 19-20, 2010						
MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Sal	A. Barteld A. Molle	J. Borkey	J. Borkey	D. Abreo, T. Brokamp, T. Burrello W. Nalepka, J. Page, K. Sullivan, K. Zigman, M. Zoul	J. Brokamp M. Brokamp
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Timothy	C. Fornal S. Glavic	C. Kinkopf	L. Miller	L. Cooke, R. Eppich, C. Hainrihar, J. Kirchmeir, S. Ruggeri, R. Smith R. Tepley, M. Tracy	C. Gricar J. Gricar
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Mehok	T. Chounet M. Knue	L. Drasler	E. Edelman	R. Apanasewicz, J. Chounet, P. Gallagher, G. Marn, P. McVoy, D. Oligny, E. Perme, D.Szafranski	J. Dulaney A. Hocevar
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Sal	D. Mallettand R. Manning	T. Gorenssek	L. Williams	J. Berquist, J. Konchan, K. Musarra, M. Proctor, T. Wetzel S. Thomas-Greaves, J. Martin, D. Thomas-Greaves	M. Abate C. Chambers

NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



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 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.



The 4th Annual St. Felicitas Pool Party will be held Sunday, July 25th at the Richmond Heights Pool located at 27285 Highland Road. Dinner begins at 4:30 p.m. with swimming from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person or a \$25.00 maximum per family. Price includes dinner and swimming. Tickets are available at the Parish Office. Make checks payable to St. John of the Cross PTU. For more information contact Michelle Abate at 216-383-0962.

BEREAVEMENT PICNIC: Whether you have lost a job, are living with divorce or are grieving the loss of a loved one, you do not need to do it alone. Join us for a casual picnic to share food and conversation on Sunday, July 11th from 1:00 to 3:00pm. We will provide hamburgers and hotdogs and we invite you to bring a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP by July 6th by calling Lisa Radey at the parish office.

A SINCERE THANK YOU FOR OUR FLAGPOLE!

I am truly grateful to our anonymous donor who so generously donated funds for us to purchase the flagpole that is now in the front of the church. Beginning next week we will proudly fly not only the American flag, but the Papal flag as well. May God bless our country and our Church! Peace, Fr. Sal.

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.

CHECK OUT THE SCOUTS: Our Boy scouts, Saint John of the Cross Boy Scout Troop 367, will be camping in the field behind the bocce courts on Saturday night, June 26. Come on over after the Saturday Mass, or any of the Sunday Masses. You can check out one the great ministries in our Parish. Also, if you have any old ropes that you are looking to get rid of, the boy scouts are always in need of any rope that you might have. You can just drop the ropes off as you see what scouting is all about.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: There are still some directories that haven't been picked up! You may pick up your directory at the parish office. Every household who had their picture taken for the directory received one free directory. In addition, the parish ordered a limited number of directories that you may purchase for \$15.00. Please make your check payable to Saint John of the Cross Parish. Thank you for your support.

FREE PIANO We have a piano in our church loft that is not being used. It is in need of some repair but is free to anyone who would like it. Please call Lisa at the parish office if you are interested.



EMPLOYMENT NETWORKING

Saint John of the Cross Employment Networking We would like to begin doing 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;

- Supply Chain Professional
- Secretary/Clerical/Accounting
- Teacher/Tutor
- Receptionist

Employers looking for;

- Sewer Digger Crew
- Animal Control Officer
- Sewer Maintenance Crew
- Groundskeeper
- Residential Roofing Laborer

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 or Lord. Amen!

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Collection.....\$14,558.71
 Last Week's Children's Collection.....\$9.00

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

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS



50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT SAINT JOHN CATHEDRAL:

Couples who were married in 1960 are invited to celebrate their wedding jubilee with Bishop Richard Lennon on Sunday, July 25th at 2:30pm at the Cathedral in Cleveland. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Deadline to register is June 28th.

XLT at Center for Pastoral Leadership invite all young adults, teens, and the young at heart to an evening of prayer and Eucharist Adoration with song and praise! Join others on Wednesday, June 23rd, at 7:00pm and listen to a powerful witness followed by prayer with our Eucharistic Lord. Special guest speaker is Tommy Dome, Youth Minister, St. Basil the Great. The evening will conclude with pizza and refreshments. This event will place in Sacred Heart Chapel, located on the campus of the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave. Call Fr. Gurnick or Edie Gauvin for more details 440-943-7631.

CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE: The 28th Cleveland Charismatic Conference sponsored by Catholic Renewal Ministries will be held July 30th and 31st at Magnificat High School in Rocky River. Guest speakers will be Fr. Larry Richards, Aggie Neck, and Mark Nimo. The theme is "Clothed With Power". Bishop Richard Lennon will celebrate Mass on Saturday. The conference opens on Friday at 7:00pm. Contact Sue and Joe Palmieri at 440-774-1191 for registration information or visit www.crmweb.org. Advance registration through July 19th: \$25.00; at the door: \$30.00.

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WORKSHOP: According to the National Institute of Health, in a given year about one in four people have a diagnosable mental disorder such as depression, bipolar disease, or schizophrenia, and one in 17 people has a severe mental illness. These disorders can encompass biological, psychological, social and spiritual dimensions of the individuals affected, and they also impact the lives of the person's family. With this reality in mind, please consider participating in a one-day workshop at the Center for Pastoral Leadership to learn more about this important topic. For details and registration, call Kathy at 216-651-1511 or visit www.stmarysem.edu or www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability/.



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 JUNE 14TH

MONDAY-JUNE 14th
IHN

TUESDAY-JUNE 15th
IHN
 7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

WEDNESDAY-JUNE 16th
IHN
 7:00pm Boosters Meeting (S)
 7:30pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)

THURSDAY-JUNE 17th
IHN
 6:30pm Bereavement Meeting (MR2)
 6:45pm Bingo Team #1 (G)
 7:30pm Parish Council (MR1)

FRIDAY-JUNE 18th
IHN

SATURDAY-JUNE 19th
IHN
 8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up(G)
 10:00am-12:00pm Calendar Day (MR3)

SUNDAY-JUNE 20th

WEEK OF JUNE 21ST

MONDAY-JUNE 21st
 7:30pm Finance Meeting

TUESDAY-JUNE 22nd
 7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

WEDNESDAY-JUNE 23rd
 7:00pm Women's Group (MR2)
 7:30pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)

THURSDAY-JUNE 24th
 6:45pm Bingo Team #2 (G)
 7:00pm Respect Life Meeting (MR1)

FRIDAY-JUNE 25th

SATURDAY-JUNE 26th
 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group (S)
 6:45pm Bingo Team B

SUNDAY-JUNE 27th

