

**The Year of the Priest  
June 2009 – June 2010**

*The priesthood is not an institution that exists alongside the laity or above it. The priesthood of bishops and priests, as well as the ministry of deacons, is for the laity, and precisely for this reason it possesses a ministerial character, that is to say, one of service.*

*Pope John Paul II, Letter to Priests (Holy Thursday, 1990)*

Over the past few weeks I have given you the opportunity to get to know the priests who gather with us each week at Mass, who share with us their wisdom whether it be in a scripture class, a funeral Mass, a finance meeting or school function. These men by the very nature of their vocation give us all they are and all they have. They are men of prayer and men of compassion. They are men. This means they experience just like the rest of us all the joy the Church has to offer and all the trials and disappointment. Only God can fully sustain a priest in his vocation, but we can provide everyday support and encouragement, for isn't that what we expect from them?

**Pray for your Priest** and encourage others to do the same. Let the priests know you are praying for them. They will appreciate this spiritual support, especially in difficult moments.

**Participate and Be Active** Truly be a part of the community by attending Mass and getting involved. Use your gifts and talents so that our community can be all it can be. Attend parish events and support your parish financially.

**Watch your Expectations** Sometimes, people have unrealistic expectations of what a priest "should be" or "should do". They want Father to be present for every function, meeting and still have time to respond to individual needs. Remember, priests are people with the same needs as you and I. If we want them to remain healthy, happy with a strong spiritual focus they need some time off every week. We didn't notice when Father was "not in" when there were more than one priest living in the rectory but we struggle now when there is no priest available. We should be encouraging them to take good care of themselves so that they can be there to meet the demands of the sacramental life of the community.

**Be prepared to Believe the Best** A lot of what you hear on the parish grapevine is either untrue or is greatly exaggerated. When we engage in negativity it can do a lot of damage and not just to our priests but to the entire community. Instead of making unfair assumptions let's start by believing in the fact that our priests make decisions based on what is best for the community not on what is best for us personally. Feel free to ask the questions but trust him and give him the benefit of the doubt. When difficulties arise, make an appointment so that you can talk one on one. (It is never a good idea to try to have a serious discussion in the sacristy or gathering area)

**Show your Appreciation** Everyone needs affirmation. If God has touched you or your family in some way through one of our priests, let him know as it reaffirms his calling. Understand that just because a man is a priest does not mean he fits into a certain mold. Priests are as unique as you and I. Trust God to work through your priest to meet the needs of the parish and let him know you support him.

Jesus makes himself present to us in a special way through his priests. What you do for your parish priest you do for God. Whatever you do for God builds the Kingdom right here and right now!

**"The Priest is not a Priest for himself, he is a Priest for you. "**  
**St. John Vianney**

.....Lisa Radey



**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK  
OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**


Thomas Becker, Daniel Carter,  
Theresa Farabaugh, Charlotte Farinacci,  
George Halgash, Andrew Jarm, Donald Justus,  
Sharon Kaucic, 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.

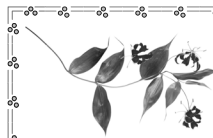

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5  
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36;  
Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20  
Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; 1 Pt 1:8-12;  
Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26;  
Lk 1:57-66, 80  
Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4  
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17  
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16;  
Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62



**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.


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

Make a list of your father's favorite books and authors. Commit to reading from this list and gain the same knowledge that shaped his philosophy.

If you lost a child buy or make a toy he/she would have liked. You can donate it or give it to a child who has lost a father.



Shrine  
Mass

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

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
FAITH DEVELOPMENT**
**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>St. Aloysius Gonzaga</b> Anton & Sylvia Milavec	<b>JUNE 21</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:15 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> John & Chris Barni-" <i>Wedding Ann.</i> "	<b>JUNE 22</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>JUNE 23</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b> Arthur Sedar	<b>JUNE 24</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:15 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Margaret Walsh	<b>JUNE 25</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Karl Druzina	<b>JUNE 26</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<b>13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> William Perko Sr. Charles Henry Laura Campbell	<b>JUNE 27</b>



***St. John of the Cross—Pray for Us***

**COUNTERS**

Counters for Monday, June 28 ..... "A" Team

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. June 23....K. Musarra  
Grande Pointe-Sun. June 27.....Chris H. & Tina

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE —JUNE 26-27, 2010**

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Timothy	C. Knox R. Lamm	K. McVoy	M. Melfi	D. Abreo, W. Knox, S. Lonchor, T. Melfi, J. Monger, M. Monger, M. Monger, B. Pophal	J. Monger A. Perez
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Mehok	J. Buda H. Drozin	L. Cooke	D. Drasler	F. Buda, C. Hainrihar, P. Reilly, P. Mastrangelo, R. Smith, R. Tepley, J. Volk, R. Volk	A. Champa L. Rosace
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Timothy	M. Singer V. Whitmore	G. Haritonovich	D. Wagner	R. Apanasewicz, L. Bochenek, A. Dean, D. DiMare, J. Miozzi, M. Haritonovich, M. Wagner, M. Wagner	J. Bozak P. Bozak
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Mehok	D. Thomas- Greaves S. Thomas- Greaves	T. Gorenssek	J. Johnson	C. Cinkole, R. Jezeski, J. Solpa, S. Johnson, K. Musarra, J.Vajda, T. Wetzel, K. Wetzel	N. Cavotta C. Chambers

## NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

**MALTZ MUSEUM EXHIBIT OF 'WOMEN and SPIRIT':**

We will meet in the parish parking lot at 12:40pm on Tuesday, June 22. Please park in the upper lot near the school and back of church. I will collect money from all of you at that time. \$6.00 for seniors and \$8 for anyone younger than 60. If anyone wants to carpool from here that would be nice. We will have two guides at the Museum, so we will split in half when we get there. I think it would be nice for us to go out for a cup of coffee and conversation after we see the exhibit. I have looked for places that would work for us and have decided we would go to the new Panera's on Wilson Mills just before the freeway (271). It is across the side street from Kohl's. If you have any questions, please call me at 216-289-0770 daytime and home at 440-449-1200ext.346 (I am a night owl, so I'm up to 11:00pm) Thanks.....Sister Gale

**POSTER CONTEST:** As Church, it is our responsibility to respect and show our gratitude for all that God has given us in our beautiful world. One way we can do that is by how we dispose of our trash. St. John of the Cross Respect Life group would like to provide recycling bins in our gathering area, school and parish office. Anyone willing to make a donation to assist in the purchase of these bins can do so by dropping your donation into the recycle bins located in the gathering area. If you did not get a chance to pick up an entry form for our Respect Life Poster Contest, you can still do so today. This contest is available to all parishioners with a \$50 prize for the winner. Entry forms can also be found in the gathering area.



**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.



**VBS:** Get ready to set sail on a high seas adventure! Vacation Bible School will be July 12 – 16<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 216-289-0770.

**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.

**MANNA CARDS** purchased for gasoline and groceries benefit our church and school. They also make great gifts for graduates and also as wedding gifts. 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.

**MORE NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**



**1st ANNUAL ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH PICNIC:**  
Mark your calendars!

WHO: All Parishioners and Families  
WHEN: Saturday, August 21st from 5:00-9:00pm  
WHERE: St. John of the Cross parish grounds  
WHAT: Food, Fun, & Fellowship  
We'd love your help with the food, games, and advertising. Contact Celeste to help with food at cgoodin@jewels.com; Char for the games at crazylikeknoces@roadrunner.com, or Linda for advertising at lmmcvoy@aol.com. If you can't e-mail, call Lisa at the Parish Office at 216-289-0770.

**MISSION POSSIBLE VIII:** Many thanks to all who donated suitcases for our June 18th Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. We received over 30 suitcases which will be used to carry much-needed medical supplies, shoes and clothing to our brother and sisters in Christ in our small village outside of Higüey in the Dominican Republic. Your suitcase donations and prayerful support for the success and safe return of our mission team are heartfelt and very much appreciated. God Bless!  
.....Dale and Marie George

**COMPUTER LAB RAFFLE RESULTS!**  
Congratulations to the Wagner Family. They won the \$500 Computer Lab Raffle prize drawn on the last day of school at our Honor's Assembly. Special thanks to all the parishioners and school families who supported this effort. Almost \$5,000 was raised! Your support has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated. We can't wait to show off the new lab this fall! God Bless you all for your kind generosity.....Martha Dodd - School Principal

**NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS**

**CAN YOU VOLUNTEER TO SAVE A BABY'S LIFE?:** BIRTHRIGHT, a Pro-Life Pregnancy Service, is in urgent need of volunteers. Please consider volunteering at the Birthright office located at 960 East 185th St. Volunteer hours are 10:00am-1:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm. For additional information and to arrange for your training, please call Fran Zeglen at the Birthright office on Monday or Wednesday 216-486-2800. Thank you.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:** Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the assistance he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Through your generosity, with Pope Benedict we can cast the love of Christ upon the world.

**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

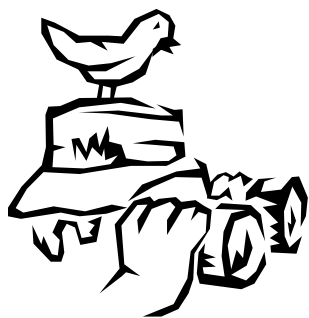
***Employers looking for;***  
Sewer Digger Crew  
Animal Control Officer  
Sewer Maintenance Crew  
Groundskeeper  
Residential Roofing Laborer

**COLLECTIONS**

Last Week's Collection.....\$11,765.50  
Last Week's Children's Collection.....\$18.00

***Peter's Pence Collection-June 27th***

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



# 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 21ST

**MONDAY-JUNE 21st**  
 7:00pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)

**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)  
 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (MR2)

**FRIDAY-JUNE 25th**

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

**SUNDAY-JUNE 27th**

## WEEK OF JUNE 28TH

**MONDAY-JUNE 28th**  
 7:00pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)  
 7:30pm Finance Meeting

**TUESDAY-JUNE 29th**  
 7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

**WEDNESDAY-JUNE 30th**  
 7:30pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)

**THURSDAY-JULY 1st**  
 6:45pm Bingo Team #3 (G)  
 7:00pm Respect Life Meeting (MR1)  
 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (MR2)

**FRIDAY-JULY 2nd**

**SATURDAY-JULY 3rd**

**SUNDAY-JULY 4th**



### Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, in Your wisdom and love You made all things.  
 Bless all Fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.  
 Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
 Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always  
 with a spirit of profound respect.  
 Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

