

### FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

I am thrilled to announce that, in a meeting with Laurie Delgado, President of Richmond Heights Medical Center and Richard Hanson, President of UH Community Hospitals and Ambulatory Services, I was informed that, in very large part due to the response of the community with respect to the knowledge that they were performing abortions, the administration of Richmond Heights Medical Center has decided to reconsider their position and write into their by-laws that NO abortions, not even those that would have been considered "medically necessary" will be performed at Richmond Heights Medical Center. This is surely confirmation that our voices can and should be heard when it comes to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and that WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Let us all keep in mind, however, that when we do make our voices heard, we should have the voice of Christ...it is never appropriate to use a threatening tone or threatening words (as was the case with some) when spreading the Good News and speaking God's word with boldness. Let us continue to pray for an end to abortion throughout our world.

A sincere thank you to Ralph Plavac and all who worked so hard to make our Nite at the Races such a success! It was a wonderful opportunity for us to gather to have fun and help our parish...and a great time was had by all who attended. If you did not attend this year, be sure to look for the event again next year and enjoy this great event!

.....Peace, Fr. Sal



#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Paul and Barnabas continue their travels, spreading the faith and unifying the churches (Acts 14:21-27).

**Psalm** — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

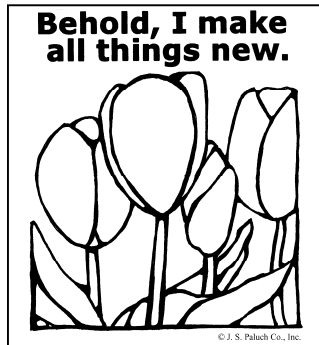
**Second Reading** — John's vision of God dwelling with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

**Gospel** — As Jesus has loved us, so we must love one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).



#### Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Ps 67; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29



**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.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**SUPPORTING EACH OTHER THROUGH LIFE AND LOSS:** All are invited to join us this coming Tuesday for a movie and popcorn presentation of **“The Ultimate Gift”** with James Garner. We will meet in meeting room 3 (the back of the church) from 7 to 9pm. This is the first of four evenings being offered by Crossroads Hospice Community and St. John of the Cross Bereavement Ministry. You may attend one or all of these gatherings. Our other presentations will be:

**May 11 Spiritual Help to Cope with Life Trauma –** Learn coping strategies when bad things happen to good people.

**May 18 Anticipatory Grief and Loss –** The loss of a family member or friend, job loss or a move to a new home. How do we cope?

**May 25 Living Better with Laughter –** Learn how laughter can help you live a happier, longer healthier life.

**Call Lisa Radey at the parish office to rsvp 216.289.0770**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY:** The second principle of Catholic social teaching tells us about family and community. “We believe people have a right and duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.” Acts 4:34-35 points out when we read “There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.” How can we strengthen family life? How can we help the poor and marginalized?

The social justice ministry meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Please join us.

**RESPECT LIFE:** Creation helps us to recognize our human dignity and God’s love. “Seeing creation as God’s gift to humanity helps us understand our vocation and worth as human beings...Contemplating the beauty of creation inspires us to recognize the love of the Creator” (*Pope Benedicts 2010 Message for the World Day of Peace #2*) **Do I take time to recognize how God loves me through the beauty He gives me every day?**

**FR. MEHOK’S SCRIPTURE STUDY:** will continue on Monday evenings at 7:30pm in the School Library. The subject is “The Gospel of St. Luke”.

### TRANSFORMATION

When we clean, repair, or otherwise restore things in our possession, we often say “good as new” or “just like new.” This, according to the book of Revelation, is what happens to anything that is filled with the glory of Christ. When scripture uses the word “new” it doesn’t merely mean “a different one, a replacement” (as our advertisements do), but it carries the sense of something being transformed so fully and completely that it is now almost unrecognizable. Our world is filled with tears, death, pain, thirst, darkness; but the new world—the new heavens and new earth brought about by Christ’s resurrection—is filled with joy, everlasting life, glory, living water, and light. As Paul noted in his second letter to the church at Corinth, if we are in Christ, then we are a new creation. And disciples who are a new creation, who live in the new heaven and earth brought about by Christ, are also daily practitioners of a new commandment: to love one another with that transforming, renewing love that Christ bestowed on us.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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



Thomas Becker, Daniel Carter, Theresa Farabaugh, Charlotte Farinacci, George Halgash, Andrew Jarm, Donald Justus, Cindy Kinley, Lucille Kucharski, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, John Malovasic, 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, Nicholas Zanella, and Jackie Zupan

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

|  |   |              |
|--|---|--------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>7:00 p.m.                             | <b>Sts. Philip &amp; James</b><br>Helen Campolieti                                    | <b>May 3</b> |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>8:15 a.m.                            | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>Victor & Minka Kmetich                                       | <b>May 4</b> |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                                       | <b>Easter Weekday</b>   | <b>May 5</b> |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>7:00 p.m.                           | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>Stephani Zidar-Petroff                                       | <b>May 6</b> |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>8:15 a.m.                             | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>Marge Kaurich  | <b>May 7</b> |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>4:00 p.m.                           | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>Robert Grossman  | <b>May 8</b> |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>8:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>12:00 p.m. | <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b><br>Anthony & Ann Modic<br>Minka Kmetich<br>Joseph Shell | <b>May 9</b> |

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. May 5.....Katie M.  
Grande Pointe-Sun. May 9.....Legion of Mary

**COUNTERS**

Counters for Monday, May 10th....."A" Team



**MINISTERS SCHEDULE —MAY 8-9, 2010**

| MASS            | PRESIDER  | HOSPITALITY                          | LECTOR 1   | LECTOR 2    | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS   | SERVERS                          |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Sat.<br>4:00pm  | Fr. Sal   | S. Lonchar<br>A. Molle               | J. Borkey  | W. Knox     | C. Barni, J. Barni, J. Borkey,<br>K. Brown, L. Colo, L. Kucharski,<br>M. Malta, K. Zigman                | B. Caruso-<br>Taylor<br>A. Perez |
| Sun.<br>8:00am  | Fr. Mehok | C. Hainrihar<br>C. Otters            | L. McVoy   | W. Nalepka  | W. Burnett, S. Calderone,<br>B. Dennis, R. Eppich, T. Ogrinc,<br>P. Mastrangelo, S. Ruggeri,<br>M. Tracy | A. Gricar<br>C. Gricar           |
| Sun.<br>10:00am | Fr. Sal   | J. Chounet<br>T. Chounet             | L. Cooke   | D. DiMare   | D. Apanasewicz, A. Dean,<br>L. Drasler, E. Edelman,<br>P. Gallagher, M. Virant, C. Preto<br>N. Somich    | M. Abate<br>C. Chambers          |
| Sun.<br>12:00pm | Fr. Mehok | J. Berquist<br>D. Thomas-<br>Greaves | K. Musarra | L. Williams | J. Bretz, M. Dodd, J. Konchan,<br>J. Martin, M. Proctor, J. Solpa,<br>J. Radachy, S. Thomas-Greaves      | N. Cavotta<br>J. Mello           |

## NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

### **Saint John of the Cross Employment Network-ing**

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 Hovanec at our parish office via collection basket, mail, or e-mail at [secretary@saintjohnofthecross.org](mailto:secretary@saintjohnofthecross.org).

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK:** The Interfaith Hospitality Network team is getting ready for our guests the week of June 13th. We will once again feed and entertain families who are homeless. The beds will arrive by truck the morning of Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and we will set up for our guests arrival Sunday evening. In the evening our cooks and volunteers will eat dinner with our guests, visit with the adults, play with the children, and some of the volunteers will stay the night on roll away beds. Monday morning the guests will stay for breakfast and then go to the Tremont Center to clean up and get ready for their day. The children go to school or camps. The adults go to work or look for work or get trained for work. All kinds of counseling and training is provided for our guests through the Network. Monday evening our guests are back and everything is repeated. This happens all week until the guests leave the morning of June 20<sup>th</sup> and move on to another church. Our team cleans up and drives the beds to the next church. We need volunteers to provide dinners, visit with the guests, and stay the night. We need volunteers to help set up and then take down the week after. We need a volunteer to drive the truck to the next church. This is a wonderful way to pass on God's love! Please call Andrea Dean at 440 944-1157 to volunteer.

**THE FRIENDSHIP 50+ CLUB CASINO TRIP** will be Monday, May 24th to Wheeling Island Casino in Wheeling, West Virginia. The cost is \$25.00 with casino incentive of \$15.00 play money and FREE buffet (subject to change/cancellation). Call Betty Slavkovsky at 216-486-7712 for reservations/additional information.

**MANNA PROGRAM:** This is a reminder that St. John of the Cross has a **Manna Program**. You can purchase gift cards at the Parish Office during normal business hours for your grocery (Giant Eagle, Heinen's and Daves) and gasoline (Speedway and Shell) needs. The iTunes, American Eagle and Wal-mart cards have arrived. Specialty cards (over 80 different stores and restaurants) are available by special order and make great gifts. Thank you for your support of our parish and school.

**LEARNING FAIR:** Mark your calendars for the annual Learning Fair scheduled for Wednesday, May 5th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the school gym. Come to this "Showcase of Excellence" where a variety of projects, papers, reports, and creations from Art, Computer, and Music will be on display. The students are excited to showoff their work from this school year.

**ATTENTION SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:** This is you if you serve on the PTU Board, School Development Council, Finance, or Booster Board. If you coach, are a room helper, chaperone field trips, bake, type, cut out projects, or assist in any capacity. You are invited to join the St. Felicitas School community for Mass on Friday, May 7th at 8:15 a.m. We would like to recognize and thank you for all you do for our school. **YOU ARE THE BEST!**

**MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE:** The SFS Alumni teen Relay for Life group is sponsoring a BAKE SALE after the Masses on Mother's Day, May 9th. Please help in raising funds for the American Cancer Society and buy your Mom something tasty! Thank you.

### **18<sup>th</sup> Hole St. Felicitas School Golf Outing**

Join us for a Fairway Farewell to St. Felicitas Booster as we begin our transformation to St. John of the Cross Boosters. Help us raise money for our new athletic uniforms. Four person scramble, Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Briardale Golf Course. \$95 / person includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, Dinner and Prizes. Info in the kiosk in the back of the church or call Ann Marie Tylman for more details – 216-486-7446 – [amtylman@roadrunner.com](mailto:amtylman@roadrunner.com)

## RAFFLE WINNER

**Congratulations** to Sally Heintz of Rock Creek, our winner of the **Week #30 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Zachary Heintz of Richmond Heights was the seller winner.

**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.

**THEA BOWMAN COMMUNITY CENTER FUNDRAISER:** The Thea Bowman Center is having a baseball fundraiser. Although both Epiphany and Saint Cecilia churches have closed, The Thea Bowman Center remains open. Many volunteers are ministering to the people in the Mount Pleasant area of Cleveland. Friday, June 11, 2010 at 7:05 the Cleveland Indians are playing the Washington Nationals at Progressive Field. The tickets are \$20.00 apiece. To order your tickets mail to Thea Bowman Center, c/o Carol Twigger, 1923 Glenwood Drive, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087. For questions please call 330-425-2424.

**“THE CATHOLIC PAST: DEVOUT DISSIDENTS”:** A workshop at John Carroll University, June 28-July 2 will examine daring but devout Catholics—early Franciscans and Jesuits, American Women Religious, Liberation theologians—and their reforms within and for the Church. For teachers and interested parishioners. Workshop fee of \$375. includes breakfast and lunch (additional for graduate credits). Contact Dr. W.F. Ryan, John Carroll University (wryan@jcu.edu) or call 216-397-4558.

**HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP:** The Holy Spirit prayer group consists of prayer and worship, recitation of the rosary, song and scripture reading. The group will meet at The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, 21281 Chardon Rd. on Friday, May 7th, Friday, June 4th, and Friday July 9th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. For more information please call Denise Calabrese at 216-905-0661.

**Summer Volunteer Opportunity**

Has your heart been stretched lately? Join other single women (ages 18 – 40) in offering five days of service to children in a crisis care center. Blessing House is a local crisis facility caring for children whose families are dealing with issues of homelessness, illness, domestic violence, etc. Children receive care and enriching opportunities in a safe and loving environment until their caregivers can take them home. Volunteers live in a Notre Dame community so they can share prayer, meals, fun, and reflect on their volunteer experience together.

**Event dates: June 27-July 2**

**Organized by:** Sisters of Notre Dame

**Contact:** Sr. Kathleen Hine, SND

**Email:** khine@ndec.org

**Address:** 13000 Auburn Rd., Chardon, OH 44024

**Phone:** 440-279-1194 or 440-476-6094

Go to [www.snd1.org](http://www.snd1.org) to find other volunteer opportunities outside the Cleveland area.

**OFFICE OF CATECHETICAL SERVICES COLLECTION:**

Each year in the Diocese of Cleveland a special collection is taken up in all the parishes to support the ministries of the Office of Catechetical Services. In years past, this was referred to as the Newman Campus Ministry Collection. While Newman Campus Ministry is a division of The Office of Catechetical Services, and does receive some funding from this collection, the office also supports many other ministries focused on religious education and faith formation for people of all ages in the parishes of our diocese. These include: adult formation for people of all ages in the parishes of our diocese. These include adult faith formation, media literacy, catechetical leader training and catechist certification for all teachers of religion, among other things. This year the collection will be held on the weekend of May 8-9th. A contribution to the Office of Catechetical Services is an investment in the faith formation and religious education of every person of every age in the Diocese of Cleveland. Please consider giving to this special collection.

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS QUOTE**

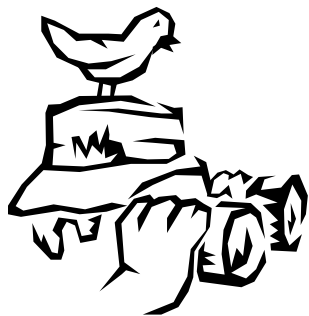
*“In detachment, the spirit finds quiet and repose for coveting nothing. Nothing wearies it by elation, and nothing oppresses it by dejection, because it stands in the center of its own humility.”*

**COLLECTIONS**

Last Week’s Collection.....\$10,753.30  
 Last Week’s Children’s Collection.....\$9.22

**Office of Catechetical Services-May 9th**

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



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

# LOOKING AHEAD

## WEEK OF MAY 3RD

### MONDAY-MAY 3rd

6:30-7:30pm PSR (S)  
 7:00pm PTU Meeting (S)  
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)

### TUESDAY-MAY 4th

7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)  
 7:00-8:30pm Boy Scout Meeting  
 7:00pm presentation of "The Ultimate Gift" movie and popcorn (MR3)

### WEDNESDAY-MAY 5th

3:00-4:00pm Children's Choir Practice (C)  
 6:00-7:30pm Girl Scout Meeting (MR1)  
 7:30pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)

### THURSDAY-MAY 6th

6:45pm Bingo Team #3 (G)  
 7:30pm Liturgy Meeting (MR1)

### FRIDAY-MAY 7th

### SATURDAY-MAY 8th

7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group (S)  
 6:45pm Bingo Team A (G)

### SUNDAY-MAY 9th

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)

## WEEK OF MAY 10TH

### MONDAY-MAY 10th

6:30pm PSR Teacher's Party (S)  
 7:30pm School Development Meeting (S)  
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)

### TUESDAY-MAY 11th

7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)  
 7:00-8:30pm Boy Scout Meeting  
 7:00pm "Spiritual Help to Cope with Life Trauma" (MR3)

### WEDNESDAY-MAY 12th

3:00-4:00pm Children's Choir Practice (C)  
 7:00pm Women's Group Meeting (MR2)  
 7:00pm Social Justice Meeting (S)  
 7:30pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)

### THURSDAY-MAY 13th

6:45pm Bingo Team #4 (G)

### FRIDAY-MAY 14th

1:00pm May Crowning-SFS

### SATURDAY-MAY 15th

### SUNDAY-MAY 16th

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)

