

FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK



He is Risen! Alleluia!

These are words that should speak so very loudly to us, the community of St. John of the Cross. 2000 years ago, there were those who might have wondered if the promises of Jesus would come true. There were those who had wondered if they would ever feel joy in His presence again. The events of Good Friday left them tired, sad, and in many ways broken...their Savior was dead. But once again, Jesus was true to His word, and rose from the dead to bring new life to the world.

This past year has brought many changes to the people in our new parish of St. John of the Cross. There are those who have, in some ways, experienced their own Good Friday. However, as we celebrate Easter today, we realize that we cannot remain in a Good Friday mindset. We are called to be an Easter, a resurrection people.

There are signs of new beginnings everywhere. I truly believe that hurts are beginning to heal and any losses that have been experienced are beginning to be overshadowed by the joy of a vibrant, faith-filled community, much in the same way that the sadness of the crucifixion gave way to the joy of the resurrection. We have, in many ways experienced small and not so small "deaths" that have given way to new life in a new community of believers. The darkness of Good Friday is giving way to the brightness of Easter.

So, today we celebrate the resurrection with, perhaps, a new appreciation for the Paschal Mystery...the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. 2000 years ago, there were those who had to "let go" of all that they had known of Jesus for 3 days as he lay in a tomb. They were mourning and grieving the loss of all that Jesus had been to them. But when they trusted and had faith in God, resurrection dawned.

As we move forward, may we be a people of resurrection, letting go of all that keeps us from experiencing the joy that can be ours...the joy that Christ wishes to share with us. As Mother Theresa once said, "Never let anything so fill you with sorrow, that you forget the joy of Christ Risen." May we never forget that joy, or that fact that we are to share that joy with others...may we stand firm in faith, hope, and love, not only on Easter, but every day of our lives.

Today we celebrate with those who are regularly attending members, those who do not attend Mass frequently, and those who are visiting. To all of you, I hope that you call St. John of the Cross "home" and that you always feel the welcoming embrace of the Risen Jesus in this place. If I can ever be of assistance to any one of you, please never hesitate to contact me.

May the peace of the Risen Christ dwell within each of you.

Blessed Easter.....Fr. Sal





**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**

FR. MEHOK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY: will continue on Monday evenings at 7:30pm in the School Library beginning April 12th. The subject is "The Gospel of Matthew.

BAPTISM CLASS: Parents planning to have their children baptized are invited to a baptism class on Monday April 26th at 7pm. We will talk about the significance of this sacrament and reflect on how we share the gift of faith with our children. First time parents must attend this class prior to your child/children being baptized. If you should have questions you can call Lisa Radey at the parish office 216.289.0770.

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

We all know what to expect of Easter: lots of lilies around the altar, our "Alleluia" joyfully sung over and over, perhaps a tasty ham dinner later in the day, topped off by some chocolates from the Easter basket. But all of this began, as we hear in today's Gospel, with the "unexpected" when Mary Magdalene found the tomb empty. Indeed, Peter's speech from Acts in the first reading could insert the phrase "you might have expected" at a number of points . . . that Jesus would baptize John, not the other way around . . . that his healing and exorcising ministry would win him acclaim, not death . . . that his resurrection would place him in another dimension, not back at table with his followers. On a day like Easter, a day filled with traditions, customs, and expectations, we are called more than ever to keep looking for God's will in unexpected places, people, and events. In this way we can continue to give witness, like Mary Magdalene and Peter, that Christ is truly risen from dead, and continues to live among us.

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH
BEREAVEMENT CORNER
EASTER**

- *Take a walk in the park and breathe in the freshness of Spring. Realize that just as Spring comes every year, your grief too will ease.*
- *Place an Easter lily beside your bed. Seeing a fresh bloom the first thing on Easter morning will remind you of the hope we have in the Resurrection.*

**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, Gerald Scarniench, Norma Sedar, Henry Sepko, Tony Stepec, Edward Slavkovsky, Milton Taisey, John Tarmann, Alberta Ulrich, Richard Warman, Nicholas Zanella, and Jackie Zupan

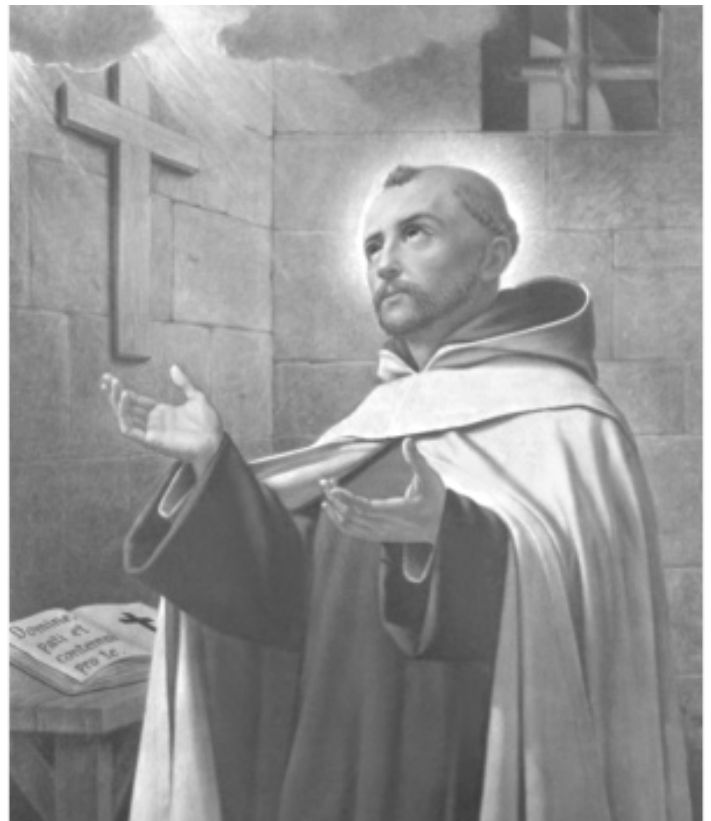
Please notify the Parish Office when a name can be removed from this list.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118;
 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13,
 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	Monday in the Octave of Easter	Apr. 5
7:00 p.m.	Minka Kmetich	
TUESDAY	Tuesday in the Octave of Easter	Apr. 6
8:15 a.m.	Mary Krnetz	
WEDNESDAY	Wednesday in the Octave of Easter	Apr. 7
THURSDAY	Thursday in the Octave of Easter	Apr. 8
7:00 p.m.	Franc & Ivana Hiti	
FRIDAY	Friday in the Octave of Easter	Apr. 9
8:15 a.m.	Bob Rossoll	
SATURDAY	Saturday in the Octave Of Easter	Apr. 10
4:00 p.m.	Robert Grossman	
SUNDAY	Second Sunday of Easter	Apr. 11
8:00 a.m.	Helen Suhy	
10:00 a.m.	Rose Markovic	
12:00 p.m.	Martin & Mary Kozar	



St. John of the Cross—Pray for Us

MINISTERS SCHEDULE:
 The new liturgical minister schedule was sent out via email. Hard copies are available in the kiosk. Please be sure to pick one up. Thank you for your commitment to our parish family.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Apr. 7..M. Van Gorder
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Apr. 11.....Legion of Mary

COUNTERS

Counters for Sunday Apr. 11....."B" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —APRIL 10-11, 2010						
MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Timothy	A. Barteld A. Molle	P. Mayer	L. McVoy	C. Barni, J. Barni, K. Brown, L. Colo, L. Kucharski, M. Malta, J. Melvin, B. Pophal	J. Melvin J. Melvin
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Sal	C. Fornal S. Glavic	W. Nalepka	R. Smith	W. Burnett, S. Calderone, B. Dennis, C. Gricar, M. Gricar, P. Mastrangelo, P. Reilly, M. Tracy	J. Gricar A. Gricar
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Sal	A. Linek C. Nych	T. Bluntzer	R. Somich	L. Cooke, D. DiMare, L. Drasler, E. Dulaney, E. Edelman, D. Hocevar G. Marn, J. Miozzi	J. Dulaney A. Hocevar
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Timothy	K. McMahon L. Williams	W. Knox	T. Wetzel	J. Berquist, J. Bretz, M. Dodd, J. Konchan, J. Martin, M. Proctor, J. Radachy, J. Solpa	J. Bozak P. Bozak

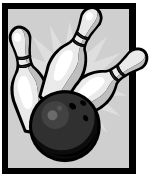
NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

THE FRIENDSHIP 50+ CLUB CASINO TRIP

(formerly St. Paul's Plus 50 Club): Monday, April 26th, to Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca, New York. The cost is \$29.00 with casino incentive of \$20.00 slot dollars and \$5.00 food (subject to change/cancellation). Call Betty Slavkovsky at 216 486-7712 for reservations/additional information.

ST. FELICITAS BOOSTERS ANNUAL FLOWER

SALE: Order forms can be located on the parish web site under CYO page. Order forms can be dropped off at the school or parish office by April 14th. Pick-up date is Saturday May 8 from 10am-12:30pm. Checks can be made payable St. John of Cross Boosters. Proceeds to help the Athletic Program for the Students of St. Felicitas School.



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Join Youth Ministry on Tuesday, April 6th for \$5 bowling! For just \$5, our group will get two games of bowling AND a free shoe rental! What a deal! Tell your friends and meet us at 6:30 P.M. at Wickliffe Lanes. To RSVP, please email Nick Somich at nsomich@hotmail.com.

BENEFIT RAFFLE: St. John of the Cross will be raffling a \$500.00 gift certificate to B & B Appliance. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 and are available in the Gathering Area on the counter or at the Parish Office. Drawing will be held on Saturday, April 17th at the "Nite at the Races".

FIRST COMMUNION: The parish has selected Prelude Photography as the exclusive photographer of the first communion group photograph. In addition, Prelude will offer individual one-pose sessions immediately after the group photo. Parents see your order form for details. If you desire a more comprehensive multiple-pose package for your son or daughter, please call Prelude Photography at (440) 266-1677 for more information and scheduling. Thank you.



NIGHT AT THE RACES: After the weekend Masses you can purchase your admission ticket for \$15.00, buy horses for \$15.00 each, or sign up to volunteer. You can also turn in ads for the program. Come Saturday, April 17th and enjoy all the thrills and excitement of being at the track, with plenty of food and beverages too!

CHURCH DIRECTORY: The first directory of Saint John of the Cross is finally here! You may pick up your directory after all Masses this weekend. Every household who had their picture taken for the directory will receive 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. Directories will also be available at the Parish Office during normal business hours. The office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Thank you for your support.

RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to Laura McGuire of Willowick, our winner of the **Week #26 PTU Weekly Raffle**. The Peter Family of Kirtland was the seller winner.



COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Collection will be posted in next week's bulletin.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

XLT at CENTER FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

The Vocation Office invites all young adults, teens, and the young at heart to an evening of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration with song and praise! Join others on Wednesday, Apr. 7th at 7:00pm and listen to a powerful witness followed by prayer with our Eucharistic Lord. The evening will conclude with pizza and refreshments. The evening will take place in Sacred Heart Chapel, located on the campus of the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave. in Wickliffe. Please call Fr. Gurnick or Edie Gauvin for more details at 440-943-7631.

GRIEVING WORKSHOP: St. Paschal Baylon Parish, 5384 Wilson Mills Rd. in Highland Heights will conduct a six-week workshop on grief, beginning on Wednesday, April 14th. The workshop will be held for six consecutive weeks, on Wednesday, in the Rectory parlor, from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Please contact the Rectory at 440-442-3410, for any additional information. The workshop is FREE and open to anyone who has suffered the loss of a significant person in their life.



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.

ST. NOEL BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: *Offering the embrace of Christ to those who grieve.* St. Noel is offering a six week series on Thursday evenings, beginning April 8th, from 7:00-8:30pm. Sessions will be held in the Nativity Room. Call to register for the series by Tuesday, April 6th, at 440-946-0887.

BORROMEIO SEMINARY GOLF OUTING will take place on Monday, May 17th at Little Mountain Country Club in Concord Twp. Proceeds go toward scholarship support for students at Borromeo Seminary. Please contact the Seminary Vocation Office for registration information: 440-943-7631 or egauvin@dioceseofcleveland.org or view and print the brochure at www.clevelandcatholicpriesthood.com

RAISING THE TIDE: The Coalition with Young Adults (C-YA) will host a one day symposium, *Raising the Tide*, to discover how the Church within the diocese of Cleveland can best harness the strength of collaboration to meet emerging needs of Catholics in their 20's and 30's (married, single, with/without children) in our diocese. The symposium is geared for all Catholics aged 18-40 across the diocese, who are willing to share their ideas, knowledge, experiences, and faith with various Catholic leaders. For more information or to register online visit www.clevelandcyo.org



ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS QUOTE

"The gate that gives entry into these riches of his wisdom is the cross; because it is a narrow gate, while many seek the joys that can be gained through it, it is given to few to desire to pass through it."



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 APRIL 5TH

MONDAY-APRIL 5th

TUESDAY-APRIL 6th

7:00-8:30pm Boy Scouts Meeting
 7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

WEDNESDAY-APRIL 7th

6:00-7:30pm Girl Scouts Meeting (MR1)
 7:30pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)

THURSDAY-APRIL 8th

6:45pm Bingo Team #3 (G)
 7:30pm Liturgy Meeting (MR2)
 7:30pm Adult Formation (MR1)

FRIDAY-APRIL 9th

SATURDAY-APRIL 10th

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

SUNDAY-APRIL 11th

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

WEEK OF APRIL 12TH

MONDAY-APRIL 12th

SFS-Classes Resume
 6:30-7:30pm PSR (S)
 7:00pm School Townhall Meeting (G)
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)

TUESDAY-APRIL 13th

7:00-8:30pm Boy Scouts Meeting
 7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

WEDNESDAY-APRIL 14th

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

THURSDAY-APRIL 15th

6:30pm Bereavement Meeting (MR2)
 6:45pm Bingo Team #4 (G)
 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting (MR1)

FRIDAY-APRIL 16th

SATURDAY-APRIL 17th

5:00pm Nite at the Races (G)

SUNDAY-APRIL 18th

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