



## FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

All that anyone has to do is to walk into our worship space to see that things are not the same. Looking at our sanctuary one cannot help but realize that this is a new day and a new parish, ever changing and being formed by our God through each one of us. There is no doubt that traditions and sacred goods of two parishes have become one. The physical structure of our building speaks so very loudly to all of this, and while this is important, let us not forget that this is only one piece of the story.

WE are the other piece of the story. While our space has changed to outwardly reflect community, oneness, and newness of purpose, I think that we all have to ask ourselves if WE reflect those same things by supporting and encouraging one another, by reaching out to those who are less fortunate, by doing all that we can in this community to truly follow Christ.

I recently came across a pamphlet from Our Sunday Visitor entitled, "*Six Ways I can Make My Parish Better.*" In it they also listed four things that do **not** make parishes better, but that hurt parishes. In a spirit of doing what is good and holy for the benefit of our parish and God's Kingdom, I think that they are worth noting.

**Negativity.** Negativity usually starts with being disgruntled about something. I have come to believe that this is nothing less than spiritual warfare. Satan would like nothing more than for us to be negative, and to dwell on the negative and to allow our negative thoughts and feelings to translate into negative actions such as ignoring others, talking badly about others or treating each other without respect. Why? Because when we do, we have little time or energy to love and we do not witness to love which is exactly what Christ would have us do. Every time we allow ourselves to be controlled by negativity, we do not allow God to work in a situation and we give Satan power over us. St. Paul deals directly with this when in 2 Corinthians he says, "...cast down every wrong imagination and take into captivity every wrong word" (2 Cor. 10:5). Paul encourages us to dwell on the positive in every situation thereby acknowledging Christ and to let only that which is positive and helpful to be uttered from our lips.

**Gossip.** We all know that gossip and rumors can not only hurt a parish, but an individual as well, and that, as the Body of Christ, we are called to lift each other up, not tear each other down. Rumors abound, and, of the rumors that I hear (and believe me, I hear MANY) the vast majority of them are not true and are nothing less than destructive. In the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians 4:29-32: "No foul language should come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for needed edification, that it may impart grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. (And) be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ." And again in 1 Cor. 1:10 "I urge you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose." We should all be focused on encouraging one another, helping one another to be holier people. The end result of gossip can never be holy, and is holiness not what we should all strive for? We should all be about the same purpose, namely, making God's reign visible in this place.

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Cliques. As we continue to form our new community, we must ask ourselves if we only associate with those that we have known for a long time, or are we meeting new people, inviting new people into our lives, and beginning a journey of faith with those that we do not know. St. Paul reminds us of our need to see every person as a brother and sister when he says in 1 Cor. 12, "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If (one) part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy." We cannot say to anyone in this community by our words, our attitudes, or our actions, that we have no need of them. Each of us is precious in God's sight and precious in this community.

Refusal to Change. There has indeed been much change in our Church over the last several months. This change has not been easy on many people, but if life teaches us anything, it is that we are constantly faced with change. Our Church is not immune to the pressures, conflicts and troubles of this world, and must change and adapt to the circumstances surrounding it, or it will never survive. Change will come. It is inevitable and oftentimes outside of our control. What we can control is how we react to change. For some, change brings fear. For others, change is an exciting dimension of life. Realizing that each person reacts differently, we must work together to ease any burden of change and find God's will in every situation. God has promised us that He will remain with us through every change and that through change all things are made new through Him. We need not AGREE with every change, but, again, acknowledge it as part of life and seek the wisdom of God within each change.


As the community of St. John of the Cross, let us do our best each day to stay away from negativity, and focus on the positive in ourselves and in others, let us make sure that we refuse to gossip and that we lovingly put an end to any gossip that we may hear, let us do our best to invite others into our lives and reach out to those that we do not know, and let us allow ourselves to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit in our Church and in our parish. Why? All for the good of our Church, the good of St. John of the Cross parish, and most importantly, because it is what Christ himself commands us to do and what will help us to build a community beyond our wildest imagination.

Peace.....Fr. Sal



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Chuck Pophal	<b>Apr. 19</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:15 a.m.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Maria & Lucio Faraci	<b>Apr. 20</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Apr. 21</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Victor Kmetich	<b>Apr. 22</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:15 a.m.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Proctor Family	<b>Apr. 23</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Andrew Carson	<b>Apr. 24</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Josephine Faraci Karen Brozovic Ray & Jo Swetlin	<b>Apr. 25</b>

**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.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Apr. 21.....C.Hainrihar  
Grande Pointe-Sun. Apr. 25.....Legion of Mary

**COUNTERS**

Counters for Monday Apr. 26 .....”C” Team



Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69  
 Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —APRIL 24-25, 2010						
MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Timothy	A. Barteld C. Knox	T. Isabella	W. Nalepka	J. Borkey, J. Borkey, T. Brokamp, T. Burrello, J. Chounet, W. Knox, S. Lonchar, K. Sullivan	T. Capek N. Cavotta
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Mehok	C. Kinkopf R. Tepley	K. McVoy	L. Miller	W. Burnett, S. Calderone, L. Cooke, B. Dennis, C. Hainrihar, R. Smith, P. Mastrangelo, M. Tracy	A. Gricar C. Gricar
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Sal	M. Singer V. Whitmore	G. Marn	R. Somich	T. Davisson, F. Holtcamp, L. Yama J. Perme, J. Kovelan, M. Luboski, R. O'Donnell, E. Perko-Drake	J. Bozak P. Bozak
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Timothy	J. Berquist L. Williams	T. Gorenssek	J. Johnson	J. Konchan, J. Martin, M. Proctor, J. Radachy, J. Solpa, T. Wetzel, S. Thomas-Greaves, D. Thomas-Greaves	M. Abate C. Chambers

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

**INTERFAITH NETWORK HOSPITALITY:** This past week of April 11th The St. John of the Cross Interfaith Hospitality Network team assisted the Euclid Lutheran Church Interfaith Hospitality Network team at the Lutheran Church. Please keep the family of Shalonda, son Da'Sean(6 yrs old) and daughter Sariah(1½ yrs old), the family of Rachelle, sons Ja'cear(3 yrs old) and Anthony(9 months), the family of Ashley, daughters Miracle (5 yrs old) Za'Miya(3 yrs old) and Da'Mierah(1 yr old), the family of Tiffany, sons Tayvion(12 yrs old) and MiSean(10 months old), and the family of Falana (8 months pregnant) and daughter Lonna(6 yrs old) and son Andre(3 ½ yrs old) in your prayers that they receive housing soon. The St. John of the Cross IHN team will be hosting families who are homeless here at St. John of the Cross parish the week of June 13th. For more information call Andrea Dean, 440-944-1157.

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

**LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA:** Four new titles for CDs have arrived. Saint John of the Cross Parish now has The Eucharist by Jesse Romero, Blessed Pier Giorgio by Tim Decter, True Devotion to Mary by Father Lance W. Harlow, and For Love and Marriage by Jonnette Benkovic. My recommendation for this month is The Seven Pillars of the Catholic Church by Matthew Kelley. Mr. Kelley discusses the seven pillars of confession, contemplation, the Mass, the Bible, discipline, spiritual reading, and the rosary. While listening to this CD, it occurred to me that so many of us have busy lives and probably don't spend a lot of time just sitting and reading. These CDs are the perfect answer to spiritual reading. I usually listen while driving. Dave Rojeck, our Lighthouse representative tells me that he listens while exercising. Thank you as always for remembering to put \$3.00 in the money box for each CD taken. I hope those of you who took advantage of the special Lenten program are enjoying the CDs.

**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.

**NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS****Good Friday Rosary for Life at Richmond Heights Medical Center a Huge Success!**

On Good Friday, about 215 people gathered outside of Richmond Heights Medical Center to pray a rosary for life and to make a statement regarding their position with respect to abortions. What a wonderful testimony it was to the community that we are not willing to remain quiet when it comes to the Gospel message of Jesus, a message of life and love. We truly made a difference in that the administration of the hospital sent a memo to all of its employees regarding their abortion policy and I have been contacted by the office of the President of the hospital (Laurie Delgado) to meet on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss what is currently happening at the hospital and what will happen in the future. I will be sure to share with each of you the information that I receive at that meeting. Let us continue to pray that all might respect the sanctity of life and commit to speaking the Word boldly! Peace, Fr. Sal

**Do you love to crochet, sew, knit, quilt? Then this ministry is for you!**

Introducing the Saint John of the Cross Shawl Ministry combining the love of crafting with reaching out to those in need. We will identify those in need of comfort and solace (eg. One who is undergoing medical procedures or tests, one who is mourning, one who is going through a difficult time) and the maker of the shawl will begin to create the shawl with prayers for the recipient, and continue to pray for that person as they craft this expression of love. The shawl will then be blessed and given away so that the recipient might be reminded of the loving embrace of God, especially during a difficult time. In the words of Janet Bristow, who began this ministry, "(Shawls) wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace...shelter. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles." If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Lisa Radey at 216-289-0770. There will be an informational meeting sometime in the near future once we have enough people to begin this ministry.

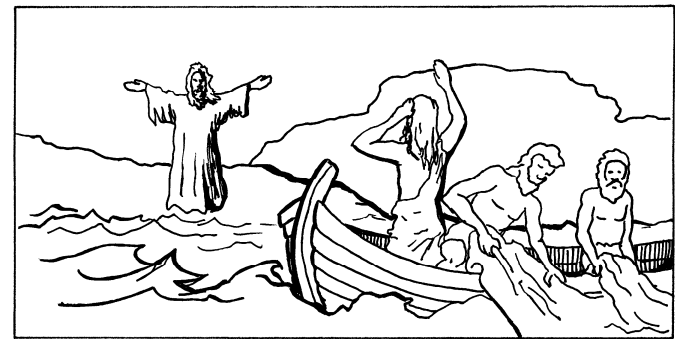
**BOCCE SIGN-UP:** With Spring here-summer and Bocce will soon follow. For the next two weeks we will have Bocce Sign-up for the Men's (Monday nights), Women's (Wednesday nights) and Couples' (Friday nights) Leagues. Sign-up forms are in the gathering area. Hope to see YOU on the courts!

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


**EUCLID HUNGER CENTER:** St. John of the Cross weekly collection for the Euclid Hunger Center. Please consider donating: peanut butter and jelly, pasta and pasta sauce, tuna, cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, soups, stews, fruit juice, rice, macaroni and cheese, and toilet paper. Thank you!

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS QUOTE**

*“For this reason the apostle Paul said of Christ, “In him are hidden all the treasures of the wisdom and knowledge of God.” The soul cannot enter into these treasures, nor attain them, unless it first crosses into and enters the thicket of suffering, enduring interior and exterior labors, and unless it first receives from God very many blessings in the intellect and in the senses, and has undergone long spiritual training.”*



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**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.

**COLLECTIONS**

Last Week’s Collection.....\$12,599.00  
 Last Week’s Children’s Collection.....\$13.50

**Thank 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.

**MASS FOR NEWLY RECEIVED CATHOLICS  
 at the CATHEDRAL OF  
 ST. JOHN the EVANGELIST**

Bishop Richard G. Lennon will celebrate a special Mass for those who have gone through the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, since last Easter. This Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, April 18th at 2:30 p.m.

**THE FEST 2010: Real Music and the Rock Hall...All for Free!**

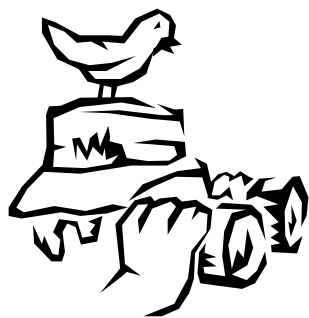
Join us on Sunday, April 25th as The FEST hosts the 6th annual Real Music: Battle of the Bands competition at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. The concert, starting at 6:30pm, features five incredible local Christian artists, as well as a guest performance by nationally acclaimed artist Meredith Andrew ([www.meredithandrews.com](http://www.meredithandrews.com)) The Real Music winning band will go on to play in front of a 30,000+ crowd at The FEST on Sunday, August 8th, 2010. Invite your friends and family to come enjoy a great night of music, fellowship, and fun, which includes all of the Rock Hall exhibits, for FREE! Log on to [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us) and click on ‘Real Music’ to request your FREE tickets. You may also request tickets by sending an email to [tickets@thefest.us](mailto:tickets@thefest.us) or by calling our office at 440-943-7662.

**ST. EDWARD’S OPEN HOUSE:** St. Edward High School will have a Spring Open House on Sunday, April 25th from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Pre-register at [www.sehs.net/openhouse](http://www.sehs.net/openhouse). St. Edward High School is located at 13500 Detroit Ave., Lakewood.

**RAFFLE WINNER**



**Congratulations** to Mary Ellen Shepard of Euclid, our winner of the **Week #28 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Eva Shepard of Euclid was the seller winner.



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 19TH

### MONDAY-APRIL 19th

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

### TUESDAY-APRIL 20th

7:00pm Kindergarten Parent Info Meeting  
 7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)  
 7:00-8:30pm Boy Scout Meeting

### WEDNESDAY-APRIL 21st

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

### THURSDAY-APRIL 22nd

6:45pm Bingo Team #1 (G)  
 7:30pm Arts & Environment Meeting (C)

### FRIDAY-APRIL 23rd

### SATURDAY-APRIL 24th

7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group (S)  
 8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up (G)  
 9:30-1:30pm Jesus Day (S)  
 10:00am-12:00pm Gr. 8 PSR (S)  
 6:45pm Bingo Team B (G)

### SUNDAY-APRIL 25th

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

## WEEK OF APRIL 26TH

### MONDAY-APRIL 26th

6:30-7:30pm PSR (S)  
 7:00pm Baptism Class (MR1)  
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)

### TUESDAY-APRIL 27th

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

### WEDNESDAY-APRIL 28th

SFS-1:30pm Dismissal  
 7:00pm Women's Group Meeting (MR2)  
 7:30pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)

### THURSDAY-APRIL 29th

6:45pm Bingo Team #2 (G)

### FRIDAY-APRIL 30th

### SATURDAY-MAY 1st

11:00am First Holy Communion (C)

### SUNDAY-MAY 2nd

8:30am-1:30pm Bloodmobile  
 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)

