



FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

How truly blessed we are, the community of Saint John of the Cross! A sincere thank you to all who worked so hard to make our Ministry Fair such a success and to all who have signed up to be involved in one or more of the wonderful ministries that our parish offers. We had an overwhelming response to God's invitation to use our gifts and talents in service to Him and His people. Many people said "yes" to the call of God to serve on that weekend alone! This "yes" to God's call will allow this parish community to continue to do the wonderful things that it has been doing as well as to begin to consider new ways that we all can bring forth the Kingdom of God in our midst. What an amazing sign of God's love!

I would like to take this opportunity to draw to your attention one particular ministry here at St. John of the Cross, namely, Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Since this council will be very active in our parish and require a great deal of input from you, our parishioners, I feel that it is important that you know who they are, how they were chosen, and what their role will be here at St. John of the Cross.

First, the members of PPC. We are blessed to have the following individuals serving on the Council: Rich Bozak, Kathy Brown, Celeste Goodin, Linda McVoy, Mike Melfi, Don Wagner, and Paul Zaepfel. In addition to these members, our pastoral staff serves as well. Each of these parishioners was chosen by me based on their involvement in the merger of St. Felicitas and St. Paul. Each of them served in some capacity on one of the Merger Transition Team committees and, therefore, was intimately involved in the work of the merger. I felt that this put them in a great position to be able to use the knowledge of where we have been to shape the vision of where we want to go. They are a truly dedicated group of parishioners who have already begun to work hard to set a direction for our parish.

What is their role? The role of the PPC will be to, first and foremost, identify the needs of our parish, to plan for the future of St. John of the Cross, and to uphold our mission in doing so. This will be done through a process of dialogue with you, our parishioners. **Yes, we need you!** Over the course of the next several months, PPC will be meeting to chart a course for how we are going to create a mission statement for our parish, discern how we can best live out that mission through our worship and the ministries that we offer, create goals for our parish, and continuously review the life of the parish to be sure that we are meeting our goals. In short, this is termed Pastoral Planning. So, the work of the Council at this time is to consider ways that we can create an identity for our parish as well as to create a wonderful future.

None of this can or will be done without your input. The work of the Council at this time is to form ourselves for the work that is ahead of us through discussion and prayer, and then to solicit your input for the work ahead. We plan to offer various forums through which you will be able to offer your insights, make your views known, and tell us what your dreams are for our parish. One of the most important aspects of Pastoral Planning is the active participation of parishioners and we will be counting on all of you to help us to shape the future of this wonderfully blessed parish of ours. We truly need you to be a part of this process and look forward to your participation.

Because this process is so important, and because it is pivotal to our success that you not only know who we are, but what we are doing, beginning this weekend, there will be a Parish Pastoral Council display up in our Gathering Area. The display will not only "introduce you" to our members and update you on the progress of the Council, but also make you aware of upcoming opportunities for you to share your insights. In addition to this, there will always be parishioner input forms available to you. These forms will be discussed at each of our meetings and responded to by one of our PPC members.

Again, we need for **EACH OF YOU** to be a part of this important process and involved in ministry here at St. John of the Cross. This is an exciting time in our parish and the future is ours to create. Let us create together, all in the name of God and in service to Him.



**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.

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



Daniel Carter, Charlotte Farinacci,
George Halgash, Andrew Jarm,
Donald Justus, Cindy Kinley, Ruth Lamm, Dottie
Maher, 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, and Jackie Zupan

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

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH
DEVELOPMENT**

"HEAR YE, HEAR YE," All men of St. John of the Cross Parish...Jesus is calling you. "Answer The Call"—Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference—is Saturday, March 20th, 9:00am to 5:00pm at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron. There will be inspirational talks by Ralph Martin, Father Larry Richards, Msgr. Siffron, and our own Ray Somich is Master of Ceremonies. There will be donuts and coffee to start the day, a box lunch, time for prayer, confessions, and a closing Mass. This is a wonderful way to tweak your spiritual life and answer Your Call during Lent. Cost is \$20.00 as part of a group rate. We will carpool. Please call Rich Volk at 216-383-6525, Mike Freas at 216-481-9163, or Steve Dreyer at 440-944-8311. Registration with one of the above is required by March 14. Don't wait. Cars are filling up fast and Jesus wants you to be with us.

**How should the RCIA process encourage all
Catholics to enter into Lent more deeply?**

The Church, in the RCIA process, calls this proximate time immediately preceding initiation the period of "Purification and Enlightenment" for those in the RCIA process. That is what Lent is meant to be for all of us, who are already receiving the graces poured out through the sacraments of the Church. The Church calls us to reflect on our own baptismal graces, through prayer, penance, and almsgiving. We are also called to pray for those who are approaching the Easter sacraments of initiation. We are called to examine our lives through increased prayer and penitential practice; identify sins that keep us from becoming holy; purify ourselves through the sacrament of Reconciliation; and express our gratitude to God through the love of the poor by giving from our material and spiritual bounty. Throughout Lent we enter into the Passion of Jesus Christ. We turn our hearts and minds in prayer to our own Way of the Cross, we call our own wounds by name, and we give them to the Divine Healer. When we behold the empty tomb at Easter we can be filled with joy, believing with complete certainty that those chains that bind us have been broken, and that life, not death is our birthright.


**Today in a special way we pray for our
Candidates Danielle and Lynette as they
experience the Penitential Rite at the 10am
Liturgy, that will prepare them for the healing
Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

THE LENTEN CROSS

On the Second Sunday of Lent the cross beam is put into place. This is the part of the cross that a prisoner would carry to the place of his execution. It would have been placed across his back and neck, and his spread out arms would have been tied to the beam.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Weekday Julie Ann Justus	Mar. 1
TUESDAY 8:15 a.m.	Lenten Weekday Bill Guhde Sr.	Mar. 2
WEDNESDAY	Lenten Weekday	Mar. 3
THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Weekday Jim Proctor	Mar. 4
FRIDAY 8:15 a.m.	Lenten Weekday Don Pinto	Mar. 5
SATURDAY 4:00 p.m.	Lenten Weekday Robert Grossman	Mar. 6
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Third Sunday of Lent Rita Dinardo Linda Rossino Jon & Hromco Families	Mar. 7




Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;
 Mt 21:33-43,45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103;
 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
 Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a,
 40-42]

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS QUOTE

“Love is the soul’s inclination, strength, and power in making its way to God, for love unites it with God. The more degrees of love it has, the more deeply it enters into God and centers itself in Him.”



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Mar.3.....Chris H.
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Mar. 7.....Audrey & William

COUNTERS

Counters for Monday Mar. 8”C” Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —MAR. 6-7, 2010

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Sal	D. Mallett S. Lonchar	W. Knox	K. McVoy	C. Barni, T. Brokamp, T. Burrello, M. Malta, G. Marn, T. Melfi, J. Melvin, K. Sullivan	D. Davis C. Knox
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Timothy	S. Glavic R. Tepley	D. Drasler	C. Hainrihar	W. Burnett, M. Cinalli, R. Eppich, P. Mastrangelo, T. Ogrinc, P. Reilly, J. Volk, R. Volk	C. Gricar L. Rosace
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Sal	G. Kasulones V. Kostelec	T. Bluntzer	E. Edelman	J. Chounet, L. Cooke, T. Davisson, D. Hocevar, F. Holtcamp, M. Tracy, A. Znidarsic, M. Znidarsic	S. Caruso- Taylor A. Hocevar
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Timothy	K. McMahon D. Thomas- Greaves	T. Gorenssek	T. Wetzel	J. Bretz, R. Jezeski, S. Johnson, J. Konchan, J. Radachy, D. Rymer, J. Vajda, K. Wetzel	J. Bozak C. Chambers

NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR HIRED...

I am pleased to announce that we have hired a new Director of Music Ministries for our parish. Jodie Ricci, of Bainbridge, will be joining our staff on March 1st. I am sure that it will not take anyone very long to see how her love of the Lord reveals itself through her music and the ministry that she is a part of. We are truly blessed that God sent Jodie to us and look forward to welcoming her to our staff and to St. John of the Cross. Until then, let us keep Jodie and our entire Music Ministry in our prayers.....Fr. Sal

MALLEY'S CHOCOLATES: Malley's candies are again available for Easter gift-giving through the St. Felicitas Boosters. You may take advantage of pick-up at our school or direct shipment to you if order via the Internet. Brochures will be available at all Masses. Completed order forms may be dropped off with payment at the school office or parish office by Monday, March 6th. Internet orders will be taken by Malley's through March 29th. If you have any questions, please call Lynn at 440-478-3633.

It's Girl Scout cookie time again! Has it been too long since you've had a Thin Mint, Samoa, or Tagalong? Girl Scouts will be selling cookies in the gathering area after all Masses for the next few weeks. Prices are still \$3.50 per box, and there are 8 different types. Stock up, and remember that cookies are great in Easter baskets and they freeze well. Thank you!

RAFFLE WINNER: The winner of the Feb. 14th \$500.00 B & B Appliance gift card was Geraldine Varhol of Euclid. Congratulations Gerry! The next \$500.00 gift card drawing will be at the Night of the Races on April 17th.

COLLECTION FOR EUCLID HUNGER CENTER: The Social Justice Committee is now collecting the following for the Euclid Hunger Center: Peanut butter and jelly, pasta and pasta sauce, tuna, cereal, canned fruit & vegetables, soup & stews, fruit juice, rice, macaroni and cheese, and toilet paper. Please leave your donations in the blue bins just inside the doors of the church. If you have any questions about donating please feel free to call Kimberly Dressel at 216-849-3167. Thank you!

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHS: There are still some families who have not picked up their photographs. You may pick up your photographs 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.

DVD PICK UP REMINDER: If you ordered a DVD Memoir of St. Felicitas, be sure to stop in the Parish Office to pick it up. Thank you.

BABY BOTTLE RETURNS: If you still have any Womankind Collection baby bottles, please return them to the parish office. Womankind does reuse the bottles. Thank you.

CAREER DAY, 2010

Do you have an interesting job or know someone who does? ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL NEEDS YOU! We are planning a Career Day for our students on Friday, April 30th. The presentation sessions will be 30 minutes for students in grades 4-8. There will be morning and afternoon sessions. We would love you to spend the day with us if possible. If you are willing and available to share your experience and expertise, please call the school office at (216) 261-1240 for more information.

ST. FELICITAS PRESCHOOL SESSION 3 TOTS:

St. Felicitas Preschool is offering an eight week program for you and your two or three year old non preschooler. Registration begins Wednesday, March 10th from 8:00am-2:00pm. The cost is \$80.00. Call 216-732-9116 for further information.

5th Annual St. Felicitas PTU Adult Benefit

The 5th Annual Adult Benefit will be held on **Saturday, March 13th** at the **Villa di Borally** from 6:00pm until 12:00am. **Please note the date change.** Come join the fun and support the children of St. Felicitas School. Tickets are \$75.00 per couple and include **2** main board tickets for a chance to win \$1,000.00, a sit down dinner, and open bar. Single tickets are available for \$40.00 and include **1** main board ticket for a chance to win \$1,000.00, a sit down dinner, and open bar. Dance to the music of the Freddie James DJ. Take a chance at the sideboards, silent auction, and raffle baskets too! Ticket forms are available in the Parish Office. Any questions contact Patti Mayer at 216-481-6181.



Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio
Saint John of the Cross
Monday, March 29, 2010
7:00pm—9:00pm
216-289-0770

The St. John of the Cross
Lenten Mission:
Power of Living Faith

What do you say to a person who believes in God but doesn't see the need for "organized religion?" How about to the Catholic who prefers going to a Protestant Church because the preaching and music are so much better? In **Why Be Catholic**, presented by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, NY Times bestselling author, Relevant Radio, EWTN & Fox News Media personality and dynamic speaker, will lead you through his life story and how he went from a **Rock 'n Roller to a Catholic Theologian**.

Then join Dr. D'Ambrosio as he discusses the ways the Lord Jesus is truly present in the Mass with an especially clear and compelling explanation of Christ's real, bodily presence in the Eucharist. Many of the illustrations, drawn from Dr. D'Ambrosio's life and that of his family, make it clear that everyone, no matter how busy, can have a much deeper and more satisfying experience of Christ in the Mass.

Join us at **Saint John of the Cross** beginning at 7:00pm, there will be opportunity for Questions and Answers as well as wonderful fellowship and deepening of your Faith!! Please call today for more information—**216-289-0770**

Make your plans to attend and bring a friend!

LENT 2010 RETREATS & PROGRAMS
JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

LENTEN LUNCHEONS: *Rebuilding the Spiritual Life*; Mar. 8th, and Mar. 22nd., 11:30am-1:30pm. Each luncheon features an opening prayer service followed by lunch and the keynote talk. Cost is \$25.00. For more information call 440-884-9300 or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org

LENTEN WEEKEND RETREATS: Friday 6pm-Sunday 11:00am, \$150., room and board. These weekends provide much-needed time apart with God for rest, reflection, and spiritual renewal. Weekend retreats feature presentations, time for private prayer, liturgy, and spiritual direction. Men's Lenten Retreat-Mar. 5-7, *The Gospel of Luke*, presented by Fr. Carl Bonk, S.J. Women's Lenten Retreat-Mar.19-21, *Carrying the Burden, Finding the Joy*, presented by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C. and Fr. Michael Woost

ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT: Daily readings and reflections; Feb. 8-April 5. Pray from your home or office computer by visiting the JRH website during Lent. Our online retreat, featuring daily readings from Scripture as well as reflections and meditations, may be found at www.jrh-cleveland.org Other prayer resources, including helpful websites and Stations of the Cross, may be found at <http://www.jrh-cleveland.org/prayeraids.html>.

LENTEN CONCERT featuring musicians from Oberlin College and St. Ignatius High School on March 14th. Come hear reflective music performed in the JRH chapel by Marilyn McDonald, professor of violin at Oberlin College. Also playing will be the Ignatius High School liturgical ensemble. The concert takes place from 3:00-5:00pm, free-will offerings accepted.

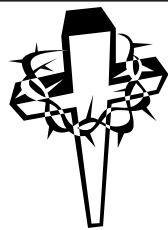
COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....\$10,957.00
 Last Week's Children's Collection.....\$19.85

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

RAFFLE WINNER 

Congratulations to Chris Gudin of Willoughby, our winner of the **Week #21 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Danny Gallagher of Willoughby Hills was the seller winner.



St. John of the Cross March, 2010

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR</p> <p>7:00pm PTU Meeting (S)</p> <p>7:30pm Euclid Cluster Meeting (MR3)</p>	<p>2 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2) 7:00pm Communal Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Lake 7:00pm Confirmation Practice (C)</p>	<p>3 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts Mtg(MR1)</p>	<p>4 6:45pm Bingo Team #3(G)</p> <p>7:30pm Liturgy Meeting (MR1)</p>	<p>5 A day of Abstinence</p> <p>7:00pm Confirmation (C)</p>	<p>6 5:30-8:30pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor</p>
<p>7 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)</p> <p>11:00am-4:00pm Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet</p>	<p>8 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR</p> <p>7:30pm School Dev. Meeting(S)</p>	<p>9 7:00pm Presentation on followed by praying of the Stations of the Cross(C)</p> <p>7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)</p>	<p>10 7:00pm (MR1) Women's Group</p> <p>7:00pm Social Justice Mtg (S)</p>	<p>11 6:45pm Bingo Team #4(G)</p>	<p>12 A day of Abstinence</p>	<p>13 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S)</p> <p>10:00am-12:00pm PSR Grade-8 (S)</p> <p>6:00pm PTU Adult Benefit at Villa di Borally</p> <p>6:45pm Bingo Team A(G)</p>
<p>14 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)</p>	<p>15 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR</p> <p>7:30pm Finance Meeting(MR1)</p>	<p>16 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)</p> <p>7:00pm St. John of the Cross Evening</p>	<p>17 SFS-No School</p>	<p>18 6:45pm Bingo Team #1(G)</p> <p>7:30pm Parish Council Meeting (MR1)</p>	<p>19 A day of Abstinence</p> <p>7:00pm Stations of the Cross (C)</p>	<p>20 8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up (S)</p> <p>1:00-3:00pm (G) Girl Scouts World Friendship Day</p>
<p>21 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)</p> <p>2:00pm Legion of Mary Acies(C) followed by Social in gym</p>	<p>22 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR</p>	<p>23 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2) 7:00pm(MR3) Parents (Gr.2) Meeting 7:00pm Cross of Christ (C)</p>	<p>24 1:30pm SFS-Dismissal</p> <p>7:00pm Boosters Mtg 7:00pm (MR1) Women's Group</p>	<p>25 6:45pm Bingo Team #2(G)</p>	<p>26 A day of Abstinence</p> <p>7:00pm Stations of the Cross (C)</p>	<p>27 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S)</p> <p>6:45pm Bingo Team B(G)</p>
<p>28 Palm Sunday 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)</p>	<p>29 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR 7:00-9:00pm (C) Dr. D'Ambrosio Lenten Mission</p>	<p>30 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)</p>	<p>31</p>			