

*Social
Justice
Committee*

FROM OUR SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Our new Social Justice Committee is committed to evaluating the needs in the Community and beyond. I have been blessed this past year to begin an association with a group of Missionaries dedicated to ministering to the poorest of the poor in Higuey, Dominican Republic. At the request of the Catholic Bishop of Higuey, who identified the need to the Diocese of Cleveland, a group was formed by Father Bob Stec (St. Ambrose, Brunswick), and Father Andy Turner (Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wickliffe) with the goal of bringing Christmas to the poor in Higuey. The result of that initial visit has been a commitment to the Community that has culminated in a seven day Mission trip each June and December. To date, we have dug a well, provided a basic septic system, proved modest housing, established a medical outreach, built a community center, a community chicken coop, a playground, and a school that opened this past September with 220 first thru fourth graders attending. On our most recent trip (December 28, 2009-January 4, 2010) we dug the foundation and assembled the roof trusses for a new Vocational center and permanent medical clinic. The main focus of all of this has been to provide the basic tools for self sufficiency. For more information, you can google "Mission Possible Higuey" and watch the YouTube videos of some of the trips. What better way to practice the seven pillars of Catholic Social Justice Teaching! This Mission Ministry is just one example of what can be accomplished when we make up our minds to do God's good work, and there is plenty of local need as well. To hear more, and to help make St. John of the Cross a parish strong in community service to all of God's people, we welcome you to join us with your ideas in the school library at 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

.....Dale George, Catholic Social Justice committee member



Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading** — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).
- Psalm** — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).
- Second Reading** — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).
- Gospel** — Celebrating at a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply by changing water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).



**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**



Olivia & William Allender, Charlotte Farinacci, Lucy Glavac, Stefanie Hainrihar, George Halgash, Andrew Jarm, Donald Justus, Cindy Kinley, Lucille Kucharski, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Ronald Maxey, Joanne Nale, Fausta Nowosielski, Jim Nolan, Mark O'Bannon, Dorothy Pinto, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Gerald Scarniench, Norma Sedar, Henry Sepko, Tony Stepec, Edward Slavkovsky, Milton Taisey, John Tarmann, Alberta Ulrich, Richard Warman, Catherine Yert, and Jackie Zupan

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**FIRST EVER SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS
MINISTRY FAIR:**

Our Saint John of the Cross Ministry Fair is coming up the Weekend of February 13 and 14, 2010. Please be sure to plan on attending!

"If today, you hear his voice, harden not your heart."

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS: Bishop Lennon will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. John of the Cross on March 5th at 7:00pm. If you have not been Confirmed and would like to be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith, or if you should have questions, please call Lisa Radey in the Parish Office 216-289-0770. There will be two classes you will need to attend, Monday, February 8th and Monday, February 15th, both at 7:00pm.

FR. MEHOK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY: will resume on Monday, January 18th at 7:30pm in the School Library through February 22nd. The subject will be "The Book of Daniel".

SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory. Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus. We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better.

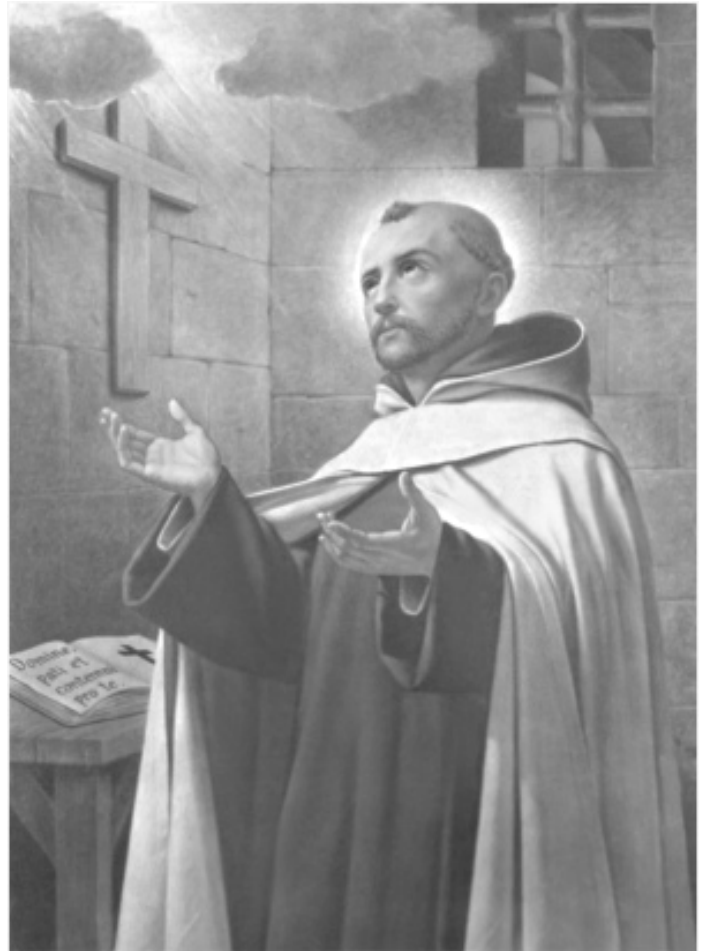
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	Weekday	Jan. 18
7:00 p.m.	Ann Rossi	
TUESDAY	Weekday	Jan. 19
8:15 a.m.	Nicholas & Anna Rash	
WEDNESDAY	Weekday	Jan. 20
THURSDAY	St. Agnes, virgin & martyr	Jan. 21
7:00 p.m.	Genevieve Andrzejczyk	
FRIDAY	Weekday	Jan. 22
8:15 a.m.	Franc & Nezka Svigel	
SATURDAY	Weekday	Jan. 23
4:00 p.m.	Bob Rossoli	
SUNDAY	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jan. 24
8:00 a.m.	John Tepley	
10:00 a.m.	John & Mary Semen	
12:00 p.m.	Martin & Mary Kozar	



COUNTERS

Counters for Mon. Jan. 25....."A" Team

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Jan. 20.....Musarra
Grande Pointe-Sun. Jan. 24.....Matt & Ron

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —JAN. 23-24, 2010						
MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Timothy	M. L. Bertsch D. Mallett	T. Isabella	L. McVoy	C. Barni, J. Barni, L. Colo, W. Knox, J. Melvin, B. Pophal, D. Rymer, M. Zoul	J. Mello J. Melvin
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Timothy	S. Glavic C. Otters	T. Hlabse	L. Miller	F. Buda, W. Burnett, M. Cinalli, R. Eppich, P. Reilly, S. Ruggeri, J. Volk, R. Volk	C. Gricar S. Rosace
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Mehok	G. Kasulones V. Kostelec	E. Perme	D. Wagner	L. Cooke, L. Drasler, D. Hocevar, J. Oberle, N. Somich, M. Wagner, D. Szafranski, L. Yama	M. Abate A. Hocevar
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Mehok	R. Manning A. Molnar	J. Johnson	L. Williams	J. Bretz, C. Cinkole, M. Dodd, S. Johnson, J. Martin, D. Olingy, M. Proctor, K. Wetzel	S. Caruso- Taylor S. Caruso- Taylor

GOOD NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

BABY BOTTLES FUNDRAISER: *"Loose Change Changes Lives"*- Help us change the lives of an expectant mom and her baby by participating in our WomanKind Baby Bottle Fundraiser. This weekend we will be distributing baby bottles (one per household/family) at the entrances of the church. We're asking you to take them home, fill them with loose change, and return them to the church the weekend of February 13-14th. The funds generated will help WomanKind provide free prenatal care and a full range of support services to pregnant women in need.

FEBRUARY 14TH 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHS: You may pick up your finished 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.

DONATIONS FOR ITEMS FOR NEW WORSHIP SPACE Several people have approached me regarding making donations for items to be used in the new worship space. We are currently in the process of designing a statue of Saint John of the Cross and a new presider's chair, and looking to purchase a matching funeral vestment and pall as well as votive candle holders for the area where the statues of Mary and Joseph will be so that people will have an opportunity to light candles in prayer. Please note that the cost of the renovation has been budgeted for, so we have planned for the expenses that will be incurred...we will not be asking parishioners to cover any of these costs, but we also understand that there are those who wish to donate to a specific item. Should you desire to make donations to any of these, please contact Fr. Sal at 216-289-0770.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**Catholic Schools Week Open House**

Come visit our school on Sunday, January 31st between 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Meet the teachers, see the fabulous displays of work from our students, and enjoy some light refreshments.
Awesome things are happening at St. Felicitas School and we want you to be a part of it!
Tell your family, friends, and neighbors.
All are welcome!

Catholic Schools Week Open House

Come visit our preschool on Sunday, January 31st between 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
St. Felicitas Preschool offers programs for 3, 4, 5 yr. old, and Mom and Tot 2 yr. old.
Registration for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year begins Tuesday, February 2, 2010 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
for all currently enrolled families.
Registration is open to the parish on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 and open registration to the public begins Thursday, February 4, 2010.

**RAFFLE WINNER**

Congratulations to Dorene Zajec of Highland Hts, our winner of the **Week #15 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Tommy Grosel of Euclid was the seller winner.
Congratulations to Tracy Duracensky of Euclid, our winner of the **January Monthly Raffle**.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

“RACE & GRACE: LET’S TALK ABOUT”

The Thea Bowman Center Annual Retreat in Conjunction with the Office of Ministry to African American Catholics & the Diocesan Racism Committee: INVITE YOU

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2010 at Church of the Resurrection

Saturday, January 30th, 2010

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church
Retreat Leader Monsignor Lewis F. Gaetano, D. Min, Pastoral Liaison for Walsh University’s Urban Outreach Program. For more information contact Sister Sheila Marie Tobbe, OSU 216-491-0699 or Andrea Dean at 440 944-1157.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER

Are you caring for a loved one and beginning to feel burned out? Are you helping to care for a friend and finding yourself overwhelmed by the stress? A **workshop for caregivers** to learn how to better care for themselves while caring for their loved ones is being offered by the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry and the Office for Women in Church & Society. **Care for the Caregiver: Stress Reduction for Family and Friends** will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 26th, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St. John of the Cross Church, 140 Richmond Road (former St. Felicitas). Please call Jason Lewis, Older Adult and Bereavement Specialist, at 216-334-2974, or Leanne Mahovlic at 216-696-6525, x3070, for registration information.

MASS FOR LIFE: Bethesda the House of Mercy announces a Solemn Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Friday, January 22nd, 2010 at 7:00pm. Come to this special evening of remembrance and repentance on the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade and to pray for healing and for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Bishop of Cleveland, Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon, will be the celebrant and homilist. For more information, please call Bethesda the House of Mercy at 330-887-5150 or 800-482-4100.

FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT HOTLINE: The Diocese of Cleveland subscribes to a third party monitoring service to report instances of suspected financial misconduct in its parishes, schools, and Diocesan offices. Suspected instances of financial misconduct can be reported anonymously by calling 1-866-235-1723 or by logging on to www.dioceseofcleveland.org and clicking on the Financial Misconduct link.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS QUOTE

“If everything were to go wrong for you, if your whole world were to fall apart, there would still be no point in getting upset. On the contrary, confronting everything that happens to us with serenity not only protects our peace of soul, but carries with it its own blessings. For one thing, it keeps our problems in perspective and helps us identify the right remedy. We are not meant to live in misery, but in joy.”

COLLECTIONS

Last Week’s Regular Collection.....\$12,837.00
Last Week’s Children’s Collection.....\$15.00

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

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St. John of the Cross Business Office:
I need a statement for tax purposes of my 2009 church contributions.

Name: _____

Check either option:
_____ I will pick up statement at the
Parish Office by February 6, 2010
_____ Please mail statement to—

Address: _____

Please return this request to the collection basket or Parish Office by Jan. 28th, 2010.

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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 JANUARY 18TH

MONDAY-JANUARY 18th

SFS-No School

7:00pm Baptismal Class (C)

7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)

TUESDAY-JANUARY 19th

7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

7:00pm Confirmation Formation (S)

WEDNESDAY-JANUARY 20th

3:00-4:00pm Children's Choir Practice (C)

6-7:30pm Girl Scout Meeting (MR1)

7:00pm Boosters Meeting (S)

7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)

THURSDAY-JANUARY 21st

6:45pm Bingo Team #1 (G)

FRIDAY-JANUARY 22nd

SATURDAY-JANUARY 23rd

7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group (S)

8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up (S)

11:00am Drama Parent Meeting (G)

6:45pm Bingo Team "B" (G)

SUNDAY-JANUARY 24th

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

WEEK OF JANUARY 25TH

MONDAY-JANUARY 25th

6:30-7:30pm PSR (S)

7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)

TUESDAY-JANUARY 26th

7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

7:00-9:00pm Care for the Caregiver (MR3)

WEDNESDAY-JANUARY 27th

3:00-4:00pm Children's Choir Practice (C)

7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)

7:00pm Women's Group Meeting (MR2)

THURSDAY-JANUARY 28th

6:45pm Bingo Team #2 (G)

FRIDAY-JANUARY 29th

SATURDAY-JANUARY 30th

SUNDAY-JANUARY 31st

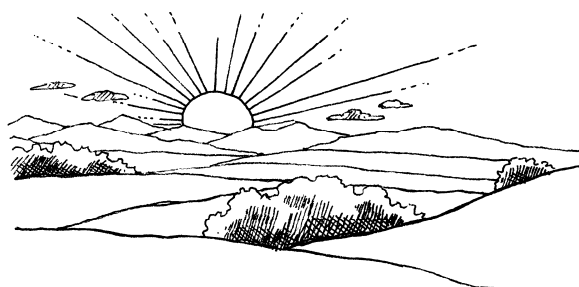
10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)

Catholic Schools Week begins

St. Felicitas School Open House from

11:00am-1:30pm

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17, 2010

Nations shall behold your vindication,
 and all the kings your glory.

— Isaiah 62:2