



FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

I want to take this opportunity to tell you how incredibly thrilled I am to begin my work as Director of Music Ministries at St. John of the Cross. This is a wonderful time in the life of your parish and I am honored to be a part of it. I sincerely hope that you will remain open to the limitless possibilities that are always available to us. Thank you for supporting my call to this ministry. I am convinced that St. John of the Cross is exactly where I am supposed to be!

I am so grateful for the opportunity to stop and focus on my journey to St. John of the Cross. Long ago, I chose to dedicate my life's work to the field of music. I've spent a lot of time thinking about my spiritual voyage and the unbelievable way that God has guided that path. I grew up in an Irish Catholic family in Butler, Pennsylvania. When I was five years old, the music minister from my home parish invited me to join the youth choir. I still remember the first time I saw her play the piano. I vividly remember standing there in amazement...watching her hands fly up and down the keyboard and feeling connected to something much bigger than myself. I had to figure out how to do that! And that was it...a tiny spark of creation. The inspiration was right in front of me, begging me to pay attention. I was too young to analyze or rationalize the moment; I just listened with an open heart and pursued what made me feel most connected to the world. I quickly found myself leading school Mass every Friday morning, singing and playing the Liturgy each weekend, and organizing all of my friends into a choir during recess! Thirty-two years later, I can see that what I felt called to be and do were all inspired by the Holy Spirit and came with the guidance and assistance that I needed to be who I am meant to be. It is humbling to think of my own children, David (7) and Anna (6), and know that God (not me) has a plan for their lives. The teachers, experiences and opportunities will all be orchestrated together begging them to pay attention. So the question for me becomes an issue of faith. Do I choose to listen and be aware of the Divine Spirit that connects me to my true calling? I am convinced that St. John of the Cross is part of that plan. God has invited me into the deep waters that only my faith will let me go. It continues to be an amazing journey!.....Jodie Ricci

THE LENTEN CROSS

On the Third Sunday of Lent, the Crown of Thorns is added. Bill Guhde, Sr., a Holy Name man, fashioned the crown from a thorn bush on his property. It is the right size to fit a grown man's head. Bill also donated the sledge, made the spear, and designed the signs that are added on subsequent Sundays.



Readings for the Week

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
 - Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
 - Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
 - Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
 - Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
 - Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
 - Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34;
2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



**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.

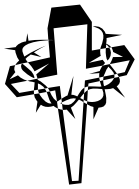
**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK
OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**



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**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: As a community we will join together to reflect on the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, Mar. 9th, at 7:00pm. Deacon Lou Pecek will trace the development of the stations and how they can lead us to

a Christ centered life. The evening will end with the opportunity to pray through the stations.

How might the Scrutinies of the RCIA process help the parish as a whole?

On the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent we participate in the Scrutinies. The universal Church hears the stories of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. These readings were chosen to be the driving force of prayerful introspection, surrender, and conversion. They offer powerful images of surrender, sin, conversion, faith, and healing. In our faith journey with those seeking Baptism, we must stir our souls, as if they were dying campfires, to expose any parts of ourselves that have not been purified by the burning love of the Holy Spirit. We are challenged with the Samaritan woman at the well when we thirst for the Lord, who knows what we need and provides it; we beg, with the man born blind, to see Jesus, who is the light and gives us sight; and finally we lie with Lazarus within the tomb of oblivion and death, built with the stones of our own sins, until Jesus reaches out his hand and pulls us from the pit. Take this gift of the Church and use this group of readings as Lenten reflections. The Scripture readings for each Scrutiny are listed below. Read them slowly, asking the Lord to give you the grace to hear what is being said to you.

1st Scrutiny
March 6, 4pm Mass
(3rd Sunday of Lent)
Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

2nd Scrutiny
March 14, noon Mass
(4th Sunday of Lent)
1Samuel 16:6-7
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5: 8-14
John 9: 1-41

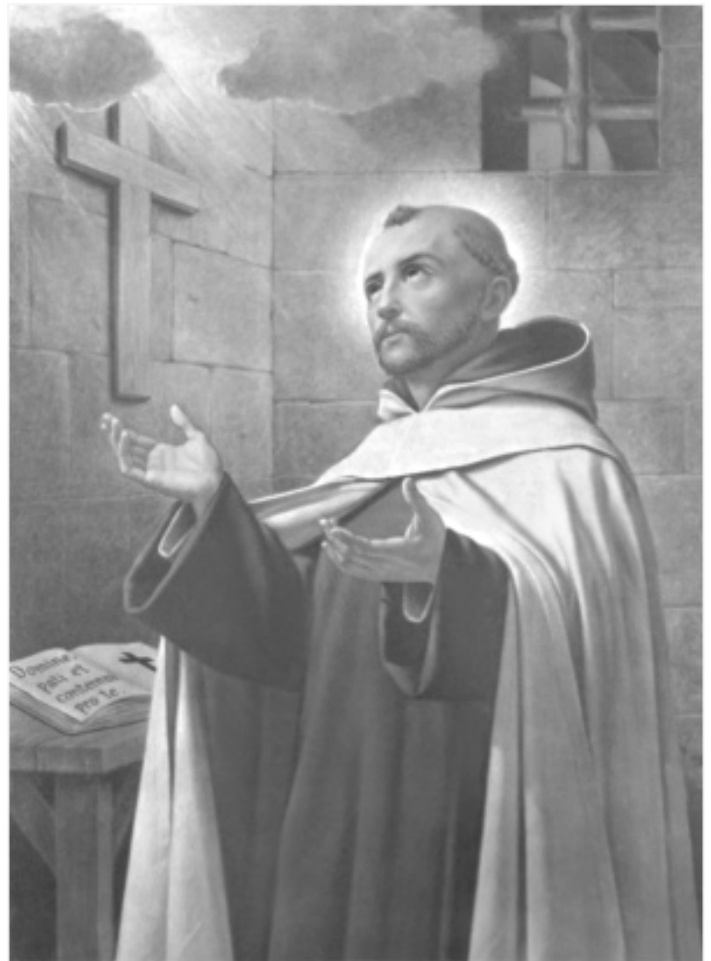
3rd Scrutiny
March 21, 8am Mass
(5th Sunday of Lent)
Ezekiel 37: 12-14
Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-7
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

(Note: the readings for the Scrutiny are always taken from Cycle A, regardless of the current cycle of readings being used.)

Each parish has the option of using these readings for all Masses, or only for the Masses where the elect are present.)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Weekday Joseph Mullally	Mar. 8
TUESDAY 8:15 a.m.	Lenten Weekday Bernadette Lowery	Mar. 9
WEDNESDAY	Lenten Weekday	Mar. 10
THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Weekday Katherine Fiorello	Mar. 11
FRIDAY 8:15 a.m.	Lenten Weekday Helen Campolieti	Mar. 12
SATURDAY 4:00 p.m.	Lenten Weekday Lemmo Family	Mar. 13
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Lent Joe Nalepka Burton & Irene Emig John Obat	Mar. 14



St. John of the Cross—Pray for Us



COUNTERS

Counters for Monday Mar.15”E” Team

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Mar.10.....Sandy L.
Grande Pointe-Sun. Mar. 14.....Legion of Mary

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —MAR. 13-14, 2010

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Sal	A. Barteld A. Molle	D. Abreo	M. Freas	K. Brown, G. Marn, T. Melfi, J. Melvin, M. Monger, J. Monger, W. Nalepka, J. Page	T. Capek J. Mello
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Timothy	C. Fornal K. Stih	L. McVoy	K. McVoy	W. Burnett, M. Cinalli, C. Gricar, M. Gricar, P. Reilly, S. Ruggeri, K. Ruggeri, J. Volk	M. Abate S. Rosace
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Sal	J. Cavanaugh- Kasulones C. Nych	A. Dean	G. Haritonovich	M. Corbo, S. Davisson, J. Dreyer, S. Dreyer, M. Haritonovich, N Somich, D. Szafranski, L. Yama	R. Corbo C. Dreyer
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Sal	R. Manning A. Molnar	W. Knox	D. Oigny	J. Bretz, C. Cinkole, J. Martin, M. Proctor, J. Radachy, J. Solpa, M. Tracy, J. Vajda	B. Caruso- Taylor N. Cavotta

NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF MARY:

The Acies will be held at our St. John of the Cross Parish this year, March 21st. at 2:00pm. There will be a luncheon afterwards. Bring a dessert if you like, but optional.

"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.

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 in the gathering area. Completed order forms may be dropped off with payment at the school office or parish office by Monday, March 8th. Internet orders will be taken by Malley's through March 29th. If you have any questions, please call Lynn at 440-478-3633.

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!

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 before and after all Masses Mar. 6-7th. 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!

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**

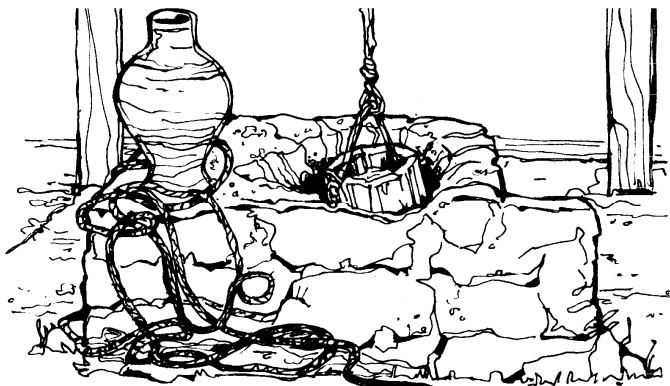
Make your plans to attend and bring a friend!

RAFFLE WINNER 

Congratulations to Kevin Kelley of Lakewood, our winner of the **Week #22 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Samantha Apanasewicz was the seller winner.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

URSULINE INSTITUTE OF LEARNING offers individual tutoring and instruction for all ages—K-adult in a variety of subjects and in preparation for GED, ACT, SAT and other standardized tests. Contact Sister Susan Mary Rathbun, OSU at 440-449-1200 ext. 280, smrathbun@ursulinesisters.org for further information about the program, the various sites and the registration procedure.



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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you **give hope to Jesus in disguise**. Please be charitable in next week's Catholic Relief Services Collection.

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....\$11,368.00
 Last Week's Children's Collection.....\$6.00

March 14th-Catholic Relief Services Collection

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 MARCH 8TH

MONDAY-MARCH 8th

6:30-7:30pm PSR (S)
 7:30pm School Development Mtg (S)

TUESDAY-MARCH 9th

7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts Meeting
 7:00pm Presentation on followed by
 praying Stations of the Cross (C)

WEDNESDAY-MARCH 10th

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

THURSDAY-MARCH 11th

6:45pm Bingo Team #4 (G)

FRIDAY-MARCH 12th

A day of abstinence

SATURDAY-MARCH 13th

7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group (S)
 10:00am-12:00pm Grade 8 PSR (S)
 6:00pm PTU Adult Benefit at Villa di Borally
 6:45pm Bingo Team A (G)

SUNDAY-MARCH 14th

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

WEEK OF MARCH 15TH

MONDAY-MARCH 15th

6:30-7:30pm PSR (S)
 7:30pm Finance Meeting (MR1)

TUESDAY-MARCH 16th

7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts Meeting
 7:00pm St. John of the Cross Evening
 (MR3)

WEDNESDAY-MARCH 17th

SFS-No School

THURSDAY-MARCH 18th

6:30pm Bereavement Group Mtg(MR2)
 6:45pm Bingo Team #1 (G)
 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting (MR1)

FRIDAY-MARCH 19th

A day of abstinence
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross (C)

SATURDAY-MARCH 20th

8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up (S)
 11:00am-5:00pm Girl Scouts
 World Friendship Day (G)

SUNDAY-MARCH 21st

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)
 2:00pm Legion of Mary Acies (C)
 followed by social in gym