



Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143
June 6, 2021

Roman Catholic Parish
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY, HAPPY DAY! Praise God. Today we are almost back to normal and we can begin to see the pandemic in the rearview mirror. **Today we are celebrating Mass with all the COVID restrictions removed except one.** We are still not receiving the Precious Blood at Mass. That will come back in time; I am sure. However, it is just an opportunity to remind us that we receive the fullness of Christ in the Eucharist in either species. Please know that if you have any continued COVID concerns, you can still wear a mask. In addition, we will keep the walls in the back of the church open to the Sacred Heart Room where you can sit in the chairs that offer a little more space. We will continue to have sanitizer and masks at the entrance for your use.

I am so excited and so on fire as we think of ways to reinvigorate and come out of this pandemic even stronger than before and with new resolve to bring Jesus's life-giving Grace to the world. I am working with the staff to develop plans and will be reaching out to parishioners in the coming months. Stay tuned!

One of the casualties of the pandemic was our Bingo game. I suspect that this decline was happening prior to the pandemic. There are two driving forces that brought our Bingo game to an end. The generation that played Bingo is dying off and/or utilize the casinos that have opened over the last ten years in our area. The younger generations go to the casinos and do not play Bingo. Second, the generation that helped to run Bingo is getting to a point where they are no longer able to volunteer. The younger generations, while they have many, many good qualities, do not volunteer at the same level that our faithful Bingo volunteers did. So, we will no longer have Bingo at SJC. **I want to thank Linda White for her many years of faithful devotion to this fundraiser for the parish. She is amazing! As are her volunteers who helped in the final years of Bingo: Pat Reilly, Tony Brokamp, Mary Dulaney, Helen Drozin, Diane Mulraney, Jeannette Dunlap, Lori Petrof, Mike Szafranski, Mike Yeckley, Kathy Somich, Annette Koballa, Mike Kaluza, Rich Schulz, and the SJC Knights of Columbus.** These were just the volunteers who helped in the final years. There are also hundreds of other people who have helped as well. To all the people who made Bingo possible, we say THANK YOU! You helped raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the former St. Felicitas/SJC school and then SJC Parish. We are eternally grateful.

When we stopped Bingo because of COVID, they were in the middle of a progressive game. The pot was \$5,000. So, we are having a 50/50 raffle called the SJC 50/50 Freedom Raffle. This is how it works. Tickets are \$10 each. The winner wins 50% of the ticket sales plus the \$5,000. So, you are guaranteed at least \$5,000! And the parish keeps 50% of the ticket sales. We will pull the winning ticket on July 4 at Noon. Tickets will be passed out this weekend. Extra tickets will be available in the Gathering Space and Parish Office. I am asking each registered family to considering purchasing or selling 10 tickets.

We will have a Freedom Party on July 4 to celebrate the USA, the 4th of July, and the end of the pandemic. It will start with 10:15 am Mass at our outdoor shrine, followed by coffee, donuts, and fellowship. The 50/50 Freedom Raffle will be at Noon. Start your 4th of July with your parish family. Mark your calendar now!

Make it a great week! See you in Church!

Peace, Fr. John



"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."
John 12:26

Deacon Charles B. Doerpers was called home to be with the Lord on Monday May 24, 2021. Deacon Charles was ordained as a permanent deacon May 23, 1998. In April 2010 he was assigned here at the newly formed St. John of the Cross Parish, where he humbly served the homebound and assisted living facilities working closely with the Legion of Mary ministry.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

We will miss you, Deacon Charles.



**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
50/50 FREEDOM RAFFLE**

**Here's your chance to win 50% of Total
Ticket Sales, PLUS \$5,000!!**

**Drawing will be held on July 4, 2021,
at Noon at St. John of the Cross Parish
140 Richmond Road Euclid, OH 44143
\$10 per ticket, find tickets at Parish Office, After
weekend Masses, or call the parish office.**

***Winner need not be present to win!**



SJOC FREEDOM CELEBRATION

JULY 4, 2021

**You are invited to attend the 10:15 am Mass at our
Outdoor Shrine then join your fellow parishioners
for Coffee & Donuts after Mass.**

**Come celebrate the USA, the Fourth of July, and the
end of the Pandemic.**

**We will also hold our 50/50 Freedom Raffle in
which you can win over \$5,000!**

**Drawing at 12 Noon (Don't forget to get your
tickets!)**

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Summer Book Study with Fr. John: **From Christendom to Apostolic Mission** helps us understand that we are living in a new cultural situation: no longer in Christendom, where the momentum of culture will naturally help people move toward Christ and his Church, but in a post-Christendom culture that requires a mindset of Apostolic Mission to counteract the influence of culture to help people know, love and follow Jesus and his Gospel.

In short, this excellent book provides a substantial background from a history of culture perspective for why "Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship through God's Love" is so important as the guiding vision for our lives. It pairs that historical understanding with helpful reflections of how we can respond today in our Diocese, parishes, schools and families and as individual missionary disciples.

Join Fr. John on Mondays (June 21, June 28, July 12, and July 19) at 7 pm at St. John of the Cross. It will be held outside near the shrine. If it is too hot or raining, we will meet in the Gathering Space of the Church.

Please call or email Anita at 216.731.1515 (alinsky@srweuclid.cc) or Karen at 216.289.0770 (kduke@sjceuid.com) to reserve your space and arrange to get the book. We ask for a \$10 donation for the book.



COVID 19 MASK UPDATE

As we emerge from the COVID 19 Pandemic, SJC no longer requires masks/facial coverings on its campus. However, we ask that you follow the guidance of your healthcare provider, local health department, and CDC to determine if it is advisable that you do still wear a mask or facial covering. SJC does not require employees and volunteers to receive the COVID 19 vaccination, nor do we track who has received it. We ask staff and volunteers to follow local health orders and the advice of their healthcare provider.

Bereavement Luncheons Are Back!

Bereavement Luncheons have been a twice-monthly mainstay of Ss. Robert and William since 2010. After the loss of her husband Art, parishioner MaryEllen Fellenstein attended a parish-sponsored bereavement support group and decided to organize the luncheons as a way to keep people connected after their groups ended. So for about ten years, MaryEllen has been keeping the list of regular attendees, making out the schedule of restaurants, and taking the reservations. There are only two goals, enjoy one another and enjoy lunch! Like so many other things, the pandemic brought these great gatherings to a screeching halt. But now they are back! MaryEllen has passed the organization torch to Polly Thompson and a summer schedule has been created. So if you have attended an SRW/SJC bereavement support group and would like to join in these enjoyable afternoons, call the rectory at 216-731-1515 and we will send you a schedule and add you to our mailing list.

Volunteers needed for Parish Mulching Day!

Saturday, June 12 from 9 AM - 12 Noon. We will have 20 cubic yards of mulch to distribute, so bring your family muscle to help. Please bring your own wheelbarrow, tools, and work-gloves to mulch the parish gardens and the tree driplines on the Richmond Road hillside. The Knights of Columbus will provide hot dogs and beverages to celebrate all your efforts. We would like a rough count on **people** and **wheelbarrows**, so please contact Bernie Solpa (216) 261-6866 or the parish office (216) 289-0770 (Ext.100) if you are planning to participate.



CONCERT OF HOPE

WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 9, 2021, 7 PM

AT

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule

Mondays & Wednesdays: 8:30 am

Tuesdays & Thursdays:.....6:30 pm

Fridays:- Morning Prayer 8:30 am with Eucharistic
Adoration 8:45 am to 2:00 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

Sundays:.....7:45 am & 10:15 am

Confessions

Saturdays:.....3:00 - 3:30 pm

MASS Intentions

Monday, June 7

8:30 AM (JB)† For the People of St. John of the Cross

Tuesday, June 8

6:30 PM (JB) † Jack Barni

Wednesday, June 9

8:30 AM (JL) † Nancy Suhy

Thursday, June 10

6:30 (JL/TS) † Nancy Suhy

Friday, June 11

No Mass (8:30am Morning Prayer; 8:45am-2pm Adoration)

Saturday, June 12

4 PM (JL/TS-P) † Tom O'Toole

Sunday, June 13

7:45 AM (JB/TS-P) † Kathleen Nainiger

10:15 AM (JB/TS-P) † Sam & Sam Jr. Corea

Our Financial Stewardship

Last Week's Giving.....\$2,676.30
Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....\$ 190.00
Faith Direct*-1st half May Giving.....\$2,375.00
Faith Direct*-1st half May Maintenance.....\$1,213.00

***Online Faith Direct Collections will be posted twice a month for both Giving and Maintenance.**

Thanks for your generous support toward our mission to serve God!

Parish Staff-

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Parish Office Phone Number: 216-289-0770

Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8 am to 4 pm
Closed Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

SJC Prayer Hotline: 216-289-0770, Ext. 120

Call and leave a short message with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish and Their Caregivers

Evelyn Adamczak
John Ballard
Noella Burrows
Constance Durrah
Frank Hiti
John Hocevar
Andrew Jarm
Anna Jalovec
Nick Kaluza
Ronald Maxey
Sheila Moore-Baka
Katie Musarra
Rudy Myeress

Linda Palko
Bill Perko
Joan Raddell
Pat Rossoll
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when a name can be
taken off this list.***



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