



Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143
September 5, 2021

Roman Catholic Parish
23rd Sunday in Ordinary

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Labor Day weekend! I hope you get some extra time with your family and friends this weekend. As we finish up this weekend, we enter full steam into the life of the parish. As we continue with COVID and the related variant, please know of my prayers and support. Please consider your own health and well being, advice of your medical professionals, the common good and yourself and your peace of mind. I encourage us to be respectful of the choices of one another. Be safe, be healthy and be well.

I will be on retreat this week. I leave Tuesday, September 7, in the morning, and will be back late on Tuesday, September 14. It is an 8-day Silent Retreat. I will meet with a Spiritual Director and attend Mass once a day. I am going to the Benedictine Abbey in Latrobe, PA. I am really looking forward to this time away to spend in solitude with Jesus to refresh my spiritual and even emotional and physical health. Please be assured that I take all of you with me in my heart and lift you each up in prayers. I humbly ask that you keep me in your prayers that I may be open to this special time with Jesus.

I am imploring you all to help with a very important endeavor. We will be launching Alpha this fall. Alpha is a Christian program but has developed a "Catholic" dimension and focus. It starts at the very beginning and draws people who are searching for meaning and purpose in their lives to something we all know very well and this is a strong relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Alpha is the first letter in the Greek alphabet. Jesus in the Scriptures calls himself the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. We desire to draw our family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and strangers to this program and allow God to touch their heart and soul and start their relationship with Him. This program is not for us in the pews. I promise we will have programs and ministries for you too! But this is for those without a relationship with God. Can you think of someone and invite them to the program. It starts in late September and will be offered on Monday mornings at SJC and Monday evenings at SRW. You are welcome to come if you bring someone with you. Watch the bulletin for more information or call Renee Barber at SRW or Deacon Tom at SJC.

Make it a great week. See you in Church!

Peace,
Fr. John

FJB



Happy Labor Day!
There is Mass on Monday
September 6, at 8:30 a.m.
at the Shrine (weather permitting)



In last Sunday's homily, Deacon Tom spoke of God's game plan for the salvation of the world and we the faithful of the church have a role in God's game plan. We are to be **doers** of the Word. (James 1:22)

The reality of today's world is: God's team, the church is getting smaller, and we are being asked to play out of our normal position, a position that we may have never played before, evangelizer! Christ has called us to go and "*baptize all nations*". (Matt 28:19) To be precise, if we don't act soon the church will continue to become smaller. God will always provide for us the necessary tools to become Missionary Disciples — **ALPHA** is one of those tools.

What is Alpha? Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others over a **free meal**, hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group in a welcoming and hospitable atmosphere.

Alpha was primarily designed for those who are searching for purpose, the meaning of life, or who have fallen away from the church. If you would like to attend Alpha, please register for this free program, and feel free to bring a friend who is searching.

ALPHA is a once a week, 11-week program that begins September 20 through November 22, and is in collaboration with Ss Robert and Williams. There will be two sessions as follows:

Mondays, from September 20 to November 22

Morning Sessions: 9:00 am to 10:30 am at St. John of the Cross

Evening Sessions: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Ss Robert & William

Register online at sjceuclyd.com, call 216-289-0770 or email deacontom@sjceuclyd.com

More Detailed Information is Available on our Website



Come and join us! This Concert of Hope will feature instrumental music, dances, and Scripture readings. What a delightful way to connect with our Lord and open our hearts to Him. As always, spread the word and invite others. God Bless you!

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN Diocese of Nellore, India

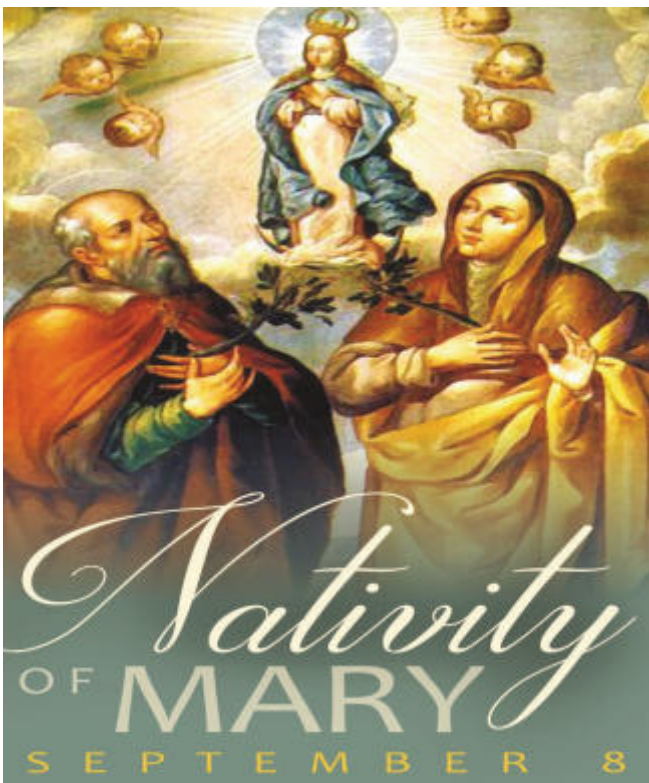
Next weekend, Sept. 11-12 there will be a second collection for the Missionary Cooperative Plan, for the Diocese of Nellore. Due to covid-19 virus pandemic situation, Fr. Illuri will not be able to come in person to speak.

Both Fr. Illuri and the beloved Bishop of Nellore India, Bishop Most Reverend Dr. Moses D. Prakasam, thank you for helping the missionary work to continue their evangelization efforts and maintain their congregations, seminaries and convents.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH PRAYER

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust' with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



Liturgical Tribute Fund

All money that is donated to this fund in memory of a loved one or friend, or a special occasion will be used to purchase items utilized in our worship and help us to do all that we can to assure that we have what we need to worship reverently and well.

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LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION

Our second reading this weekend has a very important message about passing judgement on others. When I read passages like this, I think about how the man with gold rings and fine clothes can be an example of some of the figures we have watched fall from their pedestals in the last few decades. Various priests, religious figures, and speakers come to mind who served as role models for us but have now disappeared in the public sphere due to criminal charges, misconduct, or resignation. This tragic reality shows us that everyone is human and capable of sin, but also that the appearance of sainthood is not enough. Pursuing the outward signs that we see in our role models such as number of followers, popularity, and impact is not the pursuit of holiness. Maybe those pursuits were what distracted them from pursuing Christ in the first place. Instead, we should focus our efforts on pursuing holiness and what that looks like in the present moment. These fallen figures that we have witnessed can also serve as a reminder that the person sitting next to us in Mass who appears very ordinary, has an ordinary job, and does not have a talk show on EWTN might be the holiest person we encounter today. When we focus on the present moment we become less judgemental about the holiness of others and instead focus on our own relationship with Christ and where we can grow in holiness today.

Luke Brown, LPCC

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, September 6

8:30 AM (JB/TS) † All Who Labor

Tuesday, September 7

6:30 PM (JL/TS-P) † For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, September 8

8:30 AM (JL) † Colette Suhy

Thursday, September 9

6:30 (JL/TS-P) † Colette Suhy

Friday, September 10

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

Saturday, September 11

4 PM (JL) † Anthony Seaman

Sunday, September 12

7:45 AM (JL) † Ray Polantz
10:15 AM (MD) † Santina Musarra

Our Financial Stewardship

**Financial Information Unavailable
Will be Posted Next Week**

Last week's Giving.....\$2,859.96
Last week's Maintenance\$ 505.00
Faith Direct*-First half August Giving.....\$2,350.00
Faith Direct*-First half August Maintenance.....\$ 519.50

***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!

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***Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish
and Their Caregivers***

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***Please notify us when a name can be taken off
this list.***

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FAMILY

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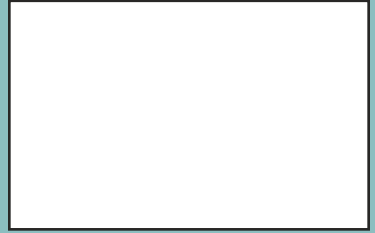
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