



June 14, 2020

The Body & Blood of Christ

SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISH

DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Dear Parishioners,

This is our third weekend back celebrating Mass in our church. I am very pleased with how well it is going. It is nice to see us begin to crawl out of the stay-at-home regulations and begin to get life back to what we know.

The civil unrest that continues in our country is saddening and I am astounded that in 2020 it is still a reality. We are all members of the body of Christ; one body with many parts. We come in many colors, shapes, personalities, likes, dislikes, etc., but we are ALL created in the image and likeness of God. It seems so simple, yet somehow we make it so difficult. For me, when I see the death of George Floyd, I see a man created in the image and likeness of God, a man who is a son of God the Father, a man who is our brother, who became a victim of men who have succumbed to evil; men who made very bad choices and deserve to be held accountable. I think this brings to the forefront several issues for us to take to prayer and perhaps even have some sort of discussion about in the coming months:



What is our attitude towards people who are different than us, especially regarding skin color, ethnic background, socio-economic class, religion, and so on? If it is not healthy or in line with Christianity, we need to make some serious changes!

As mostly white Catholics, how do we deal with “white privilege?” While I have worked very hard for every thing I have received, I must acknowledge that my skin color has never been an obstacle to those goals. I think this is a very important point at which to begin the conversation. If you are white person in the United States, you have no idea what it is like to walk in the shoes of a person who is non-white. This needs to be acknowledged before we can begin to understand the various issues.

We must stop identifying people by skin color, ethnic backgrounds, socio-economic statues, sexual orientation, personalities, tendencies, etc. WE ARE ALL CREATED IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF THE SAME GOD! HE IS THE GOD YOU AND I COME TO WORSHIP EACH AND EVERY SUNDAY at MASS (daily for some of us); the God we serve every day of our lives. He created each one of us and loves us so much. He wants us all to be treated equally and offered the same opportunities in this life that allow us to accept the wonderful gift of Salvation. He came to save ALL people. Not all will accept it, but the offer is there for ALL. We may not like everyone but we certainly are called to love everyone! We are called to love people and dislike actions/choices people make that are not in line with the Gospel mandate.

This is not about police. Police are heroes and the vast majority are very good men and women who put their lives on the line for us every day and many times are treated terribly. Those who choose to disgrace the call to protect and serve should receive the necessary consequences. However, we are called to offer respect and love to the men and women who serve honorably!

We all must come together and seek to create a world in which we can live together in harmony and peace. This is the responsibility of each one of us. I truly believe we as Catholic Christians can take the lead in this. This will be done through prayer, self-reflection, listening, and dialogue.

There is so much more to say and reflect on, but these are a few thoughts I must share and offer as we seek to sort through this as a nation. Please pray that, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, protector of the Americas, we can overcome this difficult time and triumph as a great country that loves and supports ALL PEOPLE!

Make it a great week! See you in Church!

Peace,
Fr. John

LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION

Due to the pandemic that has dramatically changed daily life in the last few months, many people have been left without work. The unemployment rates are sky-high, and I am sure that some of you that are reading this right now have lost work or been impacted financially. In these moments, I often wish that I could say that the economy will fully recover, unemployment will decrease, and everyone will be back to normal quickly, but I cannot make this promise and I cannot predict the future. While it is often a difficult thing to do, we must trust God in these moments. No matter the subject, our plans rarely go to plan, and God's design is always bigger and better than ours. Also, I understand that it can be extremely difficult to ask for help, especially when it comes to finances. However, God asks us to be humble and reaching out when we need help is a sign of humility. Maybe the help you need is not financial, but emotional or spiritual. Again, do not be afraid to reach out to priests, deacons, other parishioners, or counselors like me. We are all here to help and that last thing on our mind is judging someone who needs our help- we got into this business to help others. So, if you are struggling in any way, turn to prayer first. Ask God for guidance and grace in this time of recovery. If you find that you need some extra help, pray that God will put the right people in your life and reach out for help. Finally, remember that there are many who are praying for you, myself included. We may not see it now, but God is going to get all of us through this.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 15

11:00 AM (JB) + Frank and Anne Pehmoeller

Tuesday, June 16

11:00 AM (TK) + Rose and Hank Sinkovic

Wednesday, June 17

11:00 AM (JB) For the People

Thursday, June 18

11:00 AM (AM) + James Monreal

Friday, June 19

11:00 AM (TK) + Gertrude and Clarence Radcliffe

Saturday, June 20

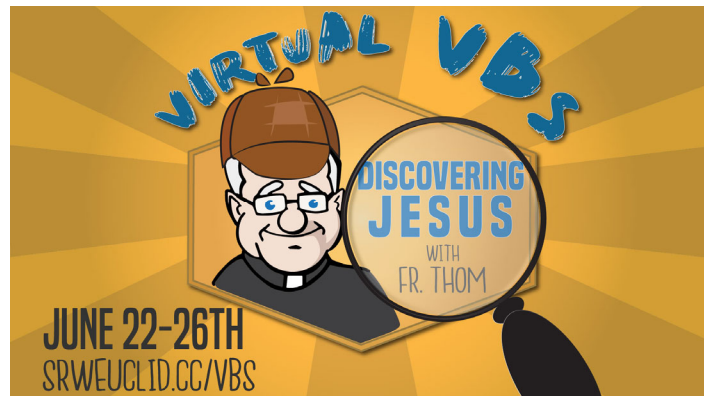
11:00 AM (TK) + John & Geraldine Kincade

4:00 PM (JB) + Bill Carney by Family

Sunday, June 21

11:00 AM (TK) + John M. Nykiel

6:00 PM (TK) + Skip Hostetter



“Discover Jesus” this summer with Sherlock Holmes (pronounced: Sure Locked at Home). Vacation Bible School will be held this summer, June 22 to 26. The program will be “virtual,” on-line via the parish web page. Age-appropriate materials will be presented and provided to those in preschool, kindergarten, and grades 1 and 2. Each day’s program will include prayer, scripture, song, presentation, and craft activities. The cost is free, but registration is a must so that activity packs and parent packs can be prepared for pick up or to be mailed.

To register send an email by June 17 to Fr. Thom at: frkowatch@srweuclid.cc.

Prayer for Justice in our Nation:

God of justice,

In your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception. Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family. Open our hearts to repent of racist attitudes, behaviors, and speech which demean others. Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change. Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history. And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SUMMER OUTDOOR BOOK DISCUSSION

TUESDAYS JULY 28 | AUGUST 4 | AUGUST 11

DAYTIME & EVENING OPTIONS

11:45AM @ SRW ___ 6:30PM @ SJOC

The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully By Sister Joan Chittister
Discussion limited to 10 participants. Additional groups will be added as needed. Register no later than Thursday, June 25th.
Books are \$10.00 and will be ordered for you. Call the SRW Rectory at 216-731-1515 to register.

Have you thought of leaving a legacy, especially for our parish or school? Remember Ss. Robert & William in your will or trust to continue our traditions and education. Contact Fr. John at the Parish Office for more information.

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The Collection: for June 7 was \$9547.00

Loan Balance: \$982,053

Monthly Loan Payment: \$8,362

Capital Campaign

Total of pledges \$1,978,281.34

Total received/posted \$1,418,930.34

Total donors 559



Please consider a donation to help lower our long-term debt.
Please call Fr. John at the Parish Office at 216.731.1515 or email
him at fjb@srweuclid.cc. Thank you very much for your
continued generosity. ~Fr. John

PRAYERS NEEDED

Please pray for... Tom Brickman, Faye Bukovec, Eileen Driscoll, Pauline Dutcher, John Ellul, Jean Feiten, Mary Ellen Fellenstein, Anthony Fratino, Bob Gallagher, Ray Golick, Ann Grossman, Helen Herman, Jeanette Hocevar, Tony Hocevar, Geraldine Hoffert, Patricia Johnston, Karen Long, Dolly Luskin, Alice Martincic, Ann Monreal, Darlene Novotney, Ryan Parker, Lydia Rydzinski, Brian Sargent, Melanie Sargent, Helen Sciarretta, Glenn Terrell, Rosemarie Terrell, Stansa Zitnik, Esther Zobec, and all those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit.

We thank, pray, and ask for God's blessings for those in the military and safety forces serving our community and country.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Dolores Myslinski, and all those who have lost a loved one. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of our parish community.

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