

# Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143  
April 4, 2021

Roman Catholic Parish  
Easter Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! What a wonderful day to celebrate our Savior's triumphant victory over death! **Welcome! Welcome to all our guests and visitors today. We are so happy you are with us and we hope you will find your experience with us a good one! I hope and pray that some people have found their way back to our church after being away from the pandemic.**

Thank you so much to Francesco Binda, our Music Director, and all his volunteers who are part of our music ministry. The music for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations is just beautiful and helped draw us closer in to these wonderful celebrations. Thank you to Terri Burello and the wonderful people who decorate our Church and help to bring out such visual beauty! Thank you to all our ministers who assisted at the Liturgies. We are so blessed! Thank you to all of you who have come here to worship. You all are a vital part of our Masses and your presence adds so much.

As we enter another phase of coming out of the pandemic, we will return to receiving Holy Communion the normal way of processing forward. We will probably be starting the outdoor Masses in the Shrine a bit earlier this year. I am thinking probably the first weekend in May. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Next weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday. St. John Paul II started Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter, so that all might know and experience the "divine and awesome" mercy of our loving God. Our God loves each of us so much! He knows that we have sinned and welcomes us back through His grace. He desires to walk with us and even hold us up at times on our journey of life. He encourages us to seek Him. See this bulletin for the schedule of events for Divine Mercy Sunday. These events are held at Ss. Robert & William. I strongly encourage you to plan on attending.

Make it a great Easter Week!

Peace,  
Fr. John





## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11, 2021

Ss. Robert & William Parish

From the diary of a young Polish nun, Saint Faustina, a special devotion to the mercy of God is spreading throughout the world. The message is a reminder of what the Church has always taught: God is merciful and forgiving and we too must show mercy and forgiveness. A special novena of prayer begins on Good Friday and continues through the Sunday after Easter.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, after the 11:30 am Mass until 2:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 12:30 pm - 1:45pm

Closing Prayer Service and Benediction 2:00 pm



## NOTE CHANGE IN DATE

### Mourning to Morning

#### SRW/SJC Bereavement Support

.is an informative and prayerful program to help people move through the grieving process and forward in faith.

New six-week session begins

**Saturday, April 17, 2021**

**10:30AM – 12:00PM**

**Sacred Heart Room**

**Ss. Robert and William Parish Office Bldg.**

There is no fee but registration requested.

Contact Renée Barber

216-731-1515 Ext. 262

## 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.



## LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION

*Rejoice! He is risen! This is one of the best times of year to look at your life and all that you have to be grateful for. We are saved from sin and death!*

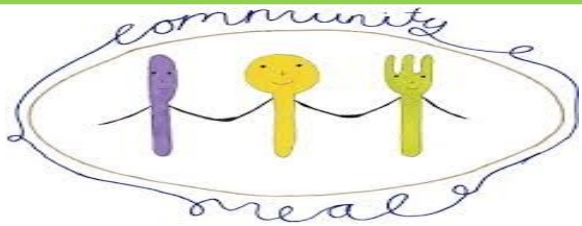


*Easter is always a good reminder that **everything** is grace. In an age of entitlement, it is easy to forget that the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the life we have are all incredible graces from God. Taking time for gratitude is incredibly helpful for our mental health.*

*One more thing that I always try to remember at Easter is how many graces came from the sacrifices of Lent and the additional prayer I added to my life. In the joy and celebration of Easter, it is easy to forget those graces and treat the Paschal Mystery as "that time of year when I get to eat chocolate again." It is also easy to slide back into old habits and not make prayer a priority.*

*As you celebrate Easter, take a moment to consider what Lenten practices brought you closer to God. Maybe giving up Netflix gave you time for prayer and brought you closer to God. Now that Lent is over, keep those practices going! Continue building on this foundation because the best forms of self-care are prayer and gratitude.*

*In this Easter season, please keep me in your prayers and know of mine in return for you! Happy Easter!*



St. John of the Cross  
Next Community Meal

Wednesday, April 21, 2021  
5 p.m. — Drive Through Only



### Divine Mercy Sunday with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

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### The Empty Tomb

Today we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. The Resurrection of Jesus is the most significant event that took place in all human history. *"The mystery of Christ's resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness."* ccc 639

If not for the Resurrection, our Faith would be in vain. We celebrate this historic event with song and dance. Throughout our Salvation History, the faithful were not bashful in celebrating their Faith by singing and dancing.

Psalm 149:3

Let them praise his name with **dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!**

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, *singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

Ephesians 5:18-19

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, *but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.*

Isaiah 42:11

*Let the wilderness and its cities cry out, the villages where Kedar dwells. Let the inhabitants of Sela exult and shout from the top of the mountains.*

Let us celebrate this Easter with one loud voice and with our lives every day, *for this day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad.* (Psalm 118)

Happy Easter to you my friends in Christ. May Jesus our Lord and Savior fill your heart and mind with love and joy.

Deacon Tom



**Monday, April 5**

8:30 AM (JL/TS-P)† Leo Burrello

**Tuesday, April 6**

6:30 PM (JB) † John & Margaret Walsh

**Wednesday, April 7**

8:30 AM (JL) † Marianne Chinchar

**Thursday, April 8**

6:30 (TK/TS) † Minka Kmetich

**Friday, April 9**

No Mass (8:30am Morning Prayer; 9am-2pm Adoration)

**Saturday, April 10**

4 PM (JB/TS-P) † Fr. Bob Kraig—Special Intention

**Sunday, April 11**

7:45 AM (JB/TS-P) † Josie Pernar

10:15 AM (JL/TS-P) † Margaret Berkopec

**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.

Sincere thank you for your donations to our Liturgical Tribute Fund...

In Memory of

Mary Frain .....Edward & Mary Ann Verbic



**Our Financial Stewardship**

Last Week's Giving .....\$4,117.82  
Last Week's Maintenance Giving..... \$1,546.00  
Faith Direct\*-Half Giving.....\$  
Faith Direct\*-Half Maintenance Giving.....\$

**\*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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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	Joan Raddell
John Ballard	Pat Rossoll
Noella Burrows	Mary Rot
Constance Durrah	Jerry Scarniench
Frank Hiti	Judy Schmidt
John Hocevar	Rose Simek
Andrew Jarm	Colette Suhy
Anna Jalovec	John Tarmann
Nick Kaluza	Rita Vaitkus
Joe Matejka	Abbie Vernon
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Bill Perko	



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when a name can be  
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