

A Note From Our New Parish Administrator:



I assume you know what Feast we celebrate this week? See what I did there? This coming week is the Feast of the Assumption! Our mass schedule this week includes a Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 5 pm and 10 am and 6 pm on

Thursday. The Church calls this Feast a 'Holy Day of Obligation,' but I think it is a Holy Day of Opportunity for us to recognize the vital role that our Blessed Mother has in our Church and our life. We recognize Mary's important role in the life of the Church through her 'yes'!

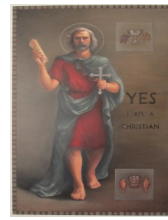


This past week, I informed the Parish Staff that Joe Erbeznik, our parish business manager, has decided to resign from his duties at St. Justin Martyr. Joe has been a great help to us over the years, handling smaller and more extensive tasks. He processes payroll and handles the reports we send to the diocese. He will remain in the position through the end of this month and promises to remain a phone call away if we ever need him! Starting in September, I will take on some of his responsibilities while consulting regularly with the Center for Pastoral Leadership (CPL) finance office to ensure a smooth transition in processing payroll and completing the regular diocesan reports throughout the year. The staff of the CPL have been very kind in giving me this opportunity, and I am most grateful.



with family or friends. Have a great week!

St. Justin Martyr, pray for us! Fr. Josh



St. Justin Martyr Church

We follow Jesus in faith, prayer and service.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY ~ August 12 ~ St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:30AM Rev. Paul J. Wysocki

TUESDAY ~ August 13 ~ Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

8:30AM Father's Day Remembrance

7:30PM Rosary Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY ~ August 14 ~ St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30AM Zoe Haas, Fred & Harriet Haas

5:00PM **Vigil for Assumption**

Marie Czernski, Angelo Buzecan

THURSDAY ~ August 15 ~ Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00AM Rev. Robert Werthman & Rev. David Cillo

6:00PM Mass for Parishioners

FRIDAY ~ August 16 ~ St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30AM Mary Berg, *Loving Family*

7:30PM Rosary Live on Facebook

SATURDAY ~ August 17 ~ St. Lawrence

5:00PM Connor Press, *Shell & Blase Families*

5:00PM Livestream Mass

SUNDAY ~ August 18 ~ 20th Sunday in ordinary time

8:00AM Mass for Parishioners

10:30AM Raymond & Florence Stopar, *Carol Horgan*

11:30AM Baptism: Charles Howard Darnell

Weekly Contributions:

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Thank you for your generosity!



Please pray for our parishioners who have passed away and for the consolation of their families.

Joan Rivero, sister of Alice Bittner and Donald Usko, father of Christine Evans.



Striving For Excellence

I enjoy watching the Olympics, not just for the sports but for the incredible stories of the athletes. It's awe-inspiring to see the level of training and sacrifice they endure just to compete. These athletes represent the best their country has to offer, striving for a chance at a golden moment against the best in the world.

One of my hobbies is running. When I consider my times, they are nowhere near world-class. In fact, I generally run the same distances in about twice the time as these great athletes. When I think about how slow I am, I wonder why I even do it. I am so slow compared to others, but then I remember how much I enjoy the feeling after I finish a run. I did it again!

Even though I don't have world-class speed, there are other things I can do that these world-class runners might not be able to do. This realization underscores the idea that we are all individuals with unique gifts and talents. The athletes in the Olympics have found their one thing and have worked at it with unceasing devotion. It reminds me of Paul's letter to the Corinthians: "Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one" (1 Cor. 9:25).

Our lesson from the Olympics is that we should make every effort to strive for the "imperishable" crown. The Catholic Church recognizes those souls who have made such efforts, not with a gold medal, but by recognizing them as Saints. While it is unlikely that any of us will win a gold medal, it is certain that we are all called to wear the saintly crown.



Peace and Blessings, Deacon Tim



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for all of our parishioners who are sick or hospitalized, the shut-ins, those in nursing homes, needing prayers, and all of the intentions written in our Book of Prayers located in the gallery.

Janet Bartholomew, Dan & Fran Eppich, Carol Horgan, Jeff Kantura, Katherine Kirsch, Dianne Marshall, Ann Miller, Sarah Mujic, Sharon Patrick, Tim Rosian, Hannah Shell, Germaine Strainic, Mike Vara and Ken Zalar.

Please call the office if you would like someone added or email sjmoffice@stjustin.net.



The Parish Mass Book for 2025 is open.

If you would like to reserve Mass intentions for your loved ones, please fill out at Mass form which is available in the gallery, on the website or in last week's bulletin.

The stipend for each mass is a donation of \$10. Please select only 4 Masses per family, only two of the four may be on weekends so that everyone can have a chance to have Masses booked.

If you have any questions, please call Sandi at the Parish Office at 440-946-1177.

Thank you.



The Festival Committee would like to thank

John and Nancy Roskos

for taking pictures at the festival this year! It is a blessing to capture the fun and excitement of our parish in action.

Ministry Spotlight: Marriage and Family Ministry

This ministry is directed to engaged and married couples in our Parish and the surrounding community. We plan and present programs that help to strengthen marriage and family life.



We are looking to restart this ministry. Are you looking for a way to get involved in our parish? Please join us for our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30pm in the Church Meeting Room. We are planning to host a dessert date night this fall for married and engaged couples. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Tim Shell 440-364-8088 or Sandi Shell 440-946-1177 in the parish office.

St. Justin Martyr Parish Prayer Chain



Our Prayer Chain is composed of parishioners who offer up intercessory prayer for those in need. To become a member of the prayer chain please contact Mary Jane at 440-953-9729 and leave your message or email her at mbuehner@ameritech.net. To submit prayer requests, follow the same procedure. All requests are welcome.

Daily Eucharistic Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

9:00am-4:00pm

Come spend some time with Jesus



Charles Hunt, MA
Director of Religious Education

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PSR: Parish School of Religion

PSR is for Catholic students who attend public school. PSR Classes will begin on Monday, September 9. Registration forms are available in the church gallery & parish office. They are also online at www.stjustin.net; go to "Forms". Classes have faith-filled & experienced teachers who will help form your children as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Catholic Humor: During coffee and donuts after Mass, an engineer, a physician, and a politician were arguing over whose profession was the oldest. Not surprisingly, they ended up discussing God, creation, and the Garden of Eden. The doctor boasted that medicine was the oldest profession, citing the creation of Eve in the Garden of Eden. "Taking a rib from Adam's side was a major surgery," he said. "There's no profession older than mine." The engineer didn't give up easily. "Before Adam and Eve were created," he said, "the chaos had to be organized and set in good order. That's an engineer's job. That makes my profession even older than the Garden of Eden." The politician just smirked and asked, "Guess who created the chaos?"

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults—OCIA Becoming Catholic



The letters "OCIA" stand for the "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults". It is the way in which men and women are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life and become full members of the Church. If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church at St. Justin Martyr, please speak with Fr. Josh, Deacon Tim, or the OCIA coordinator, Charles Hunt at 440-946-3287 & Charles@stjustin.net. The OCIA Team invites you to offer a Rosary for the intentions of increasing the membership of St. Justin Martyr Church.



Married and engaged couples are invited to the next CanaNight on Friday August 30th from 7-9pm at the Tricky Tortoise Brewing Company in Willoughby.

Join Tanis Merimee as she reflects on her experience at the National Eucharistic Congress that took place in Indianapolis in July. She will explore how we as Catholic married couples can live a more profoundly Eucharistic marriage and spread our love of the Eucharist to those around us. This date night includes complimentary appetizers. A cash bar will be available. \$35 per couple. Register at www.marriagesofgrace.org

Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Associate
Lay Ecclesial Minister



TO ALL INCOMING NINTH GRADERS. of St. Justin Martyr Parish you are invited to join our Confirmation Class of 2025. Please contact Beth Rossetti at the parish office. Thank you to all the families that have begun the process. **Applications are due on August 15, 2024.**



Our Funeral Ministry is in need of Servers—you will be trained and only serve at the Funeral Masses you can attend. This is a rotation of volunteers. **We are also in need of card writers.** This ministry is completed at home. All supplies are given to you, stamps, cards and addresses.

All Funeral Ministry Volunteers—Greeters, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Servers, Luncheon Ministers you are invited to a dinner and meeting in the parish hall on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:00PM, after the 5:00 Vigil Mass of the Assumption. Please RSVP to Beth. Hope to see you. If you would like to join this ministry, please RSVP for dinner.

I had the pleasure of attending the Eucharistic Congress on July 17-21. This is the beginning of a series about the Congress and some thoughts on the Most Holy Eucharist.

A response to the Eucharistic Congress: The Most Holy Eucharist—the opening paragraph in Canon Law

Can. 897 The most August sacrament is the Most Holy Eucharist in which Christ the Lord himself is contained, offered, and received and **by which the Church continually lives and grows.** The eucharistic sacrifice, the memorial of the death and resurrection of the Lord, in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated through the ages is the summit and source of all worship and Christian life, which signifies and effects the unity of the People of God and brings about the building up of the body of Christ. Indeed, the other sacraments and all the ecclesiastical works of the apostolate are closely connected with the Most Holy Eucharist and ordered to it.

The red wording above describes the Churches that are taking care of the Eucharist above and beyond the daily Mass: adoration and extension to those who are ill. Many times, we see churches that have people there daily adoring Jesus. This Canon tells us we will hold the Most Holy Eucharist in the highest honor, actively celebrating the most "August" sacrifice.

The word August in the Canon Code describes the Eucharist. **August means consecrated, venerable.** Does this not describe our Most Holy Eucharist? We should be receiving the Sacrament devoutly and frequently, worshiping it with the highest adoration. This word is not often used in English to describe something; we usually see it as the month of August, which we are in. This word comes from the Latin name of the Emperor when Jesus was born, Augustus Caesar. But, we find this word in the canon describing the Most Holy Eucharist.

How can you be in August with the Most Holy Eucharist?



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Our parish has collected pledges for \$49,103 for Catholic Charities as of July. We are 84% of the way to our goal of \$58,787 to help the most vulnerable and needy in our Diocese. Thank you to all who have contributed so far. If you would like to help support the Catholic Charities Appeal and have not done so please go to [www.https://www.catholiccommunity.org/support/catholic-charities](https://www.catholiccommunity.org/support/catholic-charities). Every little bit makes a difference in supporting those in need.

Catholic Cemeteries Association

You are not alone! Catholic Cemeteries Association walks with you along your journey. Please join us at our FREE monthly grief support meetings. We have six convenient locations and a virtual meeting for those who cannot attend in person. Find strength, hope and a voice for your grief. **Our next meeting is August 18, 3:00pm in person or 5pm via Zoom.** For more information or questions, please call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.



For details go to <https://www.clecem.org/information/Bereavement.aspx>.

Eucharistic Procession



The Legion of Mary of the Diocese of Cleveland invites you to a traditional Eucharistic Procession on **Saturday, August 31, 11am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist** in Cleveland. The event begins with Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Kevin Estabrook, Legion of Mary Spiritual Director. The Procession follows through the streets of downtown Cleveland which will capture the feeling of what it would have been like to follow Jesus as His disciples did during His earthly life, while singing hymns in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Then we will return to the Cathedral for the recitation of the Rosary and closing prayers. All are welcome to attend.

For more information go to: <https://www.facebook.com/legionofmarynorthernohio>.

Pilgrim Relics of Sts. Clare and Francis of Assisi First Ever North American Tour

Join the Poor Clare Colettine Nuns of Cleveland for a one of a kind novena to celebrate the 830th anniversary of the birth of St. Clare of Assisi. **The pilgrim relics of St. Clare and St. Francis will be at their monastery for viewing and veneration from 9am-7pm, August 4 to the August 11th.**

These exceptionally large relics are housed in a beautifully crafted brass reliquary and will be available for viewing during the novena. Sts. Francis and Clare are known for their intense devotion to the Holy Eucharist and so this year's novena promises to help foster a unique atmosphere conducive to personal prayer and reflection. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated at 7:30pm daily and 3pm on Sunday in the chapel located at 3501 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland.



National Make A Will Month

August is National Make-A-Will Month, an annual reminder about the benefits of creating or updating your will. While everyone needs a will, only about 32% of Americans say they actually have one, according to the 2024 Wills and Estate Planning Study by Caring.com. National Make-A-Will Month is an opportunity to help dispel myths and explain the importance of creating a will. As you know, wills aren't about doom and gloom. Estate planning is about empowerment and peace of mind.

A will is a chance to protect loved ones by naming a guardian for minor children or locking in care for beloved pets. A will is an opportunity to take control of an uncertain future by making financial and real estate plans now, instead of leaving it up to the courts to decide. For a client interested in charitable giving, including an estate gift in their wills cements a legacy of making a difference – and it doesn't cost anything in their lifetime.

Go to [www.https://www.catholiccommunity.org/legacy/freewill](https://www.catholiccommunity.org/legacy/freewill) for a free will program.

Grieving Couples Workshop

For families who have experienced the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood.

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through
Loss

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM (MASS)
\$30 REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FAMILIES WILL BE GROUPED
BY AGE OF LOSS

Register Here



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 **A PILGRIMAGE** 


To Mark This Year of Going Out on Mission
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The Catholic Bishops of Ohio
Invite all the Faithful

to Join them in a Pilgrimage to the Basilica
& National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey

Join the bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated religious
and lay faithful from across the state to celebrate the
Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024, 9 p.m.
- Candlelight procession with the Miraculous Statue of Our Lady of Consolation from Basilica Shrine to Shrine Park
- Holy Mass follows at the outdoor Altar in Shrine Park



Cleveland Bishop Edward C. Malesic, JCL Columbus Bishop Earl K. Fernandes, Homilist Toledo Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Celebrant

For more information, www.ohiocathconf.org

The St. Mary Recycle Mission Group

Over the last 30 years, the St. Mary's Recycle Mission Group has helped recycle items from Churches and clergy that are no longer being used as well as from Parishioners who would like to donate items that they are not needing. This ministry distributes the items to other parishes in need as well as parishioner in need.

We will be collecting items here at St. Justin's the weekend of August 31/September 1 in the gallery.

They accept: vestments, crucifixes, statues, rosaries, chalices, altar ware, candle sticks, relics, monstrances, altar books/missals/lectionaries, Holy medals, Holy Cards, Linens, Framed religious pictures, prayer books, breviaries, or catholic encyclopedias.

Please do not include reading books, large furniture, pamphlets, magazines, DVD/VHS tapes, or wax candles.

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