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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

A Note From Our Parish Administrator:



Sixty years ago, the Diocese of Cleveland established a mission in El Salvador, a country named to honor "The Savior." Since then, we've maintained a regular relationship with the Catholic population of El Salvador. Many priests in the Diocese of Cleveland have ministered there, along with deacons and laymen and women. Now, a unique opportunity has arisen for priests and

deacons across the Diocese to travel to El Salvador with Bishop Malesic and go on retreat this week. Deacon Tim and I will be leaving on Wednesday to participate in this retreat and visit the sites and shrines dedicated to the martyrs of El Salvador who gave their lives to



bring the Gospel to this part of the world. This is a trip I have been preparing for since late 2023, and I know it will be both educational and spiritually enriching for us. Pray for us, and look forward to hearing more about this trip in a future homily! Many thanks to Fr. Bouhall and Fr. John Chrysostom, who will cover our weekend Masses while we are away.

As I mentioned last week in the Sunday liturgies and the bulletin, I urge you to take a moment to complete the Festival Survey. Your feedback is crucial to our Parish Festival Committee as they look for ways to freshen up what we did this year. Whether you enjoyed what we did and want to see that happen again, or you have ideas for new events, your input matters. Due to factors surrounding safety and costs, we would be unable to have a festival here on campus like we once did. However, we know that we can utilize our parish facilities in a way that would benefit our parish. Once again, I am so grateful for our excellent team, who take the time to come together to discuss and plan throughout the year.

Grief does not happen quickly and can take many years to work

through. In some cases, it might even take an entire lifetime. At Saint Justin, we are so blessed to have a beautiful ministry for funerals. I have been impressed at the number of volunteers who assist us at the Funeral Mass and



the luncheon that often takes place in the Parish Hall. We are doubly blessed to offer programs for those experiencing grief. Parishioner Joe Chabail is offering a bereavement series in October. In addition to that offering, we are hosting a retreat day for parents who have lost a child. If you or someone you know who has lost a child would like to participate, please contact Beth Rossetti at the Parish Office or Teresa Yohman at the Diocese of Cleveland to register. I am the chaplain for this retreat and would appreciate seeing you there.

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



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Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY ~ September 9 ~ St. Peter Claver 8:30AM Rev. Edward Kordas

TUESDAY ~ September 10 ~ Weekday 8:30AM Frank & Agnes Hollis, Mary Ann Schindel

7:30PM Rosary Live on Facebook

<u>WEDNESDAY ~ September 11 ~ Patriot Day</u> 8:30AM Mary Skakandy, *Ralph & Roberta* Smearman

THURSDAY ~ September 12 ~ The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30AM Mary Kopniske, Barb & Tom Kovacic

FRIDAY ~ September 13 ~ St. John Chrysostom 8:30AM Bob Pokelsek, Barb & Tom Kovacic 7:30PM Rosary Live on Facebook

<u>SATURDAY ~ September 14 ~ Vigil Mass</u> 5:00PM Mass for Parishioners 5:00PM <u>Livestream Mass</u>

SUNDAY ~ September 15 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Rick George, *Mickey Kostelnik* 10:30AM Tom Golenberke, *Sue Golenberke*

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, September 9: PSR 6-7:15pm, School; Holy Name Meeting, 7:15pm PHMR

Tuesday, September 10: Worship Commission, 6:30pm CMR

Wednesday, September 11: OCIA 6pm, ATR

Thursday, September 12: Coffee and Conversation, 11:00am ATR or outside

Sunday, September 15: Catechetical Sunday at all Masses honoring our Catechists; Confirmation Class Holy Hour 11:30am-12:30pm in the church

Weekly Contributions: September 1, 2024

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Happy Birthday, Mary!

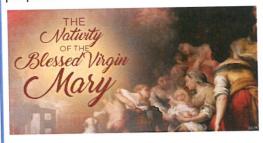
The Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception of Mary on December 8. The Immaculate Conception is our belief that Mary's mother, St. Anne, conceived her without original sin. This belief is less about Mary herself and more about the role she

was chosen to fulfill. Mary, destined to bear the Son of God, was conceived without sin—not by her own merit, but through God's grace—so that she could be a worthy vessel to carry the second person of the Holy Trinity.

It follows, then, that nine months after the Church celebrates her conception, we celebrate Mary's birth on September 8. Mary was born to St. Anne and St. Joachim. Ancient writings tell us that the couple were advanced in years (sound familiar?) and had long-prayed for a child. God blessed them with the conception and birth of Mary.



The birth of Mary was the culmination of thousands of years of divine preparation. From the moment Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, God had a plan to redeem humanity. Through Abraham, He formed a people of faith; through Jacob, a nation He would call His own. When His people were enslaved in Egypt for four hundred years, He sent the prophet Moses to liberate them. In David, God chose a king to lead His people. And finally, in Anne and Joachim, we see the fruit of this preparation.



The birth of Mary marks the beginning of the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. In Mary, we rejoice that God is bringing His plan to fruition. Through her, we praise God for keeping His

promise to become Emmanuel, God with us. Today, let us celebrate her birthday as a day worthy of celebrating!

Peace and Blessings, Deacon Tim



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, Sam Ciliberto, Dan & Fran Eppich, Frank Germano, Carol Horgan, Jeff Kantura, Katherine Kirsch, Mary Ellen Isom, Mary LaManna, Ann Miller, Sarah Mujic, Sharon Patrick, Tim Rosian, Hannah Shell, Germaine Strainic, Aisha Temple, Mike Vara and Ken Zalar.

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

St. Justin Martyr Parish Prayer Chain



Our Prayer Chain is composed of parishioners who offer up intercessory prayer for those in need. To submit an intention to

the Prayer Chain, please contact Mary Jane at 440-953-9729 and leave your message or email her at mbuehner@ameritech.net.

Daily Eucharistic Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

9:00am-4:00pm

"Every day, make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, and when the duties of your state of life prevent you, visit Him in spirit." -St. Paul of the Cross

Come spend some time with Jesus.



St. Justin Martyr Parish Festival Survey

This past Monday, the Festival Committee met to discuss the success of this year's Festival and begin planning for next year. After a good discussion surrounding the details and logistics of potentially hosting an event here on campus, we want to hear from you! For next year's Festival, we are considering one of two options. We are asking you to vote on one of these two options!

Option 1: Have the Festival on Sunday, July 27^{th,} at the Italian American Club in Wickliffe.

Option 2: Have an event at St. Justin Martyr sometime in the summer (possibly even two events) that would replace the Festival entirely.

Option 2 is an option that we will investigate thoroughly. We don't know what the event might look like if we pursue this option. However, it will include the traditional basket raffle and the main parish raffle.



Charles Hunt, MA Director of Religious Education Charles@stjustin.net 440-946-3287

PSR: Parish School of Religion

PSR is for Catholic students who attend public school. PSR Classes **begin TOMORROW on Monday**, **September 9**. It's not too late to register. Registration forms are available in the church gallery and 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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults—OCIA



Becoming Catholic

The letters "OCIA" are 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 and Charles@stjustin.net. The OCIA Team invites you to offer a Rosary for the intentions of increasing the membership of St. Justin Martyr Church. Our prayers and example will help foster growth in our parish.

Catholic Humor: Sunday morning, a handicapped man struggled into a Catholic church. He stopped next to the holy water font, splashed some water on his legs, and then threw away his crutches. An altar boy watched the scene and rushed into the rectory to tell the pastor. "Son, you've just witnessed a miracle!" cried the priest. "Tell me, where is this man now?" "Flat on his back by the font," the boy replied.

15 Excuses for Not Going to Mass (Answered!)

2. If God is everywhere, why do I need to go to a church to be with Him?

St. Maximilian Kolbe said, "If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."
What a powerful thought that expresses the true gift of the Eucharist. Though God is



everywhere, He comes down from Heaven to physically enter our bodies in the form of the Eucharist. We can not experience this type of closeness anywhere else on earth. "Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven. There are others: innocence, but that is for little children; penance, but we are afraid of it; generous endurance of trials of life, but when they come we weep and ask to be delivered. The surest, easiest, shortest way is the Eucharist." - **Pope Pius X**

Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Associate Lay Ecclesial Minister beth@stjustin.net 440-946-1177, ext. 105

Confirmation 2024—Please pray for our Candidates; Luka, Gavin, Antonio, Ashley and Kayla, as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are a prayer partner, you can drop off a note and I'll make sure they receive it.

Please join us for a Eucharistic Holy Hour with our Candidates on Sunday, September 15, after the 10:30AM Mass.

Your presence is requested for the eelebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on

Sunday, September 22, 2024

at 11:00 in the morning

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Our Main Celebrant

The Most Reverend Edward Malesic

Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland

PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Are you in need of food? This Wednesday, September 11, at the Eastlake Senior Center off of Rt. 91 and Roberts Rd., from 10:30-12:30 you can receive free produce. ID is required so that you can be accounted for in the distribution numbers. All items are placed in your trunk; you never leave your car. No one is turned away. This takes place on the second Wednesday of the month. You DO NOT have to be an Eastlake resident to receive.



Coffee and Conversation

There will be no coffee and conversation on September 12. We will resume at 11am on Thursday, September 19 in the ATR!

SJM CLAM BAKE AND STEAK FRY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, PARISH HALL 4:00-7:00PM \$40.00 PER PERSON

CLAMBAKE: Clam Chowder, Dozen Clams, Half Chicken, Sweet Potato, Corn, Roll/Butter, Cole Slaw, Beverage and Dessert STEAK FRY: Clam Chowder, Steak, Baked Potato, Corn, Roll/Butter, Cole Slaw, Beverage and Dessert

KIDS MEAL: Hot Dog, Chips, Beverage and Dessert (\$5.00)



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St. Justin Martyr Spirit Wear is still available for orders! Get your fall crewneck sweatshirts and pullovers for the colder weather!

Order forms can be found in the gallery of the church. Read the order forms for important directions when ordering. Delivery can take up to 2 weeks. Drop off orders in the parish office with payment. Show your SJM Spirit with us! If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Parish Office or call our Spirit Wear Coordinator, Bernie Green at 440-953-8826 to see what items are available!



Ministry Spotlight: Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society is a worldwide confraternity committed to evangelizing the gospel, promoting reverence for the Sacred Names of God and Jesus, and strengthening the Church through spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Our group here at St. Justin Martyr provides the Parish and parish organizations with financial help for church-related needs, manpower and works of mercy. They also sponsor a scholarship program for students from St. Justin Martyr Parish who attend Catholic day schools.



You can see them setting up the Nativity display at Christmas, collecting items for the needy, hosting Pints with Priests, running their fundraiser Club 200, going to the Monsters Game, hosting the Golf Outing, and many more events and ministries behind the scenes.

If you would like to become a member, there is an envelope in the Envelope Packet that you can send in. Dues are only \$7.00! You can also come to their FIRST MEETING after summer break on Monday, September 9, at 7:15pm in the Church Meeting Room. Park in the back of the school. Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month at 7:15pm; they begin with the rosary and move on to business.

We are asking all men of the parish (age 18 and up) to consider joining this group and helping us to fulfill our Mission! If you have any questions, please call our president John Rebolj at 440-669-3008 or Deacon Tim Shell at tim@stjustin.net or 440-364-8088.



Sharing Christ in our communities, families and culture.

The book From Christendom to Apostolic Mission will be our guidepost, for the journey of sharing Christ in our communities, families and culture, as we work to understand the age we have been given; to trace out how the Holy Spirit is working in it, and to seize the adventure of cooperating with him.

\$35 Registration fee for book and study materials RSVP at www.tobcle.org/register

Monday starting 9/30 (Priests only) - Dr. Matt Jordan 3:00pm at the Center for Pastoral Leadership Tuesday starting 10/1 - Dr. Joel Johnson 7:00pm at St. Justin Mortyr, Eastlake Wednesday starting 10/2 - Maria Wancata 9:00am at Holy Spirit, Avon Lake Wednesday starting 10/2 - Jen Ricard 9:30am at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cuyahoga Falls Wednesday starting 10/2 - Jen Ricard 7:00pm at Holy Family, Stow

Thursday starting 10/3 - Dr. Beth Rath 7:00pm at St. Anthony, Pormo Thursday starting 10/3 - Maria Wancata 7:00pm at St. Joseph, Strongsville



This study is co-hosted by TOB CLE and the Office of Marriage & Family Ministry

4-week book study this October!

We are looking for unwanted teacups and saucers for the Advent Tea!

You can bring them into the Parish Office and we will pass them on to the Advent Tea Crew. Thank you!



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Save a Life, Give Blood September 22, 8am-2pm

Sign Up to Help Save Lives!

Sunday, Sept. 22 from 8am-2pm, Parish Hall

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We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe...

We invite all members of our parish community, who recently experienced the loss of someone very special in their life, to a series of gatherings designed to support them in their loss.

The sessions will begin at 7:30pm on six consecutive Wednesdays (October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6) at the home of Joe Chabail, 617 St. Lawrence Blvd., Eastlake.

Our desire is to provide a warm and relaxing environment to meet others whose lives have been touched deeply and changed forever by the loss of a loved one. The group is limited to 12 participants, forming additional groups if more are needed. Many people who have gone to these sessions say it really helps them to understand more about their grief journey.

Please respond to Joe at 440-951-1663, if you are interested or if you need more information by September 25, 2024.



From September 25 - November 3 you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Additionally, you are invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7am to 7pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Signature

Health - 54 South State St, Painesville, 44077. Our parishioners go on Thursdays to pray peacefully. All are welcome to come and support life with us. See the sheet in the gallery and sign up to stand up for life!

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. John Vianney Party Center on Monday, September 23, at 7pm, 7575 Bellflower Road, Mentor, 44060. The speaker is Fr. Alex Clark, Parochial Vicar at St. John Vianney Parish. Please contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744, for more information.

Pastoral Staff & Parish Leaders

Fr. Joshua J. Cochrac. Parish Administrator Rev. Kevin M. Liebhardt -Pastor Emeritus Deacon Timothy Shell Mr. Charles Hunt, MA Director of Rel. Education Mrs. Beth Rossetti -Pastoral Associate Mr. Joseph Erbeznik -Business Manager Mr. Thomas Gulden -Coordinator of Music Mr. Tom Keaty -Parish Council Coordinator Ms. Terry Ryan - Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries

Buildings & Office Information and Hours

Parish Office: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 946-1177

Saturday Closed

Sunday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Parish FAX line 946-9126

PSR/Religious Education Office:

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 946-3287 Monday Evening 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

If you need to speak to a priest, please call ahead to be sure one is available.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Holidays: 9:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Days: Please refer to Mass times inside the bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00-4:30 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Celebrating Sacramental Life

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office to set up a time.

Marriages: Arrangements with priest MUST BE at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Contact Father Kevin.

Funerals/Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish Office immediately.

Sick Calls: Please notify the office concerning homebound and those going to the hospital. Call the parish in event of an emergency.

Welcoming New Parishioners: Call, stop in or go to www.stjustin.net to obtain a registration form. Once completed, call to make a "Welcoming" appointment.

Catholic Education Contact Information

The ministry of Catholic Education will continue at the schools below:

All Saints School at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28702 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, 44092. Contact: 440-943-1395; http://www.allsaintssjv.org. Mater Dei Academy at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 29840 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, 44092. Contact: 440-585-0800; www.materdeiacademy.us.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - September 14 & 15, 2024			
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Saturday, September 14 5:00 PM	Mary Jane Buehner	NOT FILLED John Buehner Nancy Sindelar	Bob Spangenberg
Sunday, September 15 8:00 AM	Joan Fishburn	Barb Beyer Jim Larkin Loretta Vanagas	Leslie Simpson
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