

My brothers and sisters,

It's hard to imagine how time flies. Soon we will be starting the season of Lent; within the season of Lent there are several important feasts which, due to the penitential nature of the season, get transferred or are celebrated more solemnly: St. Patrick (March 17th), St. Joseph (March 19th), and the Annunciation (March 25th). This year, March 19th falls on a Sunday during Lent, which due to Liturgical Law, the Sunday of Lent takes precedence. Nevertheless, as St. John the Baptist is the ethnic *Italian Parish* and there is special devotion to St. Joseph within Italian history and culture, I think it would be a good thing to celebrate St. Joseph as a **Parish** on Sunday, March 19th. Again, due to the way the Feast falls on the calendar, we will not be able to celebrate the Mass of the Solemnity of St. Joseph; however, we can still have a parish celebration after Mass. As most Sundays as a parish we gather for coffee and doughnuts, etc., downstairs, on Sunday, March 19th, I would like us to have a brunch after Mass in celebrating St. Joseph as a parish community. The goal will be to have this brunch catered for a small cost to each person wanting to eat brunch. We ask that you please bring classic Italian desserts for the **St. Joseph Table**. In order to make sure that we order the correct amount of food, I ask that you please RSVP with names of those planning to attend, so that we may have an accurate count to the parish office. Please email info@sjbitaliana.org or call 614-294-5319. More information will be forthcoming. So, please be sure to plan to attend this parish celebration in honoring St. Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron of the Universal Church.

Have a Great Weekend

Fr. Tony Lonzo

Associate Administrator

Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 2/19	9:30 a.m.	Joe Colak by Rosemary Colak
Sun., 2/26	9:30 a.m.	David M. Spellacy, U.S.M. by Mary Spellacy & Family

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon., 2/20/2017	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)
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Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Gus Soteriades by Chris Soteriades

Marian: Monica & Carlo Ventresca by Carol Ventresca

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick or suffering, especially those who are in Hospitals, Nursing Facilities or Homebound.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL
AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

THE BARRINGTON OF CARMEL – CARMEL, INDIANA: Yola Rossi

MOTHER ANGELINE McCrory: Marie Tarantelli

THE JAMES: Sherri Snoad

AT HOME: Mike Auddino

****If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input.**

There will be NO Amici D'Oro Meeting until March 23, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Sun., Feb. 19 9:30 a.m.	Gabe Bishop, Ed Pagnanelli	Andrea Myers, Pat Rossetti, Marge Contino, Margaret Panico-Harn, Gerry Paglione
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., Feb. 26 9:30 a.m.	Adolfo Gastaldo, Landa Brunetto	Blaise Marcucci, Ed Pagnanelli, Sharon D'Alberto, Judy Pishitelli Karen Quick

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact the Men's Faith Sharing group. Leaders for **February** are:

February 19 Adolfo Gastaldo

February 26 Carl Tisone

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

February 19 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

February 20 – Weekday

Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

February 21 – Weekday

St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

February 22 – The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

February 23 – St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50

February 24 – Weekday

Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12

February 25 – Weekday

BVM

Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16

February 26 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

February 12, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 70

In Envelopes: \$2,257.00 Loose Money: \$197.00

Regular Collection:	\$ 2,454.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (147.24)
	\$ 2,306.76

Votive Lights	\$ 50.00
Catholic Times	\$ 204.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 20.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 40.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 10.00
	\$ 324.00

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	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,454.00	(\$ 431.00)	-15%
FYTD:	\$95,205.00	\$90,209.03	(\$4,995.97)	-5%

**SJB Collection Counters for
Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

Mary Spellacy, Genevive Knouff & Carl Tisone

**SJB Collection Counters for
Monday, February 27, 2017**

Tom Elliott, Carl Tisone & Gus Gastaldo



Office Hours: In Observance of Presidents' Day, Monday, February 20, the office will be closed. The Parish Office Hours are 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and will resume on Tuesday through Friday.

Catholic Times Announcements: IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!! You can still sign up for **Catholic Times**. For a minimum donation of **only \$17.00** (parish rate), you will receive the weekly news of what's happening in the Catholic world. Use the envelope provided in your February packet, or simply write your name and "**Catholic Times**" on a plain envelope, make your check payable to the parish, and drop it into the collection basket. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the **Catholic Times**. Come enjoy "A journal of Catholic life in Ohio."

St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church announces the **2017 Father Casto Marrapese Scholarship Program**. If you are a high school senior student of Italian descent, attending Central Ohio High School, and accepted to an accredited two or four-year College or university in the U.S. for the 2017-2018 academic year, you are encouraged to apply for this scholarship opportunity. Application information has been posted on Saint John's web site www.info@sjbitaliana.com and has also been sent to Central Ohio high school guidance counseling offices. All application materials (application form, activity listing, personal recommendation letter, school recommendation and transcript, and personal essay) must be received at St. John's no later than **2:00 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2017**. For information, call **St. John the Baptist Catholic Italian Church** at **614-294-5319**.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Are you an **unbaptized** adult who has discerned God's call to conversion and faith, and are seeking to answer that call? Or perhaps you are a **Baptized** member of another faith, seeking to explore the truth of **Catholicism** and become one in full communion with the Catholic Church? Or have been Baptized into the Catholic Church as an Infant, but as an adult, you feel that you have not been **properly catechized**? Then you may want to consider exploring **RCIA** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. If you would like to learn more about RCIA here at our church, please contact our parish office at **(614) 294-5319**.

Around Us

Women of the Columbus Diocese Retreat: During this Lenten season, come away by yourself and, just one weekend, disconnect from the cyber world, and connect with God by coming to a **SILENT** retreat for women **March 3, 4 and 5, 2017** at **St. Thereses's Retreat Center**, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43213. Sponsored by the Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League, this retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday at noon. Registration forms are in the back of the church.

Pope's February Intentions: Each month, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intention:

- **Comfort for the Afflicted:** That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

February in the Church:

The month of February is dedicated to the **Holy Family**. This year, the entire month of February falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Did You Know? In 2016, Catholic Social Services helped **31,664 residents of Central Ohio**, providing hope and dignity. Catholic Social Services (CSS) is a faith-based social service agency focused on improving the quality of life of people of all faiths and backgrounds during some of their most vulnerable times of their lives. By serving people in ways that help seniors live independent, connected lives and families thrive, Catholic Social Services continues its 70-year legacy to address the community's unmet, pressing needs with compassion. ~ colscs.org.

Catholic Men's Conference 2017: Join nearly three thousand of your closest Brothers in Christ, hearing from some of the most dynamic speakers around the country. For new attendees, the **2017 Catholic Men's Conference** is sure to be a life-changing experience unlike any other. For those who have been before, it is the perfect opportunity to strengthen your faith and engage in fellowship. Your attendance is welcomed.

- February 25, 2017
- Cardinal Hall – Ohio Expo Center
- 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Register at www.catholicmensministry.com.

An Act of Kindness

It was but a sunny smile,
And little it cost in the giving,
But it scattered the night like the morning light
And made the day worth living.
It was but a kindly word,
A word that was lightly spoken,
Yet not in vain for it chilled the pain
Of a heart that was nearly broken.
It was but a helping hand,
And it seemed of little availing,
But its clasp was warm, it saved from harm
A brother whose strength was failing.

~ Fr. Faber; www.catholicculture.org



"Love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you...."

~ Matthew 5:44