

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Columbus Italian Festival last weekend and also the Taste of Italy on Monday, October 2nd. Since this was my first Festival, I was overwhelmed by the number of people who came, the various activities, booths, food, music and the parade. It was a quite a celebration of Italian culture and our faith, which we brought to the greater Columbus community. I want to thank everyone who volunteered on the various committees that were responsible for running the many different areas of the Festival. Your help was necessary for the Festival to happen and space does not allow me to acknowledge all of you. I do want to thank Adam Montemarano, and his employees from Rising Star Production & Entertainment, for their work on the setup of tents and booths, their cleanup and their work throughout the Festival. The clean-up work was especially challenging with the rain on Sunday evening. I want to thank the staff members Sue Guy, Aggie Howard, Vicky Gammell and Gina Bishop for their work before, during and after the Festival. Also, I want to acknowledge and thank Michael and Mario Cua, the Festival chairmen, and all the board members for their hard work and dedication to the Festival: Rick Brunetto, Landa Masdea Brunetto, Joe Contino, John Contino, Bud Fuller, Margaret Panico Harn, Vince Militello, Carol Ristucci, Pat Rossetti, Anthony Sciambi and Tina Solazzo. Thank you all for making the 2017 Columbus Italian Festival a special experience for many hundreds of people who came.

October is Respect Life Month in the Catholic Church in the United States. We are encouraged to give a greater witness to the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death. This is needed more than ever in our country, especially after recent shootings in Las Vegas and the deaths of dozens of innocent persons. As October is also the month of the Rosary, let us pray the Rosary for the conversion of our land from violence and hatred.

May God Bless You!
Fr. Kitsmiller
Associate Administrator
Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 10/15	9:30 a.m.	Carlo & Monica Ventresca by Carol Ventresca
Sun., 10/22	9:30 am	Charles Agriesti by Bonnie, Maria & Teresa

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Virginia & Dominick Finissi
by Norma Jean & Bill Finissi, Sr.
Marian Lights: Anthony "Andy" Catalfino
by Robert & Marge Contino

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 10/15	After Mass 4:30 p.m.	Blessed Mother Sodality (Marrapese Hall) San Giovanni Dance Group Practice (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 10/16	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Sun., 10/15 9:30 a.m.	Gabe Bishop John Snoad	Pat Rossetti, Ed Pagnanelli, Bob Contino, Marge Contino & Antonio D'Alberto
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 10/22	Nicolas D'Alberto Antonio D'Alberto	Leslie Pasion, Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Sharon D'Alberto & Margaret Panico-Harn

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

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

MOTHER ANGELINE McCrory: Marie Tarantelli
FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE: Joe Agriesti

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

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 **October** are:

- October 15 Vincent Davis
- October 22 Norma Jean Finissi
- October 29 Leslie Malek-Pasian

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

- October 15 – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
- October 16 – Weekday – Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin**
Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
- October 17 – Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**
Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
- October 18 – Saint Luke, Evangelist**
2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
- October 19 – Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests**
Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
- October 20 – Weekday – Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest**
Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
- October 21 – Weekday**
Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
- October 22 – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians



Office Hours:

The Parish Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

October 8, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 51

In Envelopes: \$1,780.00 Loose Money \$690.00

Regular Collection	\$ 2,470.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (148.20)
	\$ 2,321.80
St. Anthony's Bread – JOIN	\$ 20.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 30.00
	\$ 50.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/17-6/30/18)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$2,885.00	\$2,470.00	(\$ 415.00)	-14%
FYTD:	\$43,275.00	\$38,210.00	(\$ 5,065.00)	-12%

SJB Collection Counters

for Monday, October 16, 2017

Carol Tisone, Gus Gastaldo & Nick Perschetti

SJB Collection Counters

for Monday, October 23, 2017

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, & Darlene Rauch

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers a wonderful opportunity to experience God's mercy on a very personal level. The Sacrament of Penance is a beautiful sacrament through which we are reconciled to God, ourselves and our neighbors. Remember, the words of St. Paul, "God is rich in mercy; because of His great love for us, He brought us to life with Christ when we were dead in sin." (Eph 2:4). Father is available for Confession before Mass.

Around Us

White Mass: The Diocesan White Mass will take place at Our Lady of Victory Church at 6:00 p.m., **Wednesday, October 18. All health care professionals, students, families and their guests are invited.** The Mass will be celebrated by **Bishop Frederick Campbell.** A reception will follow in the parish hall. This Mass is sponsored by The Saint Paul the Second Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and the Knights of Malta.

Vocations: The Pontifical College Josephinum is opening its campus to young men who are discerning a vocation. High school juniors and seniors and college students are welcome to attend. Participants will experience the prayer life, academics, and communal worship of the seminarians and will be able to speak with them about the discernment process. The "Live-In" programs will take place from **Thursday to Saturday, October 19-21 and March 15-17, 2018.** For more information or to sign up, contact **Father John Baker** at (614) 985-2555 or jsbaker16@pcj.edu.


St. Mary Catholic Church in Groveport will have their **67th Annual Smorgasbord** on **Sunday, October 15, 2017**, from **12:30-6:00 p.m.** The church is located at 5684 Groveport Road, Groveport, Ohio 43125. The meal consists of chicken with homemade noodles, ham, cabbage rolls, salad, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes, desserts and drinks. **Adult price – \$10.00; Children 5-12 yrs – \$5.00. Children under 5 are free.**

Your Church at Work: The Catholic Church is one of the largest disaster response organizations in the world. Several Catholic organizations have established emergency relief operations for the thousands of people affected by Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean and southeastern United States and for those still recovering from Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana. Contributions can be made to:

- Catholic Charities USA: online at <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/donate-to-disaster-relief>; telephone (800) 919-9338; mail to Box 17066, Baltimore, MD 21297-1066 and write "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line of the check.
- Catholic Relief Services is taking donations for emergency shelter, water, and critical supplies for families in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, and Caribbean islands: <https://www.crs.org>.

Columbus Catholic Renewal: Annual Women's Retreat: The retreat "Capture My Heart Again" will be held from **October 20-22, 2017** at St. Therese Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43213. Caroline Gambale Dirkes of 2Tim4 Ministries is the Retreat Director. Praise and Worship is led by *Daughters of Song*. Opening Mass Celebrant will be Fr. Joshua Wagner. Vigil Mass Celebrant will be Fr. Ramon Owera, CFIC. Go to <http://www.cccolumbus.org> for details and registration.

Holy Father's Intention for the Month of October 2017
 You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intention:
That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.



Are you angry with someone? Pray for that person. That is what Christian love is.
 ~ Pope Francis



Many are invited, but few are chosen.
 Matthew 22:14

Prayer
*Lord, I come before You today in need of Your healing hand.
 In You all things are possible.
 Hold my heart within Yours,
 and renew my mind, body, and soul.
 I am lost, but I am singing.
 You gave us life, and You also give us the gift of infinite joy.
 Give me the strength to move forward on the path You've laid out for me.
 Guide me towards better health,
 and give me the wisdom to identify those You've placed around me to help me get better.
 In your name I pray,
 Amen.*