

My brothers and sisters,

I believe it is fitting that we are able to have listened to and continue to listen to Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount in St. Matthew's Gospel during these weeks. I say this due to what concerns many have about what is going on in our society and culture and especially the divisiveness within the political sphere. Unfortunately, throughout human history these concerns come up and I believe it above all in these times that we are in need to be faithful to Jesus. The beauty of the Beatitudes which begins the Sermon on the Mount, as well as the entire Sermon on the Mount, teach us a wonderful summary of the new way of life which Jesus' teaching calls us to. If you are concerned, worried, or fearful of the things which occur in the world today, take a moment and turn to Jesus' words, and to focus once again in our Faith in Christ. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus and strive in our own hearts and lives to be faithful to Him, so that we may continue to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Fr. Tony Lonzo
Associate Administrator
Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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| Sun., 2/12 | 9:30 a.m. | Nicolino DiRocco by Mike & Dina Ricci |
| Sun., 2/19 | 9:30 a.m. | Joe Colak by Rosemary Colak |

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Mon., 2/13/17 | 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: Tony Frissora by Joann & George Paesano
Marian Light: Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone

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**

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.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| | Lector | Eucharistic Minister |
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| Sun., Feb. 12 9:30 a.m. | Antonio D'Alberto, Samantha Fallucco | Sharon D'Alberto, Ed Pagnanelli, Karen Quick, Judy Pishitelli & Marge Contino |
| | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
| Sun., Feb. 19 9:30 a.m. | Gabe Bishop, Ed Pagnanelli | Andrea Myers, Pat Rossetti, Marge Contino, Margaret Panico-Harn, Gerry Paglione |

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 12 Marge Contino
February 19 Adolfo Gastaldo
February 26 Carl Tisone

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

February 12 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/
 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

February 13 – Weekday

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13

February 14 – Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21

February 15 – Weekday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26

February 16 – Weekday

Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33

February 17 – Weekday

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34-9:1

February 18 – Weekday – BVM

Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13

February 19 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

February 5, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 49

In Envelopes: \$2,440.00 Loose Money \$279.00

Regular Collection: \$2,719.00
 Less Diocesan 6% Assessment: \$ (163.14)
\$2,555.86

Votive Lights \$ 29.00
 Catholic Times \$ 119.00
 St. Anthony Bread \$ 112.00
 50/50 Drawing \$ 60.00
\$ 320.00

\$\$\$? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/16-6/30/17)

| | Budgeted | Actual | Difference (\$) | (%) |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|------------|
| This Week: | \$ 2,885.00 | \$ 2,719.00 | (\$ 166.00) | -6% |
| FYTD: | \$92,320.00 | \$87,755.03 | (\$4,564.97) | -5% |

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, February 6, 2017

Tom Elliott, Carl Tisone & Gus Gastaldo

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, February 13, 2017

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri & Darlene Rauch



Office Hours:

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

Catholic Times Announcements: Thank you to all new and returning readers of the *Catholic Times*. Contact the parish office if you missed the special collection and learn how to sign up for the upcoming year for a minimum donation of **only \$17.00** (parish rate). 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".

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed to count the St. John the Baptist weekend collections. Volunteers usually work in pairs, Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at St. Johns. The more volunteers we have, the more this important job can be shared throughout the month. Please contact Aggie Howard at 614-294-5319 if you are interested.

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 years, 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 more 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** here 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 to 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?: About 15 percent of all hospitals in the United States are Catholic hospitals. In some parts of the world, the Catholic Church provides the only healthcare, education and social services available to people.

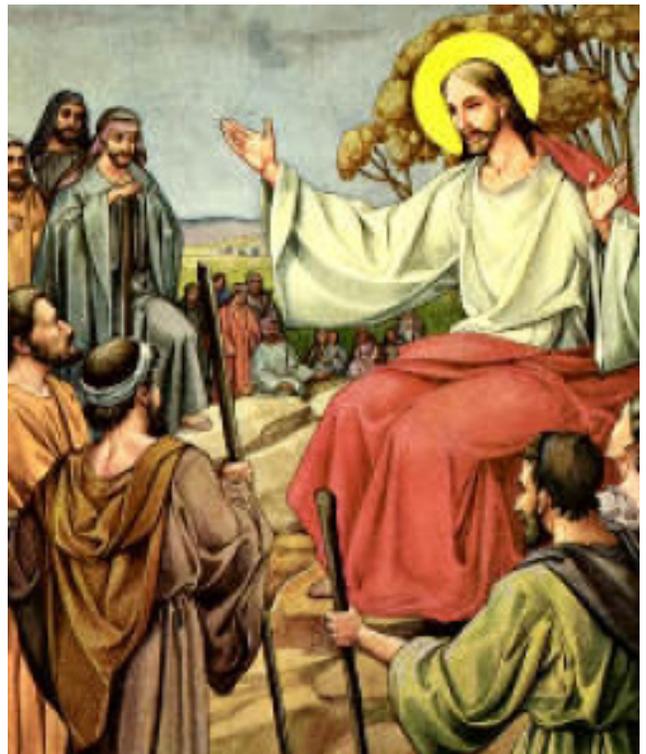
~ catholic.org

Prayers for the Sick

WE PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF THE SICK AND OF ALL THOSE WHO SUFFER: For the poor, the infirm, the outcast, the marginalized. May they be recognized, no matter how frail, for their innate and inalienable dignity and mission in life. Like Saint Bernadette, who turned her frailty into support for others, may they bring out in others the love and compassion that are part of every created human heart.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROVIDE CARE AND ASSIST THE SICK: For family members, health workers and volunteers – that they may accompany the infirm and show them the love of God made manifest in human hands and hearts. We pray for those in different roles of service and in health care institutions throughout the world, that they will be strengthened in their professionalism and dedication to the sick and the suffering.

~ Excerpted from CHA's 25th World Day of the Sick Prayer Service



The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love.

~ Pope Francis