

**My brothers and sisters,**

Recently the two side altars were repaired and repainted to fit into the beautiful architecture and decor of our parish church. This project was certainly on "our list" of things that needed to be attended to. Also with this project we moved the statue of St. Joseph back to the side altar in keeping with the original design and decor of the church. This is a "capital improvement" to our parish which cost just over \$20,000.00. As you know, any time you do a repair or an improvement to your homes it usually cost a great deal of money. So too, with repairs to our parish church. I share this information with you so that we don't lose sight of the fact that we have continued to make improvements to our parish and that so often these can be costly. At this time we are fortunate to be in a fairly stable financial position as a parish. I am currently beginning to work on a brief historical summary of our parish finances, and with the help of the finance committee to work on a presentation to the parish to share information, as well as upcoming projects that we can plan to achieve. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK!****Fr. Tony Lonzo****Associate Administrator****Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist****MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun., 2/5	11:00 a.m. SH	Charles Agriesti by Egeo & Florenza Frissora
Sun., 2/5	9:30 a.m.	Joseph Manno
Sun., 2/12	9:30 a.m.	Nicolino DiRocco by Mike & Dina Ricci

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Monday, 2/6/2017	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:** Bruno Masdea by Roger & Andrea Myer**Marian Light:** Laura Galilei

by Danny &amp; Betty Jo LaPenna

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Sunday, Feb. 5th 9:30 a.m.</b>	Bill Nightingale, Landa Brunetto	Antonio D'Alberto, Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn, & Blaise Marcucci
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Feb. 12th</b>	Antonio D'Alberto, Samantha Fallucco	Sharon D'Alberto, Ed Pagnanelli, Karen Quick, Judy Pishitelli & Marge Contino

**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.**

**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:

<b>February 5</b>	Bob Contino
<b>February 12</b>	Marge Contino
<b>February 19</b>	Adolfo Gastaldo
<b>February 26</b>	Carl Tisone

**2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings****February 5 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

**February 6 – St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

**February 7 – Weekday**

Gn 1:20–2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

**February 8 – Weekday****St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

**February 9 – Weekday**

Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

**February 10 – St. Scholastica, Virgin**

Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

**February 11 – Weekday****Our Lady of Lourdes; BVM**

Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

**February 12 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

\* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**

January 29, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used: 48

In Envelopes: \$1,821.00 Loose Money \$103.00

Regular Collection:	\$1,924.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	<u>\$ (115.44)</u>
	\$1,808.56

Votive Lights	\$ 46.00
50/50 Drawing	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
	\$ 56.00

**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	\$ 1,924.00	(\$ 961.00)	-33%
FYTD:	\$89,435.00	\$85,036.03	(\$ 4,398.97)	-5%

**SJB Collection Counters for****Monday, February 6, 2017**

Tom Elliott, Carl Tisone &amp; Gus Gastaldo

**SJB Collection Counters for****Monday, February 13, 2017**

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri &amp; Darlene Rauch

**Office Hours:**

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

**Catholic Times Announcements:** For a Catholic perspective, the *Catholic Times* weekly newspaper features insightful and informative news from around our dioceses, our country, and the world. Sign up TODAY for, or continue receiving the *Catholic Times* for another year, by placing your *Catholic Times* envelope with a minimum donation of **only \$17.00** (parish rate) into the regular Mass collection. This donation HELPS THE PARISH to provide *Catholic Times* to you and many of our parishioners. Checks should be made payable to St. John the Baptist Church. If you are on "electronic" donation, you can still receive *Catholic Times* – simply place your donation in an envelope marked "*Catholic Times*" and your Name and drop it into the Sunday collection basket during February. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages every Catholic household to receive the *Catholic Times*. Come enjoy "A journal of Catholic life in Ohio." Sign up TODAY!

**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 a 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](http://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** here 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 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.

**World Day of the Sick: February 11** is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day.

*"On this Twenty-fifth World Day of the Sick, I once more offer my prayerful support and encouragement to physicians, nurses, volunteers and all those consecrated men and women committed to serving the sick and those in need. I also embrace the ecclesial and civil institutions working to this end, and the families who take loving care of their sick. I pray that all may be ever joyous signs of the presence of God's love ..."* **POPE FRANCIS**

**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.



*The Church is the salt of the earth, she is the light of the world. She is called to make present in society the leaven of the Kingdom of God and she does this primarily with her witness, the witness of brotherly love, of solidarity and of sharing with others."*

~ **Pope Francis**