

My brothers and sisters,

As we continue our celebration of the octave of Easter today, we also celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday was established in the universal Church by the late St. John Paul II during his pontificate, and it was in fact the vigil of Divine Mercy on April 2, 2005, which St. John Paul II was called "home to the Father's house." I invite you to celebrate this devotion of the Church and the continued celebration of our risen Lord's mercy today at Sacred Heart Church. Fr. Bill Deville, former pastor, now retired, will be presiding over the afternoon's celebration and concluding Mass. I would like to thank Fr. Deville for his willingness to continue to organize the celebration of **Divine Mercy at Sacred Heart**. Please see the schedule in today's bulletin for further information.

A special thank-you to all parishioners and volunteers in helping prepare and make both Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist so beautiful during Holy Week and Easter; I know there were many compliments and I wanted to express my thanks as well.

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., 4/23 | 9:30 a.m. | Tony Solazzo by Mr. & Mrs. Gino DiCristoforo |
| Sun., 4/23 | 3:30 p.m. SH | Mary Rossetti by Norma O'Neil |
| Tues., 4/25 | 1:00 p.m. Padre Pio | Samuel Giulini by Caterina Sestito & Family |
| Sun., 4/30 | 9:30 a.m. | Antonio Frissora by Joe & Rina Tiberi & Family |

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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|-----------------|----------------|---|
| Mon., 4/24 | 6:00 p.m. | Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom) |
| Mon., 4/24 | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival (Marrapese or Sala Hall) |
| Tues., 4/25 | 12:30 pm | Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary & Intentions – Mass at 1:00 p.m. Chapel |
| Thurs., 4/27 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Amici D'Oro Meeting |
| Sun., 4/30 | After Mass | LaDonne Group Meeting (Marrapese Hall) |

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Larry O'Connel by Patty Clifford

Marian Lights: Reagan Tokes by Chris Soteriades

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

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

| | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Sun., 4/23 9:30 a.m. | Antonio D'Alberto Samanth Fallucco | Margaret Panico-Harn Ed Pagnanelli, Andrea Myers & Judy Pishitelli |
| | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers |
| Sun., 4/30 9:30 a.m. | John Snoad Ed Pagnanelli | Marge Contino, Pat Rossetti, Margaret Panico-Harn Judy Pishitelli & Bob Contino |

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 April are:

April 23 Vincent Davis
April 30 Carl Tisone

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

April 23 – Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

April 24 – Easter Weekday
St. Fidellis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

April 25 – Saint Mark Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

April 26 – Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

April 27 – Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

April 28 – Easter Weekday
St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
Act 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

April 30 – Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

Divine Mercy Sunday at Sacred Heart

April 23
1:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1:30 p.m. Confessions
2:00 p.m. Rosary
2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Benediction
3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:30 p.m. Mass

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

April 16, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 72

In Envelopes: \$3,720.00 Loose Money \$638.00

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| Regular Collection: | \$ 4,358.00 |
| Less Diocesan 6% Assessment | \$ (261.48) |
| | \$ 4,096.52 |

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| Votive Lights | \$ 21.00 |
| Good Friday | \$ 170.00 |
| St. Anthony Bread | \$ 20.00 |
| Capital Improvements | \$ 179.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$ 15.00 |
| 50/50 Drawing | \$ 10.00 |
| | \$ 415.00 |

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

| | Budgeted | Actual | Difference (\$) | (%) |
|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----|
| This Week: | \$ 2,885.00 | \$ 4,358.00 | \$1,473.00 | 51% |
| FYTD: | \$121,170.00 | \$115,817.61 | (\$5,352.39) | -4% |

**SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, April 24, 2017**

Maria Lucchin, Mary Spellacy, & Nick Perschetti

**SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, May 1, 2017**

Tom Elliott, Carl Tisone & Gus Gastaldo

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

2017 Diocesan Senior Citizens Celebration: The **40th Annual Diocesan Senior Citizens Celebration** is **Tuesday, June 6, 2017**, at **St. Joan of Arc Church**, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell, Ohio. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by a luncheon. Registration for the celebration is **\$10.00**. This annual event is a great opportunity of faith, food, and fellowship with senior citizens from the 23-county Catholic Diocese of Columbus. To register, please send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For questions, call **(614) 241-2540** or email at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org. Registrations are requested by **June 1, 2017**.

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **April** is dedicated to **The Holy Spirit**. The entire month falls during the **Easter** season. The liturgical color is white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

The month of **March** is dedicated to **St. Joseph**. The entire month falls during the liturgical season of **Lent**, which is represented by the liturgical color purple – a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of April 2017

You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intention:

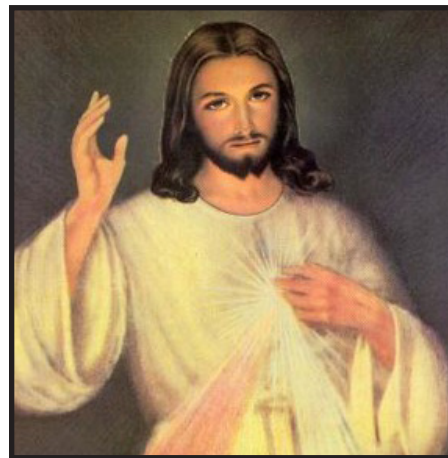
That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

Catholic Church Tours: Imagine making a holy pilgrimage this Easter season! What would it be like to explore the holy places and churches found right here in Ohio? Join **Father Joshua Wagner** and hundreds of other pilgrims on his annual Easter Pilgrimage "The Catholic Church Tour." This year, we will be exploring the Churches and Shrines of Western Ohio (Maria Stein), of Perry County, and Downtown Columbus. Energize the upcoming Easter Season NOW! Get more information to reserve your spot immediately by going to **CatholicChurchTour.com!** **Tour dates** are: **April 29th** and **May 13, 2017**.

Celebrate TWO great Moms this Mother's Day Weekend!: Honor the Blessed Mother and your own favorite earthy mother or mother figure in your life by attending a special Marian event at St. Peter & Paul Retreat Center in Newark, Ohio on **Saturday, May 13th** – the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima! Catholic author/speaker/radio host Elizabeth Ficocelli will present "Spiritual Warfare in the Age of Mary," a dynamic presentation that recounts key visits of Our Lady over the past two centuries and how she is preparing us to fight the evil we see so rampant in the world today. The event runs from **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** and includes continental breakfast and a book signing. Registration is **\$20.00** and can be made by contacting info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org or visiting www.stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.com or by calling 1-740-928-4246.

"I think we too are the people who, on the one hand, want to listen to Jesus, but on the other hand, at times, like to find a stick to beat others with, to condemn others. And Jesus has this message for us: mercy. I think – and I say it with humility – that this is the Lord's most powerful message: mercy.
– Pope Francis

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Sunday following Easter is popularly known as Mercy of God Sunday. Between 1930 and 1938 Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonized on April 30, 2000, the Sunday after Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested that Blessed Faustina make a special novena before the Feast of Mercy, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. Jesus also asked that a picture be painted according to the vision of Himself as the fountain of mercy. He gave her a chaplet to be recited and said that it was appropriate to pray the chaplet at three o'clock each afternoon (the Hour of Great Mercy). On the afternoon of **April 23, Sacred Heart** will celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday at 3:30 p.m.**



Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."
~ John 20:19

Prayer

*Blessed are You, loving Father,
Ruler of the universe:
You have given us Your Son as Your Leader,
And have made us temples of Your Holy Spirit.
Fill our family with Your light and peace.
Have mercy on all who suffer,
And bring us to everlasting joy with You.
Father,
We bless Your Name for ever and ever.
Amen.*