

My brothers and sisters,

As announced last week, we are beginning the Bishop's Annual Appeal this weekend. This year, for our diocesan goal, we have been asked to raise \$15,464.64. I know in year's past, St. John the Baptist exceeded their diocesan goal and were able to utilize the surplus for various projects. Last year, we were only \$472.00 from reaching our diocesan goal, with only 40 families participating. I would like to thank all of those who participated last year.

On Sunday, May 21st, a financial summary will be presented to the parish from fiscal years 2013-2016, as well as future projections. Although, overall, it appears we are doing well financially as a parish; it is easy to begin to "rest on our laurels" and become complacent regarding future planning. Currently, there are a few very large and costly projects that need to be completed including the resurfacing of the main parking lot and fixing the box gutters on the rectory building and the box gutters on the church. Last weekend, due to the heavy rain, we encountered some leaks in the chapel area and steeple, both were unexpected. My hope is that we are able to make needed improvements to our parish and at the same time be mindful that we can't deplete our reserves, without being mindful of the future.

As we were so very close to achieving the diocesan goal last year, I believe we can certainly work together to exceed the diocesan goal this year and work together to achieve our **enhanced parish goal of \$40,000.00**. This enhanced goal will cover painting and caulking of the window sills and frames, painting the front doors of the church and any repairs to the limestone caps under 35 feet from the ground. This work will address normal wear due to weather, which needs regular maintenance and upkeep. I have chosen this particular project, in combination with this year's BAA, because it is work that needs to be done for the basic upkeep and maintenance of our church. Furthermore, I believe it is an achievable goal for us to attain if we are able to contribute and it is something that parishioners have noted needs attention and, at the same time, will be a visible enhancement to the church.

I ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Bishops Annual Appeal, knowing that every dollar raised over our diocesan goal will return to the parish and be utilized for this needed maintenance work and for capital improvements to our parish. **I believe that if we are all able to work together as a parish, we will be able to reach our goal of \$40,000.00.** The goal may seem like a lot of money, but if we could increase participation from 40 families to 100 families and each family gives \$400.00 (\$40.00 per month), we will reach our goal. I know some may be able to give more than \$400.00, others may not be able to give as much. I ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to not only help local church and its mission, but also help continue to maintain our beautiful church. As a sign of good faith, I will make a personal \$500.00 donation to this year's Bishops Annual Appeal to help St. John the Baptist reach and surpass its goal. Please join me in this endeavor and thank you for your generosity.

Have a great week!

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 5/7	9:30 a.m.	Italia Minni-Grossman by Husband Jim & Daughter Trina Gill
Sun., 5/14	9:30 a.m.	Viola DelGreco by Dave & Rita Kreuzer

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon., 5/8	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Sun., 5/14	11:00 a.m.	Altar Guild (Marrapese Hall)

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Tony Salazzo

by M/M Jose & Jeanine Rodriguez

Marian Lights: Petrina Agriesti

by Roger & Andrea Myers

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

Mt. Carmel East Hospital: Janet Ward and Joe Pishitelli

****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
Sun., 5/7 9:30 a.m.	Gabe Bishop Antonio D'Alberto	Sharon D'Alberto Ed Pagnanelli, Andrea Myers, Judy Pishitelli & Marge Contino
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 5/14 9:30 a.m.	Ed Pagnanelli, John Snoad	Karen Quick, Pat Rossetti, Sharon D; Alberto & Marge Baker

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

May 7 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

May 8 – Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18

May 9 – Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

May 10 – Easter Weekday – St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 12:24–13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

May 11 – Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

**May 12 – Easter Weekday – Saints Nereus and Achilleus,
Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr**

Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

May 13 – Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

May 14 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts: 6:1-7 1/Pt 2:4-9/Jn 13:1-12

*** Pray for our Priests and seminarians**

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:

May 7	Carl Tisone
May 14	Norman Finissi
May 21	Leslie Malek-Pasian
May 28	Gary Bosco

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

April 30, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 42

In Envelopes: \$2,045.00 Loose Money \$100.00

Regular Collection:	\$ 2,145.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (128.70)
	\$ 2,016.30

Votive Lights	\$ 34.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 105.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 3.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
	\$ 152.00

Lenten Folders	\$ 726.00
Good Friday	\$ 206.00

\$\$\$? 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	\$ 2,145.00	(\$ 740.00)	-26%
FYTD:	\$126,940.00	\$120,528.61	(\$6,411.39)	-5%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 8, 2017

Maruja Paule, Paul Cosentino, & Darlene Rauch

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 15, 2017

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin & Nick Perschetti

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**.

Catholic Faith Resources: Look for Catholic Faith Resources in Sala Hall. Suggested donations of **\$5.00** for books and CDs.

Around Us

Did You Know: One of the oldest paintings of Christ, in the Roman catacombs, represents Christ as carrying the injured, straying sheep gently on His shoulders back to the sheepfold. This is an image of Christ which has always appealed to Christians. There is something guileless, yet foolish about a sheep. But with Christ as our shepherd, we have reason to rejoice.

Holy Spirit make my heart open to the Word of God.

Jesus is the good Shepherd. He seeks us out and he stays near us even though we are sinners, indeed...

~ Pope Francis

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **May** is dedicated to **The Blessed Virgin Mary**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of **Easter**, which is represented by the liturgical color white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. As Spring blossoms forth and we are surrounded by new life, we spend this month full of the joy of our Easter celebration and in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Consoler and Advocate. During the remainder of Easter time, let us endeavor through the prayers of the Holy Liturgy and the Holy Rosary to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ.

Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of May 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 in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.



I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

– John 10:10

Prayer

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

~ Psalm 23