



The Deacon's Bench –

Dear Parishioners:

- 1). During my absence from the Parish, there was a decision of huge magnitude made by the Supreme Court for our Country and for the Catholic Church. This is the first chance I have to address the issue of the same sex marriage ruling from this column, also on behalf of Fr. Antonio and Fr. Lonzo. Obviously, we deplore the decision of the Supreme Court to redefine marriage to include people of the same sex. The President of the Catholic Bishops in our country has referred to this decision as a “tragic error,” much like the decision to legalize abortion over 40 years ago. It goes against both natural and divine law. In a separate sheet in this bulletin, you will be able to read the responses of the Bishops of Ohio and also of the USCCB. I suggest you read and reflect upon those words, which represent the teaching of the Magisterium on the subject.

Personally, I am terribly disappointed in our Supreme Court Judges, and I am wondering what prompted them to take such a stand. Like you, I am dumbfounded by such a decision and I worry about what effects it will have on our children. But I do not lose confidence in the Catholic Church, who has lasted for over 2,000 years, and has the promise of the Lord that “the gates of heaven shall not prevail against her.”

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? “Taking Back Marriage for Our Children and Families” will be offered Wednesday, July 15, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Jessing Center. William B. May, author of Getting the Marriage Conversation Right, and frequent guest on EWTN and Catholic Radio, will speak. All are welcome to this free presentation.

- 2). Today, we welcome to our Parish Fr. Bragotti, a Comboni Missionary, who will speak during Mass and give the Mission Appeal. The Comboni Missionaries are a worldwide group of more than 4,000 priests, brothers, sisters and laity from diverse cultures who have dedicated their lives to following Christ's example and St. Daniel Comboni's missionary ideal of evangelization. In all the places they serve, they share their deep faith in God through service to the “poorest and most abandoned people” throughout the world. *“The harvest is plenty, laborers are few; pray to the Lord of the harvest to send workers...”* (Matt. 9:37-38). They are workers for peace and justice and especially workers who witness and share God's compassion and love. Please respond with generosity to their appeal.
- 3). Again, I would like to give you an update of our Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of July 5, we have received 28 pledges, totaling \$11,750.00, with a total paid to date of \$7,775.00. This represents 84% of our goal of \$14,057.09, with 14% of households giving. This is a remarkable achievement, especially considering that only 28 families participated in the Appeal. I am very grateful to those parishioners who have already contributed for their generous participation, and ask all the parishioners to get on board in the weeks ahead. Please consider being an integral part of a successful BAA 2015. We are blessed with much; let us remember the needs of others.
- 4). I am happy to report that donation tags have been provided for the following items paid for by the generosity of our Parishioners. We ask God to reward them in a special way and to bless our Parish with more generous hearts to serve the glory of God and the beauty of our Church.

Purchase and Restoration of Statues and Altar:

- **Main Altar: Restoration** by Frank Guglielmi.
- **San Francesco D'Assisi:** Donated by Robert and Margaret Contino, Caterina Sestito and Irene Solazzo.
- **Sant' Antonio Di Padova: Statue** Given by Mary Jo Zimmerman,
Statue Restored by Carl Tisone and Family.
- **Ambo: Restoration** by Mary Jo Zimmerman, Martha Kleinman and Bob and Liz Roehrer.
- **Triptych Window:** Donated by Dorothy D'Ambrosio Murnane.

Dio vi benedica abbondantemente, il vostro Diacono Felice
(614-294-5319, ext. #8 • fazzola@sjbitaliana.org)

June 26, 2015 – Ohio Bishops Issue Statement Regarding the Same Sex Marriage Ruling

“Today, the United States Supreme Court released its ruling that states are required to license a marriage between two people of the same sex. This is not the ruling hoped for by the Catholic Church, which believes that marriage is by definition between one man and one woman. For centuries, this definition has been universally accepted in virtually all cultures – secular as well as religious. Every nation has laws limiting who can be married and under what circumstances. This is because lawmakers always have understood that marriage does not exist just for the mutual satisfaction of the two people involved, but for the betterment of society. Traditional marriage is the cradle of the family, the basic building block of society. As Pope Francis has reminded us, every child has a right to be raised by two parents, a father and a mother. Both parents are important, and they are not interchangeable. The sad reality that so many children are deprived of this right because of the crisis in traditional marriage does not make it any less important. It is deeply disappointing and worrisome that our courts do not understand this. The Catholic Church remains steadfast in its commitment to promote and defend marriage: defined as the union of one man and one woman. With renewed hope, sensitivity, and compassion, the Church will continue to attend to the challenges and hardships that confront individuals and their families, and to treat all persons with the dignity and respect due to them as children of God.”

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 7/12	9:30 a.m.	Donald Veri by Donna Veri & Family
Sun., 7/19	9:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of Amici D'Oro by Amici D'Oro Members

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Andrew Daniel DeFranco
by George & Jeanne Blaesing

Marian: Elsie DelGreco
by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Stumph

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

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

THE BARRINGTON OF CARMEL – CARMEL, INDIANA: Yola Rossi
MOTHER ANGELINE McCORY: Marie Tarantelli
RAINBOW HOSPITAL: Maggie Gastaldo
RECUPERATING AT HOME: Lucian Susi

***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
July 19th 9:30 a.m.	Bob Contino, Bill Nightingale	Pat Rossetti, Marge Contino, Margaret Panico-Harn, Charlie Agriesti

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 7/12	Altar Guild after Mass (Marrapese Hall) San Giovanni Dance Group 3:30 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 7/13	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)
Sun., 7/19	Marrapese Scholarship Winners Presentation (during Mass) and Reception (after Mass) Blessed Mother Sodality (after Mass) San Giovanni Dance Group 3:30 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)

2015 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

July 12 – Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13
* Fr. Theodore Machnik

July 13 – Weekday
Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1
* Fr. David Poliafico

July 14 – Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
* Fr. Terrance Klein

July 15 – St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of Church
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
* Fr. William Faustner

July 16 – Weekday – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
* Fr. Anthony Davis

July 17 – Weekday
Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8
*Fr. Lester Noll, OFM, CAP

July 18 – Weekday
Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21
*Fr. David J. Young

July 19 – Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
* Fr. William Thomas Kessler

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

July 5, 2015

Number of Envelopes Used – 59

In Envelopes: \$2,430.00	Loose Money: \$111.00
Regular Collection:	\$2,541.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	(\$ 152.46)
	\$2,388.54
Votive Lights	\$ 44.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 5.00
Saint Anthony Bread	\$ 75.00
50/50	\$ 90.00
	\$ 214.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/15-6/30/16)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$2,885.00	\$2,541.00	(\$344.00)	-12%
FYTD:	\$2,885.00	\$2,541.00	(\$344.00)	-12%

SJB Collection Counters

for Monday, July 13, 2015

Mary Spellacy, Genevive Knouff, Paul Cosentino



Fr. Hilary Ike learned this morning that his father, Mr. Raphael Ike, died today at his home in Nigeria.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Mr. Ike, as well as Fr. Hilary and his family during this difficult time. Fr. Hilary will be traveling home to Nigeria for his father's Funeral Mass. For those who may not know Fr. Hilary, he serves as the Defender of the Bond in the Diocesan Tribunal, provides priestly ministry to the Nigerian Catholic Community at St. Matthias Church, and provides priestly ministry at St. Joseph Cathedral where he is in residence. Fr. Hilary served St. John and Sacred Heart over the past 18 months.

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: Currently, we have Rosary Leaders scheduled through July and August. 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 or to become a leader, please contact Toby Derrick at 614-460-9497.

The Leaders for July and August are:

- July 19 – Leslie Malek-Pasian
- July 26 – Dan Pillitteri
- August 2 – Carl Tisone

Congratulations.



SJB 50/50 Winner for May 2015: With 14 participants, Mr. Paul Cosentino won \$70.00.

SJB 50/50 Winner for June 2015: With 13 participants, Mr. & Mrs. Sam McCreary won \$65.00.

The Columbus Italian Festival is in need of volunteers

and possible Chairpersons in the following areas:

- Parking (volunteers needed)

If you would like to volunteer to be part of the Festival, please contact Tina Solazzo at zingerts@yahoo.com or Rick Brunetto at rickbrunetto@mac.com.

Marrapese Scholarships Winners will receive their certificates during the July 19th 9:30 a.m. Mass. A reception will follow in Marrapese Hall. We are in need of bakers for the reception. Please contact Bonnie Agriesti at 882-6088 or Betty Jo LaPenna at 882-1776 if you can help bake. We will also need help cleaning up afterwards. Let Bonnie or Betty Jo know if you can help.

Campaign for the Future

To date, we have received: 139 Pledges
\$552,631.25 Pledged
\$509,696.25 Paid

AROUND US

A special "Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose – One Life, One Rose" Prayer Service, honoring the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, and reaffirming the sanctity of human life, will be held on Saturday, July 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Avenue, Columbus. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, six "Silver Roses" have been uniting the faithful in prayer throughout North America since April 2015. The pilgrimage will conclude on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. Join with Knights and their families from throughout the Diocese to honor Our Lady and pray to support a culture of life!

BEST OF IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND – 11 DAYS: MARCH 1-11, 2016. Hosted by Father Pat Toner. Cost: \$2,929.00 roundtrip from Columbus (air/land tour price is \$2,399.00, plus \$530.00 govt. taxes and airline surcharges). TOUR INCLUDES: Roundtrip Air from Columbus, First Class/Select Hotels, Most Meals, Professional Driver/Guide and Comprehensive Sightseeing. Visit Belfast, Derry, Knock, Galway, Connemara, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Blarney Castle and Dublin. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Toner at (614) 296-7404 or Patricktoner00@gmail.com.



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

NEWS RELEASE: June 26, 2015

SUPREME COURT DECISION ON MARRIAGE “A TRAGIC ERROR” SAYS PRESIDENT OF USCCB

Regardless of what a narrow majority of the Supreme Court may declare at this moment in history, the nature of the human person and marriage remains unchanged and unchangeable. Just as *Roe v. Wade* did not settle the question of abortion over forty years ago, *Obergefell v. Hodges* does not settle the question of marriage today. Neither decision is rooted in the truth, and as a result, both will eventually fail. Today the Court is wrong again. It is profoundly immoral and unjust for the government to declare that two people of the same sex can constitute a marriage.

The unique meaning of marriage as the union of one man and one woman is inscribed in our bodies as male and female. The protection of this meaning is a critical dimension of the “integral ecology” that Pope Francis has called us to promote. Mandating marriage redefinition across the country is a tragic error that harms the common good and most vulnerable among us, especially children. The law has a duty to support every child’s basic right to be raised, where possible, by his or her married mother and father in a stable home.

Jesus Christ, with great love, taught unambiguously that from the beginning marriage is the lifelong union of one man and one woman. As Catholic bishops, we follow our Lord and will continue to teach and to act according to this truth.

I encourage Catholics to move forward with faith, hope, and love: faith in the unchanging truth about marriage, rooted in the immutable nature of the human person and confirmed by divine revelation; hope that these truths will once again prevail in our society, not only by their logic, but by their great beauty and manifest service to the common good; and love for all our neighbors, even those who hate us or would punish us for our faith and moral convictions.

Lastly, I call upon all people of good will to join us in proclaiming the goodness, truth, and beauty of marriage as rightly understood for millennia, and I ask all in positions of power and authority to respect the God-given freedom to seek, live by, and bear witness to the truth.



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Definitions Matter

Marriage is and can only be the union of one man and one woman. It is the only institution that unites a man and a woman with each other and with any child who comes from their union. Only a man and a woman can become husband and wife, father and mother, together.

The Supreme Court

The Supreme Court is currently considering two questions: whether the 14th Amendment requires states to issue marriage licenses to two persons of the same sex and whether states are required to recognize same sex “marriages” that were contracted in another state. The answer should be “no” to both questions.

Sexual Difference

Sexual difference, male and female, is essential for marriage and children. Our bodies matter—we don’t just *have* a body but *are* a body. Without this basis, there is no limit to what “marriage” can mean.

Marriage is natural

Marriage is a natural institution that predates government. Every human society has acknowledged that the sexual union of man and woman matters because it creates the next generation. While Jesus elevates Christian marriage to a sacrament, the complementarity of the sexes and the natural meaning of marriage can be known through reason without appealing to Scripture.

Children

Every child has a mother and a father and deserves to be loved and raised by them. While some circumstances may prevent this, marriage is the primary way society protects this right of children.

Mothers and fathers matter

Only a man can be a father; only a woman can be a mother. Both are irreplaceable. A child should not be deliberately deprived of either one.

Single Parents

Single parents and others often make great sacrifices to raise children. They deserve our respect and support. The key point is not to *deliberately or intentionally*

deprive children of their mother or father or ignore their rights.

Adoptive Families

If circumstances preclude a child’s staying with his or her natural parents, the optimal alternative is for a married man and woman to become for that child a father and a mother united in an exclusively faithful commitment for life.

Dignity of the Human Person

All persons have inviolable dignity and deserve love and respect. Redefining marriage furthers no one’s rights, least of all those of children.

Equality and Rights

Affirming the true definition of marriage denies no one their basic rights. Rather, it affirms the equal dignity of women and men and safeguards the rights of children.

Discrimination

Unjust discrimination is always wrong. Treating different things differently is not unjust discrimination. Protecting marriage is a matter of justice.

Same-Sex Attraction and the Church

The experience of same-sex attraction is a reality that calls for compassion, sensitivity, pastoral care and attention. Support groups, such as Courage and Encourage, are an important part of the Church’s pastoral ministries. (See USCCB, *Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination* [2006]: p. 22.)

Religious Freedom

Redefining marriage in the law changes thousands of laws at once. It will set the Church’s teaching and witness about marriage in opposition to the law. It will cause innumerable conflicts between the state and religious institutions and individuals. There are, in fact, already numerous examples of this.

Ongoing work

The USCCB seeks to strengthen, promote and defend marriage through its initiatives *For Your Marriage* (foryourmarriage.org), *Por Tu Matrimonio* (portumatrimonio.org) and *Marriage: Unique for a Reason* (marriageuniqueforareason.org). Please visit, explore and share these sites.

A **Mass of Healing and Healing Service** will be held on **Monday, July 20, 6:30 p.m.**, at **St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street**, in downtown Columbus. **Cathedral Rector Fr. Michael Lumpe** will celebrate the Mass and **Msgr. Frank Lane** will provide the Homily. Following the Mass of Healing, a Healing Service will take place beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of Relics of the True Cross, with each person having the opportunity to speak individually with one of several priests present to discuss their particular situation and receive a prayer of healing; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Healing Service will conclude with Benediction. All persons who seek healing – all physical illnesses and infirmities – are invited, as are family members, caregivers, and medical professionals. For questions, please call St. Joseph Cathedral at (614) 224-1295.

CRADLING CHRISTIANITY – 10th Annual Fund Raiser for the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land – Providing educational assistance for the marginalized Christians in the Holy Land. Featured speaker will be **Patrick Madrid**, author of *Envoy of Christ 25 Years as a Catholic Apologist*. **September 10, 2015**, at **St. Charles Chapel and Walter Commons, 2010 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43209**. For sponsorship opportunities, information or reservations, email cmers@columbus.rr.com or call **614-890-6996**.

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish invites you to attend our Catholic Conversations: Beginning in August, join us the **second Sunday** of each month to discuss current topics, trends, the Bible, and more, all from a Catholic perspective. The event is **FREE** to attend, open to anyone over 21 years old; you just pay for your food and drink of choice. There will be social time, a presentation, and Q&A. Connect with one another and bring our Catholic faith and conversation into our community! Old Bag of Nails in Hilliard, located at 4065 Main Street, Hilliard, OH 43026, in the private room located upstairs, unless otherwise noted. RSVP appreciated for room setup. Contact Nancy Whetstone at nancywhetstone@gmail.com or Julie Naporano at julienaporano1@gmail.com (email for future dates after September 13.)

- **Speaker schedule: August 9 – Deliver us from Temptation, Ken Hagy** (Director of Religious Education, Bible Study Speaker and Facilitator).
- **September 13 – Social Justice isn't Left or Right, Mark Huddy** (Director of the Office of Social Concerns and Episcopal Moderator for Catholic Social Charities and serves on the Diocesan Bishop's Council).

MARRIED COUPLES: THERE'S NO VACATION FROM YOUR VOCATION Summer: What better time for a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend! The next two opportunities are a special in-parish weekend on July 31-August 2, followed by a traditional-format weekend on September 18-20. For more information or to register, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880, or visit our website at www.wmecolumbus.org.

August 22, 2015 at **Villa Milano – Sons of Italy** presents **Barbra & Frank “The concert that never was.”** Admission: **\$60.00 per person**. Tables of 8-10 are available. Prepaid reservations only. Featuring **The Rick Brunetto Big Band**. Doors open at **6:00 p.m.** Dinner at **7:00 p.m.** Show begins at **8:00 p.m.** Mail checks to **Sons of Italy, P.O. Box 20383, Columbus, Ohio 43220**. For more information and tickets, contact Sos at soscod@cs.com or **614-582-7366**.

The Guardian Angel Program – Mentor her to motherhood and fill the gaP. The Guardian Angel Program, gaP, is the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers' new mentoring program. gaP is looking for compassionate mentors (Angels) who are willing to be matched with a single woman who is facing an unexpected pregnancy. The goal of gaP is to provide emotional support, spiritual guidance, and positive role modeling as she transitions into motherhood. As an Angel, you will walk beside her and fill the gap in her life so she doesn't have to feel alone.

If you can't be an Angel, but still have the desire to support and love these single mothers, the Choir of Angels is for you. You and a few others will make up the Choir and assist the Angel by providing things such as diapers, home-cooked meals, letters of support, etc., to the pregnant mom.

For more information on how to become involved in gaP, contact **Monica Flynn** at **614-888-8774, ext. 6101** or MonicaF@pdhc.org.

Serra Club Welcomes New Members – When the new saint goes marching in...Do YOU want to be in that number? In September, Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Junipero Serra, Patron of Serra International. You can be numbered among his followers by joining the Serra Club of North Columbus. Serrans support vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life through prayer, education, increasing their faith and good works. Attend one of our meetings as our guest and see for yourself! For information, call **Ginger** at **614-846-6133**.