

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel passage today speaks to us of the power of God's forgiveness. The steward in the parable owed his master 10,000 talents, an unfathomable sum which could never be paid off. (A talent was a coin the equivalent of 20 years wages. Try to imagine 200,000 years' worth of wages). Yet, the master forgives the entire debt and gives the servant a new start. This is indeed what God does for us no matter how many times we sin, even a lifetime's worth. In Jesus' parable, however, the servant is not able to forgive his fellow servant who owes him a much smaller amount (100 days wages in the Greek text) and who is repentant. At times, we fail to realize the overwhelming generosity that God gives to us and are not forgiving of our brothers and sisters. We should be clear that there is real pain that is caused by the sins of others, but Jesus makes it also clear that we cannot truly know God's forgiveness until we have forgiven our brother and sister from our heart. When we forgive, we trust that God will fill our hearts with something that is much greater than what was taken from us.

The **Columbus Italian Festival**, on the grounds of St. John the Baptist Church, is only three weeks away! Mark your calendars for both the Festival, **October 6th, 5:30 to 11:00 p.m.**; **October 7th, Noon to 11:00 p.m.**; **October 8th, Noon to 7:00 p.m.** and the **Taste of Italy on Monday, October 2nd, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** See the bulletin for more details and columbusitalianfestival.com. Spero di vedervi lì! (Hope to see you there!)

Have a blessed week.
Fr. Kitsmiller
 Associate Administrator
 Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 9/17	9:30 a.m.	Tony Solazzo by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Frissora
Sun., 9/24	9:30 a.m.	Lorenzo & Francesca by Adolfo Gastaldo

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:	
Blessed Sacrament:	George J. Paesano by Kenneth & Barbara Miller
Marian Lights:	Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 9/17	After Mass 4:30 p.m.	Blessed Mother Sodality (Marrapese Hall) San Giovanni Dance Group Practice (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 9/18	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 9/17 9:30 a.m.	Nicolas D'Alberto Antonio D'Alberto	Sharon D'Alberto Ed Pagnanelli, Andrea Myers, Judy Pishitelli, & Leslie Pasian
	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 9/24 9:30 a.m.	John Snoad Landa Brunetto	Pete Tamburro, Claudio Pasian, Pat Rossetti, Margaret Panico-Harn, & Bob Contino

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
 Friendship Village – Joe Agriesti

****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 **September** are:

September 17 Claudio Pasian
September 24 Gary Bosco
October 1 Norma Jean Finissi

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

September 17 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sir 27:30–28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
September 18 – Weekday
 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
September 19 – Weekday
 Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
September 20 – Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
September 21 – Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
September 22 – Weekday
 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Native American Day
September 23 – Saint Pius of Pietreicina, Priest
 1 Tm 6:13-6/Lk 8:4-15
September 24 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

September 10, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 67

In Envelopes: \$3,075.00 Loose Money \$189.00

Regular Collection	\$ 3,264.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	-(\$ 195.84)
	\$ 3,068.16
Votive Lights	\$ 40.00
St. Anthony's Bread – JOIN 50/50	\$ 42.00
	\$ 30.00
	\$ 112.00

Catholic Relief Services – Hurricane Harvey \$ 1,309.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/17-6/30/18)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 3,264.00	\$ 379.00	13%
FYTD:	\$31,735.00	\$ 27,886.00	\$(3,849.00)	-12%



Office Hours:

The **Parish Office** hours are **Monday-Friday**, from **9:00 a.m.** until **2:00 p.m.**

SJB Collection Counters for

Tuesday, September 18, 2017

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin, & Tom Elliott

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, September 25, 2017

Carl Tisone, Gus Gastaldo, & Nick Perschetti

The Home Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima: In order to foster prayer and promote the rosary within our families, **St. John the Baptist Parish** is launching a Home Pilgrim Statue of our Lady of Fatima. **A Quote from Pope Pius IX: "Give me an army praying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."**

This statue can be signed out in one week increments by parishioners to be taken into your homes. This pilgrim statue will be blessed and when taken into your homes will bring about peace and foster prayer within the family. Please see Antonio or Sharon D'Alberto, downstairs in Sala Hall, for the sign-up sheet if you are interested in setting a date to bring Our Lady's Statue into your home.

Italian Festival News

Festival dates – October 6, 7, 8

Taste of Italy

Monday, October 2, 2017, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

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Cost Per Ticket: \$35.00 before September 24th

\$40.00 after September 24th

Margaret Panico-Harn & Carol Ristucci will be selling tickets after Mass. Tickets also available in Parish Office.

**Let Your Passion for Pesto
Take You Around The World!**

In partnership with **Greater Columbus Sister Cities International**, The **Columbus Italian Festival** will host the inaugural **Columbus Pesto Championship on October 8, 2017**, here at the **Columbus Italian Festival at 3:00 p.m.**

Grand Prize: The Columbus Regional winner will receive airfare and lodging so that they may represent **Columbus** in the **Genoa Pesto World Championship**, held in **Genoa's Historic Palazzo Ducale**, on **March 18, 2018**.

To learn more and to register, go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/cbuspesto.

Pizzelle and Biscotti Cookie Bakers! Time to bake for the **Festival**. All cookie makers are to bake them at home and let **Marge Contino** know the **total** made. Deliver cookies to back kitchen area in **Sala Hall**. Sign-up sheet and total number made. If you have any questions, please contact **Marge Contino** at **614-833-0371**.

Time to Volunteer: For the **Columbus Italian Festival**. Please contact **Carol Ristucci** at **614-271-1007** or email **cristucci06@yahoo.com**.

Cuciniamo con la famiglia! (Let's cook with family)

Looking for family members to cook their favorite recipes together, in the Festival cultural tent. Only need a few more! Contact **landa7@mac.com** or call **614-579-1150**.

Around Us

Bethesda Healing Ministry: Pain and sorrow of an abortion need not endure a lifetime. Call us for support and assistance from those who know and have been there. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Confidential lines are **614-309-2651** or **614-309-0157**. For more information, visit our website at **bethesdahealing.org**.

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **September** is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial the Church celebrates on **September 15**. September falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green.

Women to Women: On the **third Wednesday** of each month, from **6:00-8:00 p.m.**, The Martin de Porres Center offers a listening ministry that provides opportunities for women to share their stories in a safe, non-judgmental place. This is one of six listening circles in Central Ohio, which includes a free meal at the start of the meeting. For more information, contact Linda Bryant at **lbryant12703@att.net**. **MARTIN DE PORRES CENTER**
2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH 43219 | 614-416-1910 | **martindeporres@oppeace.org**.

Family Rosary Day: The Diocese of Columbus' annual Family Rosary Day is **3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 8**, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will preside at this event of prayer and devotion to Our Lady. All are welcome.



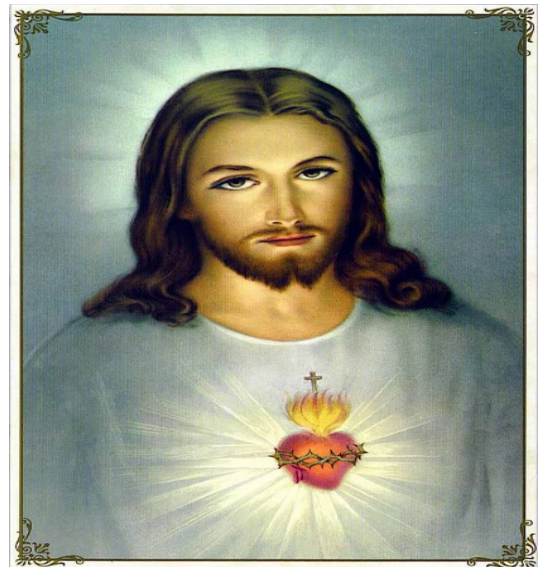
**Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of
September 2017**

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

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

I ask you to ensure that humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it.

~ Pope Francis



"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?" Jesus answered,
"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."
Matthew 18:21

Prayer

*Dear Lord, give me a merciful heart
For others and for myself.
Let my heart show mercy, as Your heart shows mercy
Even for those against You.
Give me a merciful heart, oh Jesus,
Let me trust in You.
In Your forgiveness, I find all truth, And strength.
In Your name, Beloved Christ. Amen*