



# The Deacon's Bench

**1. The relics of Saint Maria Goretti.**

If you did not have the chance to venerate the sacred remains of **Saint Maria Goretti** at **Saint Joseph Cathedral** this past Wednesday, today you have an opportunity to venerate the relics of the Saint. Here at St. John's, we have the relics of **Saint Maria Goretti** in a special reliquary, which has been in our possession for who knows how long. The reliquary will be exposed for veneration on the Altar of our Chapel today after Mass. Hopefully, many of us will take advantage of this opportunity to pray to **Saint Maria Goretti** for ourselves and for our youth. **Saint Maria Goretti**, Patroness of Virtue and Mercy, pray for us.

**2. Update on the Bishop's Annual Appeal.**

**GOOD NEWS...**! As of today, **October 25**, we have reached and surpassed the Parish Goal. **38 pledges brought in \$14,500.00, of which \$450.00** will be returned to the church, since it was over the goal. I am very grateful to those parishioners who have contributed to the BAA for their generous donations. If you did not had the chance to contribute to the BAA and wish to do so, you will receive another opportunity in the days ahead by way of a letter from me. Your donation will come back to St. John's and the amount raised will be placed in a separate fund for the Altar/Sacristy Renovation Project. Your generosity will bring many blessings upon our Parish. Thank you.

**3. Thank you, Fr. Augustine.**

Through the generosity of many parishioners, we are able to send our dear **Fr. Augustine** a thank-you card, which included your generous contributions. This is just a small way to show our gratitude for his presence and ministry among us for several months. As you know, circumstances have required him to seek residence in Canada while attempting to complete his studies. I am sure he will appreciate the financial help; but most of all, he asks for your prayers and friendship. **"Father Augustine, thank you so much and pray for our Parish."**

**4. Refresh Your Faith Program.**

Following is a correction to one of the answers we gave to the *"Refresh Your Faith"* questionnaire. A few weeks ago, the Catechesis Committee presented a few basic questions regarding our faith followed by the answers of such questions a week later. Unfortunately, the given answer for question 7 was wrong (the blessing and the curse of cutting and pasting...). Option a) was given as correct (*Jesus became God*); when in reality, Option b) (*God became man*) should have been presented as the correct one. The explanation from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* was correct. We apologize for the mistake.

**5. Outreach Committee's Collection to help the needy.**

A collection called **Thanksgiving Potatoes** will continue to take place on **Sundays, October 25, November 1 and November 8**. On those Sundays, parishioners are asked to contribute **\$1.00** (one dollar) for the purchase of potatoes at bulk prices to donate to several organizations; they, in turn, will provide Thanksgiving meals for the less fortunate. Let us give thanks to our Lord by giving back to our brothers and sisters in need.

**6. Cancellation of the Program**

**"A Biblical Walk Through The Mass."**

We regret that the program "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" had to be cancelled due to the unreliability of the audio-visual equipment. It will be brought back as soon as we repair or replace the equipment. We apologize for the inconvenience.

**7. Missed your Sunday Bulletin?**

If you are absent one Sunday and wish to read the previous Sunday's bulletin(s), you will be able to find a copy of it on the lower shelf of the left stand as you come into church. We will try to keep a supply of previous Sundays' bulletins for visitors and guests who might like to read our bulletins and find out what is going on here at St. John the Baptist Church. Thank you so much.

Dio vi benedica abbondantemente.

**Diac. Felice fazzola@sjbitaliana.org**



**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

10/25	9:30 a.m.	<b>Joseph Colak</b> by Tony Caradonna & Luisa Stefanelli
11/1	9:30 a.m.	<b>Gaetana Capoccia</b> by Maria Capoccia & Family

**Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo** by David & Nicole Cugini  
**Marian: Tony Solazzo** by Dino & Maria Rosa D'Amore

**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  
**COUNTRY VIEW – SUNBURY –** Viola Del Greco  
**MOTHER ANGELINE MCCORY:** Marie Tarantelli

*\*\* If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the Parish Office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input.*

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

<b>Sun., 10/25</b>	<b>LaDonne Group Meeting</b> after Mass (Marrapese Hall) <b>San Giovanni Dance Group</b> 3:30 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)
<b>Mon., 10/26</b>	<b>Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group</b> 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) <b>SJB Women's Faith Group</b> 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)
<b>Thurs., 10/29</b>	<b>Amici D'Oro Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m. (Sala Hall)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Nov. 1, 9:00 a.m.	Adolfo Gastaldo, Ed Pagnanelli	Leeann Codispoti, Blaise Marcucci, Judy Pishitelli, Leslie Pasion

**2015 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings**

**October 25 – Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

\* Fr. Damian Thompson

**October 26 – Weekday**

Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

\* Fr. Vincent Nguyen

**October 27 – Weekday**

Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21

\* Fr. Anthony Davis

**October 28 – Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

\* Fr. Saul Alonso Garcia, MSP

**October 29 – Weekday**

Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35

\* Msgr. James Newcombe

**October 30 – Weekday**

Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

\* Msgr. John J. Dreese

**October 31 – Weekday**

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11

\* Fr. Paul Smith

**November 1 – ALL SAINTS**

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

\* Fr. Stephen Fitzhenry, OP

\* Pray for our Priests and Seminarians.



*Campaign for the Future*

To date, we have received: **141 Pledges**  
**\$557,631.25 Pledged**  
**\$520,946.25 Paid**

**The 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal:** The BAA is an excellent way to make a **sacrificial gift** that can help both the Diocese and our parish! **Current Status Pledges as of October 8, 2015:**

Pledges	Amount	Goal	% of Goal
41	\$14,500.00	\$14,057.00	103%

**Thank You, Pizzelle & Cookie Bakers,** for your contribution to the Cookie Stand at the Festival. As usual, it was a great success; we sold out Sunday after church. Also, I would like to thank the workers on each shift.

Dee Elliott, Chairperson of Pizzelle & Cookies

**AROUND US**

**Prayer Shawl (Fiber) Ministries:** It's time again to be planning for the annual knit-in **on Saturday, October 31, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,** at the **Church of the Resurrection** (6300 East Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany). All knitters, crocheters, quilters, seamstresses or anyone who works with fiber, are invited to join this prayer community. Join us for a day of sharing our talents as servants of God – creatively! To register (and to make sure there are enough desserts), please call Sandy W. at 614-342-6003.

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**  
**October 18, 2015**

Number of Envelopes Used – 52

In Envelopes: \$2,476.00    Loose Money: \$115.00

Regular Collection	\$ 2,591.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	(\$ 155.46)
	\$ 2,435.54
World Mission Sunday	\$ 240.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 40.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 182.00
50/50	\$ 40.00
	\$ 502.00

**?? ?? HOW IS ST. JOHN DOING? ?? ??**

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,591.00	(\$ 294.00)	-10%
FYTD:	\$ 46,160.00	\$40,782.25	(\$5,377.75)	-12%

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, October 26, 2015**

Tom Elliott, Carl Tisone, Gus Gastaldo

**The Rosary before Mass on Sunday:** Currently, we have Rosary Leaders scheduled through **December**. 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 November are:**

- November 1st – Marge Contino
- November 8th – Bob Contino
- November 15th – Leslie Melek
- November 22nd – Claudio Pasion
- November 29th – Carl Tisone

**St. John Chrysostom's First Friday Sale for November** is on **Friday, November 6th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** We will have stuffed cabbage (hot and ready to eat), Pirogies (sold frozen), and various other homemade goodies for sale on a first-come, first served basis. **St. John Chrysostom is located at 5858 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43231**

**Bethesda Healing Ministry:** Sometimes memories can keep us from experiencing the fullness of new life, even following the reception and graced forgiveness from the Sacrament of Penance. If you have experienced abortion in your life and the memory continues to haunt you, perhaps inviting Jesus often into that memory will open your spirit to the peace only He can give. Begin by praying "Jesus, I don't want to be chained any longer to the memories of my abortion. Please, come heal me." To share the graces of this journey with those who have been there, contact **Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines at 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651**, or visit our website at **bethesdahealing.org**. Un ministerio de sanacion para los que sufren despues de un aborto: Si quieres hablar con alguien en espanol, favor de llamar 614-309-0810.

**Pray for Our Families: World Meeting of Families Prayer**

*God and Father of us all, in Jesus, Your Son and our Savior,  
 You have made us Your sons and daughters  
 in the family of the Church.*

*May Your grace and love help our families in every part of the world  
 be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.*

*May the example of the Holy Family,  
 with the aid of Your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those  
 most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to  
 always seek Your truth and live in Your love. Through Christ our  
 Lord. Amen.*

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!  
 – World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015