

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that you will have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday this coming Thursday. If you are traveling, I ask God to give you safe travels and may God also protect family and friends who are coming to see you. The parish office will be closed **Thursday** and **Friday**, in observance of the holiday. As we gather to celebrate family and friendships with lots of food and good times, remember to give thanks to God for creating you, blessing you with His love and giving you the many liberties you enjoy as Americans. Let us pray for those people around the world who do not enjoy such freedoms, such as religious liberty. We are also reminded of those who are less fortunate than us in our own country who do not have the blessings of food, material resources, family or friendship. From our resources and generosity, let us help to fulfill their needs. An appropriate way to remember them and to express our thanks to God would be to come to Mass and partake of the Eucharist – a word that means thanksgiving. On **Wednesday** evening, **November 22nd**, we will have **Mass at St. John the Baptist at 6:00 p.m.** I hope you can join us.

May God bless you this week!

Fr. Kitsmiller

Associate Administrator

Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 11/19	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Masdea by Norma Lewis
Wed., 11/22	6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving	Damato & Ventresca Families by Carol Ventresca
Sun., 11/26	9:30 a.m.	Antonio Frissora by Joe & Rina Tiberi & Family

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Daniel Spellacy
by Mary Spellacy & Family
Marian Lights: Nina Martin
by Chris Soteriades

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 11/19	11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Blessed Mother Sodality (Marrapese Hall) San Giovanni Dance Group Practice (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 11/20	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Sun., 11/19 9:30 a.m.	Gabe Bishop John Snoad	Claudio Pasian, Ed Pagnanelli, Andrea Myers, Pete Tamburro & Sharon D'Alberto
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 11/26 9:30 a.m.	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto,	Margi Baker, Ed Pagnanelli, Margaret Panico-Harn, Leslie Pasian & Sharon D'Alberto

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 **November** are:

November 19 Vincent Davis
November 26 Carl Tisone
December 3 Robert Contino, OFS

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

November 19 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

November 20 – Weekday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43

November 21 –

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10

November 22 – Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28

November 23 – Weekday

St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44

November 24 – St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48

November 25 – Weekday

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr;

1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

November 26 –

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

November 12, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 54

In Envelopes: \$2,460.00 Loose Money \$197.00

Regular Collection	\$ 2,657.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (159.42)
	\$ 2,497.58

Votives	\$ 41.00
Grounds Beautification	\$ 25.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 50.00
	\$ 116.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,657.00	(\$ 228.00)	-8%
FYTD:	\$57,700.00	\$52,677.00	(\$5,023.00)	-9%



Office Hours: The Parish Office will be closed for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th. Office will open Monday November 27th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, November 20, 2017
 Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin, & Tom Elliott

SJB Collection Counters
for Monday November, 27, 2017
 Carl Tisone, Nick Perschetti, & Tom Elliott

Requiescat in pace! In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of: **Robert Paolini**, a parishioner who died and was buried this past week.

The Altar Guild
 Will Sponsor a
Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, December 10, 2017
 In Marrapese Hall
 From 10:30 a.m. until Noon

Breakfast will include
 Pancakes, Scrambled eggs
 Bacon, Sausage,
 Orange juice and coffee
\$7.50 per person

Tickets will be on sale after Mass in Sala Hall.

Also, join us in Welcoming Fr. Robert Kitsmiller to Saint John the Baptist. Please invite your entire family to enjoy time visiting with Father Kitsmiller.

The Byron Saunders Foundation: What's Thanksgiving dinner without mashed potatoes?? St. John the Baptist helps the **Byron Saunders Foundation** headed by our own parishioner, **Brian Wollenberg**, obtain dollars to purchase **5 lb. bags** of fresh potatoes for the families in need. We request a minimum of **\$2.00** per person. The more money we receive, the more families receive fresh potatoes for Thanksgiving dinner. Please give after Mass, through **November 19th**. Last year, we provided approximately **700** families with potatoes and our goal this year is **1,500** families.

St. John's Confirmation Class Project: "Loading of Meals for Thanksgiving" **Sunday, November 19, 2017**, arrive **10:30 a.m.** to **11:00 a.m.** Byron Saunders Foundation, **5040 N. High Street Columbus, Ohio 43214**. The Byron Saunders building is across the street from Graceland Shopping Center. There will be no class this Sunday and next Sunday. This is one of the mandatory projects for confirmation. Parents and siblings, and parishioners are encouraged to come and assist with the loading of meals for those in need. For more information about the Byron Saunders Foundation, visit <http://www.thebyronsaundersfoundation.org/>.

Saint Vincent Family Center is looking for individuals to take part in its annual **Adopt a Family** program to help families in Ohio's most impoverished neighborhoods. So many of these families are unable to provide their little ones with gifts and memories of Christmas. As an outreach project for SJB members, we are asking parishioners for their help in this worthy cause. The Center will provide us with two families and a list of what the children need. **Maria Lucchin, Jackie Perschetti** and **Rose Ann Graf** will have a notebook for you to sign up to participate and give you more details after Mass on Sunday. Please stop at our table to learn more of the specific needs of these children. We only have two weeks to complete this project to alleviate some of the heartbreak of these families and to assist in the wonderful work that the St. Vincent Center provides.

St. John's Guild #16 is having their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale, Sunday, **November 19th**, after Mass. Donations of baked items appreciated. Also raffle. Any questions, please call **Greta Snell** at **614/888-0619**.

AROUND US

Thanksgiving: On Thanksgiving Day, we pray and give thanks to God for our many gifts. Please keep in your prayers the people who work hard to produce and prepare the food we eat. For prayers and educational resources about rural life and agricultural issues, visit Catholic Rural Life's website at www.catholicrurallife.org.

Holy Family's Christian Mothers' Christmas Bazaar: Holy Family's Christian Mothers' Christmas Bazaar is **Sunday, November 19th**, from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Bazaar is at Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 (**Basement**). There will be gifts, raffles, silent auction along with delicious food to purchase. Vendor's table space is only **\$30.00**. Email **Beth Motika** at Bmotika@att.net or **Suzanne Mahon** at suzymahon@yahoo.com.

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **November** is dedicated to the **Souls in Purgatory**, whose feast was celebrated on **November 2**. The entire month of November falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time** and is represented by the liturgical color green.

Holy Father's Intention for the Month of November 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 Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



A Christian is never bored or sad. Rather, the one who loves Christ is full of joy and radiates joy.

~ Pope Francis



Well done, my good and faithful servant.

Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.

Matthew 25:23

Prayer

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank You for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year. This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother.

Amen.