

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Today is the great feast of the Epiphany. We welcome the three Magi to our Nativity scenes, presenting their gifts to the Christ child, gold, frankincense and myrrh. Jesus is seen as the light of the nations, drawing all nations to Himself. We are reminded that Christ has drawn us to Him, as our God and Savior. He draws many others as well, people of different nationalities, races, cultures and languages. By our lives and our love, we reflect the light of Christ to others. We pray that we might always be a brilliant reflection of Christ's light.

Last month, I informed you that **Aggie Howard**, the parish business manager for St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart parishes, will be taken a temporary leave to be with her son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter in Florida. She will be helping take care of her granddaughter. She will, however, be returning in April. In the meantime, I have hired **Arthur Oaden**, a parishioner at Sacred Heart parish, to assume **Aggie's** duties while she is gone. Art will start on Monday. His office hours will be the same as Aggie's, **Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** We welcome Art to our staff!

**Happy Epiphany,**  
**Fr. Kitsmiller**  
**Associate Administrator**  
**Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist**

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun., 1/7	9:30 a.m.	<b>Cesidio Capoccia</b> by Maria Capoccia & Family
Sun., 1/14	9:30 a.m.	<b>Bruno Masdea</b> by The Masdea Family

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Mon., 1/8	6:00 p.m.	<b>Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group</b> (Marrapese Hall) <b>SJB Women's Faith Group</b> (Classroom)
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<b>Blessed Sacrament &amp; Marian Lights Intentions:</b>	
<b>Blessed Sacrament:</b>	<b>Virginia &amp; Dominick Finissi</b> by Norma Jean & Bill Finissi Sr.
<b>Marian Lights:</b>	<b>Rina Tiberi</b> by Mary Spellacy

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Sun., 1/7 9:30 a.m.	Nick D'Alberto Antonio D'Alberto	Leslie Pasion, Andrea Myers, Sharon D'Alberto, Judy Pishitelli, & Margaret Panico-Harn
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 1/14 9:30 a.m.	Adolfo Gastaldo Samantha Fallucco	Pat Rossetti, Ed Pagnanelli, Bob Contino, Claudio Pasion & Marge 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

**\*\*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 **January** are:

<b>January 7</b>	<b>Vincent Davis</b>
<b>January 14</b>	<b>Margaret Contino, OFS</b>
<b>January 21</b>	<b>Adolpho "Gus" Gastaldo</b>
<b>January 28</b>	<b>Leslie Malek-Pasian</b>

**2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings**

- January 7 – The Epiphany of the Lord**  
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- January 8 – The Baptism of the Lord**  
Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
- January 9 – Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)**  
1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
- January 10 – Weekday**  
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
- January 11 – Weekday**  
1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
- January 12 – Weekday**  
1 Sm 8:4-17, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
- January 13 – Weekday**  
**Saint Hiliary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM**  
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
- January 14 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

\*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**

December 31, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 33

In Envelopes: \$2,080.00	Loose Money \$104.00
Regular Collection	\$ 2184.00
Holy Day	\$ 225.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (144.54)
	\$ 2,264.46
Votives	\$ 39.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
	\$ 59.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
<b>This Week:</b>	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,409.00	\$ (476.00)	-16%
<b>FYTD:</b>	\$77,895.00	\$73,034.00	\$ (4,861.00)	-6%

**SJB Collection Counters**

**for Monday, January 8, 2018**

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin, & Tom Elliott

**SJB Collection Counters**

**for Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

Nick Perschetti & Gus Gastaldo



**Office Hours:**

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

**Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers a wonderful opportunity to experience God's mercy on a very personal level. The Sacrament of Penance is a beautiful sacrament through which we are reconciled to God, ourselves and our neighbors. Remember the words of St. Paul, "God is rich in mercy; because of His great love for us, He brought us to life with Christ when we were dead in sin" (Eph 2:4). **Father is available for Confession prior to Mass, and by calling the office for an appointment.**

**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**.

## AROUND US

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of **January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus**, which was celebrated on January 3. The first eight days of January fall during the liturgical season known as **Christmas** which is represented by the liturgical color white. The remaining days of January are the beginning of Ordinary Time. The liturgical color changes to green — a symbol of the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

**Epiphany of the Lord:** Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

**Respect Life Mass: January 22** – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The annual Respect Life Mass will be **Monday, January 22, 2018, 10:30 a.m.** at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Campbell will be the celebrant. On this day of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme court's *Roe v. Wade* decision, our diocese will join all dioceses in the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All are invited. For more, visit [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife) or contact Social Concerns at **614-241-2540**.

**Roe Remembrance at Ohio Statehouse:** Greater Columbus right to Life will sponsor this event on **Monday, January 22**, noon to **1:00 p.m.**, at the Ohio Statehouse following the **10:30 a.m.** Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. The program will be held in the Statehouse Atrium. Please allow extra time for new Statehouse security measures. Stickers, signs, and weapons are not permitted inside. For additional information, visit [www.gctrl.org/roe.html](http://www.gctrl.org/roe.html).

**Building a Culture of Life Conference: Respect Life, Bioethics, Leadership – January 26-27.** Join us for this two-day event featuring prominent pro-life speakers and resources to equip you to build a culture of life. The location will be St. Peter Church, Columbus. This is sponsored by the Diocesan office for Social Concerns and Marriage & Family Life Office as well as Greater Columbus Right to Life and FEMM. One-day and two-day passes are available. For a list of speakers and to register, visit [www.gctrl.org/lifeconference](http://www.gctrl.org/lifeconference) or call **614-241-2540**.

**National Migration Week: January 7-12:** For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. This celebration coincides with Pope Francis' **Share the Journey Campaign**, a global campaign to support migrants and refugees around the world. This campaign draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another. For additional *Share the Journey* resources, visit [www.sharejourney.org](http://www.sharejourney.org).

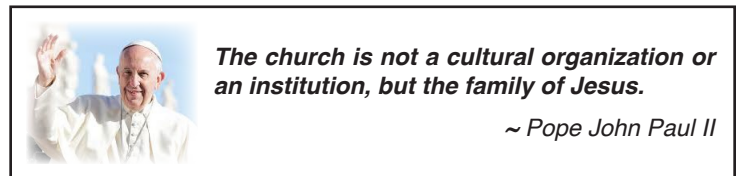
### A Prayer for Migrant Children:

*Loving Father, in Your infinite compassion, we seek Your divine protection for refugee children who are often alone and afraid. Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to violence and destruction, who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they cherish due to war or persecution. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord. Reunite them with their families and loved ones.*

*Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land to a place of peace and safety. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show us how we might reach out to these precious and vulnerable children.*

*Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children in need, so that we might see in them Your own migrant Son. Give us courage to stand up in their defense against those who would do them harm. For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

**Catholic Men's Conference:** Cast your nets and become fishers of men. Catholic Men's conference will be **Saturday, February 24th, 2018, Cardinal Hall, the Ohio Expo Center, from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Find out more at [CatholicMensMinistry.com](http://CatholicMensMinistry.com)



They prostrated themselves and did him homage.  
Then they opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
– Matthew 2:11