

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

I want to encourage all of you to consider attending Catholic Men and Women's Conferences that will be happening in our diocese this month. The Catholic Women's Conference is **Saturday, February 17th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, while the Men's Conference is **Saturday, February 24th, from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Both conferences occur at the Ohio Expo Center, Cardinal Hall, on the site of the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Both conferences will include nationally-known speakers, Mass and confessions and Catholic exhibits. This is a great way to get you excited about your faith, as we enter the season of Lent. I hope you will consider attending. Please see the bulletin for more information.

If you are interested in bringing Holy Communion to the sick, elderly or shut-in parishioners of St. John the Baptist or Sacred Heart parishes on a regular basis, please call me at the office or e-mail me at [rkitzmiller@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:rkitzmiller@columbuscatholic.org).

Beginning on **February 5th**, I will be starting a weekday Mass on **Monday** evenings, at **5:30 p.m.**, at **St. John the Baptist**. If you are in the area at the time of the Mass, please think about joining us. Please let other persons know who might be interested in going to evening Mass during the week.

**Have a Blessed week!**

**Fr. Kitsmiller**

**Associate Administrator Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist**

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun., 2/4	9:30 a.m.	<b>Delores DiSabato</b> by Her Beloved Children
Mon., 2/5	5:30 p.m.	<b>Leo Guglielmi</b> by Celeste & Larry Guglielmi
Sun., 2/11	9:30 a.m.	<b>Joyce Tisone</b> by Carl Tisone
Mon., 2/12	5:30 p.m.	<b>Clara Zari</b> by William Lalli

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Mon., 2/5	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Tues., 2/6	7:30-9:30 p.m.	Piave Club Meeting (All are welcome) (Marrapese Hall)

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Blessed Sacrament: George J. Paesano**

by Kenneth and Barbara Miller

**Marian Lights: Patty Ann Cenci**

by Chris Soteriades

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 2/4 9:30 a.m.	Bob Contino, Ed Pagnanelli	Marge Contino, Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Sharon D'Alberto & Claudio Pasion
	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 2/11 9:30 a.m.	Gabe Bishop, John Snoch	Pete Tamburro, Ed Pagnanelli, Leslie Pasion, Judy Pishitelli, Antonio D'Alberto

**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 **February** are:

<b>February 4</b>	<b>Claudio Pasion</b>
<b>February 11</b>	<b>Vincent Davis</b>
<b>February 18</b>	<b>Leslie Malek-Pasion</b>
<b>February 25</b>	<b>Carl Tisone</b>

**2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings**

**February 4 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39**

**February 5 – Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

**1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56**

**February 6 – Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

**1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13**

**February 7 – Weekday**

**1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23**

**February 8 – Weekday**

**Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

**1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30**

**February 9 – Weekday**

**1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37**

**February 10 – Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

**1 Kgs 12:26-32/Mk 13:33-34**

**February 11 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45**

**\*Pray for our Priest and seminarians.**

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**

January 28, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 53

In Envelopes: \$2,575.00 Loose Money \$237.00

Holy Day	\$ 10.00
Regular Collection	\$ 2,822.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	(\$ 169.32)
	\$ 2,652.68

Votives	\$ 63.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 10.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 5.00
Capital Repair	\$ 5.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
	\$ 93.00

**HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? \$ ? \$ ?**

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,822.00	(\$ 63.00)	-2%
FYTD:	\$89,435.00	\$83,968.11	(\$ 5,466.89)	-6%

**SJB Collection Counters  
for Monday, February 5, 2018**

Gus Gastaldo & Nick Perschetti

**SJB Collection Counters  
for Monday, February 12, 2018**

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, & Darlene Rauch

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

**Office Hours:**

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

**St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church** announces the **2018 Father Casto Marrapese Scholarship Program**. If you are a high school senior student of Italian descent, attending Central Ohio High School, and accepted to an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the U.S. for the 2018-2019 academic years, you are encouraged to apply for this scholarship opportunity. Application information has been sent to central Ohio high school guidance counseling offices. All application materials (application form, activity listing, personal recommendation letter, school recommendation and transcript, and personal essay) must be received at St. John no later than **2:00 p.m., Monday, April 2, 2018**. For information, call **St. John the Baptist Catholic Italian Church** at **614-294-5319**.

**Watterson High School Italian Festival Project Immigration**

**History:** We invite you to assist us! The Italian Language Students from Bishop Watterson will be interviewing our Church members born in Italy, on **Sundays: February 25, March 4, and March 11th, after Mass**. The interview will be videotaped and conducted by the student. The project goal is to document the history of our **St. John's** families, and the nature of St. John, as the conduit for the creation of a new community for the immigrant. This finished project will be presented at Watterson and at The **2018 Columbus Italian Festival**. Please email [landa7@mac.com](mailto:landa7@mac.com) to sign up or contact **Rhonda Frissora** or **Landa Brunetto** for further details, Thank you!

**ST. JOSEPH'S DAY BRUNCH:** Save the date for St. Joseph's Day Brunch, **Sunday, March 18th**, after Mass. We will have our annual St. Joseph's Day Brunch. Details to follow in the coming weeks.

**This Week begins our Parish Collection for the Catholic Times**

**Weekly Newspaper:** The **Catholic Times** weekly newspaper features insightful and informative news from a Catholic perspective around our diocese, our country and the world. Sign up TODAY or renew your subscription to the **Catholic Times** by placing your **Catholic Times** envelope with a minimum donation of **only \$17.00** (less than 39 cents per issue) into the regular Mass collection. This donation HELPS THE PARISH provide the **Catholic Times** to you and many of our parishioners. Checks should be made payable to St. John The Baptist Church. If you donate electronically, you can still receive **Catholic Times**. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "**Catholic Times**," with your name and drop it into the Sunday collection basket during February. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages every Catholic household to receive the **Catholic Times**. Sign up TODAY!

**AROUND US**

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of **February** is dedicated to the **Holy Family**. This year, the first thirteen days of February fall during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious Resurrection. The remaining days of February are the beginning of **Lent**. The liturgical color changes to purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

**Columbus Catholic Women's Conference:** The **11th** annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference will be held at the Ohio Expo Center's new Cardinal building, from **8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, on **Saturday, February 17**. Please consider attending this event where thousands of women come together to pray, reflect

and be inspired. Tickets are **\$40.00**, and includes breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register, please visit [www.columbuscatholicwomen.com](http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com).

**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.** Adoration starts at **6:00 a.m.** Breakfast and lunch provided. Find out more at [CatholicMensMinistry.com](http://CatholicMensMinistry.com).

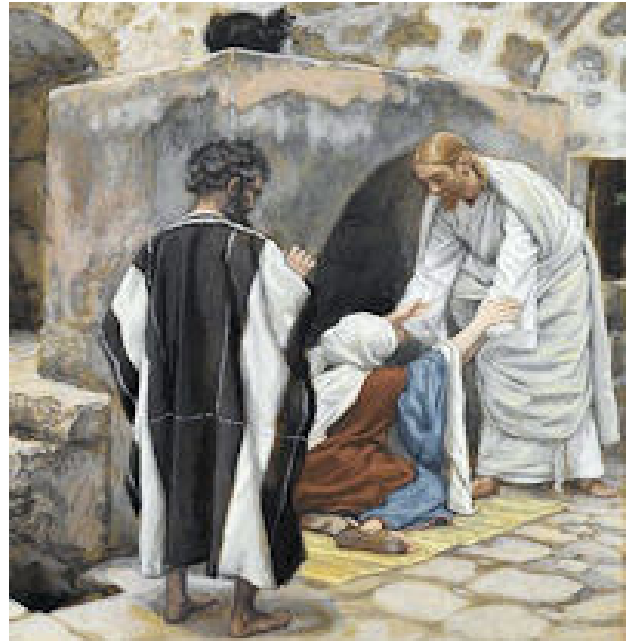
**Holy Father's Intention for the Month of February:**

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



*That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.*

*"To be saints is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone."  
~ Pope Francis*



He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."  
Mark 1:38

**Prayer**

O glorious St. Blaise,  
who by your martyrdom left to the Church  
a precious witness to the Faith,  
obtain for us the grace to preserve within ourselves this divine gift,  
and to defend  
without concern for human respect  
both by word and example,  
the truth of that same Faith,  
which is so wickedly attacked and slandered in these our times.  
You miraculously restored a little child  
who was at the point of death  
because of an affliction of the throat.  
Grant us your mighty protection in similar misfortunes.  
And, above all, obtain for us the grace of Christian mortification,  
together with faithful observance of the precepts of the Church,  
which keep us from offending almighty God.  
Amen.