

My brothers and sisters,

On Thursday, December 8th we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is not only a holy day of obligation, but also the celebration of the patroness of the United States. Please join us in celebrating this great solemnity on December 8th with Mass at Sacred Heart at 10:00 a.m. along with the schoolchildren from St. Joseph Montessori School or Mass at 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist.

I know many have been asking Rick Brunetto and others how the Italian Festival did. The Festival Committee has met to go over the preliminary figures; however, there are still some outstanding items before we can have final numbers. Overall, based on listening to the Festival Committee and seeing the preliminary numbers, it was a successful year. As is common, suggestions were made on how to improve. I know that some on the Festival Committee wanted to present these preliminary figures to the parish very soon. However, due to the fact that they are not the "final" numbers, etc., I have asked the Festival Committee to delay this. One of the reasons on this is that I would like to work with members of the Finance Committee to work on an overall presentation of the "state of the parish" which not only includes the Italian Festival, but also presents other aspects of our parish in how we are doing on a stewardship level. One of the things that I am going to ask the Finance Committee to examine and to think about is how we can present a review of the parish's financial position and also begin to list goals for us as a parish and how to accomplish them with the resources which we have based on our current situation and demographics. As a parish, I believe it is important that we are able to see the "whole" picture and not simply certain "pieces" at various times; for this reason, I feel that it is important for us as a parish to see not only how the Italian Festival did, but how it fits into and complements the Parish's stewardship as a whole. Another thank you to all who made the Italian Festival successful. I know that it is the effort of the entire parish and then some.

Have a great week

Fr. Tony Lonzo

Associate Administrator Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 12/4	9:30 a.m.	Elsie DelGreco by Elda Cianelli
Thurs., 12/8 SH	10:00 a.m.	Robert Stefanov by Joseph Stefanov
Thurs., 12/8	6:00 p.m.	Tony Solazzo by Mr. & Mrs. Lou DiRosario
Sun., 12/11	9:30 a.m.	Sully Anthony Caradonna by Angiulina & Gino DiCristoforo

Holy Day of Obligation: Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 12/4/16	San Giovanni Dance Group Practice 4:30 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 12/5/16	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)

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

MOTHER ANGELINE McCrory: Marie Tarantelli

THE JAMES: Sherri Snoad

AT HOME: Mike Auddino

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Dec. 4 9:30 a.m.	Samantha Fallucco, Bob Contino	Blaise Marcucci, Ed Pagnanelli, Bill Nightingale, Marge Contino, Andrea Myers
Dec. 8 6:00 p.m.		
Dec. 11	Gabriel Bishop, Ed Pagnanelli	Antonio D'Alberto, Karen Quick, Judy Pishitelli, Claudio Pasion

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 **December** are:

December 11th – Adolfo Gastaldo

December 18th – Marge Contino, SFO

December 25th – Robert Contino, SFO

2016 LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS READINGS

December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

December 5 – Advent Weekday

Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

December 6 – Advent Weekday

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

December 7 – Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15/20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

December 9 – Advent Weekday

Saint Juan Diego Cuatlatatzin

Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

December 10 – Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

** Pray for our Priests and seminarians*

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

November 27, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used – 45

In Envelopes: \$2,710.00 Loose Money \$138.00

Regular Collection:	\$2,848.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	(\$ 170.88)
	\$2,677.12
Votive Lights	\$ 17.00
50/50	\$ 10.00
	\$ 27.00

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

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/16-6/30/17)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,848.00	(\$ 37.00)	-1%
FYTD:	\$63,470.00	\$57,939.03	(\$5,530.97)	-9%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, December 5, 2016

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, Darlene Rauch

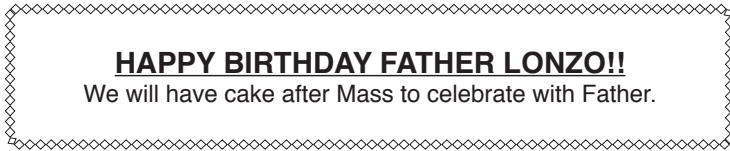
SJB Collection Counters for Monday, December 12, 2016

Mary Spellacy, Genevive Knouff, Paul Cosentino



Office Hours:

The **Parish Office Hours** are 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER LONZO!!

We will have cake after Mass to celebrate with Father.

GIVING TREE: Collecting Gift Cards of any denomination from **TARGET, KROGER, WALLMART, MEIJER.** Place Cards or Cash in box under tree in SALA HALL. Gifts for needy families for **CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES.**



Requiescat in pace! In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of:

- **Carmine DiPaolo**, a former SJB parishioner who died Thanksgiving morning.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

<u>December 24</u>	
Christmas Eve Vigil (SH)	4:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Mass (SJB)	5:30 p.m.
<u>December 25</u>	
Christmas Day (SJB)	10:00 a.m.
<u>December 31</u>	
New Year's Eve (SH)	4:00 p.m.
Mary, Mother of God Vigil	
<u>January 1</u>	
New Year's Day (SJB)	9:30 a.m.
New Year's Day (SH)	11:00 a.m.
Mary, Mother of God	



Christmas Flowers: Christmas poinsettias are available again this year. Flowers may be requested in memory of a loved one and will be placed on the altar throughout the Christmas Season. **An envelope for Christmas poinsettias is included in the December offertory envelopes.** You may also put your donation and memorial request in a regular envelope and place it in the collection basket. There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 per poinsettia. The Christmas flowers add such beauty to Sacred Heart during this special time.

The Home Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

In order to promote the Rosary among our families, **St. John the Baptist parish** is launching a home pilgrim statue of our Lady of Fatima. **Quote from Pope Pius IX: "Give me an army praying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."**

This statue can be taken weekly by parishioners to their homes.. Remember, the Rosary is one of the weapons the Blessed Mother uses to tie Satan down. So please make use of the opportunity afforded by the parish. This pilgrim statue is blessed and when taken to a home will bring about peace in the home. **A weekly sign-up sheet is available in the Sala Hall after 9:30 a.m. Mass** if you have any questions you may email Antonio@ExitTrinity.com or call/text **Antonio D'Alberto at 614-419-2594.**

AROUND US

ITALIAN HERITAGE: One of the most endearing traits of our Italian heritage is the willingness to help others. The Sons of Italy held a quickly created pasta dinner a week after the earthquake in Central Italy to raise money for the victims. With a lot of help and support we have now raised over \$10,000. We are still accepting donations and anyone who wants to donate can mail a check to **Sons of Italy Columbus, PO Box 20383, Columbus, Ohio 43220-0383.**

Also, We would like to thank all of you who participated in our Beat Michigan annual fund raiser. We will now be able to purchase another 200 sweat shirts for the kids of McArthur in Vinton County. We now will have (the last 10 years) purchased over 2,000 sweat shirts. The last 4 years we asked people to bring a bag of groceries to the event, the overwhelming response again this year has allowed us to send another truckload of food to the St. Francis Center for distribution in time for Thanksgiving!

grazie mille e tutti! **SOS**

AN ADVENT AFTERNOON OF MUSIC:

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 1559 Roxbury Rd., Columbus, OH 43212 on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE:

Spend **NEW YEAR'S EVE** with the daughter of **DEAN MARTIN: DEANA Sings DINO: Rick Brunetto Orchestra & DEANA MARTIN. THE BLACKWELL INN at OSU.** Dinner, Show & Dancing. Purchase tickets at www.rickbrunetto.com.

Pope's December Intentions:

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for specific intentions each month, one for some general worldwide need, and another for a specific need related to evangelization. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for these intentions each month.

Universal:

That the scandal of child soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization:

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness and truth of the Gospel which give joy and hope to life.