

**My brothers and sisters,**

Thank you for your positive response last week, as I shared with you our "financial state of the parish." It is my hope to be able to share with you information on a more regular basis, as well as some steps that we as a parish can take to continue good stewardship in our parish.

As we celebrate Memorial Day this Monday, we remember in a special way those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms. We give thanks to God for the blessings which He has bestowed upon us and especially for our freedom of religion in which we are able to practice our Faith in public life. So, as we begin the unofficial start of summer, we ask God to protect our families. Let us also commend to the Lord all those who have died, especially those who have given their lives protecting our freedom.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** The first week of May, we began the Bishop's Annual Appeal; this year for our diocesan goal, we have been asked to raise \$15,464.64. I know in year's past, St. John the Baptist exceeded their diocesan goal and were able to utilize the surplus for various projects. Last year, we were only \$472.00 from reaching our diocesan goal, with only 40 families participating. I would like to thank all of those who participated last year and have participated this year.

As we were so very close to achieving the diocesan goal last year; I believe we can certainly work together to exceed the diocesan goal this year; and work together to achieve our **enhanced parish goal of \$40,000.00**. This enhanced goal will cover painting and caulking of the window sills and frames, painting the front doors of the church and any repairs to the limestone caps under 35 feet from the ground. This work will address normal wear due to weather which needs regular maintenance and upkeep. I have chosen this particular project in combination with this year's BAA because it is work that needs to be done for the basic upkeep and maintenance of our church. Furthermore, I believe it is an achievable goal for us to attain if we are able to contribute and it is something that parishioners have noted needs attention and at the same time will be a visible enhancement to the church.

I ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, knowing that every dollar raised over our diocesan goal will return to the parish and be utilized for this needed maintenance work and for capital improvements to our parish. **I believe that if we are all able to work together as a parish, we will be able to reach our goal of \$40,000.00.** The goal may seem like a lot of money, but if we could increase participation from 40 families to 100 families, and each family gives \$400.00 (\$40.00 per month), we will reach our goal. I know some may be able to give more than \$400.00, others may not be able to give as much. I ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to not only help our local church and its mission, but also help continue to maintain our beautiful church. As a sign of good faith, I will make a personal \$500.00 donation to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal to help St. John the Baptist reach and surpass its goal. Please join me in this endeavor and thank you for your generosity.

**Have a safe and happy Memorial Day!**

**Fr. Tony Lonzo**  
**Associate Administrator**  
**Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist**

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun., 5/28		<b>LeDonne Group Meeting</b> After Mass (Marrapese Hall)
Tues., 5/30	12:30 p.m.	<b>Padre Pio Prayer Group, Rosary with Intentions and Mass at 1:00 p.m.</b> Chapel

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun., 5/28	9:30 a.m.	<b>S.F.I Memorial Mass for Deceased Members</b> by S.F.I. Members
Sun., 5/28	11:00 a.m. SH	<b>Viola DelGreco</b> by Eugene DiRienzo & Yolanda Diedelis
Tues., 5/30	1:00 p.m. <b>Padre Pio</b>	<b>Diane Marie Blateri</b> by Frank & Rita Blateri
Sun., 6/4	9:30 a.m.	<b>Adam Carfagna</b> by Antoinette Carfagna

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Blessed Sacrament:** Dolores D'Amico  
by Chris Soteriades  
**Marian Lights:** Margaret Soteriades  
by Chris Soteriades

**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\*\***

**MOTHER ANGELINE McCrory:** Marie Tarantelli  
**At Home:** Darlene Rauch  
**Alter Care of Canal Winchester:** Janet Ward

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

**Requiescat:** In the charity of your prayers, remember the family and friends of **Armando Peter Gastaldo**, who died and was buried last week.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Sun., 5/28 9:30 a.m.	Nicholas & Antonio D'Alberto	Leslie Pasian, Ed Pagnanelli, Pete Tamburro, Margaret Panico-Harn, Sharon D'Alberto
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 6/4 9:30 a.m.	Ed Pagnanelli, John Snoad	Marge Contino, Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn & Leslie Pasian

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

May 21, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 55

In Envelopes: \$2,755.00 Loose Money \$223.00

Regular Collection:	\$ 2,978.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (178.68)
	\$ 2,799.32
Votive Lights	\$ 18.00
Catholic Campaign	\$ 130.00
Grounds Beautification	\$ 40.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 252.00
	\$ 440.00

**? ? ? ? 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	\$ 2,978.00	\$ 93.00	3%
FYTD:	\$135,595.00	\$128,066.61	(\$7,528.39)	-6%

**SJB Collection Counters  
for Tuesday, May 30, 2017**

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri & Darlene Rauch

**SJB Collection Counters  
for Monday, June 5, 2017**

Maria Lucchin, Nick Perschetti & Mary Spellacy

**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 **May/June** are:

**May 28 Gary Bosco**  
**June 4 Robert Contino, OFS**  
**June 11 Margaret Contino, OFS**

**2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings**

**May 28 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a (59)

Or Ascension of the Lord (58)

**May 29 – Easter Weekday**

Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

**May 30 – Easter Weekday**

Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

**May 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

**June 1 – Saint Justin, Martyr**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

**June 2 – Easter Weekday**

Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

**June 3 – Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

**June 4 – Pentecost Sunday**

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9

Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5

\* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

**Confirmation Class Update:** All students and volunteers for the St. John's Confirmation Class will be on summer break starting this week, with classes resuming the Sunday after Labor Day, **September 10, 2017, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** in the second floor classroom of the Italian Culture Center. Our students will continue to serve as altar servers through the summer break; please check the server schedule for any changes or updates. We are pleased to announce that the Confirmation ceremony for the **2018 Confirmation Class** will be at **St. John the Baptist Church Sunday, May 13, 2018, at our 9:30 a.m. Mass.** Our students are off to a great start in the new class, and we look forward to working with everyone in the Fall. A special thank-you to our class parents for their support. **Have a great Summer Break!!**

**Father Tony Lonzo – Asst. Pastor**

**John Contino – Confirmation Class Coordinator**

**Vince DePaoli – Confirmation Class Instructor**

**Annual Celebration of St. Anthony of Padua** will take place Sunday, **June 11 at 10:30 a.m.** Please note Mass time change is for **June 11, ONLY!** We will begin the festivities with a procession carrying the statue of St. Anthony at **10:15 a.m. Mass at 10:30**, concluding with the blessing and distribution of the blessed bread, followed by a reception in Sala Hall. We are in need of children between the age of 5 and 11 to dress as monks and walk in the procession. If interested, please call **614-846-8559**.



**Office Hours:** The Parish Office Hours are 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Office will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017, Memorial Day.

**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**

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ANNOUNCEMENT:** Sundays, May 21 and 28. Catholic Cemeteries Memorial Day weekend office hours: Saturday, May 27, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Sunday, May 28, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; and Monday, May 29, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Memorial Day Military Services at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross, 12:00 p.m. at St. Joseph and Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial Day Masses at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph, Mt. Calvary and Holy Cross and 1:00 p.m. at Resurrection Cemetery.

**Jubilee of Anniversaries:** Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversaries of marriage are cordially invited to attend the Jubilee of Anniversaries on Sunday, June 25 at St. Matthew Parish (807 Havens Corners, Gahanna). The celebration begins at 2:30 with The Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell as celebrant. An informal reception will follow. To register, contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (614) 241-2560 or visit [familylife.coltsdioc.org](http://familylife.coltsdioc.org). Please **RSVP** by **June 16**.

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of **May** is dedicated to **The Blessed Virgin Mary**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of **Easter**, which is represented by the liturgical color white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. As Spring blossoms forth and we are surrounded by new life, we spend this month full of the joy of our Easter celebration and in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Consoler and Advocate. During the remainder of Easter time, let us endeavor through the prayers of the Holy Liturgy and the Holy Rosary to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ.

**Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of May 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 in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.*

If we believe in the free and generous action of the Spirit, we are able to understand one another well and work together to serve society better, and to contribute to peace in a decisive way.

*~ Pope Francis ~*

**Prayer**

*Father in heaven,  
our minds were prepared  
for the coming of Your kingdom  
when You took Christ beyond our sight  
so that we might seek Him in glory.  
May we follow where He has led  
and find our hope in His glory,  
for He is Lord forever.  
Amen*