

**My brothers and sisters,**

Today is a busy day at St. John the Baptist as we present the Fr. Casto Marrapese, P.I.M.E., a long-serving former pastor here at St. John's, and the Denardo scholarship to graduates of local high schools who will be attending college in the Fall. On behalf of the entire parish of St. John the Baptist, I would like to offer our congratulations to these young people as they begin a new chapter in their lives and continue to grow.

Also, today is Deacon Felix's last Sunday with us here at St. John's. I would like to thank Deacon Felix for his pastoral work here at St. John in coordinating the Sacraments, especially during the times when a regular priest was not assigned to St. John. We wish Deacon Felix the best, as he is able to spend more time with his family and enjoying his retirement.

Last week at the end of Mass, I addressed the issue of the property of the café and the property on Fourth Street. Here is a brief written summary of what I shared last week for all of you to read, please note that these are rough estimates but overall summarize the situation as it currently stands:

In 2002, St. John purchased the café building for approximately \$535,000.00, financed through the Diocese of Columbus, of which, after 14 years, the parish still owes approximately **\$185,000.00** on the property. Last summer, the café building had a fire, which made it unusable, and deemed by the insurance company a "total loss" and the building was later condemned by the city of Columbus.

Over this past year, having consulted with members of the Finance Committee and members of the Festival Committee, which uses the land around the café for the Festival, there were many ideas given, a few offers to purchase the property, and also some bureaucratic roadblocks, which were out of our control and delayed the process. In listening to both the Finance Committee members and Festival Committee members, the common recommendation was that the parish should maintain ownership of the land. Having taken this strong sentiment from both groups, the diocese was able to explore further avenues in which we were able to accomplish this.

The insurance recovery amount was over \$550,000.00; and after initial expenses and the cost of demolition and paying off the loan, allows the parish to have a very healthy reserve fund which can be utilized for various projects that need to be completed, as well as a safety net for lean years. **In addition, for the first time since 2002, the parish is completely debt free! In addition, we are able to keep the property. At this time, there are no plans for the property; we instead want to focus on the projects that need our attention currently.**

**Have a great week!**

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

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun., 6/26	9:30 a.m.	<b>Daniel Spellacy</b> by Mary Spellacy & Family
Tues., 6/28	1:00 p.m.	<b>Cesidio Capoccia</b> by Giovanni & Bambina Ventresca
Sat., 7/2	4:00 p.m. SH	<b>Mary Rossetti</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Del Greco
Sun., 7/3	9:30 a.m.	<b>Sully Caradonna</b> by Lidia & Romolo Camela
Sun., 7/3	11:00 a.m. SH	<b>Charles Agriesti</b> by Flora & Dominic Valentino

**Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo** by M/M Chuck Eckel  
**Marian: Joyce Tisone** by Carl Tisone

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun., 6/26/2016	<b>Scholarship Celebration</b> Marrapese Hall following Mass <b>San Giovanni Dance Group Practice</b> 4:30 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 6/27/2016	<b>Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group</b> 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) <b>SJB Women's Faith Group</b> 6:00 p.m. (Classroom) <b>General Meeting Columbus Italian Festival</b> 7:00 p.m. (Sala Hall)
Tues., 6/28/16	<b>Padre Pio Prayer Group Rosary &amp; intentions</b> 12:30 p.m., Mass at 1:00 p.m.

**Summer Office Hours:**

The **Parish Office Hours** are 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The Office will be **closed every Friday**, from **July 1, 2016** through **August 26, 2016**.

*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\*\***

THE BARRINGTON OF CARMEL – CARMEL INDIANA: Yola Rossi  
Country View – Sunbury: Viola Del Greco  
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.**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
July 3rd 9:30 a.m.	Adolfo Gastaldo, Antonio D'Alberto	Claudio Pasion, Andrea Myers, Bill Nightingale, Sharon D'Alberto

**Italian Festival General Meeting:** There will be a general meeting for all Italian Festival area chairs and volunteers **Monday, June 27** at **7:00 p.m.** in Sala Hall. All volunteers are welcome to come.

**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 July are:

- July 3 – Leslie Pasion
- July 10 – Claudio Pasion
- July 17 – Carl Tisone
- July 24 – Adolfo Gastaldo
- July 31 – Dan Pillitteri

**Saint Anthony's Raffle:** There was a surplus from St. Anthony's raffle. The beautiful flowers on the altar are due to this surplus. **Thank you again, St. Anthony.**

**2016 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings**

**June 26 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

**June 27 – St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22

**June 28 – St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr**

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27

**June 29 – Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles**

Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

**June 30 – Weekday**

Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8

**July 1 – Saint Junipero Serra, Priest**

Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13

**July 2 – Weekday**

Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17

**July 3 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 66:14-18/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

\* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

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

June 19, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used – 54

In Envelopes: \$2,610.00 Loose Money: \$ 234.70

Regular Collection: \$ 2,844.70  
 Less Diocesan 6% Assessment \$ (170.68)  
 \$ 2,674.02

Votive Lights \$ 24.00  
 Saint Anthony Bread \$ 2.00  
 Capital Improvements \$ 134.00  
 \$ 160.00

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

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/15-6/30/16)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,844.70	(\$ 40.30)	-1%
FYTD:	\$147,135.00	\$145,351.06	(\$1,743.94)	-1%

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, June 27, 2016**

Mary Spellacy, Genevive Knouff, Carl Tisone

**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

We are happy to report that the good people of this parish are answering the call in support of the **Bishop's Annual Appeal**. This is most encouraging but we have a long way to go to realize 100% participation from our parishes. **This year, our parish goal is \$15,117.71** and any amount generated over that goal will be returned to our parish. **No gift is too small.**

To date we have received: 20 Pledges

\$8,060.00 Pledged

\$2,260.00 Paid

We are 53% of our goal with 13% of households giving.

**HELP IS NEEDED:** This Sunday (if needed, also July 10) HELP is requested to move items in the Hamlet Street Garage for Wall Refurbishing. **SEE LANDA IF YOU CAN ASSIST.**

**Amici D'Oro will not meet on Thursday, June 30, 2016, at Saint John** but please join us on **June 30, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** for an **Olive Oil Salad Dressing Tasting** at

Oilerie Columbus  
 1409 Grandview Avenue  
 Columbus, OH 43212

For more information or if you need a ride, please contact **Mary Anderson at 614-794-3060.**

Dear Parishioners,

As many of you know, today is my last Sunday in the official capacity as Deacon here St. John the Baptist Church.

Once more, I wish to thank you, dear parishioners, for welcoming me as one of your own and for your love during my ministry here.

I was privileged to serve you and especially to know you and to love you.

My family and I will be vacationing in my native town of Pradalunga (Bergamo) for a couple of weeks through the middle of July.

I will be praying for you at the Marian Shrine of the Forcella and think of you.

Upon my return to the States, if anyone should need to get in touch with me, please contact the SJB Church Office to ask for my current email address or call Delaware St. Mary's directly at 740-363-4641.

I do not have yet a church email address there, but I should get it in the near future.

Also, in the back of the church on the stands, you will find some holy cards from my Ordination Anniversary two years ago.

Please feel free to take one and, most especially, remember to pray for me when you look at the card.

I will be remembering you in my daily prayers.

Dio vi benedica abbondantemente.

Diac. Felice

Dcn Felix Azzola

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**AROUND US**

**Religious Freedom Mass:** A special Mass, Rosary and Holy Hour for Religious Freedom and Liberty will be held at **Saint Joseph Cathedral on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at 5:15 p.m.** All are invited and encouraged to attend this special Mass and Holy Hour to pray for the protection of our Religious Freedoms.



**Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 where there is injury, pardon;  
 where there is doubt, faith;  
 where there is despair, hope;  
 where there is darkness, light;  
 where there is sadness, joy;  
 O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
 to be understood as to understand;  
 to be loved as to love.  
 For it is in giving that we receive;  
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.