

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I want to thank both parishes for the warm welcome that you gave me last weekend. It was good to meet many of you and I look forward to getting to know you better in the coming weeks and months. If you have questions about contacting me, I can be reached at the parish office at St. John the Baptist and Aggie Howard or Vicky Gammell can get in touch with me if I am not there. Also, you can reach me through my e-mail account, as well at rkitsmiller@columbuscatholic.org. I will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us another parable from the agrarian culture of His time and another moral lesson for us. We often see the wickedness and evil in the world, both in faraway places, and here at home. This wickedness and evil can seem to be ever magnified in today's media of instant communication. We have access to videos and graphic pictures, even before we hear or read the story. Sometimes we fail to know the whole story. We also may wonder why a just God doesn't strike the evildoer down or why those in power don't do the same. Jesus' parable of the wheat and the weeds reminds us that God is much more patient with the evildoer in the world, seeking everyone's salvation. Therefore, we can't be dismissive of others. Some biblical commentators tell us that the weed in today's Gospel was a plant that was called darnel. It looked like wheat and therefore was not easily distinguished until the harvest time. Only then, could it be separated from the true wheat. The lesson for us is that we cannot judge the final outcome of the "weeds" in our society. We must work and pray for their conversion. God is one patient farmer! We pray for that type of patience, yet always working and praying for the conversion of the sinner.

May God bless you this week!

Fr. Kitsmiller
Associate Administrator
Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 7/23	9:30 a.m.	Viola DelGreco by Egeo & Fiorenza Frissora
Tues., 7/25	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Viola DelGreco by Rosemary Colak
Sun., 7/30	9:30 a.m.	Connie Beum Thomas by Bill and Margie Butz

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:
Blessed Sacrament: Connie Beum Thomas by Richard Vittoria
Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 7/23	4:30 p.m.	San Giovanni Dance Group Practice (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 7/24	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Tue., 7/25	12:30 p.m.	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary & Intentions – Mass at 1:00 p.m. Chapel

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 7/23 9:30 a.m.	Landa Brunetto Ed Pagnanelli	Marge Baker, Claudio Pasian, Andrea Myers, Judy Pishitelli, & Marge Contino
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 7/30 9:30 a.m.	Nicholas D'Alberto Antonio D'Alberto	Sharon D; Alberto, Pat Rossetti, Karen Quick, Judy Pishitelli, & Margaret Panico-Harn

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

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 16 Vincent Davis
- July 23 Norma Jean Finissi
- July 30 Leslie Malek-Pasian
- August 6 Adolpho "Gus" Gastaldo
- August 13 Robert Contino, OFS

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

- July 23 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
- July 24 – Weekday
Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
- July 25 – Saint James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
- July 26 – Saints Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9
- July 27 – Weekday
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
- July 28 – Weekday
Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
- July 29 – Saint Martha
Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30
- July 30 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

July 16, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 49

In Envelopes:	\$2,030.00	Loose Money	\$186.00
Regular Collection:			\$ 2,216.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment			-\$ (132.96)
			\$ 2,083.04
Votive Lights			\$ 22.00
St. Anthony Bread			\$ 10.00
Capital Improvements			\$ 74.00
			\$ 106.00

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	\$ 2,216.00	-\$ (669.00)	-23%
FYTD:	\$ 8,655.00	\$ 6,851.00	-\$ (1,804.00)	21%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, July 24, 2017

Tom Elliott, Carl Tisone & Gus Gastaldo

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, July 31, 2017

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, & Darlene Rauch

**Office Hours:**

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

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.

Dear Father Lonzo:

Thank you for your leadership and support of the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Congratulations on your parish going beyond its goal. The example of your parishioners inspires us in our efforts to support those who are in great need. That support has a lasting impact on our future, and I am truly grateful for your support.

Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, D.D., Ph.D.
Bishop of Columbus

Around Us

July Liturgical Overview: The month of July is dedicated to **The Precious Blood of Jesus**. This month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven. The Summer Readings of Ordinary Time remind us that our earthly pilgrimage is also a journey, a great adventure towards union with Christ. Each Sunday becomes a mile marker along the way, linking where we have been with where we are going. May the Precious Blood of Jesus sustain us as we journey to our true home, with Mary and the angels as our companions on the way.

~ catholicculture.org

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: Introducing the Mother Teresa Award of Charity, Compassion, and Service! To recognize those special women in our Diocese who exemplify the life of Christ and the spirit of St. Teresa, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will host a reception for the inaugural class of award recipients on Sunday, **August 27**, at Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbus. For nomination, table, and ticket information, please visit columbuscatholic.org/mother-teresa-award or contact **Mickey McCormick** at 614-228-8601, 614-783-5555, or at mjmccormick@columbuscatholic.org.

Summer Parish Festivals: There are many Parish Festivals happening in Central Ohio this summer. The weekend of **July 21-22** offers Festivals at St. Matthew the Apostle, Our Lady of Peace, and Immaculate Conception. For the complete list of area Parish Festivals; dates and locations, please visit the new Columbus Diocesan website at columbuscatholic.org.

Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of July 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 our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of Christian life.

This generation and many others have been led to believe that the devil is a myth, a figure, an idea of evil...but the devil exists and we must fight against him.

~ Pope Francis

Catholic Career Opportunity: Due to the tremendous growth of the **Knights of Columbus** insurance programs, a unique opportunity for a motivated, energetic and career minded **Catholic Gentleman** is available in the **Columbus** area. Benefit package includes: Medical, Dental, LTD, Pension and 401K plan. We are now conducting interviews for a **Full-Time Field Manager/Agent**. To see if you qualify for this rewarding career, or for more information, please contact Mr. James B. Valent, General Agent, at (740) 280-0280 or email james.valent@kofc.org or visit www.kofcvalentagency.org.



Then the righteous will shine like the sun
in the kingdom of their Father.

Matthew 13:43

Prayer

*Remind us often Lord,
when we are feeling
proud,
arrogant,
beyond reproach,
pleased with ourselves,
self-sufficient in our ways,
that for such as us
and better
and worse*

*You walked a road
that took you to a cruel cross,
and rose again to show us where
we might look for rescue
as from this lofty perch
we fall.*

Amen