

My brothers and sisters,

On Monday, January 23rd, we remember in a special way to pray for the protection of all human life, from conception until natural death. There will be a special 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral, with Bishop Campbell presiding, for the Respect for Human Life, followed by prayers at the Statehouse. This is to commemorate the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*. Let us pray for our country, that we may continue to open our hearts in love to all people: the unborn, the elderly, the disabled, and the immigrant; that we may be a people who have a great respect for the sanctity of all human life from conception until natural death.

Have a great week!

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 1/22	9:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Piccininni by Piccininni Family
Sun., 1/29	9:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Piccininni by Piccininni Family

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon., 1/23/2017	SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom) Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Marrapese or Sala Hall)
Thurs., 1/26/2017	Amici D'Oro Meeting 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Sun., 1/29/2017	LaDonna Group Meeting 11:00-11:30 a.m. after Mass

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Bruno Masdea by Chris Soteriades
Marian Light: Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone

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
Sun., Jan. 29, 9:30 a.m.	Samantha Fallucco, Ed Pagnanelli	Bob Contino, Blaise Marcucci, Pat Rossetti, Judy Pishitelli, Marge Contino

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 **January** are:

January 29th Carl Tisone

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

January 22 – Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Is 8:23–9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mk 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

January 23 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30

January 24 – St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35

January 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

January 26 – St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25

January 27 – Weekday

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34

January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

January 15, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 48

In Envelopes: \$1,670.00 Loose Money \$709.00

Regular Collection: \$ 2,379.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment \$ (142.74)
\$ 2,236.26

Votive Lights \$ 29.00
Propagation of the Faith \$ 150.00
Capital Improvements \$ 47.00
\$ 226.00

\$\$\$? 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	\$ 2,379.00	(\$ 506.00)	-18%
FYTD:	\$83,665.00	\$79,405.03	(\$4,259.97)	-5%

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, January 23, 2017

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, Darlene Rauch

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, January 30, 2017

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.

Around Us

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 John the Baptist Catholic Church. If you would like to learn more about RCIA here at our church, please contact our parish office at (614) 294-5319.

Thank you for your generous support of Catholic Social Services: On behalf of the **Catholic Social Services** family, thank you for your gift of gift cards and stuffed animals. With your contribution to our mission, our professional staff will be able to help families thrive and keep seniors independent. Your commitment to serving neighbors in need is making a lasting impression on our community.

Catholic Conversations 2017: Catholic Conversations, hosted by St. Margaret of Cortona parish and St. Brendan the Navigator parish, invites you to join in an evening of conversation on current topics, teachings, and social issues all from a Catholic perspective. There is **NO COST** to attend, we just ask that you pay for any food or drink you order. The group is open to all adults and is an outreach ministry meant to bring our Catholic faith into the everyday. We generally meet on the second Sunday of each month at Sports on Tap in Old Hilliard, located at 4030 Main Street, Hilliard, OH 43026, in their second-floor venue, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. To register and to reserve your spot, go to EventBrite and search for Catholic Conversations. Below is the schedule through April 2017. Contact Nancy Whetstone (nancywhetstone@gmail.com) or Julie Naporano (julienaporano1@gmail.com) with questions. Below is the schedule through April 2017.

2017 Conversations Calendar

February 12: Fr. Nathan Cromly | Eagle Eye Ministries / Joy
 March 12: Peggy Hartshorn / Founder of Heartbeat International /
 How Did We Get Here...Life is a Choice?
 April 9: Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis /
 Encounter: A Personal Relationship with Jesus
 May 21: Fr. Tom Gardner | Mary, Our Mother

Pope's January Intentions: Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

- **Christian Unity:** That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Did You Know?: With the feast of the **Baptism of the Lord** we have entered into the liturgical time that we call "ordinary." The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. According to The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: "Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe."

January is Poverty Awareness Month: The USCCB's **Poverty Awareness Month (January)** materials include an online and print calendar with daily ways to learn about poverty, get inspired by how communities are responding, and take action with others. You can also sign up for daily reflections. For these and other resources, go to www.povertyusa.org or contact Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Event: The next **Catholic Men's Luncheon Club** will feature The Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell and the presentation of the 2017 Catholic Man of the Year. Please join Bishop Campbell and us on **Friday, February 3rd** at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. Holy Mass begins at **11:45 a.m.**, followed by lunch and the presentation of the Catholic Man of the Year, until about 1:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheons, visit www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com or contact **Tim Merkle**, CMLC President, at htm@ejhlaw.com.

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 or if you have any questions you may email Antonio@ExitTrinity.com or call/text **Antonio D'Alberto** at 614-419-2594.

9 Days for Life

Catholics across the country will join together in prayer during the bishops' Pro-Life novena, 9 Days for Life, January 21-29. People can participate through email, text message, Facebook, or a free iOS or Android app. www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-ro-e-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm.



Prayer for Vocations: *Father, we're Your people, the work of Your hands. So precious are we in Your sight that You sent Your Son, Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in Your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. With our hearts You continue to love Your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.*
 Amen