

**My brothers and sisters,**

It's hard to believe that Lent is almost here! This year I would like to invite all of you, both Sacred Heart parishioners and St. John the Baptist parishioners, to participate in a weekly Mass on Wednesday evenings at St. John the Baptist during the Season of Lent followed by a simple supper after the Mass. I have been told that according to tradition, parishioners would volunteer to prepare the simple supper usually consisting of soup, salad and bread, etc. Also traditionally the proceeds from these would go to charity. I would like to see that we help support local Catholic charities within our diocese as there are many soup kitchens and food pantries that are always in need of donations. Please remember that if we do not have volunteers to prepare the simple suppers we will not be able to have them, so please consider volunteering.

Also, Fr. Klee will be offering Mass in the mornings at Sacred Heart during much of the Lenten Season. Please see the bulletin for further information.

**Have a great week!**

**Fr. Tony Lonzo**

**Associate Administrator of Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist**

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun., 1/31	9:30 a.m.	<b>Andrew Daniel DeFranco</b> by Frank Casanta
Sun., 1/31 SH	11:00 a.m.	<b>Frank D'Andrea</b> by Nancy Buoni
Sun., 2/7	9:30 a.m.	<b>Mary Jo Mangia</b> by Gloria DePietro

**Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian: Maria Mascherino** by Francesca Provenzano

**Blessed Sacrament:**

**Charles Agriesti** by the Blessed Mother Sodality



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

- **Patrick Joseph Mascaro**, who died January 20, 2016.
- **Philip Ralph Volpe**, who died January 25, 2016.

They were members of St. John the Baptist. They were buried this past week.

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

**COUNTRY VIEW** – SUNBURY: Viola Del Greco

**MOTHER ANGELINE McCORY:** Marie Tarantelli

**HOME:** Judy Pishitelli

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

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

<b>Sun., 1/31/2016</b>	<b>RCIA</b> – 10:00-10:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word – Library <b>RCIA Session</b> 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Library <b>Confirmation Preparation Class</b> 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Classroom 1
<b>Mon., 2/1/2016</b>	<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)

**2016 LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS READINGS**

**January 31 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1/Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 4:21-30*

**February 1 – Weekday**

*2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20*

**February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord**

*Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40*

**February 3 – St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop**

*2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6*

**February 4 – Weekday**

*1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13*

**February 5 – St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

*Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29*

**February 6 – St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

*1 Kgs:4-13/Mk 6:30-34*

**February 7 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11*

\*Pray for our Priests and seminarians

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

January 24, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used – 41

In Envelopes: \$1,450.00 Loose Money: \$1,139.25

Regular Collection: \$2,589.25

Less Diocesan 6% Assessment (\$ 155.36)

\$2,433.89

Votive Lights \$ 24.00

\$ 24.00

**?? \$ ? ? How IS St. JOHN'S DOING? \$ ? \$ ?**

**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/15 – 06/30/16)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,589.25	(\$ 295.75)	-10%
FYTD:	\$86,550.00	\$84,051.95	(\$2,498.05)	-3%

**SJB Collection Counters**

**for Monday February 1, 2016**

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri

**Sons of Italy News**

The Sons of Italy is sponsoring and proudly presents **Elvis and John Lennon, Walt Sanders** as Elvis and **Dan Moyer** as John Lennon. **Saturday, February 13, 2016** at Villa Milano. Admission of \$50.00 per person includes dinner. Prepaid reservations only. Doors open 6:00 p.m./Dinner 7:00 p.m./Show begins at 8:00 p.m. For information and tickets, contact Sos at [soscod@cs.com](mailto:soscod@cs.com) or call 614-582-7366.

The Sons Of Italy is sponsoring a trip to "The Shrine of The Most Blessed Sacrament" on **April 8, 2016**, returning **April 10, 2016**. There will be an overnight stay with dinner and show in Nashville, TN. **\$279.00 per person** also includes hotel in Hanceville, AL. Anyone interested please contact **Gus Gastaldo at 475-1388** or **Sos Codispoti at 614-582-7366**.

### RCIA NEWS AT SJB –

**Rite of Anointing** -- We celebrate the *Rite of Anointing of the Catechumens*. During this rite, celebrated immediately following the Homily, Father Lonzo will anoint the following six brothers and sisters in Christ, who are candidates in our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program:

- Catechumen **August Preston**, sponsored by Landa Brunetto
- Candidate **Ben Brown**, sponsored by Allison Brown
- Candidate **Daniel Prolago**, sponsored by John Ohalek
- Candidate **Danielle DiGruttolo**, sponsored by Sharon D'Alberto
- Candidate **Matt DiGruttolo**, sponsored by Antonio D'Alberto
- Candidate **Sharon Santilli**, sponsored by Marge Contino.

They commenced their weekly RCIA formation studies in September. To date, they have completed 15 weeks and 22 topics. Currently, they are studying the Seven Sacraments. Guided by the Holy Spirit, they will ultimately complete their RCIA formation and be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church on March 26, 2016, Holy Saturday, at the Easter Vigil Mass.

**Rite of Dismissal** -- Members of the assembly will observe that they are weekly dismissed from the Mass following the Liturgy of the Word. We process to the library and commence Breaking Open the Word. We take a 30-minute break from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m., before commencing the weekly 90-minute RCIA formation session. Therefore, you will likely see them in Sala Hall during social time (coffee and donuts). Please, introduce yourself and your family, extending to the catechumen and candidates our traditional St. John the Baptist welcome!

**Dcn Felix Azzola**  
**St. John the Baptist**  
**Italian Catholic Church**

### ABRUZZI CLUB NEWS

**Carnevale Celebration: February 5th, 7:00 pm** at the Abruzzi Club. Homemade Pasta, Homade Meatballs, Salad, Rolls and Dessert for \$12.00. Cash bar. For more information, call **Tony Frissora at 593-0701**.

**February Magnificat:** You have received the last issue of the *Magnificat*. We will not be able to continue to subscribe again for next year because of the lack of subscriptions. If you have any questions please contact **Maruja Paule at 899-6945**.

**Mount Carmel Hospice Invites You to Hospice Volunteering 101**  
 If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer whether at the bedside or behind the scenes, join us for a special panel discussion. A group of Mount Carmel Hospice volunteers will discuss their roles and contributions then answer your questions. The session can help you find the best way to serve your community at end-of-life. Please join us on **February 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. or on February 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Carmel Hospice and Palliative Care Center. Register by calling 234-LIFE (5433)**.

### Dan Schutte Concert and Lenten Day

Composer **Dan Schutte** will be in Columbus for a weekend of music! On **Friday, February 12, 2016**, Dan will play a **7:30 p.m.** concert of his music for worship. Dan wrote familiar songs like: *Here I Am, Lord, City of God, Glory and Praise To Our God, River of Glory, You Are Near*, and the new Mass setting of Christ the Savior. Come hear this former member of the St. Louis Jesuits in a dynamic concert covering 40 years of music that plays an important role in *our* liturgy!

Dan is also the presenter for our Lenten Day of Reflection on **Saturday, February 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, "**Responding in Faith to God's Call.**" Explore how to listen, understand, and show *mercy* with a generous and open heart.

Tickets are available online at [www.St.ElizabethChurch.org](http://www.St.ElizabethChurch.org) for the Friday concert (\$15.00) and Saturday Lenten Day of Reflection (\$25.00). Discounted combo tickets are \$35.00 for both events. Contact **Rich Krehnovi, Music Director, St. Elizabeth Church, at (614) 891-0150, ext. 15, StElizabethConcert@gmail.com**, for questions or sales.

### A Prayer for the Grace to Say Yes to God

*Lord Jesus, You have helped me to understand that I am not fully surrendered to Your will in my life. My self-will is strong. Self-love hinders my yes at times. I realize that You desire my yes in totality. You invite me to trust in Your merciful love. I repent of the times when, knowingly or unknowingly, I interfered with Your plan for my life either by weakness of will, neglect in prayer, procrastination in doing what You asked, fear of making a wrong decision, fear of failure, or of letting go of options that make me feel that I have control of my life. With all my heart I ask for the healing that I need; the healing of the wounds that are the result of folly; the healing of my heart that is fearful, the healing of my thoughts that are not Your thoughts, the healing of my life that is in knots*

– Courtesy of the Catholic Exchange and contains excerpts from the book **GOD'S HEALING MERCY**

### Holy Mother

Holy Mother of God, thank you for the yes of your life. Thank you for saying yes to being the Mother of Jesus. Thank you for saying yes to being our Mother, too. Thank you! Please teach us to be like you, Humble, loving, never quitting, following Him. Please, Mother, teach us to love God so much that we want only His Will. Protect us, Holy Mary. Protect your children. Please Mother, bring our lives to the Heart of Jesus. Be our advocate, our strength, our joy. Amen.

– Made available courtesy of the *Arlington Catholic Herald*

### Pope Francis

Jesus' reminder urges each of us never to stop at the surface of things, especially when we have a person before us. We are called to look beyond, *to focus on the heart* in order to see how much generosity everyone is capable of. No one can be excluded from the mercy of God; everyone knows the way to access it and the Church is the *house where everyone is welcomed and no one is rejected*. Her doors remain wide open, so that those who are touched by grace may find the assurance of forgiveness. The greater the sin, the greater the love that must be shown by the Church to those who repent. With how much love Jesus looks at us! With how much love He heals our sinful heart! Our sins never scare Him. Let us consider the prodigal son who, when he decided to return to his father, considers making a speech, but the father doesn't let him speak. He embraces him (cf. Lk 15:17-24). This is the way Jesus is with us. "*Father, I have so many sins....*" — "*But He will be glad if you go: He will embrace you with such love! Don't be afraid.*"

– From the announcement of the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*