

The Deacon's Bench

Dear Parishioners:

1. The Sunday after the Festival! This is the Sunday after.... This year's Festival was a huge success...! Many factors worked in our favor so that the attendance and the participation of the Festivalgoers was excellent; in fact, we may have set a record. Very preliminary indications point to a record high financial returns; but, most of all, the positive general atmosphere about our Festival allowed us to spread the message of our Catholic Faith and the values of our Italian Culture: Faith, Family, and Friends. I cannot tell you how many people remarked about the beauty and uniqueness of our Church, "a little jewel of a Church!"

We are grateful to God for all His blessings of great weather, safety and good will among all the participants, and for so many other unknown blessings during the Festival. We do so with deep gratitude to our Blessed Mother and to St. John the Baptist, the first Messenger of Jesus.

This Festival would not have been successful if it were not for all the help received from all the parishioners in so many ways. "Many hands make light work," the saying goes. That is what happened this past week: people coming together to help each other, to support and encourage each other, to console each other and to give hope to each other, just like in a family. And it was comforting to my heart to see all the parishioners work together so well, as in a family, our St. John Church Family. My thanks to each one of you, dear Parishioners, and may the Lord bless and reward you abundantly in ways only He can.

After expressing our gratitude to God and to Our Blessed Mother and St. John the Baptist for their constant protection and numerous blessings, my gratitude goes to the Co-Chairs of the Italian Festival: **Tina Solazzo and Rick Brunetto**. With them, I wish to recognize in a particular way the Executive Board Committee Members for their leadership and dedication: **Jim Behal, John Contino, Mario Cua, Bud Fuller, Susan Guy, Margaret Panico-Harn, Landa Masdea Brunetto, Pat Rossetti, Vince Militello, Adam Montemarano, Carol Ristucci and Tony Sciambi**. I thank them from the bottom of my heart for their many contributions and selfless giving. And I invoke on each of them a shower of blessings.

And to the many, many Parishioners, whose selfless sacrifices and generosity went perhaps unnoticed, my deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks!!! And with that, also my promise of prayers of thanksgiving and petitions to God for their needs.

I am pleased to add here a note of thanks directly from the Chairpersons: "We would like to express our deepest gratitude and thanks to all of you for all your work in making this year's Columbus Italian Festival one of the most successful ever. We were very blessed to have fabulous weather, but more importantly we were blessed to have each and every one of you giving of your time and talents. The beautiful sense of community and Church family that the Festival brings to us each year is truly inspiring. We love each and every one of you for making our job a joy and for making the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and the Columbus Italian Festival a better place for all.

Mille grazie, Tina and Rick"

2. A Biblical Walk Through The Mass

At Mass, the priest says certain prayers and sometime we respond to what he proclaims. What is that? What is the origin of those words? What is their meaning and significance? The Catechesis Committee has purchased a several DVDs containing five presentations by Dr. Edward Sri titled: "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass." In these DVDs, Dr. Sri takes us on a unique tour of the Liturgy. He explores the Biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This tour through the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love and devotion to the Eucharist. Do not miss this opportunity to learn about the source and summit of your Catholic Faith!!! These half-hour videos will be shown in the Marrapese Hall on **Mondays at 6:00 p.m. and repeated on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. on the following dates: Mondays: October 19, October 26, November 2, November 9, and November 16 – Saturdays: October 24, October 31, November 7, November 14, and November 21**. Following the video, a brief discussion will follow. Attendance is FREE. *On Saturdays, registration is required by e-mailing claudio.pasian@yahoo.com.*

3. Outreach Committee's Collection to help the needy.

A collection called **Thanksgiving Potatoes** will take place on **Sundays: October 25, November 1 and November 8**. On those Sundays, parishioners are asked to contribute \$1.00 (one dollar) for the purchase of potatoes at bulk prices to donate to several organizations; they, in turn, will provide Thanksgiving meals for the less fortunate. Let us give thanks to our Lord by giving back to our brothers and sisters in need.

4. The Sacred Remains of Saint Maria Goretti

The sacred remains of Saint Maria Goretti, Patroness of Virtue and of Mercy, will be at **Saint Joseph Cathedral on October 21, from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.**, with a special Memorial Mass celebrated at **7:00 p.m.** This is a first-of-a-kind visit of her remains to the United States and is coordinated with the Holy See's Congregation for the Causes of Saints and the Treasures of the Church, and is part of a national Pilgrimage of Mercy in preparation for the Extraordinary Year of Mercy, which officially begins on **December 8**. All who wish to venerate her sacred remains are invited. For more information about Saint Maria Goretti, the importance of this opportunity, and this national Pilgrimage of Mercy, please visit www.MariaGoretti.com. Please note: there are no "reservations" associated with this one-day opportunity – the faithful are invited equally to Saint Joseph Cathedral for prayer and veneration of the sacred remains of Saint Maria Goretti. It is suggested that you car-pool, and make use of public parking facilities adjacent to the Cathedral; handicapped access to the Cathedral is available via elevator located on the west (courtyard) side of the Cathedral. By the way, we at St. John's have the relics of Saint Maria Goretti in a special reliquary which has been in our possession for who knows how long. The reliquary will be exposed for veneration on the Altar of our Chapel on Sunday, October 25, after Mass. Hopefully, many of us will take advantage of this opportunity to pray to Saint Maria Goretti for ourselves and our youth. Saint Maria Goretti, Patroness of Virtue and Mercy, pray for us.

Dio vi benedica abbondantemente.
il vostro Diacono Felice
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MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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| 10/18 | 9:30 a.m. | Andrew Daniel DeFranco by Gina Shultz |
| 10/20 | 1:00 p.m. | Mary Jo Mangia by Frank & Rita Blateri |
| 10/24 | 4:00 p.m. @ SH | Wilma Bianconi by Rudy Biscuso |
| 10/25 | 9:30 a.m. | Joseph Colak by Tony Caradonna & Luisa Stefanelli |

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:
Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo by Mr. Carlo Cocita & Family
Marian: Tony Solazzo by Anthony & Francesa Cugini

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 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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Sun., 10/18 | San Giovanni Dance Group 3:30 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) |
| Mon., 10/19 | Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom) |
| Tues., 10/20 | Padre Pio Prayer Group Rosary & Intentions 12:30 p.m. Mass at 1:00 p.m. |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers |
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| Oct. 25, 9:00 a.m. | Samantha Fallucco, Antonio D'Alberto | Pat Rossetti, Ed Pagnanelli, Karen Quick, Sharon D'Alberto |

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

October 11, 2015

Number of Envelopes Used – 40

In Envelopes: \$1,638.00 Loose Money: \$644.00

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| Regular Collection | \$ 2,282.00 |
| Less Diocesan 6% Assessment | (\$ 136.92) |
| | \$ 2,145.08 |
| Votive Lights | \$ 546.50 |
| St. Anthony Bread | \$ 10.00 |
| Capital Improvements | \$ 110.00 |
| 50/50 | \$ 20.00 |
| | \$ 686.50 |

\$\$\$ HOW IS ST. JOHN DOING? \$\$\$

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

| | Budgeted | Actual | Difference (\$) | (%) |
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| This Week: | \$ 2,885.00 | \$ 2,282.00 | (\$ 603.00) | -21% |
| FYTD: | \$43,275.00 | \$38,191.25 | (\$5,083.75) | -12% |

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, October 19, 2015

Mary Spellacy, Genevive Knouff, Carl Tisone

2015 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

October 18 – Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45

* Fr. Frank Higdon, MM

October 19 – Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

* Fr. Nicholas O'Brien

October 20 – St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38

* Fr. Angelo Gallorini, Dec.

October 21 – Weekday

Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

* Msgr. James Hanley, Dec.

October 22 – St. Blessed John Paul II

Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

* Fr. Daniel Dury

October 23 – St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

* Fr. Harold Schneider

October 24 – St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9

* Fr. John M. Jacquet, Dec.

October 25 – Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

* Fr. Damian Thompson

* Pray for our Priests and Seminarians.



The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: Currently, we have Rosary Leaders scheduled through October. 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 or to become a Leader, please contact Toby Derrick at 614-460-9497.

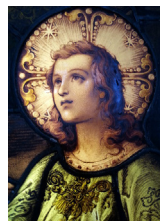
The Leaders for October are:

- October 25 – Dan Pillitteri



To date, we have received: **141 Pledges**
\$557,631.25 Pledged
\$520,396.25 Paid

AROUND US



Illuminating Our Faith: A Liturgical Stained Glass Windows Exhibition:

The Jubilee Museum's new gallery, the Fra Angelico gallery, is on view **until November 15, 2015**. The exhibition features 12 stained glass windows rescued from various churches, chapels and orphanages. Their beauty illuminates the strength and importance of stained glass windows as an art form and as a way of teaching our faith. Through the centuries, stained glass windows were intended to be didactic, literally illustrating the Bible to the faithful, many of whom were illiterate: "Stained glass is, basically, a Christian art, it had no existence until the Christian era. It is the art form which could be said to have profoundly distinguished Christian churches..." For more information, please visit the **Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center's website at www.jubileemuseum.org** or call 614-600-0054. A suggested donation of \$10.00 per person is greatly appreciated.