

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The parable in this Sunday's Gospel of the bridesmaids awaiting the arrival of bridegroom, calls us to reflect upon on our own readiness for the Lord's arrival at the end of our life. Amidst the business of our lives, it is easy to forget this essential aspect of our life of faith. Are we living a life that prepares us for the reward of heaven? That, of course, is the meaning of the oil lamps in Jesus' parable. The oil in the lamps represents the good deeds and virtuous living of each bridesmaid. Only we can live our lives. No one else can. Our good deeds and virtues are our own, nobody else's. We cannot give them away or get them from others. That is why the bridesmaids in the parable cannot share their own oil. Each night before we go to bed, we should ask the question – what did I do for the Lord and others? If we live our life for others and the Lord, then we will be prepared for the heavenly banquet when the bridegroom comes.

Let us remember in our prayers those killed and wounded in this past week's shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. We again are reminded of the precariousness of life and the evil that is in the world. Even in sacred places like churches, we see such evil. Let us pray that we might not grow numb to such shootings and instead work and pray for a safer and less violent society.

May God bless you this week!

Fr. Kitsmiller

Associate Administrator

Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 11/12	9:30 a.m.	Tony Solazzo by Maria DelMonte
Sun., 11/19	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Masdea by Norma Lewis

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 11/12	11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Altar Guild (Marrapese Hall) San Giovanni Dance Group Practice (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 11/13	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Sun., 11/12 9:30 a.m.	Ed Pagnanelli Samantha Fallucco	Bob Contino, Antonio D'Alberto, Marge Contino, Judy Pishitelli & Margaret Panico-Harn
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 11/19 9:30 a.m.	Gabe Bishop John Snoad	Claudio Pasian, Ed Pagnanelli, Andrea Myers, Pete Tamburro, & Sharon D'Alberto

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

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: **Tony Solazzo**
by DelMonte & Mitchell Families
Marian Lights: **Lenora Mastracci**
by Chris Soteriades

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

MOTHER ANGELINE McCrory: Marie Tarantelli

FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE: Joe Agriesti

MT CARMEL WEST: Mary Quaranto

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

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 **November** are:

November 12 **Robert Contino, OFS**
November 19 **Vincent Davis**
November 26 **Carl Tisone**

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

November 12 – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-15/Mt 25:1-13

November 13 – Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6

November 14 – Weekday
Wis 2:23–3:9/Lk 17:7-10

November 15 – Weekday – Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19

November 16 – Weekday – St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Wis 7:22b–8:1/Lk 17:20-25

November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37

November 18 – Weekday – The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8 or for the Memorial of the Dedication, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31

November 19 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

November 5, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 54

In Envelopes: \$3,858.00 Loose Money \$186.00

Holy Day	\$ 105.00
Regular Collection	\$ 4,149.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	-\$ (248.94)
	\$ 3,900.06

Votives	\$ 37.00
Catholic Community Campaign	\$ 20.00
St. Anthony's Bread – JOIN	\$ 54.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 10.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 50.00
	\$ 171.00



Office Hours:

The Parish Office hours are **Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 4,149.00	\$ 1,264.00	44%
FYTD:	\$54,815.00	\$50,020.00.00	-(4,795.00)	-9%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday November, 13, 2017

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri & Darlene Rauch

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, November 20, 2017

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin & Tom Elliott

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers a wonderful opportunity to experience God's mercy on a very personal level. The sacrament of Penance is a beautiful sacrament through which we are reconciled to God, ourselves and our neighbors. Remember, the words of St. Paul, "God is rich in mercy; because of His great love for us, He brought us to life with Christ when we were dead in sin." (Eph 2:4). Father is available for Confession before Mass.

The Byron Saunders Foundation: What's Thanksgiving dinner without mashed potatoes?? St. John the Baptist helps the **Byron Saunders Foundation**, headed by our own parishioner, **Brian Wollenberg**, obtain dollars to purchase **5 lb. bags** of fresh potatoes for the families in need. We request a minimum of **\$2.00** per person. The more money we receive, the more families receive fresh potatoes for Thanksgiving dinner. Please give after Mass, through **November 19th**. Last year, we provided approximately **700** families with potatoes and our goal this year is **1,500** families.

St. John's Guild #16 is having their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale, Sunday, **November 19th** after Mass. Donations of baked items appreciated. There will also be a raffle. Any questions please call **Greta Snell** at **614-888-0619**.

Saint Vincent Family Center is looking for individuals to take part in its annual **Adopt a Family** program to help families in Ohio's most impoverished neighborhoods. So many of these families are unable to provide their little ones with gifts and memories of Christmas. As an outreach project for SJB members, we are asking parishioners for their help in this worthy cause. The Center will provide us with two families and a list of what the children need. **Maria Lucchin, Jackie Persichetti** and **Rose Ann Graf**, will have a notebook for you to sign up to participate and give you more details after Mass on Sunday. Please stop at our table to learn more of the specific needs of these children. We only have three weeks to complete this project to alleviate some of the heartbreak of these families and to assist in the wonderful work that the St. Vincent Center provides.

AROUND US

Holy Family's Christian Mothers' Christmas Bazaar: Holy Family's Christian Mothers' Christmas Bazaar is **Sunday, November 19th**, from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Bazaar is at Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 (**Basement**). There will be gifts, raffles, silent auction along with delicious food to purchase. Vendor's table space is only **\$30.00**. Email **Beth Motika** at Bmotika@att.net or **Suzanne Mahon** at suzymahon@yahoo.com.

Your Church at Work: A month after hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, Catholic organizations, groups and individuals were among the most prominent responders to the needs of a suffering people. Working closely with Catholic Charities USA, the local Caritas chapter dispersed over 1.1 million dollars in aid to an estimated 50,000 people.

~ The Catholic Times

Day of Reflection: The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting a **Day of Reflection** from **11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** on **Saturday, November 18** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (3730 Broadway, Grove City, 43123). The theme is "*Preparing the Woman Within for Advent.*" There is a cost of **\$25.00** to attend this event and lunch will be served. To register, send your name, address, email, and phone number to DCCW, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215. A registration form may also be found on the DCCW web site at columbuscatholic.org/diocesan-council-of-catholic-women. For questions, call Mickey McCormick, DCCW President, at **614-783-5555** or the DCCW office, **614-228-8601**.

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **November** is dedicated to the **Souls in Purgatory**, whose feast is celebrated on **November 2**. The entire month of November falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time** and is represented by the liturgical color green.

Holy Father's Intention for the Month of November 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 Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



Creation is not a property which we can rule over at will. Creation is a wonderful gift that God has given us to care for and use for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude.

~ Pope Francis



Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour.
Matthew 25:13

Prayer for the Dead

Immortal God, Holy Lord, Father and protector of everything Thou hast created, we raise our hearts to Thee today for those who have passed out of this mortal life. In Thy loving mercy, Father of men, be pleased to receive them into Thy Heavenly company, and forgive them the failings and faults of human frailty. Thy only Son, Christ, our Savior, suffered cruelly that He might deliver them from the second death. By His merits may they share in the glory of His victory over sin and death. We pray for all the faithful who have died, but in particular for those dear to us – parents, relatives and friends. Nor do we forget those who did us good while on earth, who helped us by their prayers, sacrifices, and example. We pray also for any who have done us harm and stand in need of Thy special forgiveness. May the merits of Our Virgin Mother Mary, and those of all Thy Angels and Saints, speak for us and assist them now. This we ask in Christ's name.

Amen.