

My brothers and sisters,

As Pope Francis closed the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy last Sunday; nevertheless, Pope Francis reminds us that we are to continue to carry this message of God's mercy as we continue our journey of Faith. How better to do this as we begin our new liturgical year, as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent today. As we begin this privileged time, we await with joyful hope God's coming to us to save us in His plan of merciful redemption.

Have a great week

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 11/27	9:30 a.m.	Tony Solazzo by Mr & Mrs Carlo DiCristoforo
Tues., 11/29	1:00 p.m.	Joe Colak by Rosemary Colak
Sun., 12/4	9:30 a.m.	Elsie DelGreco by Elda Cianelli

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Frank Martin by Chris Soteriades
Marian Light: Doris F. Lupidi by Lillian Penzone

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 11/27/16	LaDonna Group Meeting After Mass (Marrapese Hall) San Giovanni Dance Group Practice 4:30 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 11/28/16	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)
Tues., 11/29/16	Padre Pio Prayer Group Rosary and Intentions 12:30 p.m., Mass at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

THE BARRINGTON OF CARMEL – CARMEL, INDIANA: Yola Rossi
MOTHER ANGELINE MCCORY: 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
Nov., 27 9:30 a.m.	Antonio D'Alberto, Adolph Gastaldo	Sharon D'Alberto, Pat Rossetti, Bob Contino, Giovanna Lumbacca, Marge Contino
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Dec., 4 9:30 a.m.	Samantha Fallucco, Bob Contino	Blaise Marcucci, Ed Pagnanelli, Bill Nightingale, Marge Contino, Andrea Myers

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 **December** are:

- December 4th – Carl Tisone**
- December 11th – Adolfo Gastaldo**
- December 18th – Marge Contino, SFO**
- December 25th – Robert Contino, SFO**

2016 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

November 27 – First Sunday of Advent
 Is 2:1-5 Rom/13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

November 28– Advent Weekday
 Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

November 29 – Advent Weekday
 Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

November 30 – St. Andrew, Apostle
 Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

December 1 – Advent Weekday
 Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

December 2 – Advent Weekday
 Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest
 Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8

December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent
 Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

November 20, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used – 57

In Envelopes: \$2,590.00 Loose Money \$462.00

Regular Collection:	\$ 3,052.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (183.12)
	\$ 2868.88
Votive Lights	\$ 50.00
Saint Anthony Bread	\$ 20.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 65.00
50/50	\$ 20.00
Catholic Comm Campaign	\$ 80.00
	\$ 235.00

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Budgeted Offortory for Fiscal Year (7/1/16-6/30/17)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 3,052.00	\$ 167.00	6%
FYTD:	\$60,585.00	\$55,091.03	(\$5,493.97)	-9%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, November 28, 2016

Mary Spellacy, Genevive Knouff, Paul Cosentino

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, December 5, 2016

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.

Book for Prayer Intentions: A white Book for Prayer Intentions is available in the back of the church. During the month of **November**, you can add the names of loved ones who have passed away so that the members of our parish can pray **for the souls of the faithful departed**. You can also add your prayer intentions for family and friends to this book any time of the year. All members of the parish are encouraged to pray for these intentions.

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**.

Around Us

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18). For more information, contact Erin Cordle, Office for Social Concerns, at 614-2241-2540 or socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org.

Trinity Catholic Elementary School is Taking Kindergarten

Registrations: We are now taking Kindergarten registration for the 2016-17 school year. We will have two Kindergarten classes with a maximum of 13 students in each class. We anticipate filling all our available slots for next year. Nonrefundable **Registration fee is \$325.00. \$215.00** goes towards next year's tuition.* Register by **December 20** and pay only **\$275.00**. Informational meeting at Trinity Preschool (St. Margaret of Cortona Church) or Tuesday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m. or Wednesday, December 7, at Trinity Catholic School at 7:00 p.m. Tours of the school with option to visit our Kindergarten classes are available every day. No appointment needed. For questions, contact Principal Jim Silcott at jsilcott@cducation.org or by calling 488-7650.

*Registration fee nonrefundable unless child is determined not ready for Kindergarten by school and/or parents.

Trinity Catholic Elementary School
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NEW YEARS EVE: Spend **NEW YEARS EVE** with the daughter of **DEAN MARTIN: DEANA Sings DINO Rick Brunetto Orchestra & DEANA MARTIN. THE BLACKWELL INN at OSU.** Dinner, Show and Dancing. Purchase tickets. www.rickbrunetto.com.

GIVING TREE: Collecting Gift Cards of any denomination from **TARGET, KROGER, WALLMART, MEIJER.** Place Cards or Cash in box under tree in SALA HALL. Gifts for needy families; **CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES.**

Pope's November Intentions

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for specific intentions each month, one for some general worldwide need, and another for a specific need related to evangelization. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for these intentions each month.

November: Month of Holy Souls

Our Catholic Faith teaches us to cherish the memory of our dead. It urges us to commune in prayer, especially at Mass, with the souls of those we loved while they walked this earth. We are continually reminded that "life is changed, not ended." A **Book of Remembrance** is in the back of the church on a stand. You may enter names of deceased friends and/or family members you would like to have remembered during Masses said at Sacred Heart during **November**. Beginning the weekend of **November 5th**, the book will be brought forward during the offertory procession and placed near the altar.

Countries Receiving Refugees

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Event: Friday, December 2,

2016. The next Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will feature a talk by **Father Daniel Swartz**, one of the youngest and newest priests of our diocese. Father Swartz's talk will detail his path to the priesthood. This month's luncheon is sponsored by the **St. Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church in Gahanna.** Please join us **Friday, December 2nd at St. Patrick Church** in downtown Columbus. Holy Mass begins at **11:45 a.m.**, followed by lunch and Father Swartz's talk 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 Beauty of the Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is a long-standing Christmas tradition, adding beauty and light to the season. However, it is easy to let slip the true meaning of Christmas it is meant to call to mind. The wreath is a circle, without beginning or end, symbolizing our participation in God's plan of salvation, and our hope to share eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. The traditional wreath is made from fresh, natural materials, because Christ came to give us new life through His passion, death and resurrection. There are three purple or white (depending on tradition) candles, symbolizing penance, preparation and sacrifice. The pink (or rose) colored candle symbolizes the same ideas, but it highlights the third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete* Sunday), when we rejoice because our preparation is now halfway finished. The light itself represents Christ. Some modern adaptations include a white candle in the middle of the wreath which also represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord.

— From an article by Fr. William Saunders

Advent Wreath Prayer

Lord our God,

*we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ:
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
He is the Savior of every nation.*

Lord God,

*let Your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay.*