

My brothers and sisters,

Today, as we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent, also known as “**Gaudete Sunday**” from the Introit of today’s Mass, meaning “rejoice.” We are reminded once again, that Advent is a season of joyful hope and expectation as we await the Lord’s coming to us. So, let us “rejoice” for the Lord is indeed near.

Also, a special thank you to everyone who helped celebrate my birthday last weekend. It was a very nice surprise and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and well wishes.

Have a great week!

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 12/11	9:30 a.m.	Sully Anthony Caradonna by Angiulina & Dino DiCristoforo
Sun., 12/18	9:30 a.m.	Lucertini, Agriesti and West Families by Family

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: **Clara Zari** by Blessed Mother Sodality
Marian Light: **Toby Derrick** by Chris Soteriades

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

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
Dec. 11 9:30 a.m.	Gabe Bishop Ed Pagnanelli	Antonio D’Alberto, Claudio Pasion, Karen Quick, Judy Pishitelli, Giovanna Lumbacca
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Dec. 18	Bill Nightingale John Snoad	Bob Contino, Claudio Pasion, Leslie Pasion, Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn

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 18th – Marge Contino, SFO
December 25th – Robert Contino, SFO

2016 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent
 Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Zec 2: 14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

December 13 – Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

December 14 – Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23

December 15 – Advent Weekday
 Is 54: 1-10/Lk 7:24-30

December 16 – Advent Weekday
 Is 56:2, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36

December 17 – Late Advent Weekday
 Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN’S

December 4, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used – 45

In Envelopes:	\$2,785.00	Loose Money	\$149.00
Regular Collection:			\$ 2934.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment			\$ (176.04)
			\$ 2,757.96
Votive Lights		\$	24.90
St. Anthony Bread		\$	75.00
Capital Improvement		\$	10.00
Christmas Flowers		\$	460.00
50/50		\$	80.00
		\$	649.90

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk:	\$ 2885.00	\$ 2934.00	\$ 49.00	2%
FYTD:	\$66,355.00	\$60,873.03	(\$5481.97)	-8%

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, December 12, 2016

Mary Spellacy, Genevive Knouff, Carl Tisone

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, December 19, 2016

Tom Elliott, Carl Tisone, Gus Gastaldo



Office Hours:

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

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.**



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

- **Antonio Frissora**, a long time SJB parishioner and Husband of Ida Frissora died and was buried this past week.
- **James R. Van Horn**, brother-in-law of Margaret Panico-Harn also died and was buried this past week.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24

Christmas Eve Vigil (SH) 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Mass (SJB) 5:30 p.m.

December 25

Christmas Day (SJB) 10:00 a.m.

December 31

New Year's Eve (SH) 4:00 p.m.
Mary Mother of God Vigil

January 1

New Year's Day (SJB) 9:30 a.m.
New Year's Day (SH) 11:00 a.m.
Mary Mother of God



Christmas Flowers: Christmas poinsettias are available again this year. Flowers may be requested in memory of a loved one and will be placed on the altar throughout the Christmas Season. **An envelope for Christmas poinsettias is included in the December offertory envelopes.** You may also put your donation and memorial request in a regular envelope and place it in the collection basket. There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 per poinsettia. The Christmas flowers add such beauty to the Altar during this special time.

Around Us

AN ADVENT AFTERNOON OF MUSIC: Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus, OH 43212 Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Pope's December 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.

Universal: That the scandal of child soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness and truth of the Gospel which give joy and hope to life.

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 half way 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

