

My brothers and sisters,

Today, we celebrate "Gaudete" Sunday, meaning "rejoice," taken from the Introit of today's Mass. It is fitting that as we enter into this third week of Advent there is a sense of rejoicing as we wait in joyful anticipation and hope for the coming of our Savior. It is my hope and prayer that you may find that joy in your hearts as we prepare to make a proper dwelling in our hearts and lives for Jesus as we not only prepare to celebrate His birth; but also wait in joyful hope for His coming again.

Thank you for your response in donating gift cards to our program with Catholic Social Services to help families in need. We are rapidly approaching the deadline in our collection of gift cards, so if you have not already donated and would like to make a donation, please see Landa.

I would like to extend an invitation to join us this Friday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, as we welcome Dublin Coffman Acapella Choir and The Kilbourne Singers for an evening of inspiring music as we prepare for Christmas.

Have a great week!

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 12/13	9:30 a.m.	Frank Dinovo, Sr. by The Caradonna Family
Tues., 12/15	6:00 p.m.	Lucertini, Agriesti & West Families by Bonnie Agriesti

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: **Helen Jaconetti**
by Chris Soteriades

Marian: **Linda Lincoln**
by Mary Jo Zimmerman

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

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THE BARRINGTON OF CARMEL – CARMEL INDIANA: Yola Rossi
Country View – Sunbury – Viola Del Greco
MOTHER ANGELINE MCCORY: 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

Sunday, 12/13/15	Altar Guild Christmas Celebration
	The Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group and the SJB Women's Faith Group will suspend meetings until January 11, 2016.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
December 20 9:30 a.m.	John Snoad, Antonio D'Alberto	Ed Pagnanelli, Andrea Myers, Sharon D'Alberto, Karen Quick

2015 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Msgr. Sylvester Staud, Dec.

December 14 – St. John of the Cross,

Priest & Doctor of the Church

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

* Fr. Joseph Ciccone, Csp

December 15 – Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

* Msgr. Anthony Frecker

December 16 – Advent Weekday

Is 45:6b-8, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23

* Fr. Timothy Hayes

December 17 – Late Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

* Fr. Joseph Pickard, Dec.

December 18 – Late Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

* Fr. Jerome Stluka

December 19 – Late Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

*Fr. Edmund C. Richards, Dec.

December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Fr. Stephen Krile

Christmas Gift Cards: St. John's Parish is cooperating with **Catholic Social Services** to help families who have fallen on hard times to have a nice Christmas. If you would like to help please consider purchasing a gift card from the following retailers: **Walmart, Meijer, Kroger, Amazon, Kohl's, Target, Toys R Us** or **Easton Town Center, Tuttle Crossing, or Polaris** (to be used for clothing). Please make sure that the denomination is on each gift card. Please see **Landa Brunetto** or place gift cards in an envelope in the collection marked "**Christmas Gift Cards.**" Thank you for your generosity.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

December 6, 2015

Number of Envelopes Used – 59

In Envelopes: \$2,185.00 Loose Money: \$277.00

Regular Collection:	\$ 2,462.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	(\$ 147.72)
	\$ 2,314.28
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 58.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 382.00
50/50	\$ 70.00
	\$ 510.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,462.00	(\$ 423.00)	- 15%
FYTD:	\$ 66,355.00	\$59,582.45	(\$6,772.55)	-10%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday December 14, 2015

Mary Spellacy, Genevive Knouff, Carl Tisone

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: Currently, we have Rosary leaders scheduled through **January**. We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary.

The Leaders for December are:

- **December 20th – Dan Pillitteri**
- **December 27th – Bob Contino**

Campaign for the Future

To date we have received: **141 Pledges**
\$557,631.25 Pledged
\$526,186.25 Paid

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Vigil at Sacred Heart

6:00 p.m. Vigil at SJB

10:00 p.m. Mass during the Night at SJB

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart



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.

Thank you so much!!!

“**Catholic Heritage**” is the title given to the **2016 Traditional Art Catholic Calendar** provided to **SJB** and **SH** parishioners through the generosity of the **Maeder Quint Tiberi Funeral Home, 1068 S. High Street, Columbus**. This year’s calendar has as its theme the life of **Jesus** with reproductions of famous art depicting **Jesus** from museums and churches from around the world. **Maeder Quint Tiberi** has also provided Italian Calendars for those parishioners who want them. Please feel free to pick one up for your home this weekend. **Mille Grazie** to **Tony Tiberi** and all at **Maeder Quint Tiberi**!

AROUND US

Advent Spiritual Enrichment Opportunity! As we begin the Season of Advent, we strive for a little deeper relationship with Our Lord, as we prepare for His coming at Christmas. To this end, once again, a **6:30 a.m.** Mass will be offered “daily” during Advent (Monday through Friday, **except on Wednesdays**) at Sacred Heart Church, ending on **December 22, 2015**. They will be offered in Latin, the ancient language of the Church (“*Novus Ordo*” version, on Mondays and Thursdays; and in the Extraordinary Form, on Tuesdays and Fridays).

Christmas Concert: The **Dublin Coffman Acapella Choir** & the **Kilbourne Singers** will combine at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** for an evening of inspiring, intimate Holiday music on **Friday, December 18th, at 7:00 p.m.** Conducted by Andrew Garner and Matthew Zabiegala, the musicians will present separate works, and several combined works that will illuminate the pristine acoustics of Sacred Heart. This concert is free to the public, but a freewill offering will be taken.



Italian for Christmas: The perfect Christmas gift for St. John parishioners: an immersion class in Italian! There is no need to put it off any longer – the “Italian Lite” introductory classes start just after the holidays. Shake off the winter cabin fever and learn the language and the culture that is the basis for the western civilized world.

Starting day 1 you will speak and understand Italian even if your vocabulary does not now extend beyond pizza and bruschetta (and you DO know how to pronounce the latter – right?) We start with the very basics and week by week you will gain proficiency and confidence.

Learn a new language, prepare for a trip to Italy, understand a bit more about your family history, connect with foundations of music and art, and appreciate the founding of the Church. You will learn so much and have such an enjoyable time in classes and social events with like-minded adults.

Class Session 1 is 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays from January 12 to March 15. The class fee is \$120.00 per 10-week session and the workbook (used for 3 sessions) is just \$12.00. We meet at the Italia in Ohio, LLC office conference Room #9 off Old Henderson in Upper Arlington. Give these classes as a Christmas present to yourself if you are not already an active student, to a family member, or a to friend. Bring a few neighbors or traveling companions and make it a very social experience – plus you would have built-in practice partners!

Class size is typically 6 to 10 people, with a maximum of 12, so **sign up now** to ensure a spot. Contact **Sergio** for details at Sergio@ItaliaInOhio.com, or 614-538-8000.

Weekly Adoration at St. Thomas: Beginning **December 9th**, there will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** every **Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** with emphasis on the Year of Mercy and with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance. Adoration will also be held every **Friday at 3:00 p.m.**, the Hour of Mercy. Bilingual First Friday Adoration will continue in **December at 6:00 p.m.**

Reconciliation

*In this season of Advent and Jubilee Year of Mercy, 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 prior to Mass, and by calling the office for an appointment. As we draw closer to Christmas, make time for this Blessed Sacrament.***

– From an article by **Fr. William Saunders**