

My brothers and sisters,

As we prepare to celebrate the Incarnation, God coming to dwell among us, may we open our hearts in love to welcome Jesus Christ more fully into our hearts and lives. May this Christmas fill you and your families with that peace and joy which only Christ Himself gives us. May you and your families have a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 12/20	9:30 a.m.	Lucertini, Agriesti & West Families by Bonnie Agriesti
Thurs., 12/24	6:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Tony & Carmela Quaranto by Antoinette Carfagna Marianne Mayer (Palma) by Mary Lou Palma
Sun., 12/27	9:30 a.m.	Donald Veri by Donna Veri Family

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Charles Agriesti
by Bonnie Agriesti
Marian: Toby Derrick
by St. John Baptist Parish

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 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

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 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Fr. Stephen Krile

December 21 – St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
* Fr. Patrick Byrne, Dec.

December 22 – Late Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
* Bishop Edward Herrmann, Dec.

December 23 – St. John of Kanty, Priest
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
* Fr. Kevin Lutz

December 24 – Late Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
* Fr. Andrew R. McQuillan, Dec.

December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord
Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
* Fr. James A. McMahon, Dec.

December 26 – St. Stephen, The First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
* Bishop James Griffin

December 27 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52
Fr. Stephen A. Metzger

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

December 13, 2015

Number of Envelopes Used – 84

In Envelopes: \$3,519.00 Loose Money: \$255.00

Regular Collection:	\$ 3,774.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	(\$ 226.44)
	\$ 3,547.56
Votive Lights	\$ 1.10
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 302.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 30.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 220.00
50/50	\$ 40.00
	\$ 603.10

?? ?? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? ?? ??

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (07/01/15-06/30/16)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 889.00	31%
FYTD:	\$ 69,240.00	\$ 63,356.45	(\$5,883.55)	-8%

SJB Collection Counters

for Monday, December 21, 2015

Tom Elliott, Carl Tisone, Gus Gastaldo

Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation – This Christmas, our parish will present to each household in attendance a copy of **Matthew Kelly's Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation**. The book is an excellent means to increase a family's fundamental understanding of the faith as its members pursue personal holiness. We are grateful that these Christmas gifts are published by **Matthew Kelly's Dynamic Catholic Institute** and donated by an anonymous benefactor. Ministers of hospitality (greeters and ushers) will distribute these gifts to each family after each Christmas Mass. **Christmas Blessings.**



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 and January are:

- **December 27th – Bob Contino**
- **January 3rd – Carl Tisone**
- **January 10th – Gus Gastaldo**
- **January 17th – Leslie Malek**
- **January 24th – Claudio Pasian**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24	
Christmas Eve Vigil (SH)	4:00 p.m.
Christmas Mass (SJB)	6:00 p.m.
Christmas Mass Night (SJB)	10:00 p.m.
December 25	
Christmas Day (SH)	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)	10:00 a.m.
Mary, Mother of God	

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 Tuesday, 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).

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 to a 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**