

My brothers and sisters,

On **Tuesday, December 8th**, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be offered at **Sacred Heart** at **10:00 a.m. with St. Joseph Montessori School**, and **6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist**. Not only is this our nation's patronal feast day, but this year, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning that day. As our Holy Father writes to us: "This liturgical feast day recalls God's action from the very beginning of the history of mankind. After the sin of Adam and Eve, God did not wish to leave humanity alone in the throes of evil. And so He turned His gaze to Mary, holy and immaculate in love (cf. Eph 1:4), choosing her to be the Mother of man's Redeemer. When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy. Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on



the love of God, who is ever ready to forgive. I will have the joy of opening the Holy Door on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On that day, the Holy Door will become a *Door of Mercy* through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope." (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 3). We will all have the opportunity to participate in this wonderful Jubilee, as Pope Francis has asked each diocese to have a Holy

Door in their Cathedral. Bishop Campbell will open a Holy Door at St. Joseph Cathedral on December 13th, which will remain open throughout the Jubilee Year.

Have a great week!

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 12/6	9:30 a.m.	Sully Anthony Caradonna by Antonio & Nicolina Capoccia
Tues., 12/8	6:00 p.m.	Frank Dinovo, Sr. by Tony Caradonna & Luisa Stefanelli
Sun., 12/13	9:30 a.m.	Frank Dinovo Sr. by The Caradonna Family

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Pasquale Leggieri
by Raffaella Leggieri
Marian: Toby Derrick by Roger & Andrea Myers

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 McCrory: 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

Monday, 12/7/15	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Dec. 13 9:30 a.m.	Samantha Fallucco Landa Brunetto	Pat Rossetti, Leeann Codispoti, Bill Nightingale, Judy Pishitelli

2015 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

- December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent**
Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
* Fr. Charles Klinger
- December 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**
Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
* Fr. F. Richard Snoke
- December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
* Fr. Anthony Missimi
- December 9 – St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin**
Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
* Fr. William J. Connor, Dec.
- December 10 – Advent Weekday**
Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
* Fr. Nicholas Droll
- December 11 – St. Damasus I, Pope**
Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
* Fr. Edmund Hussey
- December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38
* Fr. Carl Subler
- December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent**
Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Msgr. Sylvester Staud, Dec.



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.

Dear St. John the Baptist Parishioners,
I was pleasantly surprised to receive a package from you all through Deacon Felix. It really made me pause and thank God for the few months I was able to minister to this wonderful community (in the church with Perpetual Christmas Stars on the ceiling). I am very grateful for the thought that is behind the gift and the prayers, of course. I am gradually settling here in Canada and will continue to keep you all in my prayers and Masses. I miss the laughter and good times I shared with folks in Columbus, which you were a big part of.
God bless you and have a very happy Thanksgiving!
Fr. Augustine Okpe

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 13th – Marge Contino**
 - **December 20th – Dan Pillitteri**
 - **December 27th – Bob Contino**





WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

November 29, 2015

Number of Envelopes Used – 53

In Envelopes: \$2,596.00 Loose Money: \$108.00

Regular Collection:	\$ 2,704.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	(\$ 162.24)
	\$ 2,541.76
Votive Lights	\$ 3.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 0.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 0.00
50/50	\$ 10.00
	\$ 23.00

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

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,704.00	(\$ 181.00)	- 6%
FYTD:	\$63,470.00	\$57,120.45	(\$6,349.55)	-10%


SJB Collection Counters for Monday, December 7, 2015

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, Norm Mizer



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

KEEP THIS DATE OPEN: The **SONS of ITALY** is sponsoring a trip to the "Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament" on **April 8, 2016**. All Interested should make reservations with **Sos Codispoti** at 582-7366 or **Adolfo Gastaldo** at 475-1388.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

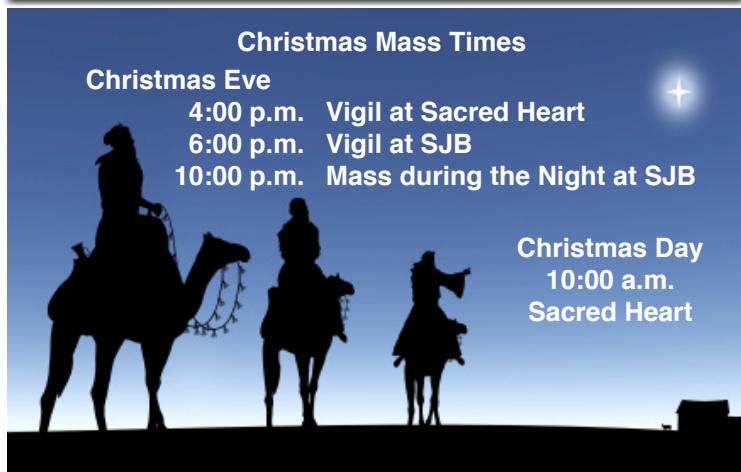
Christmas Mass Times

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



Sacramental Records. Every so often, I would like to share with all of you the many celebrations of the Sacraments here at St. John's. As you see, by the grace of God, our Parish is alive, vibrant and growing.

Baptism:

December 6, 2015 – Baptism of Haley Mae Zoller, daughter of Michael and Melissa Zoller



Wedding:

December 5, 2015 – Wedding of Thomas Benjamin Brown and Allison Nicole Hagans



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).

Joliet Franciscan Sisters/Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate. The Catholic Record Society of the Diocese of Columbus will hold its Fall Quarterly Meeting at **St. Michael Parish on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.**, in the church undercroft. The guest speaker will be **Sister Margaret Hoffman, OSF.** Sister Margaret will be speaking in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the **Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate.** The good **Sisters of St. Francis** served in over 13 schools in the Diocese and over the years, a total of 926 Sisters of St. Francis have worked in the Diocese of Columbus. Former students of the Joliet Franciscan Sisters/Sisters of St. Francis are invited to attend as are those interested in the history of our Diocese. For more information, you can contact **Michael Finn** at FCoolavin@aol.com or 614-268-4166.

Christmas Concert: The **Dublin Coffman Acapella Choir** and 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.

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