

My brothers and sisters,

As we continue our Lenten journey, I hope that you are able to use this privileged time to grow in holiness through prayer, fasting, and charity. Last June, Bishop Campbell reconsecrated the Diocese of Columbus to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, a icon commissioned by the Diocese of the Sacred Heart is making its way around the Diocese. During this Season of Lent, this icon will be visiting Sacred Heart Parish from February 29th-March 13th. During these weeks of Lent, the Gospels specifically are concerned with the aspect of Mercy and forgiveness. I continue to invite all to continue the discipline of Lent mindful of God's great Mercy that he shows us in His Son "Jesus Christ the Face of the Father's mercy" (Misericordiae Vultus, 1).

Lenten News....

Wednesday evenings Mass at St. John the Baptist at 6:00 p.m. followed by a simple supper to support local Catholic charities within the Diocese of Columbus

Friday beginning at Noon, Deacon Felix will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction at St. John the Baptist.

Confessions will be available before Weekend Masses and before the Wednesday Evening Mass and by appointment.

Please stay tuned for further information regarding Lent and the schedule for Holy Week and Easter.

Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence:

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years and older on **Ash Wednesday** and on all **Fridays of Lent**. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting: Limit oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. Eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

Have a great week!

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

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian: Monica & Carlo Ventresca
by Carol Ventresca

Blessed Sacrament: David Spellacy USMC
by The Spellacy Family

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
Country View – Sunbury – Viola Del Greco
MOTHER ANGELINE McCORRY: Marie Tarantelli
HOME: JUDY PISHITELLI

**If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input.

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sat., 2/20 SH	4:00 p.m.	Charles Agriesti by Michelisea & Dave Ross
Sun., 2/21	9:30 a.m.	Maria Camperchioli by M/M Mike Ricci
	11:00 a.m. SH	Erma Jerome by Amici D'Oro Group
Mon., 2/22	6:30 a.m. SH	Dino Mascherino by Irene Solazzo
Tues., 2/23	6:30 a.m. SH	Frank D'Andrea by Felix & Bianca Milano
	1:00 p.m.	Thomas J. Mangia by Michele & Dina Ricci & Family
Wed., 2/24	6:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of Amici D'Oro by Amici D'Oro Group
Thurs., 2/25	6:30 a.m. SH	Leona DeCesare by Bruno & Louise Masdea
Fri., 2/26	6:30 a.m. SH	Maria Camperchioli by M/M Joe Lumbaca
Sat., 2/27	4:00 p.m. SH	Charles Agriesti by Michelisea & Dave Ross
Sun., 2/28	9:30 a.m.	Maria Camperchioli by Tony Caradonna & Luisa Stefanelli

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 2/21/2016	RCIA – 10:00-10:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word – Library RCIA Session 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Library Confirmation Preparation Class 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Classroom 1 Blessed Mother Sodality Meeting after Mass in Marrapese Hall San Giovanni Dance Group 4:30 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 2/22/2016	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)
Tues., 2/23/2016	Padre Pio Prayer Group Rosary & Intentions 12:30 p.m. Mass at 1:00 p.m.
Wed., 2/24/2016	6:00 p.m. – Lenten Mass
Thurs., 2/25/2016	Amici D'Oro Meeting 1:00 p.m. Marrapese Hall
Fri., 2/26/2016	Noon – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Stations & Benediction

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Feb. 28 9:30 a.m.	Antonio D'Alberto, Landa Brunetto	LeeAnn Codispoti, Bob Contino, Sharon D'Alberto, Claudio Pasion, Carl Tisone

2016 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

February 21 – Second Sunday of Lent
 Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

February 22 – The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

February 23 – St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
 Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

February 24 – Lenten Weekday
 Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

February 25 – Lenten Weekday
 Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

February 26 – Lenten Weekday
 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

February 27 – Lenten Weekday
 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

February 28 – Third Sunday of Lent
 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

RCIA NEWS AT SJB –

The Ten Commandments – On Sunday, February 7, we commenced our study of the Ten Commandments. We read and discussed Chapters 25 and 26 from our RCIA resource: “**The First Commandment: Believe in the True God**” and “**The Second Commandment: Reverence God’s Name.**” On Sunday, February 14, we studied Chapters 27 and 28: “**The Third Commandment: Love the Lord’s Day**” and “**The Fourth Commandment: Strengthen Your Family.**”

Rite of Sending for Election – Also on this past Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent, our catechumen, August Preston, and our two baptized, non-Catholic candidates, Matt DiGruttolo and Sharon Santilli, have celebrated two rites that concluded the initial phase of their RCIA formation. During the 9:30 a.m. Mass here at Saint John the Baptist, they completed the *Rite of Sending for Election*. During this rite, which followed the Homily, Deacon Felix presented them to Father Lonzo. Sponsors, catechists and the assembly examined evidence of their conversions and attested that they are ready to participate in the **Diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Bishop Campbell**. Before being dismissed to Break Open the Word, the assembly prayed for them by means of Intercessions and Father Lonzo prayed over them with outstretched hands.

Diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion – Later, last Sunday, February 14, August, Matt and Sharon, along with their sponsors and catechists, joined hundreds of others at Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (Westerville). During a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Francis Campbell, they completed a solemn *Diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion*. August pledged his fidelity, as those chosen for Christian initiation also did, by inscribing their names in the Book of the Elect. This second step in Christian initiation closed the period of his catechumenate. After the rite he will be known to all as a member of “the elect.” We invite all Saint John the Baptist parishioners to pray for them and to give them good example.

Save the Date! On Friday, March 18, 6:30 p.m., join us for the first annual **Charles Agriesti Memorial St. Joseph’s Table Dinner**. In honor of our friend the late Charlie Agriesti, who for so many years led this annual feast, we will gather together. Dinner will be served in **Sala Hall** catered by **The Berwick**. More details and ticket information coming soon.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN’S

February 14, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used – 49

In Envelopes: \$2,275.00	Loose Money: \$224.00
Regular Collection:	\$ 2,499.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	<u>(\$ 149.94)</u>
	\$ 2,349.06
Votive Lights	\$ 28.00
Catholic Times	\$ 221.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 153.00
Join (Ash Wed)	\$ 70.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 27.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 8.00
50/50	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
	\$ 537.00

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

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference (\$)</u>	<u>(%)</u>
This Wk:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,499.00	(\$ 386.00)	-13%
FYTD:	\$95,205.00	\$92,696.20	(\$2,508.80)	-3%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, February 22, 2016

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE FATHER CASTO MARRAPESE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – DEADLINE FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016

St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church announces the **2016 Father Casto Marrapese Scholarship Program**. If you are a high school senior student of Italian descent, attending a Central Ohio high school, and accepted to an accredited two or four-year College or university in the U.S. for the 2016-2017 academic year, you are encouraged to apply for this scholarship opportunity. Application information has been posted on Saint John’s web site (www.info@sjbitaliana.com) and has also been sent to Central Ohio high school guidance counseling offices. All application materials (application form, activity listing, personal recommendation letter, school recommendation and transcript, and personal essay) must be received at St. John’s no later than **2:00 p.m., Friday, April 1, 2016**. For information, call **St. John the Baptist Catholic Italian Church at 614-294-5319**.

Do You Want to Dance Tarantella? The San Giovanni Dancers, an Italian folk dance group based at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, welcomes new members. It is fun, and aerobic exercise. This time of the year is the best time to join because the group will also restart its regular practices on Sunday afternoons at Marrapese Hall. For more information, please call 614-481-3155.

AROUND US

Sons of Italy News: 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**.

Lenten Prayer

God of all creation, we welcome You into our lives in a new way this Lent. We are ready to serve Your people, especially our brothers and sisters who are most in need. We are ready to live out Your call to mercy.

Through our prayers, fasting and Lenten gifts, we may learn to walk as one global human family. May we learn to listen to each other, and in so doing hear the merciful words of Christ.

Amen