

**My brothers and sisters,**

This **Wednesday, March 1st**, is **Ash Wednesday** and the beginning of the season of Lent. During this penitential season within the Church's year, it allows us time to prepare ourselves through prayer, acts of charity and penance. We will have **Mass on Ash Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church** with the children of St. Joseph Montessori School and at **6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church** to begin our Lenten journey.

- 1. Prayer:** In order to facilitate prayer throughout this Lenten season, we will have **Mass on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church during the season of Lent.** This Mass is open to both parishioners of **Sacred Heart** and **St. John the Baptist**, please always check the weekly bulletin regarding this Mass.
- 2. Acts of Charity:** To promote acts of charity this Lenten season "Lenten Folders" are available in the churches, please take one per family. The idea is to place **\$1.00 per day** of Lent for a total of **\$40.00 per folder**, which will go toward parish charities. Some of the charities which we have supported in the past are the local soup kitchens at **Holy Family** and **Holy Rosary/St. John's**, the **J.O.I.N office with Catholic Social Services**, and the **St. Francis Center** in Vinton County Ohio, as well as others. The idea of the Lenten Folders is to allow the entire parish to participate in this way of helping those in need through our Parish during this season of Lent.
- 3. Penance:** Finally a reminder that **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of **fast** and **abstinence**, meaning abstaining from meat and also not eating between meals and limiting the amount of food we eat on those days. Also, every Friday in Lent is a day of abstaining from meat as well. Please see the information in the bulletin for more information on fasting and other Lenten regulations.

**Have a Great Weekend**

Fr. Tony Lonzo

Associate Administrator

Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun., 2/26	9:30 a.m.	David M. Spellacy U.S.M.C. by Mary Spellacy & Family
Tues., 2/28	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Amy Sussi by Frank & Rita Blateri
Ash Wed., 3/1	6:00 p.m.	Mary Rossetti by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Evans
Sun., 3/5	11:00 a.m. SH	Viola DelGreco by Skip & Shirley Strauser
Sun., 3/5	9:30 a.m.	Cesidia Cugini by Cesidio Cugini & Family

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Mon., 2/27/2017	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)
Mon., 2/27/2017	Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival (Marrapese or Sala Hall) 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Tues. 2/28/2017	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary & Intentions 12:30 p.m., Mass at 1:00 p.m.

There will be **NO Amici D'Oro Meeting** until **March 23, 2017** at **6:00 p.m.**

**Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:**

Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Nick Cenci

Marian: Virginia &amp; Dominick Finissi by Norma Jean &amp; Bill Finissi, Sr.

*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 McCrory: 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
Sun., 2/26/2017 9:30 a.m.	Adolfo Gastaldo Landa Brunetto	Blaise Marcucci, Ed Pagnanelli, Sharon D'Alberto, Judy Pishitelli, Karen Quick
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Sun., 3/5/2017 9:30 a.m.	Ed Pagnanelli, Antonio D'Alberto	Margaret Panico-Harn, Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Marge Contino & Sharon D'Alberto

**2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings****February 26 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

**February 27 – Weekday**

Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27

**February 28 – Weekday**

Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31

**March 1 – Ash Wednesday**

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**March 2 – Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

**March 3 – Friday after Ash Wednesday****St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin**

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

**March 4 – Saturday after Ash Wednesday****St. Casimir**

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

**March 5 – First Sunday of Lent**

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11

\* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**

February 19, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 48

In Envelopes: \$1,900.00 Loose Money \$541.00

Regular Collection: \$ 2441.00

Less Diocesan 6% Assessment \$ (146.46)

\$ 2294.54

Votive Lights \$ 15.00

Catholic Times \$ 68.00

St. Anthony Bread \$ 10.00

50/50 Drawing \$ 10.00

Capital Improvements \$ 374.00

\$ 477.00

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

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,441.00	(\$ 444.00)	-15%
FYTD:	\$98,090.00	\$92,650.03	(\$5,439.97)	-6%

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, February 27, 2017**

Tom Elliott, Carl Tisone & Gus Gastaldo

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 6, 2017**

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri & Darlene Rauch



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

**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 **February** are:

**February 26** Carl Tisone

**St. Joseph's Celebration Breakfast**  
After 9:30 a.m. Mass  
March 19, 2017



Please join us in celebrating **St. Joseph's Celebration** with a breakfast after Mass **Sunday, March 19th**, following **9:30 a.m. Mass**. The cost of the catered breakfast is **\$15.00 per person**. In order to have a proper count for the catered breakfast we ask that you purchase tickets for this breakfast; these tickets will be available after Mass in Sala Hall or in the Parish office. Please bring a classic dessert for the **St. Joseph Table** and bring personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, lotion, hand sanitizer lip balm, deodorant, baby wipes, wrapped combs, and feminine items, etc.), for donating to **Holy Family Soup Kitchen**. For questions please call the parish office at **614-294-5319**.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):** Are you an **unbaptized** adult who has discerned God's call to conversion and faith, and are seeking to answer that call? Or perhaps you are a **Baptized** member of another faith, seeking to explore the truth of **Catholicism** and become one in full communion with the Catholic Church? Or have been Baptized into the Catholic Church as an infant, but as an adult, you feel that you have not been **properly catechized**? Then you may want to consider exploring **RCIA** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. If you would like to learn more about RCIA here at our church, please contact our parish office at **(614) 294-5319**.

**Around Us**

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of **March** is dedicated to **St. Joseph**. The entire month falls during the liturgical season of **Lent** which is represented by the liturgical color purple – a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

**Holy father's Intentions for the Month of March 2017**

You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intention:

**That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.**

**Ash Wednesday: March 1:** The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolize that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptized are called during Lent.

– *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*

**Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence during Lent:**

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. The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all Catholics from age 18 through age 59.

**Prayer for Ash Wednesday:** *Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination. The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent, holy space that holds Your Spirit. This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of Your love incarnate. Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting. And, when I open my soul to Your presence, let Your loving kindness flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart. I ask this for the sake of Your love. Amen*

**Did You Know?:** In 2016, Catholic Social Services helped **31,664 residents of Central Ohio**, providing hope and dignity. Catholic Social Services (CSS) is a faith-based social service agency focused on improving the quality of life of people of all faiths and backgrounds during some of their most vulnerable times of their lives. By serving people in ways that help seniors live independent, connected lives and families thrive, Catholic Social Services continues its 70-year legacy to address the community's unmet, pressing needs with compassion ~ [colscs.org](http://colscs.org).



"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

~ Matthew 6:33-34