

My brothers and sisters,

As we begin our journey into Jerusalem with Jesus on this Palm Sunday, we approach a very sacred time of our year as we celebrate Jesus' passion, death and ultimate resurrection. I invite you during this week to take some extra time in prayer and reflection on this great mystery. I also invite you in a special way to take part in the **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper**, the **Passion of the Lord on Good Friday**, and of course **Easter Sunday**.

Have a great Holy Week!

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 3/20	9:30 a.m.	Violet DellItalia by the Golden Girls
Mon., 3/21	6:30 a.m. SH	Maria Camperchioli by Tony Caradonna & Luisa Stefanelli
Tues., 3/22	6:30 a.m. SH	Charles Agriesti by John & Donna Arata
Thurs., 3/24	7:30 p.m. SH	For the Priests
Sat., 3/26	4:00 p.m. SH	Mary Rossetti by Mary Jean Cockerell
Sun., 3/27	9:30 a.m.	Maria Camperchioli by Mr. & Mrs. Marino Milano
Sun., 3/27	11:00 a.m. SH	Maria Camperchioli by Caterina Sestito

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:
Blessed Sacrament: Mary & Harvey Rossetti by Pat Rossetti
Marian: Toby Derrick by Irene Solazzo

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 3/20/2016	<p>RCIA – Breaking Open the Word 10:00-10:30 a.m. (Library)</p> <p>RCIA Session 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Library)</p> <p>Confirmation Preparation Class 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Classroom 1)</p> <p>Blessed Mother Sodality Meeting After Mass (Marrapese Hall)</p> <p>Guild 16 Bake Sale After Mass (Sala Hall)</p> <p>San Giovanni Dance Group 4:30 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)</p>
Mon., 3/21/2016	<p>Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)</p> <p>SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)</p>

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 McCrory: 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
March 27 9:30 a.m.	Bill Nightingale, Ed Pagnenelli	Margaret Panico-Harn, Pat Rossetti, Karen Quick, Judy Pishitelli, Andrea Myers

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: Currently, we have Rosary leaders scheduled through April. 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.

The Leaders for April are:

- April 3 – Claudio Pasian
- April 10 – Carl Tisone
- April 17 – Adolfo Gastaldo
- April 24 – Dan Pillitteri

2016 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

March 20 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14–23:56

March 21 – Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

March 22 – Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

March 23 – Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

March 24 – Holy Thursday
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:26-26/Jn 13:1-15

March 25 – Good Friday
Is 52:13–53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1–19:42

March 26 – Holy Saturday
Gn 1:1–2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15–15:1/Is 54:5-14/
Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32–4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/
Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

March 27 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Lk 24:1-12

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

March 13, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used – 54

In Envelopes: \$2,585.00 Loose Money: \$218.00

Regular Collection: \$ 2,803.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment (\$ 168.18)
\$ 2,634.82

Votive Lights \$ 9.00
Catholic Times \$ 17.00
Catholic Relief Services \$ 10.00
St. Anthony's Bread \$ 23.00
Easter Flowers \$ 470.00
50/50 \$ 20.00
\$ 549.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,803.00	(\$ 82.00)	-3%
FYTD:	\$106,745.00	\$102,755.86	(\$3,969.14)	-4%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 21, 2016

Mary Spellacy, Genevive Knouff, Paul Cosentino

Simple Supper 4: Thanks to the Italian Festival Committee for providing the soup, bread, and salad, and to all who helped serve and clean up. **\$155.00** was raised for this week's charity.

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 years, 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**.

EASTER TRIDUUM

March 24 – Thursday of Holy Week –

Sacred Heart

7:30 p.m., Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 25 – Good Friday

Sacred Heart

2:00 p.m., Passion Service – Fr. Lonzo

St. John the Baptist

12:00 noon Stations

3:00 p.m., Passion Service – Deacon Felix

March 26 – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

St. John the Baptist

8:00 p.m. Mass

March 27 – Easter Sunday Masses

9:30 a.m., SJB 11:00 a.m., SH

Divine Mercy Sunday at Sacred Heart

April 3

1:30-2:30 p.m. Confessions

2:00 p.m. Blessing of the image of Divine Mercy, then Exposition

Litany of the Sacred Heart

2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction

3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:20 p.m. Mass



Requiescat in pace! In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of:

- **Annibale Rossi**, brother-in-law of Deacon Felix, who passed away **March 1st** in **Pradalunga, Italy**. May he rest in peace with our Risen Lord.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE requests assistance for Holy Family's

Soup Kitchen: Each month we will have a focus; our goal is to help **Holy Family** monthly, to have a different focus on what is needed.

March: Toothpaste and toothbrushes, winter hats and gloves

April: Soap and deodorant.

There will be boxes in **Sala Hall** to place your contributions.

Something to ponder in the Year of Mercy – This Year of Mercy represents an excellent opportunity to thank God for His Love and Mercy. God is merciful to those who want his mercy. However, he does not force himself on us. We have the freedom to choose by the way we live our lives. We are wise to remember that God does not owe us forgiveness, redemption, or anything else. Nor does God's mercy license us to continue in sin. It demands a response to **"go, and sin no more."** To borrow a thought from Augustine: ***We must not despair, one of the thieves was saved; we must not presume, one of the thieves was damned.***

The following is an excerpt from the book "Evangelizing Catholics" by Scott Hahn.

[According to Pope Benedict XVI,] **"Success is not one of the names of God."** If we measured the value of what Jesus did on earth by the number of people who came to believe in him during his lifetime, we would all be in trouble.

Again, **fidelity** is what God wants from us. He wants us to live the Gospel, and he wants us to proclaim it. He wants us to love him, and he wants us to lead others to his love.

How each of us does that will be different from how everybody else does that. In his introduction to *Rome Sweet Home*, Peter Kreeft says that **conversions are like snowflakes: no two are alike**. The same can be said about the forms the work of the New Evangelization will take in each of our lives. The work will look different in every home and every parish. How we go about that work is a question for prayer and discernment.

But we do need to go about it. **"Enter by the narrow gate."** **Jesus tells us: "For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few"** (Mt 7:13-14).

That's Jesus' take on the road to heaven: the gate is narrow and those who find it are few. Our culture's take (a take shared by many Catholics, faithful or otherwise) is just the opposite: the gate to heaven is wide, and those who find it are many.

Nobody knows how many souls are in heaven and how many souls are in hell. That's like asking how many angels can dance on the head of a pin. But, if I'm playing the odds, I'm going with Jesus on this one. **Heaven is not guaranteed.** It's not a sure thing – not for anyone, and especially not for those following the wide, sloping path paved by our culture.

RCIA NEWS AT SJB –

The Ten Commandments – Last Sunday, March 13, August Preston, Sharon Santilli and Matt DiGruttolo concluded their study of the Ten Commandments. We read and discussed Chapters 33 and 34 from our RCIA resource: **"The Ninth Commandment: Practice Purity of Heart"** and **"The Tenth Commandment: Embrace Poverty of Spirit."** We thank newly confirmed **Danielle DiGruttolo** for her meaningful participation in the formation session. We are inspired by her commitment to ongoing adult catechesis.

Third Scrutiny and Presentation of the Lord's Prayer – During last Sunday's Mass, **August Preston**, along with his sponsor, **Landa Brunetto**, completed the Third Scrutiny. In this rite, celebrated universally with the elect on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the assembly offered petitions for the elect and the celebrant completed prayers of Exorcism. Subsequently, before commencing the RCIA session, we completed the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer. In this simple but elegant rite, led by **Deacon Azzola**, we prayerfully offered the Lord's Prayer to the elect.

Candidate Retreat – On Holy Saturday, March 26, August Preston, Sharon Santilli and Matt DiGruttolo are scheduled to complete their candidate retreat. The retreat – entailing prayer, reflection and preparation rites – will be conducted at St. Timothy Parish. We extend our thanks, in advance, to **Father Timothy Hayes** and **Rita Feige**, the Director of Religious Education, with St. Timothy Parish for their coordination and execution of this most important retreat. This formation event will conclude our RCIA program's final preparations for the Easter Vigil rites.

We invite all Saint John the Baptist parishioners to continue praying for our elect and candidates; and to attend the Easter Vigil Mass at our beloved parish.