

My brothers and sisters,

Thank you so much for all those who helped organize the St. Joseph celebration breakfast last Sunday. Also, a special thank-you for all of those who participated in the celebration and by bringing in items for Holy Family Soup Kitchen. From what I heard last Sunday, so many were very pleased and happy at how the celebration went. I wanted this breakfast and celebration to focus on St. Joseph and to honor him, but also to have the breakfast and celebration for our parish to gather together in a communal and friendly way in which hopefully we were able to meet and interact with parishioners we may not normally talk to or know. I think that one thing which should flow from our celebration of the Eucharist is indeed a true community of Faith. To celebrate and honor St. Joseph as we did last Sunday, after celebrating the Eucharist, we were able to gather as a community of Faith in a different way; perhaps a more human way in which we are able to see God's presence among us as the Body of Christ, the Church. This coming together as a parish in unity helps us grow as a parish community and manifest God's grace working through us so that we may continue to bear witness to the Lord. May St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron of the universal Church continue to intercede for us and our parish community to allow us to grow in holiness.

Have a great week!

Fr. Tony Lonzo

Associate Administrator

Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 3/26	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Masdea by the American Italian Golf Association
Tues., 3/28	1:00 p.m.	Joe Colak by Rosemary Colak
Wed., 3/29	6:00 p.m.	Clara Zari by Patty Clifford
Sun., 4/2	9:30 a.m.	Dominic Sestito By Caterina Sestito & Family

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 3/26/2017	LeDonne Group Meeting After Mass in (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 3/27/2017	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)
Mon., 3/27/2017	Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Marrapese or Sala Hall)
Tues., 3/28/2017	Padre Pio Prayer Group- Rosary & Intentions – 12:30 p.m. Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick or suffering, especially those who are in Hospitals, Nursing Facilities or Homebound suffering.

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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.**

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions

Blessed Sacrament: Peter Drevnovis by Chris Soteriades
Marian Lights: James A. Soteriades by Amalee Soteriades

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Sun., 3/26 9:30 a.m.	Bill Nightingale Ed Pagnanelli	Karen Quick, Pat Rossetti, Blaise Marcucci, Sharon D'Alberto, Margaret Panico-Harn
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 4/2 9:30 a.m.	John Snoad Landa Brunetto	Bob Contino, Andrea Myers, Antonio D'Alberto, Judy Pishitelli & Marge Contino

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 **March** are:

March 26 Margaret Contino OFS

April 2 Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

- March 26 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
- March 27 – Lenten Weekday**
Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
- March 28 – Lenten Weekday**
Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
- March 29 – Lenten Weekday**
Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
- March 30 – Lenten Weekday**
Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
- March 31 – Lenten Weekday**
Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- April 1 – Lenten Weekday**
Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
- April 2 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians



Office Hours:

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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

March 19, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 50

In Envelopes: \$1,841.00 Loose Money \$368.00

Regular Collection: \$ 2,209.00
 Less Diocesan 6% Assessment \$ (132.54)
 \$ 2,076.46

Votive Lights \$ 33.00
 Catholic Relief Services \$ 10.00
 Catholic Home Missions \$ 10.00
 St. Anthony Bread \$ 10.00
 Capital Improvements \$ 212.00
 50/50 Drawing \$ 10.00
 \$ 285.00

? ? ? ? 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	\$ 2,209.00	(\$ 676.00)	-23%
FYTD:	\$109,630.00	\$101,667.61	(\$7,962.39)	-7%

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

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri & Darlene Rauch

SJB Collection Counters for**Monday, April 3, 2017**

Mary Spellacy, Paul Cosentino & Nick Perschetti

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**.

From St. Joseph's Day Celebration: On Tuesday, all the wonderful donations our St. John's congregation purchased for Holy Family, were delivered. Upon unloading the countless packages the priest and staff were amazed and thankful at the abundance they were receiving, exclaiming, how worried they had been, being out of every bit of personal hygiene items. Holy Family Staff had just met to discuss ways to get additional personal items, just then a packed car from St. John's appeared in their parking lot.

Around Us

It's Fish Fry Time: One of the great parts of Lent is the return of that wonderful Catholic institution, the Friday Fish Fry. Since you are going to give up meat every Friday, this is a great way to get something extra out of that discipline. The Fish Fry is a chance to not only make a personal sacrifice, but also strengthen your bond with your spiritual community by joining other Catholics at these weekly gatherings. For the complete **Fish Fry Guide**, visit the Diocese of Columbus **website** at www.coldsdioc.org and click on **Lenten Activities**.

St. Ladislav Parish Spaghetti Dinner: St. Ladislav Parish Annual Spaghetti Dinner is **Sunday, March 26, 2017, from 12:00-5:00 p.m.** **Adults: \$8.00** and **Child/Seniors: \$5.00.** **Carry-out Available.** Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverage.

Women's Silent Retreat: The annual Silent Retreat will take place from **March 31-April 2** at St. Therese Retreat Center, Broad Street, Columbus, OH. Women from all areas will come together to pray, reflect and refresh. This year's theme is *The Seven Deadly Sins vs. Life to the Full*. To learn more, visit www.dccw.org.

Liturgical Calendar: March: 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.

Catholic Church Tours: Imagine making a holy pilgrimage this Easter season! What would it be like to explore the holy places and churches found right here in Ohio? Join **Father Joshua Wagner** and hundreds of other pilgrims on his annual Easter Pilgrimage "The Catholic Church Tour." This year we will be exploring the Churches and Shrines of Western Ohio (Maria Stein), of Perry County, and Downtown Columbus. Energize the upcoming Easter Season NOW! Get more information to reserve your spot immediately by going to **CatholicChurchTour.com!** **Tour dates** are: **April 29th** and **May 13, 2017.**

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.

Did You Know?: This the fourth Sunday of Lent, was formerly called "Laetare Sunday" since its mood and theme was one of hope and rejoicing that Easter was near. On this Sunday, we are invited to retrace one of the fundamental dynamics of our baptismal re-birth through the Gospel account of the healing of the "man born blind." It is the passage from the darkness of sin and error to the Light of God, who is the Risen Christ.



"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.
John 3:38

Prayer

*Your Word reveals to us a simple truth,
that sin entered this world
through human folly
in believing we could be like You,
and permeated history
through envy, selfishness and greed.
Yet sin, which holds us tight
within its grasp
cannot resist a heart that is touched
by Your grace through Jesus Christ,
cannot contend with Living Water
pouring into hearts and souls.
Your Word reveals to us a simple truth,
that sin is defeated
and we can become
the people we were always meant to be,
by your grace through Jesus Christ.
Amen*