

My brothers and sisters,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! As we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord today we are reminded of Jesus' victory over sin and death. May this great day renew our Faith, Hope and Charity, as we follow the Risen Lord in our lives. May the Spirit of the Risen One fill your hearts with Mercy, Peace, Hope, and Joy!

Have a great Holy Week!

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 3/27	9:30 a.m.	Maria Camperchioli by Mr. & Mrs. Marino Milano
Sun., 3/27	11:00 a.m. SH	Maria Camperchioli by Caterina Sestito
Sat., 4/2	4:00 p.m. SH	Mary Rossetti by Mary Jean Cockerell
Sun., 4/3	9:30 a.m.	Violet DellItalia by Pat Rossetti & Family
Sun., 4/3	11:00 a.m. SH	Leo Guglielmi By Celeste & Larry Gugliei

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:
Blessed Sacrament: Tony Romanelli by Pat Rossetti
Marian: Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon., 3/28/2016	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom) Executive Team of CIF Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Sala Hall)
Tues., 3/29/2016	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.

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.

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 Pasion
- April 10 – Carl Tisone
- April 17 – Adolfo Gastaldo
- April 24 – Dan Pillitteri

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
April 3 9:30 a.m.	Landa Brunetto, Adolfo Gastaldo	Ed Pagnanelli, Bill Nightingale, Antonio D'Alberto, Claudio Pasion

2016 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

- March 27 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Lk 24:1-12
- March 28 – Monday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
- March 29 – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
- March 30 – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
- March 31 – Thursday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
- April 1 – Friday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
- April 2 – Saturday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
- April 3 – Sunday of Divine Mercy**
Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

March 20, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used – 58

In Envelopes: \$2,675.00 Loose Money: \$173.00

Regular Collection:	\$ 2,848.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	(\$ 170.88)
	\$ 2,677.12
Votive Lights	\$ 24.05
Catholic Times	\$ 34.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 25.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 40.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 5.00
St. Anthony's Bread	\$ 180.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 59.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 295.00
50/50	\$ 10.00
	\$ 672.05

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,848.00	(\$ 37.00)	-1%
FYTD:	\$109,630.00	\$105,623.86	(\$ 4,006.14)	-4%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 28, 2016

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, Norm Mizer

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

Simple Supper 5: Thanks to the Amici D'Oro group for providing the soup, bread, and salad, and to the following who served and cleaned up: Gus & Roberta Gastaldo, Frank DeCesare, Linda McCreary, Mary Anderson, Ron & Pat Tipett, Lynn Mara, Judy Showiak, Frank Palmiero, Loretta Sulich, Mary Lou Palma, Sue Swain, I. Frissora, Marie Johnson, and Rudolph Biscusso. They raised \$193.00 for this week's charity.

SIMPLE SUPPERS FOR 2016

2-10	Collection at Ash Wednesday Mass	\$ 187.32
2-17	Confirmation Class	\$ 250.00
2-24	Gina Schultz & Family	\$ 180.00
3-2	Lectors/Eucharist Ministers	\$ 286.00
3-9	Italian Festival Group	\$ 155.00
3-16	Amici D'Ora	\$ 193.00
	Total	\$1,251.32

Donations made as follows:

Holy Family Soup Kitchen:	\$ 342.32
St. Francis Center McArthur, Ohio	\$ 909.00

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**.

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.

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

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, 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.

AROUND US**SAVE the DATE: Delaware St. Mary's Marriage Prep Program**

Delaware St. Mary will be offering a Marriage Prep program for couples getting married in 2016 and 2017. The classes will be on **Saturdays, April 9th and April 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** held in Kavanagh Hall. Cost is \$90.00 per couple and lunch will be provided on both dates. Completion of a marriage prep course is required to be married and the course is available for any engaged couple who is planning to marry in 2016 or 2017. The course is open to any and all engaged couples within the Diocese and beyond. If you have any questions, or would like to register, please contact Bibianne Galuzny at 740-362-1542 or bibianne@columbus.rr.com.

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Event – Friday, April 1, 2016

The next Catholic Men's Luncheon Club features a talk by Fred Shafer from St. Brendan the Navigator Parish, "Mercy: Becoming a Man Fully Alive." Fred's story will highlight his return to the Church from a successful rock music career that had led him away from God, away from the Church, and ended up costing him nearly everything. This month's luncheon is sponsored by James Valent, FICF, General Agent with the Knights of Columbus. As always, the luncheon is at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus on Friday, April 1. Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch and Fred's talk until about 1:00 p.m. No reservations necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

For information on Catholic Men's Luncheons, contact Tim Merkle, CMLC President, at htm@ejhlaw.com.

BUONA**PASQUA!**