

My brothers and sisters,

As we begin this Season of Lent, we are blessed to have this time in which we are able to draw closer to the Lord as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, the Lord's passion, death and resurrection. In order to grow spiritually, the Church provides us tools which help us; these are: prayer, fasting (penance) and almsgiving (acts of charity).

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. Also, we are invited and encouraged to spend extra time in our daily prayers or to read the Gospels slowly and meditate upon Jesus' words.

2. Almsgiving or 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, 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 are to allow the entire parish participate in this way of helping those in need through our Parish during this season of Lent. I invite you to participate in this parish-wide initiative, as well as perhaps an extra act of charity or generosity to those in need.

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. Also, we are encouraged to perform some form of self-denial or penance; this is to help us grow in our relationship with Christ and detach ourselves from those things that so easily distract us from our relationship with Jesus in the midst of our busy lives.

May you grow spiritually with the Lord during this Season of Lent and have a great week!

Fr. Tony Lonzo

**Associate Administrator,
Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist**

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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
Wed., 3/8	6:00 p.m.	Mary Rossetti by Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Moro
Sun., 3/12	9:30 a.m.	Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon., 3/6	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)
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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. & Mrs. Nick Cenci

Marian:

Virginia & Dominick Finissi

by Norma & 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

Sunday, March 5 • 9:30 a.m.	
Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Ed Pagnanelli, Antonio D'Alberto	Margaret Panico-Harn, Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Marge Contino & Sharon D'Alberto
Sunday, March 12 • 9:30 a.m.	
Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Samantha Fallucco, John Snoad	Judy Pishitelli, Pat Rosetti, Karen Quick, Margaret Panico-Harn & Blaise Marcucci

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 5	Bob Contino
March 12	Marge Contino
March 19	Adolfo Gastaldo
March 26	Carl Tisone

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

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

March 6 – Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

**March 7 – Lenten Weekday –
Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

**March 8 – Lenten Weekday –
St. John of God, Religious**

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

**March 9 – Lenten Weekday –
St. Frances of Rome, Religious**

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

March 10 – Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

March 11 – Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

***Pray for our Priests and seminarians.**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

February 26, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 57

In Envelopes: \$1,625.00 Loose Money \$358.30

Regular Collection:	\$1,983.30
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	(\$ 119.00)
	\$1,864.30
Votive Lights	\$ 35.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
	\$ 55.00

HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? \$? \$?**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/16-6/30/17)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2885.00	\$ 1983.30	(\$ 901.70)	-31%
FYTD:	\$100,975.00	\$94,633.33	(\$6,341.67)	-6%

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

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri and Darlene Rauch

SJB Collection Counters**for Monday, March 13, 2017**

Maria Lucchin, Nick Perschetti and Mary Spellacy

**Office Hours:**

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

**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 **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** here 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: 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.

God's Creation, Our Common Home, Featuring Bishop Fredrick Campbell: Bishop Campbell has scheduled talks on God's Creation, Our Common Home. The Bishop will reflect on the encyclical, *Laudato Si*. He will touch on the social, environmental, and moral issues facing all creatures of God. The Bishop will address the suffering caused by the opiate addiction crisis. The Bishop's message will help families explore, embrace, study, share, and act on the true beauty and grandeur of God's gift to us.

- **Tuesday, March 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**
St. Peter Parish, Columbus
- **Thursday, March 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**
Bishop Ready High School, Columbus
All are welcome to attend!

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.

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? Jean-Baptiste Lamarck (1829d), a French Catholic, developed the first theory of evolution, including the notion of the transmutation of species and a genealogical tree. The Augustinian monk Gregor Mendel (1884d), founded the science of genetics based on the meticulous study of the inherited characteristics of some 29,000 pea plants.

Peace Prayer of St. Francis:

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow charity;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, the truth;
Where there is doubt, the faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
and Where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying to ourselves
that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*



"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

~ Matthew 4:4