

My brothers and sisters,

In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the prodigal son, which is a wonderful Scripture passage to contemplate, not only during this season of Lent, but also during this **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy**. It is my hope and prayer for all of you during our Lenten journey that you are able to continue to grow spiritually through the continued discipline of Lent and also contemplate the great love that **God** has for us, especially as we allow his grace and love to continue to renew our hearts and deepen our faith.

Have a great week!

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Associate Administrator

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Lenten News....

Wednesday evenings **Mass at St. John the Baptist at 6:00 p.m. followed by a simple supper to support local Catholic charities within the Diocese of Columbus.**

Friday beginning at Noon Deacon Felix will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction at St. John the Baptist.

Confessions will be available before **Weekend Masses** and before the **Wednesday Evening Mass** and by appointment.

Please stay tuned for further information regarding Lent and the schedule for **Holy Week and Easter.**

Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence:

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.

Fasting Limit oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. Eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 3/6/2016	RCIA – 10:00-10:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word (Library) RCIA Session – Library – 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Confirmation Preparation Class – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Classroom 1) San Giovanni Dance Group – 4:30 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 3/7/2016	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group – 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group – 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)
Wed., 3/9/16	Lenten Mass – 6:00 – Simple Supper after Mass (Sala Hall)
Fri., 3/11/16	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Stations & Benediction – Noon

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sat., 3/5	4:00 p.m. SH	Pauline Weinsteger by Richard A. Wilson
Sun., 3/6	9:30 a.m.	Cesidia Cugini by Cesidio Cugini & Family
Mon., 3/7	6:30 a.m. SH	Charles Agriesti by Sos & Lee Ann Codispoti
Tues., 3/8	6:30 a.m. SH	Mary Rossetti by Elda Cianelli
	6:00 p.m.	Violet Dell Italia by Amici D'Oro Group
Thurs., 3/10	6:30 a.m. SH	Maria Camperchioli by Pat Rossetti
Fri., 3/11	6:30 a.m. SH	Leona DeCesare by Lenora Pellegrini
Sat., 3/12	4:00 p.m. S.H.	Vince Foresta by Amici D'Oro Group
Sun., 3/13	9:30 a.m.	Gaetana Capoccia by Maria Capoccia & Family
Sun., 3/13	11:00 a.m. SH	Toby Derrick by John & Donna Arata

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Toby Derrick

by The Blessed Mother Sodality

Marian: Gloria Biscuso by Amalee Soteriades

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 13 9:30 a.m.	John Snoad, Landa Brunetto	Ed Pagnanelli, Karen Quick, Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn



The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: Currently, we have Rosary leaders scheduled through **March**. 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 March are:

- **March 13 – Marge Contino**
- **March 20 – Bob Contino**
- **March 27 – Leslie Pasian**

2016 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings**March 6 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

March 7 – Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54 (244)

March 8 Saint John of God, Religious

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16 (245)

March 9 – St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30 (246)

March 10 – Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47 (247)

March 11 – Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)

March 12 – Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53 (249)

March 13 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

February 28, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used – 58

In Envelopes: \$1,717.00 Loose Money: \$806.16

Regular Collection:	\$ 2,523.16
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	(\$ 151.39)
	\$ 2,371.77
Votive Lights	\$ 20.00
Catholic Times	\$ 27.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 10.00
50/50	\$ 20.00
	\$ 77.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,523.16	(\$ 361.84)	-13%
FYTD:	\$100,975.00	\$97,876.86	(\$3,098.14)	-3%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 7, 2016

Mary Spellacy, Genevive Knouff, Carl Tisone

*Welcome
To Saint John the Baptist
Our Newest Parishioners*

David Battisti
Salvatore Carfagna
Blythe Chapman
Abigail DiSabato
Ronald & Rhonda Frissora & Maria age 17 & Vincenzo age 14
Adam & Denise Montemarano
Roberto & Janell Rando
Thaddeus Ruffing
Emily Shultz
Kuddy Thomas III

Simple Supper 2: Thanks to the Gina Schultz Group for providing the soup, bread, and salad, and to all who helped serve and clean up. \$180.00 was raised for this week's charity.

Guild 16's Annual Easter Bake Sale: The bake sale will take place in Sala Hall after Mass on **March 20th**. Easter bread, Pizzelles & other baked goods will be sold. Donations of baked goods are welcome. Any questions, call Greta at 614-888-0619.

The Charles Agriesti Memorial St. Joseph's Table Dinner: Friday, March 18, we will begin with Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner served by the Berwick. Dessert will be supplied by LeDonne and musical entertainment will be provided by Chuck Gillespie. Tickets for this event are \$35.00 per person. For tickets, see Carol Ristucci or Margaret Panico-Harn or call church office at 614-294-5319.

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.

Do You Want to Dance Tarantella? The San Giovanni Dancers, an Italian folk dance group based at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, welcomes new members. It is fun, and aerobic exercise. This time of the year is the best time to join because the group will also restart its regular practices on Sunday afternoons at the Marrapese Hall. For more information, please call 614-481-3155.

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

Sons of Italy News: The Sons of Italy Columbus Lodge will be celebrating St Joseph's Feast, 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at LaScala Restaurant. \$35.00 per person and we ask all those attending to bring a paper bag of groceries {nonperishable items} to help stock the St. Francis Center Food bank. Also, we ask that you bring a dessert for St. Joseph's Table to share. This year our celebration will also feature The Ray Massa Band, so for a wonderful meal, homemade desserts & joyful camaraderie, entertainment and a great cause, call Sos Codispoti to reserve your prepaid tickets at 614-582-7366 or email at SOSCOD@CS.COM. We will be conducting a raffle FOR SEVERAL PRIZES as well as conducting a SPECIAL drawing for a trip for two to ITALY. AGAIN, Call 614-582-7366.

Lenten Prayer

God of all creation, we welcome You into our lives in a new way this Lent. We are ready to serve Your people, especially our brothers and sisters who are most in need. We are ready to live out Your call to mercy. Through our prayers, fasting and Lenten gifts, we may learn to walk as one global human family. May we learn to listen to each other, and in so doing hear the merciful words of Christ.

Amen