

My brothers and sisters,

Today, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we take time to honor all mothers. In a special way, today we want to remember, pray for, and thank our moms. May all mothers seek to model the humility, tenderness and love of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. We ask Mary's intercession for all mothers and may we, their sons and daughters, honor them and love them today and always.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Last week, we began the Bishop's Annual Appeal; this year, for our diocesan goal, we have been asked to raise \$15,464.64. I know in years past, St. John the Baptist exceeded their diocesan goal and were able to utilize the surplus for various projects. Last year, we were only \$472.00 from reaching our diocesan goal, with only 40 families participating. I would like to thank all of those who participated last year.

On Sunday, May 21st, a financial summary will be presented to the parish from fiscal years 2013-2016, as well as future projections. Although, overall, it appears we are doing well financially as a parish, it is easy to begin to "rest on our laurels" and become complacent regarding future planning. Currently, there are a few very large and costly projects that need to be completed, including the resurfacing of the main parking lot and fixing the box gutters on the rectory building and the box gutters on the church. Last weekend, due to the heavy rain, we encountered some leaks in the chapel area and steeple, both were unexpected. My hope is that we are able to make needed improvements to our parish and at the same time be mindful that we can't deplete our reserves without being mindful of the future.

As we were so very close to achieving the diocesan goal last year, I believe we can certainly work together to exceed the diocesan goal this year, and work together to achieve our **enhanced parish goal of \$40,000.00**. This enhanced goal will cover painting and caulking of the window sills and frames, painting the front doors of the church and any repairs to the limestone caps under 35 feet from the ground. This work will address normal wear due to weather, which needs regular maintenance and upkeep. I have chosen this particular project in combination with this year's BAA because it is work that needs to be done for the basic upkeep and maintenance of our church. Furthermore, I believe it is an achievable goal for us to attain if we are able to contribute and it is something that parishioners have noted needs attention and at the same time will be a visible enhancement to the church.

I ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, knowing that every dollar raised over our diocesan goal will return to the parish and be utilized for this needed maintenance work and for capital improvements to our parish. **I believe that if we are all able to work together as a parish, we will be able to reach our goal of \$40,000.00.** The goal may seem like a lot of money, but if we could increase participation from 40 families to 100 families; and each family gives \$400.00 (\$40.00 per month), we will reach our goal. I know some may be able to give more than \$400.00; others may not be able to give as much. I ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to not only help the local church and its mission, but also help continue to maintain our beautiful church. As a sign of good faith, I will make a personal \$500.00 donation to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal to help St. John the Baptist reach and surpass its goal. Please join me in this endeavor and thank you for your generosity.

Have a great week!

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 5/14	9:30 a.m.	Viola DelGreco by Dave & Rita Kreuzer
Sun., 5/21	9:30 a.m.	Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 5/14	11:00 a.m.	Altar Guild (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 5/15	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Guy Rogers
by Chris Soteriades
Marian Lights: Virginia & Dominick Finissi
by Norma Jean & Bill Finissi, Sr.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

MOTHER ANGELINE McCrory: Marie Tarantelli and Joe Pisitelli is released to go home.

At Home: Mike Auddino

Mt. Carmel East Hospital: Janet Ward and Darlene Rauch

****If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 5/14 9:30 a.m.	Ed Pagnanelli, John Snoad	Karen Quick, Pat Rossetti, Sharon D.; Alberto & Marge Baker
	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 5/21 9:30 a.m.	Landa Brunetto, Samantha Fallucco	Claudio Pasian, Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pisitelli & Marge Contino

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

May 14 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

May 15 – Easter Weekday
St. Isidore
Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

May 16 – Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28/ Jn 14:27-31a

May 17 – Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

May 18 – Easter Weekday
Saint John I, Pope and Martyr
Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

May 19 – Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

May 20 – Easter Weekday
Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

May 21 – Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

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 **May** are:

- May 14 Norma Jean Finissi
- May 21 Leslie Malek-Pasian
- May 28 Gary Bosco

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S
May 7, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 39

In Envelopes: \$1,835.00 Loose Money \$84.00

Regular Collection: \$ 1,919.00
 Less Diocesan 6% Assessment \$ (115.14)
\$ 1,803.86

Votive Lights \$ 14.00
 Propagation of the Faith \$ 5.00
 St. Anthony Bread \$ 49.00
 Grounds Beautification \$ 90.00
 50/50 Drawing \$ 50.00
\$ 208.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/16-6/30/17)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 1,919.00	(-\$ 966.00)	-33%
FYTD:	\$129,825.00	\$122,447.61	(\$7,377.39)	-6%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 15, 2017

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin & Nick Perschetti

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 22, 2017

Tom Elliott, Carl Tisone & Gus Gastaldo

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.

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, free, 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 Claudio at 614-209-5150.

Around Us

Mother's Day Prayer: *God of Love, listen to this prayer. God of Holy People, of Sarah, Ruth, and Rebekah; God of Holy Elizabeth, mother of John; of Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus, bend down Your ear to this request and bless the mother of our family. Bless her with the strength of Your spirit, she who has taught her children how to stand and walk. Bless her with the melody of Your love, she who has shared how to speak, how to sing and how to pray to You. Bless her with a place at Your eternal dinner table, she who has fed and nurtured the life that was formed within her while still helpless but embraced in her love. Bless her today, now, in this lifetime, with good things, with health. Bless her with joy, love, laughter, and pride in her child/children and surround her with many good friends. May she who carried life in her womb be carried one day to Your divine embrace: there, for all eternity, to rejoice with her family and friends. This blessing and all grace, we pray, descend upon the mother of our family: in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

Forgiveness, dialogue and reconciliation.
These are the words of peace.

~ Pope Francis

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **May** is dedicated to **The Blessed Virgin Mary**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of **Easter**, which is represented by the liturgical color white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. As Spring blossoms forth and we are surrounded by new life, we spend this month full of the joy of our Easter celebration and in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Consoler and Advocate. During the remainder of Easter time, let us endeavor through the prayers of the Holy Liturgy and the Holy Rosary to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ.

Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of May 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 in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.



Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

~ John 14:1



May she who gave you birth be joyful.

~ Proverbs 23:25