

My brothers and sisters,

Today, a financial summary will be presented to the parish from fiscal years 2013-2016, as well as future projections. I know that this information has not been shared in some time. 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. At the end of April, 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.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: The first week of May, 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 year's 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 and have participated this year.

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 Bishops 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 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 Bishops 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., 5/27	9:30 a.m.	Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone
Sun., 5/28	11:00 a.m. SH	Viola DelGreco by Eugene DiRienzo & Yolanda Diedelis
Sun., 5/28	9:30 a.m.	S.F.I Memorial Mass for Deceased Members by S.F.I. Members

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 5/21	11:00 a.m.	Blessed Mother Sodality Meeting (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 5/22	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Mon., 5/22	6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival (Marrapese or Sala Hall)
Thurs., 5/25	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Amici D'Oro Meeting

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Connie-Galilei Thomas
by Mary Jo Zimmerman
Marian Lights: Barbara Consentino
by Paul Consentino

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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MOTHER ANGELINE McCRORY: Marie Tarantelli
AT HOME: Darlene Rauch
Mt. Carmel East Hospital: Janet Ward

****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
Sun., 5/21 9:30 a.m.	Landa Brunetto Samantha Fallucco	Claudio Pasian, Andrea Myers Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli & Marge Contino
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 5/28 9:30 a.m.	Nicholas & Antonio D'Alberto	Leslie Pasian, Pat Rossetti, Ed Pagnanelli, Karen Quick & Sharon D'Alberto

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

May 14, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 59

In Envelopes: \$2,440.00 Loose Money \$201.00

Regular Collection: \$ 2,641.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment \$ (158.46)
\$ 2,482.54

Votive Lights \$ 58.00
Catholic Campaign \$ 15.00
St. Anthony Bread \$ 80.00
Grounds Beautification \$ 65.00
Capital Improvements \$ 10.00
50/50 Drawing \$ 60.00
\$ 288.00

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	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,641.00	(\$ 244.00)	-8%
FYTD:	\$132,710.00	\$125,088.61	(\$7,621.39)	-6%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 22, 2017

Tom Elliott, Carl Tisone & Gus Gastaldo

SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri & Darlene Rauch

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 21 Leslie Malek-Pasian
May 28 Gary Bosco

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings**May 21 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jan 14:15-21

May 22 – Easter Weekday

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a

May 23 – Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

May 24 – Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15

May 25 – The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 or where the

Ascension is transferred to the following Sunday

Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

May 26 – Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

May 27 – Easter Weekday

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

May 28 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a (59)

Or Ascension of the Lord (58)

* 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.

Catholic Faith Resources: Look for Catholic Faith Resources in Sala Hall. Suggested donations of \$5.00 for books and CDs.

Annual Celebration of St. Anthony of Padua: Our annual celebration for St. Anthony of Padua will take place Sunday, **June 11 at 10:30 a.m.** Please note Mass time change is for **June 11, ONLY!** We will begin the festivities with a procession carrying the statue of St. Anthony at **10:15 a.m.**, **Mass at 10:30**, concluding with the blessing and distribution of the blessed bread, followed by a reception in Sala Hall. We are in need of children, between the age of five and eleven, to dress as monks and walk in the procession. If interested, please call **614-846-8559**.

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**.

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**.

Around Us

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ANNOUNCEMENT: Sundays, May 21 and 28 – Catholic Cemeteries Memorial Day weekend office hours. Saturday, May 27, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 28, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Monday, May 29, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Memorial Day Military Services at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross, 12:00 p.m. at St. Joseph and Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial Day Masses at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph, Mt. Calvary and Holy Cross and 1:00 p.m. at Resurrection Cemetery.

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.

How often is Jesus inside and knocking at the door to be let out, to come out? And, we do not let him out because of our own need for security, because we are so locked into structures that serve solely to make us slaves and not free children of God.

~ Pope Francis

Liturgy Notes: The Gospel is from **St. John 14:15-21**. In this discourse at the Last Supper, which was His last will and testament, our divine Lord promised His Church, through the Apostles, that the Holy Spirit would be with it until the end of time. The Spirit of truth will be directing it and effectively aiding it to preserve the faith, the doctrine, and the morals which Christ taught His Apostles.

~ Catholicculture.org

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You will renew the face of the earth.
Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
You have taught the hearts of Your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in Your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*