

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples "who do you say that I am?" It is Simon who replies, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God." Jesus then changes Simon's name to Peter, a word that means rock. Jesus tells Peter that He wills His Church on Peter and gives Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Peter has a special role in Jesus' Church to be the shepherd of the whole flock after Jesus ascends to heaven. This role was passed on to Peter's successors who we have come to call the Pope. The Pope has a special role of authority over the Church and her members and we look to the Pope for leadership and unity in our faith. It is important that we see ourselves as part of a universal Church as well as the local Church, where the Bishop is our leader. Let's pray for our Pope and our bishops each day that God may direct and guide their decisions.

Fr. Kitsmiller

Associate Administrator

Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 8/27	9:30 a.m.	Cesidio Capoccia by Maria Capoccia & Family
Tues., 8/29	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Joseph Colak by Rosemary Colak
Sun., 9/03	9:30 a.m.	Egisto & Viola DelGreco by Family (Anniversary)

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Lenore Mastracci
by Chris Soteriades
Marian Lights: Viola DelGreco
by Cecilia Carfagna

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 8/27	11:00 a.m.	LeDonne Meeting (After Mass) (Marrapese Hall)
Sun., 8/27	4:30 p.m.	San Giovanni Dance Group Practice (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 8/28	5:30 p.m.	Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival Board Meeting, General Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Marrapese or Sala Hall)
Mon., 8/28	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Tues., 8/29	12:30 p.m.	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary & Intentions – Mass at 1:00 p.m. (Chapel)
Thurs., 8/31	7:00 p.m.	Amici D'Oro Las Vegas Night Cards, Bingo etc. (Sala Hall)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 8/27 9:30 a.m.	Nicolas D'Alberto Antonio D'Alberto	Leslie Pasion, Pat Rossetti, Ed Pagnanelli, Judy Pishitelli, Sharon D'Alberto
	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 9/3 9:30 a.m.	Bob Contino Adolfo Gastaldo	Margaret Panico-Harn Claudio Pasion, Andrea Myers, Antonio D'Alberto & Marge Contino

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**

MOTHER ANGELINE McCrory: Marie Tarantelli

****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: 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 **August** are:

- August 27 Carl Tisone**
- September 3 Robert Contino, OFS**
- September 10 Margaret Contino, OFS**
- September 17 Claudio Pasion**

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

- August 27 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
- August 28 – Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
- August 29 – The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**
1 Thes 2:1-8/Mk 6:17-29
- August 30 – Weekday**
1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
- August 31 – Weekday**
1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
- September 1 – Weekday**
1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
- September 2 – Weekday**
BVM
1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
- September 3 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

August 20, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 59

In Envelopes:	\$2,358.00	Loose Money	\$151.00
Holy Day Feast of the Assumption			\$ 30.00
Regular Collection			\$ 2,539.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment			\$(152.34)
			\$ 2,386.66
Votive Lights			\$ 27.00
Capital Improvements			\$ 64.00
50/50 Drawing			\$ 10.00
			\$ 101.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/17-6/30/18)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,539.00	\$(346.00)	-12%
FYTD:	\$23,080.00	\$19,804.00	\$(3,276.00)	-14%

SJB Collection Counters

for Monday, August 28, 2017

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin, Tom Elliott

SJB Collection Counters

for Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Nick Perschetti, Carl Tisone & Gus Gastaldo



Office Hours: The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, September 4, Labor Day** and will resume normal hours on **Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.** until 2:00 p.m., through **Friday.**



Italian Festival News

Festival dates – October 6, 7, 8

Taste of Italy – Monday, October 2, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Taste of Italy

Monday, October 2, 2017

5:30-8:30 p.m.

**Cost Per Ticket: \$35.00 before September 24th,
\$40.00 after September 24th**

Margaret Panico-Harn & Carol Ristucci will be selling tickets after Mass. Tickets also available in Parish Office.

**LET YOUR PASSION FOR PESTO
TAKE YOU AROUND THE WORLD!**

In partnership with **Greater Columbus Sister Cities International**, The **Columbus Italian Festival** will host the inaugural **Columbus Pesto Championship** on **October 8, 2017**, here at the **Columbus Italian Festival** at **3:00 p.m.**

Grand Prize: The Columbus Regional winner will receive airfare and lodging so that they may represent **Columbus** in the **Genoa Pesto World Championship** held in **Genoa's Historic Palazzo Ducale** on **March 18, 2018.** **To learn more and to register, go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/cbuspesto.**

Register until August 29. The application is free.

Around Us

Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of August 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 artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers a wonderful opportunity to experience God's mercy on a very personal level. The Sacrament of Penance is a beautiful sacrament through which we are reconciled to God, ourselves and our neighbors. Remember the words of St. Paul, "God is rich in mercy; because of His great love for us, He brought us to life with Christ when we were dead in sin." (Eph 2:4) Father is available for Confession before Mass.

The World Day of Prayer for Creation: September 1: Pope Francis invites Catholics worldwide to observe this day of prayer and witness. *The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation offers individual believers and the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation as custodians of creation and to offer thanks for the marvelous works that He has entrusted to our care; invoking His help for the protection of creation and His mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live. A Care for Creation Guide is available at www.columbuscatholic.org/documents/2017/4/Creation%20Care%20Guide.pdf or by contacting Social Concerns at 614-241-2540 or socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org.*

Women of the Columbus Diocese: Have you tried a getaway weekend with God? The Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League is offering you that opportunity by inviting you to a SILENT retreat for women, **October 6, 7 and 8, 2017** at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43213. This retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday at noon. Fr. Thomas Blau, O.P., a Dominican priest at St. Patrick Church in Columbus, will be the retreat master. In four conferences, he will elaborate on "The New Evangelization Touches Home," by combining the theory and practice of evangelization and how it can be lived at home. The fee is \$140.00 for six meals and a private room. Financial help is available for those who need it. For more information, email retreatleague@gmail.com or call Sharon Gehrich, CLRL Secretary, at 614-882-1946. Deadline is September 8, 2017. Space is limited and fills quickly. Please respond soon. God wants to spend a weekend with you.



Things have a price and can be for sale, but people have a dignity that is priceless and worth far more than things.

~ Pope Francis



You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Matthew 16:16

Prayer

*Almighty father,
who inspired Saint Peter,
first among the apostles,
to confess Jesus as Messiah
and Son of the Living God:
Keep Your church steadfast
Upon the rock of this faith,
So that in unity and peace we may proclaim
The one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ;
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.
Amen*