

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Just as the school year is well underway in most areas of Central Ohio, this is also a time when parishes begin their religious education programs for youth and Christian initiation programs for adults. St. John the Baptist parish begins its confirmation classes for their youth. Currently, there are eleven students enrolled. They will be preparing for this sacrament, administered by Bishop Campbell, on **May 13, 2018**. Please keep them in your prayers. Also, if you know any adult from either Sacred Heart or St. John parish who is interested in becoming Catholic or a Catholic who has never received the sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion, please have them contact the parish office or email me at rkismiller@columbuscatholic.org. We will be happy to assist them on their journey towards full communion with the Catholic Church.

The **Columbus Italian Festival** is only four weeks away. Volunteers are always welcome for the many booths and activities at the Festival and for the parking at Sacred Heart. This celebration of the Italian culture is a fun way to meet your fellow parishioners and also a way to financially support both parishes. I encourage you to attend.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Kitsmiller

Associate Administrator

Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 9/10	9:30 a.m.	Laura Cua by Michael Cua
Sun., 9/17	9:30 a.m.	Tony Solazzo by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Frissora

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 9/10	11:00 a.m.	Altar Guild After Mass (Marrapese Hall)
	4:30 p.m.	San Giovanni Dance Group Practice (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 9/11	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 9/10 9:30 am	Gabe Bishop Ed Pagnanelli	Bob Contino, Pat Rossetti, Margi Baker, Judy Pishitelli & Leslie Pasion
Sun., 9/17 9:30 a.m.	Nicolas D'Alberto Antonio D'Alberto	Sharon D'Alberto Ed Pagnanelli, Andrea Myers, Judy Pishitelli & Leslie Pasion

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
Friendship Village – Joe Agriesti

****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 **September** are:

September 10 Margaret Contino, OFS
September 17 Claudio Pasion
September 24 Gary Bosco

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

September 10 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

September 11 – Weekday
Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11

September 12 – Weekday – The Most Holy Name of Mary
Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

September 13 – Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

September 16 – Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

September 17 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14: 7-9/Mt 18:21-35

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

September 3, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 58

In Envelopes: \$1,792.00 Loose Money \$632.00

Regular Collection	\$ 2,424.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	-\$ (145.44)
	\$ 2,278.56
Votive Lights	\$ 28.00
St. Anthony's Bread – JOIN	\$ 64.00
50/50	\$ 60.00
	\$ 152.00

?? ?? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? ?? ??

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,424.00	-\$ (461.00)	-16%
FYTD:	\$28,850.00	\$24,622.00	-\$ (4,228.00)	-15%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, September 11, 2017

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri & Darlene Rauch

SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, September 18, 2017

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin & Tom Elliott



Office Hours:

The **Parish Office** hours are **Monday-Friday**, from **9:00 a.m.** until **2:00 p.m.**

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.

A Special Collection will be taken up today for the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas.



Italian Festival News

Festival dates – October 6, 7, 8

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

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

\$40.00 after September 24th

Margaret Panico-Harn and 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.

Pizzelle and Biscotti Cookie Bakers! Time to bake for the Festival. All cookie makers are to bake them at home and let **Marge Contino** know the total made. Deliver cookies to back kitchen area in **Sala Hall**. Sign-up sheet and total number made. If you have any questions, please contact **Marge Contino** at **614-833-0371**.

Time to Volunteer for the **Columbus Italian Festival**. Please contact **Carol Ristucci** at **614-271-1007** or email cristucci06@yahoo.com.

Cuciniamo con la famiglia! (Let’s cook with family) Looking for family members to cook their favorite recipes together, in the Festival cultural tent. Only need a few more! Contact landa7@mac.com or **614-579-1150**.

Around Us

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **September** is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial the Church celebrates on **September 15**. September falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green.

Bimonthly Healing Mass: A Mass of Healing and Healing Service will be celebrated on **Monday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.** at **Saint Joseph Cathedral**, 212 East Broad Street, Columbus. Following the Mass, a Service of Healing will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of relic of the True Cross of Christ, followed by an opportunity for each person to speak individually with a priest and receive prayers of healing for what they seek; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Service of Healing will conclude with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ’s healing are invited – especially those who suffer with physical illness and infirmities (e.g. cancer and other debilitating diseases and conditions), in addition to those who seek emotional and spiritual healing. Bimonthly Healing Masses take place at the Cathedral on the third Monday of the month; the next Healing Mass is scheduled for **November 20**. During 2018, Healing Masses are scheduled for: **January 15, March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17** and **November 19**. If you have any questions about this special Mass, please call the Cathedral at **(614) 224-1295**.

After Divorce Retreat: Adventure into the Interior Life: A daylong retreat of healing for individuals who are separated and/or divorced, lay leaders, and clergy, will take place on **Saturday, September 23rd**, from **8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Grove City. The day will be led by Rose Sweet, Catholic speaker and author of seven books including the program “*Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family*.” Participants will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the option to end the day with a Vigil Mass. The cost is **\$20.00** (scholarships are available) and lunch will be provided. Please register at DivorcedCatholicColumbus.org by **Sunday, September 17th**.

Holy Father’s Intentions for the Month of September 2017

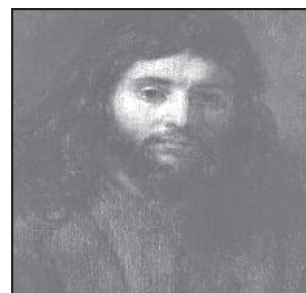
You are invited to answer the Holy Father’s request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intention:

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.



With Christ as the center of your life, you will never be disappointed.

~ Pope Francis



For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Matt:19-20)

Prayer

Let’s pray together:

*We need Your presence on the long road, Lord.
The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection.
Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of Your company!
Jesus, stand among us, in Your risen power,
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.*