

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The fictional English detective, Sherlock Holmes, used to say that his work was his reward when asked about his need for remuneration. This should be the attitude of the workers in the parable in this Sunday's Gospel. The vineyard which represents the Kingdom of God is an immeasurable gift to the world. It includes eternal life with God and His saints for eternity, a gift beyond our imagination. We cannot earn the gift. It is a generous offer to all – those who live the Gospel all their lives and those who convert at the 11th hour. The joy and fulfillment which this gift brings us can only be experienced completely in heaven and it cannot be measured by anything in this world. Nevertheless, God allows us to work in His kingdom here on earth. By doing so, we can help others have this gift and also make a real contribution to our eternal happiness by selfless and joyful work here on earth.

We are less than two weeks away from the start of the Columbus Italian Festival: **Friday, October 6th, 5:30 to 11:00 p.m., Saturday, October 7th, Noon to 11:00 p.m., October 8th, Noon to 7:00 p.m.** It is not too late to sign up to volunteer for the many booths and activities and to purchase tickets for the festival. See the bulletin for more details. Also, check out the Taste of Italy on **Monday, October 2nd, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Kitsmiller

Associate Administrator

Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 9/24	9:30 a.m.	Lorenzo & Francesca Gastaldo by Adolfo Gastaldo
Tues., 9/26	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Joseph Colak by Rosemary Colak
Sun., 10/1	9:30 a.m.	Egisto DelGreco by Family (Birthday)

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Tony Ross by Chris Soteriades

Marian Lights: Nina Martin by Chris Soteriades

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 9/24	After Mass 4:30 p.m.	LeDonne Meeting (Marrapese Hall) San Giovanni Dance Group Practice (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 9/25	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Mon., 9/25	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Festival Board Meeting Festival General Meeting
Tues., 9/26	12:30 p.m.	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary & Intentions – Mass at 1:00 p.m. (Chapel)
Thurs., 9/28	5:30 p.m.	Amici D'Oro Picnic at Sharon Woods Details to Follow

**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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Sun., 9/24 9:30 a.m.	John Snoad Landa Brunetto	Pete Tamburro, Claudio Pasian, Pat Rossetti, Margaret Panico-Harn, & Bob Contino
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 10/1 9:30 a.m.	Bob Contino Ed Pagnanelli	Marge Contino, Andrea Myers, Antonio D'Alberto, Pete Tamburro, & Leslie Pasian

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

Requiescat in pace! In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of:

- **Mary Elizabeth Pishitelli (Babic)**, daughter of **Joe & Judy Pishitelli**, who passed away this past week.

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 24	Gary Bosco
October 1	Norma Jean Finissi
October 8	Margaret Contino, OFS

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

September 24 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

September 25 – Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

September 26 – Weekday

Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Ezr 6:7-8 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

September 27 – Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

September 28 – Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;

Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

September 29 –

Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

September 30 –

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

October 1 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

September 17, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 51

In Envelopes: \$1,700 Loose Money \$257.00


Regular Collection	\$ 1,957.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (117.42)
	\$ 1,839.58

Votive Lights	\$ 24.00
St. Anthony's Bread – JOIN	\$ 5.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 24.00
50/50	\$ 10.00
	\$ 63.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 1957.00	\$ (928.00)	-32%
FYTD:	\$ 34,620.00	\$ 29,843.00	\$ (4,777.00)	14%

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

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, September 25, 2017

Carl Tisone, Gus Gastaldo, & Nick Perschetti

SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, October 2, 2017

Maruja Paule & Donna Veri

The Home Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima: In order to foster prayer and promote the Rosary within our families, **St. John the Baptist Parish** is launching a Home Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. **A Quote from Pope Pius IX: "Give me an army praying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."** This statue can be signed out in one-week increments by parishioners to be taken into your homes. This pilgrim statue will be blessed and when taken into your homes will bring about peace and foster prayer within the family. Please see Antonio or Sharon D'Alberto downstairs in Sala Hall for the sign-up sheet if you are interested in setting a date to bring Our Lady's Statue into your home.

Italian Festival News

Festival dates – October 6, 7, 8

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.

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

Vocations: The **Pontifical College Josephinum** is opening its campus to young men who are discerning a vocation. High school juniors and seniors and college students are welcome to attend. Participants will experience the prayer life, academics, and communal worship of the seminarians and will be able to speak with them about the discernment process. The "Live In" programs will take place from **Thursday to Saturday, October 19-21** and **March 15-17**. For more information or to sign up, contact **Father John Baker** at **(614) 985-2555** or **jsbaker16@pcj.edu**.

Family Rosary Day: The Diocese of Columbus' annual Family Rosary Day is **3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 8**, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will preside at this event of prayer and devotion to Our Lady. All are welcome.

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.

To change the world, we must be good to those who cannot repay us.

~ Pope Francis



Are you envious because I am generous?
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.
Matthew 20:16

Prayer

*Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve You as You deserve.
To give and not to count the cost.
To fight and not to heed the wounds.
To toil and not to seek for rest.
To labor and not to ask for reward.
Save that of knowing that I am doing Your will.
Amen.*