

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week, we witnessed again the devastation of a part of our country from a hurricane. The floods that have resulted from **Hurricane Harvey** have taken lives, destroyed businesses and homes. As a result, many are displaced and have lost everything. Our Christian response to this disaster is to do what we can to lift these people's crosses. Our prayers for the relief of their sufferings will certainly help lift those affected by the flood. Nevertheless, the road to recovery for many of them will be a long one and will require financial assistance and support. With this in mind, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested, and Bishop Campbell has approved, a **special collection** from the Diocese of Columbus for those affected by **Hurricane Harvey**. These funds will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and other Catholic agencies as they reach out to provide humanitarian aid in Texas and other affected parts of the Gulf Coast region. We will take this collection next weekend, **September 10th**. Your generous response will be much appreciated.

We are about a month away from the Columbus Italian Festival, **October 6th-8th** and the Taste of Italy on **Monday, October 2nd**. This wonderful celebration of the Italian culture is in its **38th** consecutive year. It is also an important community event and fund raiser for both parishes – the festival for St. John the Baptist and parking revenue for Sacred Heart. I ask each of you to mark your calendars and consider supporting and attending the festival.

I hope you all have an opportunity to enjoy the Labor Day holiday this Monday. May all our work begin with God's inspiration and be done for His glory and honor. Our parish office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

Fr. Kitsmiller
Associate Administrator
Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 9/3	9:30 a.m.	Egisto & Viola DelGreco by Family (Anniversary)
Sun., 9/10	9:30 a.m.	Laura Cua by Michael Cua

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:	
Blessed Sacrament:	Tony Solazzo by Angelo & Antonella Iacoboni
Marian Lights:	Petrina Agriesti by Mark Agriesti

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 9/3	4:30 p.m.	San Giovanni Dance Group Practice (Marrapese Hall)
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 9/3 9:30 a.m.	Bob Contino, Adolfo Gastaldo	Margaret Panico-Harn, Claudio Pasian, Andrea Myers, Antonio D'Alberto, & Marge Contino
	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 9/10 9:30 a.m.	Gabe Bishop, Ed Pagnanelli	Bob Contino, Pat Rossetti, Margi Baker, Judy Pishitelli, & Leslie Pasian

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 **September** are:

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| September 3 | Robert Contino, OFS |
| September 10 | Margaret Contino, OFS |
| September 17 | Claudio Pasian |
| September 24 | Gary Bosco |

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

- September 3 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
- September 4 – Weekday**
 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
- September 5 – Weekday**
 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
- September 6 – Weekday**
 Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
- September 7 – Weekday**
 Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
- September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- September 9 – Saint Peter Claver, Priest**
 Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
- September 10 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S
 August 27, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 55	
In Envelopes: \$2,125.00	Loose Money \$269.00
Regular Collection	\$ 2,394.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	-\$ (143.64)
	\$ 2,270.36
Votive Lights	\$ 36.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 10.00
St. Anthony's Bread – JOIN	\$ 10.00
	\$ 56.00
Basilica Special Collection	\$ 312.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/17-6/30/18)				
	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,394.00	-\$ (491.00)	-17%
FYTD:	\$ 25,965.00	\$ 22,198.00	-\$ (3,767.00)	-15%

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**.

SJB Collection Counters for

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Nick Perschetti, Carl Tisone & Gus Gastaldo

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, September 11, 2017

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, & Darlene Rauch

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.

Hurricane Harvey Special Collection: This week, we are witnessing the devastation caused in Texas and other parts of the Gulf Coast region caused by Hurricane Harvey. The recovery is expected to take years, and many government and social aid agencies, including Catholic Charities USA, are already working tirelessly to bring comfort and relief to the millions of people affected by this disaster. This collection will be taken up here in the Diocese the weekend of September 9-10, 2017.

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 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.

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.

Blue Mass: The annual Mass for law enforcement and first responder personnel will be held on Monday, **September 11, 5:00 p.m.**, at **St. Timothy Church**, Columbus.

After Divorce Retreat: Adventure into the Interior Life: A day-long 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.

The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love. ~ Pope Francis



Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Matthew 16:25

Prayer

Jesus, You have called us:

Come, follow me, take up your cross, deny yourself and live.

Jesus, I am willing though I am weak;

I'll trust You and I'll go where You lead.

Jesus, You have shown us how we should live:

in sacrifice, humility and love.

Jesus, I am willing though I am weak; I'll follow You with Your Spirit in me.