

Dear Friends and Guests of St. John's Italian Festival:

Benvenuti al Festival Italiano!!!!

On behalf of our Pastor, Fr. Antonio Carvalho, and our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Anthony Lonzo, we welcome you to St. John the Baptist's Italian Catholic Church.

We invite you to come and enjoy our rich Italian heritage. This is the same heritage that our ancestors brought with them from their country of origin and lived it in an exemplary way for so many years.

For more than a hundred years the Italians who have come to this country have celebrated the values of *Faith, Family and Friends* in all the aspects of their life: religion, music, politics, arts, food, entertainment, etc.

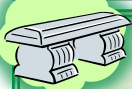
They have lived these values in times of war and peace, in times of depression and prosperity, in times of sadness and joy.

Especially during this year of the *"Family Fully Alive,"* we open our Church and hearts to welcome you to our parish family.

Benvenuti e tanti auguri di ogni bene!!!

"diacono Felice"

Deacon Felix Azzola



The Deacon's Bench

Dear Parishioners:

1. Our Italian Festival is finally here.

We are grateful to God for all his blessings to us through his Blessed Mother and St. John the Baptist during the Festival preparation time. This Festival would not have happened if it were not for all the help received from all the parishioners in so many ways. *"Many hands make work light"*, goes the saying. That is what happened this past week: people coming together to help each other, to support and encourage each other, to console each other and to give hope to each other, just like in a family. And it was comforting to my heart to see all the parishioners work together so well, as in a family, our St. John Church Family. My thanks to each one of you, dear Parishioners, and may the Lord bless and reward you abundantly in ways only He can.

After expressing my gratitude to God and Our Blessed Mother and St. John the Baptist, for the constant protection and many blessings, my gratitude goes to the Co-Chairs of the Italian Festival, **Tina Solazzo and Rick Brunetto**. With them, I wish to recognize in a particular way the Executive Board Committee Members for their leadership and dedication: **Jim Behal, John Contino, Mario Cua, Bud Fuller, Susan Guy, Margaret Panico-Harn, Landa Masdea Brunetto, Pat Rossetti, Vince Militello, Adam Montemarano, Carol Ristucci and Tony Sciambi**. I thank them from the bottom of my heart for their many contributions and selfless giving. And I invoke on each of them a shower of blessings.

2. The RCIA Program and Confirmation Class.

The RCIA process is open to adults who are not baptized, baptized in another Christian faith, or Catholics who have never received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation or Confirmation.

Here at St. John's, the RCIA program has begun under the leadership of Jeff Baker; and it is not too late for anyone else who would like to join the group. It is held every Sunday, with few exceptions, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Library, and it will continue through the end of the Pentecost Season. If you are or anyone you know is interested in joining or for questions about the Program, please e-mail Deacon Felix at fazzola@sjbitaliana.org.

We also have a Confirmation Preparation class for 8th and 9th Graders from nearby Parishes. The class, under the leadership of catechist Vincent De Paoli, was made available after some of our parents and their friends requested assistance in the preparation of their sons and daughters to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We welcome the adults in the RCIA Program and the young people in the Confirmation Class. To them, we promise support and prayers during their spiritual journey.

3. Welcome New Parishioners.

During the last few months, a number of new Parishioners joined our Parish Family. With great joy and warm heart we extend a warm welcome to the following new Parishioners to the Family of Saint John the Baptist Church:

Daniel and Concetta Blehschmidt;

Michael, Melissa and Haley Zoller; Stephen Ciacchi;

Meaghan Marbry; Sean Niederst; Amy Sandel

Please seek them out and introduce yourselves to them, with the typical hospitality of this Italian Church.

4. A Biblical Walk Through The Mass.

At Mass, the priest says certain prayers and sometimes we respond to what he proclaims. What is that? What is the origin of those words? What is their meaning and significance? The Catechesis Committee has purchased several DVDs containing five presentations by **Dr. Edward Sri** titled: *"A Biblical Walk Through the Mass."* In these DVDs, Dr. Sri takes us on a unique tour of the Liturgy. He explores the Biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This tour through the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love and devotion to the Eucharist.

Do not miss this opportunity to learn about the source and summit of your Catholic Faith!!! These half-hour videos will be shown in the Marrapese Hall on Mondays, at 6:00 p.m., and repeated on Saturdays, at 10:00 a.m. on the following dates: **Mondays, October 19, October 26, November 2, November 9, and November 16 – Saturdays, October 24, October 31, November 7, November 14, and November 21.** Following the video, a brief discussion will follow. Attendance is FREE. *On Saturdays, registration is required.*

5. Women's and Men's Faith-Sharing Groups.

In our Parish, we have a Women's and a Men's Faith-sharing group. They meet most Mondays at 6:00 p.m., in the Italian Cultural Center (in the classroom upstairs for the women and in Marrapese Hall for the men). *The objective of these groups is to learn about the Catholic Faith in a friendly, easy-going environment.* Now, the Men's Group is reading one of the booklets of the "Beginning Apologetics" series titled, *"How to Answer Atheists and New Agers."* The Women's Group, on the other hand, is reviewing the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Periodically, both groups break their regular studies to watch a religious video or even make some visits. In the past, they visited the St. John Chrysostom Church of Byzantine Rite and the Jubilee Museum downtown. Please, consider joining these groups to deepen your Faith.

Dio vi benedica abbondantemente.

il vostro Diacono Felice

(614 294-5319, ext #8 or fazzola@sjbitaliana.org)

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday, October 11	9:00 a.m.	Tony Patanella by Jackie Barry
	5:30 p.m.	Laura Cua by Rudolph Biscuso
Sunday, October 18	9:30 a.m.	Andrew Daniel DeFranco by Gina Shultz

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:
Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo by Mrs. Maria Ciotola & Family
Marian: Mary Rossetti by Caterina Sestito

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

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

THE BARRINGTON OF CARMEL – CARMEL, INDIANA: Yola Rossi
 Country View – Sunbury: Viola Del Greco
 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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 11	Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. <i>The Columbus Italian Festival</i>
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
October 18 9:00 a.m.	Bob Contino, Landa Brunetto	Bill Nightingale, Andrea Myers, Marge Contino, Margaret Panico-Harn

2015 Liturgical Calendar and Mass Readings

October 11 – Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Wis 7:7-11/ Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

* Fr. Romano Ciotola

October 12 – Weekday
 Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

* Fr. Wilfred Raymond

October 13 – Weekday
 Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41

* Fr. David Schalk

October 14 – St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr
 Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46

* Bishop Frederick Campbell

October 15 – St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
 Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

* Fr. Michael Hartge

October 16 – St. Hedwig, Religious, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
 Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

* Msgr. Joseph Cousins, Dec.

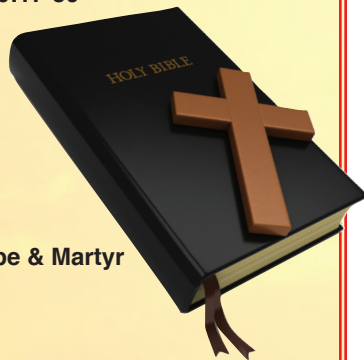
October 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
 Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12

* Fr. James Aldridge, OP, Dec.

October 18 – Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45

* Fr. Frank Higdon, MM

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians.



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

October 4, 2015

Number of Envelopes Used – 71

In Envelopes: \$2,472.00 Loose Money: \$152.75

Regular Collection:	\$ 2,624.75
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	(\$ 157.49)
	\$ 2,467.26
Votive Lights	\$ 38.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 78.00
50/50	\$ 60.00
	\$ 176.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/15-6/30/16)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,624.75	(\$ 260.25)	-9%
FYTD:	\$40,390.00	\$35,909.25	(\$ 4,480.75)	-11%

SJB Collection Counters

for Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, Norm Mizer

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: Currently, we have Rosary leaders scheduled through **October**. 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 or to become a leader, please contact **Toby Derrick at 614-460-9497**.

The Leaders for October are:

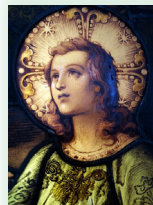
- **October 18 – Leslie Malek-Pasian**
- **October 25 – Dan Pillitteri**



Campaign for the Future

To date, we have received: **141 Pledges**
\$557,631.25 Pledged
\$520,396.25 Paid

AROUND US



illuminating Our Faith: A Liturgical Stained Glass Windows Exhibition, The Jubilee Museum's new gallery, the Fra Angelico gallery, is on view from **September 19 to November 15, 2015**. The exhibition features 12 stained glass windows rescued from various churches, chapels and orphanages. Their beauty illuminates the strength and importance of stained glass windows as an art form and as a way of teaching our faith. Through the centuries, stained glass windows were intended to be didactic, literally illustrating the Bible to the faithful, many of whom were illiterate: "Stained glass is, basically, a Christian art, it had no existence until the Christian era. It is the art form which could be said to have profoundly distinguished Christian churches..." For more information, please visit the **Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center's website at www.jubileemuseum.org** or call 614-600-0054. A suggested donation of \$10.00 per person is greatly appreciated.

"Celebrating Catholic School Virtues," the Diocese's annual gala supporting education assistance, will be held **Thursday, November 5, at St. Charles Preparatory School's Walter Student Commons, 2010 E. Broad Street. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.** Now in its eighth year, all proceeds of this premier event provide need-based tuition assistance for students at diocesan elementary and high schools. Honorees at this year's event are **Michele and David Bianconi, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Westerville; Sr. Margaret Hoffman, OSF, St. Charles; Nancy and Don Kelley, Holy Spirit Parish, Columbus; and Linda Sheridan, St. Mary Parish, Lancaster. Admission is \$250.00 per person.** Registration information is available by contacting the **Diocesan Schools Office at (614) 221-5829.**