

My brothers and sisters,

As we begin this new liturgical year with this privileged Season of Advent, let us renew our commitment to Christ in this great time of expectation and hope; that through our lives of prayer and acts of charity to all, Jesus may indeed find a welcome home as he comes to dwell with us.

A special thank you to all parishioners who helped organize and make my surprise birthday party last Sunday so wonderful. I would also like to thank all the parishioners of St. John for celebrating my birthday and for your generosity and welcome to me here at St. John as your priest. May God continue to bless all of you and I look forward to continuing our journey of Faith together, especially as we enter into the Season of Advent.

Have a great week!

Fr. Tony Lonzo
Associate Administrator of
Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist


Please join us for coffee and dessert in Marrapese Hall after Mass.

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 11/29	9:30 a.m.	Joseph Penzone by Lillian Penzone
Sun., 12/6	9:30 a.m.	Sully Anthony Caradonna by Antonio & Nicolina Capoccia

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Cesidio Capoccia by Tony & Ida Frissora
Marian: Leona DiCesare by Chris Soteriades

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

Sun., 11/29/15	LaDonne Group Meeting after Mass (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 11/30/15	Italian Village Men’s Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women’s Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
December 6 9:30 a.m.	Bob Contino, Adolfo Gastaldo	Antonio D’Alberto, Marge Contino, Karen Quick, Andrea Myers

2015 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

November 29 – The First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

* Fr. Vincent Andriuska, Dec.

November 30 – St. Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

* Fr. Otto Trogus, Dec.

December 1 – Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

* Fr. Reginald Mary Lynch, OP

December 2 – Advent Weekday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

* Fr. Matthew Kelty, Dec.

December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

* Fr. Matthew Morris

December 4 –

St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

* Fr. Cyrus Haddad

December 5 – Advent Weekday

Is 30:19-2, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

* Fr. Edward Keck

December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD): Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus’ mission to “bring glad tidings to the poor... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” (Lk 4:18)

 **Christmas Gift Cards:** St. John’s Parish is cooperating with **Catholic Social Services** to help families who have fallen on hard times to have a nice Christmas. If you would like to help, please consider purchasing a gift card from the following retailers: **Walmart, Meijer, Kroger, Amazon, Kohl’s, Target, Toys R Us or Easton Town Center, Tuttle Crossing, or Polaris** (to be used for clothing). Please make sure that the denomination is on each gift card. Please see **Landa Brunetto** or place gift cards in an envelope in the collection marked “**Christmas Gift Cards.**” Thank you for your generosity.

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: Currently, we have Rosary leaders scheduled through **January**. We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary.

The Leaders for December are:

- December 6th – Gus Gastaldo
- December 13th – Marge Contino
- December 20th – Dan Pillitteri
- December 27th – Bob Contino



ABRUZZI CLUB: Polenta Dinner, Sunday, December 6, 2015, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tickets \$12.00 each.
Polenta, Cabbage, Sausage, Rolls and Dessert – Cash Bar

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

November 22, 2015

Number of Envelopes Used – 62

In Envelopes: \$2,243.00 Loose Money: \$587.00

Regular Collection:	\$ 2,830.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	(\$ 169.80)
	\$ 2,660.20
Votive Lights	\$ 6.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 221.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 60.00
50/50	\$ 20.00
	\$ 317.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,830.00	(\$ 55.00)	-2%
FYTD:	\$60,585.00	\$54,416.45	(\$6,168.55)	-10%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, November 30, 2015

Mary Spellacy, Genevive Knouff, Paul Cosentino

Campaign for the Future

To date we have received: 141 Pledges

\$557,631.25 Pledged
\$526,186.25 Paid

KEEP THIS DATE OPEN: The SONS of ITALY is sponsoring a trip to the "Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament" on April 8, 2016. All interested should make reservations with Sos Codispoti at 582-7366 or Adolfo Gastaldo at 475-1388.

AROUND US

Nominations now open for the 2016 Catholic Man of the Year. The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2016 Catholic Man of the Year. This annual award recognizes one lay man who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." Bishop Frederick Campbell will present the award on Friday, February 5, 2016 at the Catholic Men's Luncheon. Nominations will be accepted through December 28th. For details and nomination instructions, go to www.pluginCatholicMen.com. Completed nominations and supporting letters should be emailed to catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com. Submit a nomination and let everyone know that your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!

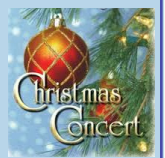
Holiday Used Book Sale presented by Knights of Columbus Council 11207 Saint Patrick Church:

We have 100's of books, DVDs, CDs and cassettes for sale. The lives of the Saints, theology, philosophy, prayer books, & children's books.....we've got them all! And some books that have never been opened! **Where:** St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Avenue (in Patrick Hall). **When:** **Saturday, December 5th, 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 6th, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Also enjoy a Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast while you browse! All proceeds go to fund our seminarians here in the Columbus Diocese.

Catholic Conversations: December 6 at Old Bag of Nails, Hilliard, 6:00-8:00 p.m. St. Margaret of Cortona Parish invites you to join in the conversation of *Why do Catholics do that at Mass?* Presenter: **Deacon Andy Naporano**. The event is FREE to attend, you just pay for your food and drink of choice. There will be social time, a presentation, and Q&A. Open to all who are 21 years old and up. Connect with one another and bring our Catholic faith and conversation into our community!
Join us at **Old Bag of Nails in Hilliard located at 4065 Main Street, Hilliard, OH 43026**, in the private room located upstairs from 6:00-8:00 p.m. RSVP appreciated for room setup. Contact **Nancy Whetstone** at nancywhetstone@gmail.com or **Julie Naporano** at julienaporano1@gmail.com.

Joliet Franciscan Sisters/Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate. The Catholic Record Society of the Diocese of Columbus will hold its Fall Quarterly Meeting at **St. Michael's Parish on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.** in the church undercroft. The guest speaker will be **Sister Margaret Hoffman, OSF.** Sister Margaret will be speaking in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the **Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate.** The good **Sisters of St. Francis** served in over 13 schools in the Diocese and over the years, a total of 926 Sisters of St. Francis have worked in the Diocese of Columbus. Former students of the Joliet Franciscan Sisters/Sisters of St. Francis are invited to attend as are those interested in the history of our Diocese. For more information you can contact **Michael Finn** at FCoolavin@aol.com or 614-268-4166.

Christmas Concert: The **Dublin Coffman Acapella Choir & the Kilbourne Singers** will combine at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** for an evening of inspiring, intimate Holiday music on **Friday, December 18th, at 7:00 p.m.** Conducted by Andrew Garner and Matthew Zabiegala, the musicians will present separate works, and several combined works that will illuminate the pristine acoustics of Sacred Heart. This concert is free to the public, but a freewill offering will be taken.



Youth Sports within the Diocese: The Columbus Diocese offers a variety of youth sports including: soccer, baseball, softball, football, volleyball and track. Your Parish does not need to have a team for your child to participate. Please check out this website (<http://www.cdeducation.org/DiocesanRecreation>) for contact information and a description of all available activities.

THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

Lord, we thank You for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.

We thank You for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank You for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes.

We thank You, Lord:

accept our thanksgiving on this day.

We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

– from **Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers.**

