

My brothers and sisters,

As we continue our celebration of **Easter** we are called to focus on the renewal of our faith in the risen **Lord**. May we continually seek to see the risen Lord's presence in our hearts and lives as we are renewed in the sacraments and prayer; so that like the disciples we may proclaim the truth of **Jesus Christ** in the world around us.

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 4/10	11:00 a.m. SH	Maria Camperchioli by Mr. & Mrs. Felix Milano
Sun., 4/10	9:30 a.m.	Andrew Daniel DeFranco by Liz Houlihan
Sun., 4/17	9:30 a.m.	Elsie DelGreco by Eida Cianelli

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo
 by Mike Bolognone
Marian: Elli Orgozolka/ Hamburg Germany
 by Robert & Margaret Contino

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 4/10/2016	RCIA Session 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Library) Confirmation Preparation Class 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Classroom 1) Altar Guild Meeting After Mass (Marrapese Hall) San Giovanni Dance Group Practice 4:30 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 4/11/2016	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)
Wed., 4/13/2016	The Italian Sons & Daughters of America 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)

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

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THE BARRINGTON OF CARMEL – CARMEL INDIANA: Yola Rossi
COUNTRY VIEW – SUNBURY – Viola Del Greco
MOTHER ANGELINE McCrory: Marie Tarantelli
HOME: JUDY PISHITELLI

****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
April 17 9:30 a.m.	Antonio D'Alberto, Ed Pagnanelli	Blaise Marcucci, Sharon D'Alberto, Andrea Myers, Karen Quick

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: Currently, we have Rosary leaders scheduled through April. 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.

The Leaders for April are:

- April 17 – Adolfo Gastaldo
- April 24 – Dan Pillitteri

2016 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

- April 10 – Sunday – Third Sunday of Easter**
 Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- April 11 – Monday – Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**
 Acts 6:18-15; Jn 6:22-29
- April 12 – Tuesday – Easter Weekday**
 Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
- April 13 – Wednesday – Saint Martin, Pope**
 Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
- April 14 – Thursday – Easter Weekday**
 Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
- April 15 – Friday – Easter Weekday**
 Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
- April 16 – Saturday – Easter Weekday**
 Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
- April 10 – Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Easter**
 Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

April 3, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used – 57

In Envelopes: \$2,128.00 Loose Money: \$ 145.00

Regular Collection:	\$ 2,273.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	(\$ 136.38)
	\$ 2,136.62
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 50.00
Saint Anthony Bread	\$ 48.00
Votive Lights	\$ 33.00
Good Friday	\$ 21.00
50/50	\$ 80.00
	\$ 232.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,273.00	(\$ 612.00)	-21%
FYTD:	\$ 115,400.00	\$ 112,100.86	(\$ 3,299.14)	-3%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 11, 2016

Tom Elliott, Carl Tisone, Gus Gastaldo

Wedding News for Saturday April 2nd

Brandon Melchiorre and Nicole Michalak now known as
Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Melchiorre

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE Requests assistance for Holy Family's Soup Kitchen: Each month we will have a focus; our goal is to help **Holy Family** monthly, have a different focus on what is needed.

April: Soap and deodorant.

There will be boxes in **Sala Hall** to place your contributions.

Something to ponder in the Year of Mercy –

This Year of Mercy represents an excellent opportunity to thank God for His Love and Mercy.

God is merciful to those who want His mercy. However, He does not force Himself on us. We have the freedom to choose by the way we live our lives. We are wise to remember that God does not owe us forgiveness, redemption, or anything else. Nor does God's mercy license us to continue in sin. It demands a response to **"go, and sin no more."** To borrow a thought from Augustine: ***We must not despair, one of the thieves was saved; we must not presume, one of the thieves was damned.***

The following is an excerpt from the book "Evangelizing Catholics" by Scott Hahn.

[According to Pope Benedict XVI,] **"Success is not one of the names of God."** If we measured the value of what Jesus did on earth by the number of people who came to believe in him during his lifetime, we would all be in trouble.

Again, fidelity is what God wants from us. He wants us to live the Gospel, and he wants us to proclaim it. He wants us to love him, and he wants us to lead others to his love.

How each of us does that will be different from how everybody else does that. In his introduction to Rome Sweet Home, Peter Kreeft says that **conversions are like snowflakes: no two are alike.** The same can be said about the forms the work of the New Evangelization will take in each of our lives. The work will look different in every home and every parish. How we go about that work is a question for prayer and discernment.

But we do need to go about it. **"Enter by the narrow gate," Jesus tells us. "For the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few"** (Mt 7:13-14).

That's Jesus' take on the road to heaven: the gate is narrow and those who find it are few. Our culture's take (a take shared by many Catholics, faithful or otherwise) is just the opposite: the gate to heaven is wide, and those who find it are many.

Nobody knows how many souls are in heaven and how many souls are in hell. That's like asking how many angels can dance on the head of a pin. But, if I'm playing the odds, I'm going with Jesus on this one. **Heaven is not guaranteed.** It's not a sure thing – not for anyone, and especially not for those following the wide, sloping path paved by our culture.

RCIA NEWS AT SJB –

Mystagogia – Last Sunday, April 3, we reviewed the Triduum Liturgies, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. In doing so, we commenced the stage of RCIA known as **Mystagogia**, from the Greek words meaning "to lead through the mysteries." In this time, from **Easter to Pentecost**, the neophytes, or newly initiated Catholics, unite with members of the parish as a faith community to examine more deeply the Gospel, to share the Eucharist, and to do works of charity. During this joyful stage, the neophyte's enthusiasm can inspire the faithful of our parish, who in turn share their experiences of the faith.

Yesterday, April 9, to prepare to most effectively lead and accompany our neophytes, our Saint John the Baptist RCIA catechetical team attended a **Mystagogia** workshop. In **"What is Mystagogia?"**, sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Divine Worship, Father Mark Summers conveyed how we may assist our neophytes in learning about what it means to live as Catholic Christians.

Our RCIA Schedule and Topics for Discussion

- April 10 Reflection on the Resurrection Narratives
- April 17 Discipleship
- April 24 Evangelization and Mission
- May 1 Lay Ministry Forum
- May 8 Ascension Sunday: Entering the Ongoing Journey

Pentecost Celebration – On Pentecost Sunday, May 15, our RCIA program for 2015-2016 culminates with a Neophyte (New Catholic) Mass with Bishop Frederick Francis Campbell at St. Joseph Cathedral. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass with neophytes and RCIA catechetical team members from all parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Columbus.

May the Lord grant us His peace!

Dear Parishioners:

We are very pleased to announce that the **Students of the 2015-2016 Confirmation Class of St. John the Baptist Church** will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. by Bishop Frederick Campbell at St. Mary Church in Delaware, Ohio (82 E. William Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015).** We ask that you please pray for our students as they prepare to celebrate this wonderful Sacrament, which will give them the power of the Holy Spirit in living out their Baptismal Promises.

We are very proud of them and invite the parishioners to join us in congratulating them on this, their spiritual achievement.

Our *"complimenti,"* our promises of prayer and invocation of special blessings, go to the following students: **Jacqueline Bowling, Zachary Contino, Tyler Dodson, Lauren Gastineau, Andrew Kauckeck, Victoria Kendle, Mia Lachey, Josh Remeis, Thomas Shneker, and Nick Weaver.**

Incidentally, this will be our first Confirmation Class at St. John the Baptist Church in more than 15 years. It is our hope, with your support, to continue on with the Confirmation class into the future. A special *"grazie"* for their support of this class to **Fr. Antonio Carvalho, Fr. Anthony Lonzo, and Deacon Felix Azzola.**

John Contino, Confirmation Class Coordinator

Vince DePaoli, Confirmation Class Instructor

AROUND US**Save the Date: Delaware St. Mary's Marriage Prep Program**

Delaware St. Mary will be offering a Marriage Prep program for couples getting married in 2016 and 2017. The classes will be on **Saturday, April 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** held in Kavanagh Hall. Cost is \$90.00 per couple and lunch will be provided. Completion of a marriage prep course is required to be married and the course is available for any engaged couple who is planning to marry in 2016 or 2017. The course is open to any and all engaged couples within the Diocese and beyond. If you have any questions, or would like to register, please contact Bibianne Galuzny at 740-362-1542 or bibianne@columbus.rr.com.

