

My brothers and sisters,

As we celebrate the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, we conclude the Octave of Christmas. We honor Mary in her unique role in our salvation history in being the Mother of God. Today, as we begin the New Year, we also celebrate the World Day of Peace. May all of you and your families have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!

Have a great week and Happy New Year!

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 1/1	9:30 a.m.	Don Veri by Donna Veri
Sun., 1/8	9:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Piccininni by Piccininni Family

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:
Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo by Irene Solazzo Family
Marian Light: Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone

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

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THE BARRINGTON OF CARMEL – CARMEL, INDIANA: Yola Rossi
MOTHER ANGELINE McCrory: Marie Tarantelli
THE JAMES: Sherri Snoad
AT HOME: Mike Auddino

****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
Jan. 8 9:30 a.m.	Gabe Bishop, Bill Nightingale	Andrea Myers, Ed Pagnanelli, Sharon D'Alberto, Bob Contino & Marge Contino
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Jan. 15 9:30 a.m.	Bob Contino, Landa Brunetto	Marge Contino, Pat Rossetti, Blaise Marcucci, Judy Pishitelli, Margaret Panico-Harn

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 **January** are:

January 8th Marge Contino, SFO
January 15th Robert Contino, SFO
January 22 Adolfo Gastaldo
January 29th Carl Tisone

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

January 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
January 2	St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
January 3	Christmas Weekday The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
January 4	USA: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
January 5	USA: St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
January 6	Christmas Weekday Blessed Andre Bessette, Religious 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:17-11
January 7	Christmas Weekday St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11
January 8	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

Due to the Holidays and Bulletin deadlines, the Christmas collection and New Year's collection will be posted in the bulletin dated January 8, 2017.

SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, Darlene Rauch

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 9, 2017

Mary Spellacy, Genevive Knouff, Paul Cosentino



Office Hours:

The Parish Office Hours are 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Due to January 1 being a Sunday, the Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017.

LaDonna: Will be celebrating the **La Bafana** on **Sunday, January 8th** after Mass in the **Marrapasse Hall**. Please bring children, grandchildren and enjoy this beautiful tradition.

Around Us

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Are you an **unbaptized** adult who has discerned God's call to conversion and faith, and are seeking to answer that call? Or perhaps you are a **Baptized** member of another faith, seeking to explore the truth of **Catholicism** and become one in full communion with the Catholic Church? Or have been Baptized into the Catholic Church as an Infant, but as an adult, you feel that you have not been **properly catechized?** Then you may want to consider exploring **RCIA** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. If you would like to learn more about RCIA here at our church, please contact our parish office at (614) 294-5319.

Christmas Catholic Charities Collection: This annual collection allows the Diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through Diocesan agencies and organizations including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year.

January is Poverty Awareness Month: The USCCB's **Poverty Awareness Month (January)** materials include an online and print calendar with daily ways to learn about poverty, get inspired by how communities are responding, and take action with others. You can also sign up for daily reflections. For these and other resources, go to www.povertyusa.org or contact Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

Catholic Conversations 2017: Sunday, January 15, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Join us in the Upper Room at Sports on Tap, Hilliard, located at 4030 Main Street, for a talk on **Sharing the Lessons of St. Faustina**, featuring Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet. Catholic Conversations is hosted by St. Margaret of Cortona and St. Brendan the Navigator parishes and is FREE to attend. We just ask that you pay for your own food & drink of choice. The group is open to all adults and is an outreach ministry meant to bring our Catholic faith into the every day. We encourage registration, to ensure seating, on **Eventbrite and search for Catholic Conversations**. Contact Nancy Whetstone at nancywhetstone@gmail.com or Julie Naporano at julienaporano1@gmail.com.

2017 Conversations Calendar

January 15: Michele Faehnle & Emily Jaminet /
Lessons from St. Faustina
February 12: Fr. Nathan Cromly / Eagle Eye Ministries / Joy
March 12: Peggy Hartshorn / Founder of Heartbeat International /
How Did We Get Here...Life is a Choice?
April 9: Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis /
Encounter: A Personal Relationship with Jesus
May 21: Fr. Tom Gardner / Mary, Our Mother

Pope's January Intentions: Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

Christian Unity: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

World Day of Peace Message: "Non-Violence: A Style of Politics for Peace" In his message for the 50th World Day of Peace (January 1), Pope Francis will urge families, faith communities, government leaders, and the international community to practice nonviolence and work to build a just peace. For the Holy Father's message and a two-page handout, visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/world-day-of-peace.cfm or contact Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

Did You Know: The Songs we refer to as Christmas Carols were originally a kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. "Carol" comes from the Old French *carula*, meaning a circular dance.

Prayer for Peace in Our Communities: *Let us pray. O Lord our God, in Your mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or concern ignored. You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to You in our hour of need. Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear Your voice telling us what is required ... "Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with Your God" (Mi 6:8). Fill us with Your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others. Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities. Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of Your holy will. Flood our path with Your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity. Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of Your grace can we progress toward virtue. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*

National Migration Week – "Creating A Culture of Encounter": National Migration Week, January 8-14, 2017, is an opportunity for the Catholic Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. For online toolkit of resources for parishes and schools, go to www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week or contact Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God: The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek *Theotokos*, which means "God-bearer." On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word." Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace." **New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace," further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.**

Prayer for Mary, Mother of God: *God our Father, may we always profit by the prayers of the Virgin Mother Mary, for You bring us life and salvation through Jesus Christ her Son Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

