

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we return to Ordinary time for another month, our readings focus our attention on vocations. "To be called" is the root meaning of the word "vocation." We all have given at our Baptism – a vocation to holiness. By living a life of holiness, we glorify God in our body which is a temple of the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says. By living a life of holiness, which means avoidance of immorality and seeking to do God's will, we worship and give glory to God in the temple of our body. Through Baptism, we are also part of the corporal body of Christ, the Church. Therefore, our lives of holiness and virtue strengthen the entire body of Christ. We are also called into specific vocations in the Church – marriage, religious life, priesthood, single life. Each is dedicated to building up the Church in a unique way. It is important that we pray that these vocations be strengthened and fulfilled for the benefit of the Church and the world. I would ask that you also pray for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese and from our parishes. There is always a need in this area, as we well know. May the Lord find listening hearts to answer His call to the priesthood and community of the faithful to encourage this vocation.

Tomorrow, our parish office is closed in observance of **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**. We pray for greater unity between men and women of different races and cultures in our country.

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 1/14	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Masdea by The Masdea Family
Sun., 1/21	9:30 a.m.	Petrina Agriesti by Joe, Rose, Denise, Mark & Frank Agriesti

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 1/14	11:00 a.m.	Altar Guild (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 1/15	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Pasquale A. Vaccari
by Andrea & Roger Myers

Marian Lights: Christina Naffa
by Joseph & Judith Pishitelli

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 1/14 9:30 a.m.	Adolfo Gastaldo Samantha Fallucco	Pat Rossetti, Ed Pagnanelli, Bob Contino, Claudio Pasian Marge Contino
	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 1/21 9:30 a.m.	Antonio D'Alberto Landa Brunetto	Margi Baker, Sharon D'Alberto, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli & Andrea Myers

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 **January** are:

January 14 Margaret Contino, OFS
January 21 Adolpho "Gus" Gastaldo
January 28 Leslie Malek-Pasian

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

January 14 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

January 15 Weekday
 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

January 16 Weekday
 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

January 17 Saint Anthony, Abbot
 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

January 18 Weekday
 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

January 19 Weekday
 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

**January 20 – Weekday – Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr;
 Saint Sebastian, Martyr, BVM**
 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21

January 21 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

January 7, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 57

In Envelopes: \$2,095.00 Loose Money \$293.00

Regular Collection	\$ 2,388.00
Holy Day	\$ 105.00
Total Collection	\$ 2,493.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (149.58)
	\$ 2,343.42

Votives	\$ 50.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 39.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 40.00
	\$ 129.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/17-6/30/18)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,493.00	-\$ 392.00	-14%
FYTD:	\$80,780.00	\$75,527.00	-\$5,253.00	-7%

**SJB Collection Counters
 for Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

Nick Perschetti & Gus Gastaldo

**SJB Collection Counters
 for Monday, January 22 2018**

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, & Darlene Rauch

**Office Hours:**

The Parish Office will be closed **Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** and will resume **Tuesday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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 prior to Mass, and by calling the office for an appointment.**

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**.

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus**, which is celebrated on January 3. The first eight days of January fall during the liturgical season known as **Christmas** which is represented by the liturgical color white. The remaining days of January are the beginning of Ordinary Time. The liturgical color changes to green – a symbol of the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Respect Life Mass: January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The annual Respect Life Mass will be **Monday, January 22, 2018, 10:30 a.m.** at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Campbell will be the Celebrant. On this day of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme court's *Roe v. Wade* decision, our diocese will join all dioceses in the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All are invited. For more, visit www.usccb.org/prolife or contact Social Concerns at **614-241-2540**.

Roe Remembrance at Ohio Statehouse: Greater Columbus right to Life will sponsor this event on **Monday, January 22**, noon to **1:00 p.m.**, at the Ohio Statehouse following the **10:30 a.m.** Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. The program will be held in the Statehouse Atrium. Please allow extra time for new Statehouse security measures. Stickers, signs, and weapons are not permitted inside. For additional information, visit www.gcrtl.org/roe.html.

What is Ordinary Time? With the feast of the Baptism of the Lord the Church enters the liturgical time called "ordinary." The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. According to The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: "Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe."

Building a Culture of Life Conference: Respect Life, Bioethics, Leadership – January 26-27. Join us for an extraordinary two-day event featuring prominent pro-life speakers and offering resources to equip you to build a culture of life. St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Sponsored by the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, Marriage & Family Life Office, Greater Columbus Right to Life, and FEMM. One-day or two-day passes available. For a list of speakers and to register, [visit www.gcrtl.org/lifeconference](http://www.gcrtl.org/lifeconference) or call **614-241-2540**.

Propagation of the Faith: The weekend of **January 20 and 21, 2018**, is a renewal weekend for membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. To join, please use your collection envelope for "**Membership Sunday**," which is included in the parish's January collection envelope packet. Members of the Society receive the graces of 15,000 Masses celebrated each day by missionaries for its members – living or deceased. Mass is also celebrated daily for Society members at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Catholic Men's Conference: *Cast your nets and become fishers of men.* Catholic Men's conference will be **Saturday, February 24th, 2018, Cardinal Hall, the Ohio Expo Center, from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Find out more at CatholicMensMinistry.com.

Safe Environment Reminder: The New Year kicks off a new audit cycle. The annual safe environment data gathering report will be mailed out to Pastors, Principals, and Agency Directors in early February. The completed report is due to Regina E. Quinn by **Thursday, March 15, 2018**. This year's on site audits will be at locations in Cycle C. Center-South Columbus Deanery; North High Deanery; Fairfield-Hocking-Pickaway Deanery; and, the lower of South Deanery. If you have any questions, please contact Regina E. Quinn, Manager, Safe Environment Program, at **614-241-2568**, or rquinn@columbuscatholic.org.

"The family is the first essential cell of human society."

~ Pope Francis



John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

~ John 1:36

Prayer to St. John the Baptist

O God, You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ.

Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation.

Grant that as St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life. Amen.