

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday's readings tell us of the urgency of accepting the message of the Gospel and following Christ. We are first asked to repent, next to believe in the Gospel and then to follow Jesus. Jonah preached to the city of Nineveh and stated that in forty days Nineveh would be destroyed. The entire city repented. St. Paul urged the Corinthians to live their Christian faith as if their time on earth was running out. The Apostles in the Gospel left everything to follow Jesus. These Scripture passages remind us of the brevity of our lives and the necessity of being intentional about our Christian faith. Does our day, our relationships, our actions reflect this understanding and commitment?

Beginning on **February 5th**, I will be starting a weekday Mass, every Monday at **5:30 p.m.** at St. John the Baptist. I will not be taking Mass Intentions at this time for these Masses, as there is a backlog of many Mass Intentions. We will begin with the oldest Mass Intentions from the various bequests that we have. When we have caught up, then we will begin accepting new Intentions. If you are downtown at the time of the Mass, please think about joining us. Please let other persons know who might be interested in going to evening Mass during the week.

Have a Blessed week!

Fr. Kitsmiller

Associate Administrator

Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 1/21	9:30 a.m.	Petrina Agriesti by Joe, Rose, Denise, Mark & Frank Agriesti
Sun., 1/28	9:30 a.m.	Yola Rossi by Carol Ventresca

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 1/21	11:00 a.m.	Blessed Mother Sodality (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 1/22	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Sun., 1/21 9:30 a.m.	Antonio D'Alberto Landa Brunetto	Margi Baker, Sharon D'Alberto, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli & Andrea Myers
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 1/28 9:30 a.m.	Gabe Bishop Adolfo Gastaldo	Bob Contino, Pat Rossetti, Ed Pagnanelli, Pete Tamburro & Marge Contino

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: **J. Robert Mohr**
by Chris Soteriades
Marian Lights: **Joyce Tisone**
by Carl Tisone

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** and **February** are:

January 21 Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo
January 28 Leslie Malek-Pasian
February 4 Claudio Pasian

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

January 21 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
January 23 – Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin, St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
January 24 – Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
January 25 – The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
January 26 – Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:26-34
January 27 – Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder, BVM
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
January 28 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

January 14, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 29

In Envelopes: \$955.00	Loose Money \$311.00
Regular Collection	\$ 1,266.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	-\$ (75.96)
	\$ 1,190.04
Votives	\$ 17.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
	\$ 27.00

\$\$\$? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? \$\$\$?

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 1,266.00	-\$1,619.00	-56%
FYTD:	\$83,665.00	\$76,793.00	-\$6,872.00	-8%

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

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

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, & Darlene Rauch

SJB Collection Counters**for Monday, January 29, 2018**

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin, & Tom Elliott

**Office Hours:**The Parish Office hours are **Monday-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**.

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY BRUNCH: Save the date for St. Joseph's Day Brunch, **Sunday, March 18th**, after Mass. Details to follow in the coming weeks.

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.

Bereavement Support Ministry: The Executive Planning Committee of the North High Deanery is announcing the establishment of a Bereavement Support Ministry. The meetings are open to all, but we especially welcome the parishioners of the nine Catholic Churches that comprise the North High Deanery, namely: Holy Name, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Peace, Sacred Heart, St. Francis of Assisi, St. John the Baptist, St. Michael, St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University, and Parroquia Santa Cruz. The North High Deanery Committee wants to thank the Catholic Foundation for awarding us a Focus Grant for Catholic Education and Faith Formation that will be used to help us establish this new ministry. Please read your upcoming bulletins for additional information about the Bereavement Support Ministry meetings. They are set to begin in late **January 2018**. If you have questions, please contact **Mike Julian**, parishioner of Immaculate Conception, at **614-282-7136** or mjulian@columbus.rr.com or **Veronica Garrity**, parishioner of Our Lady of Peace, at vgarrity@columbus.rr.com.

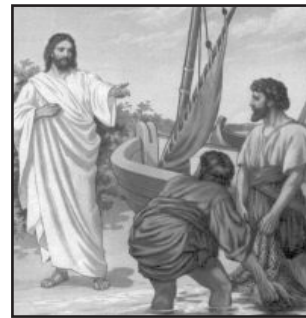
Catholic Men's Conference: Cast your nets and become fishers of men. Catholic Men's Conference will be **Saturday, February 24, 2018, Cardinal Hall** at the **Ohio Expo Center**, from **8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Find out more at CatholicMensMinistry.com.

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.

Your Church at Work: As Pope Francis calls on us all to support migrants and refugees around the world with the *Share the Journey* campaign, Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, in west Columbus, has created a haven for the growing Hispanic community. The Center is acting as a trampoline for Hispanic families, who want a better life for themselves and their families, by providing food and emergency assistance, health screenings, nutrition and English classes, legal consultations, and referrals to a number of our community partners. The Center accepts donations of various items and offers many volunteer opportunities. Please contact The Center at **(614) 340-7061** or olg@colscss.org for more information.

"May we be in this world a ray of light that shines forth, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women."

~ Pope Francis



"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.
(Mark 1:16-19).

Prayer

Father, it is during times of discouragement, bewilderment, or delay that we find ourselves more attentive to Godly instruction. It seems our hearts are more yielded and our minds more absorbing of the truths You want to convey when we're no longer trying to take charge.

Like the disciples who were fishing in the usual way, expecting the usual results, we also relate to such efforts.

But You are extraordinary.

You do extraordinary work in our lives as we yield our will to Yours and heed Your instruction. Shape us into the most useful and enduring vessel that brings glory to You while we cast our nets for the great catch of men and women, boys and girls for the kingdom.

*In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.*