

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel passage, Jesus comes under scrutiny because He teaches, heals, and drives out demons as someone who has His own authority. This was a radical departure from the practice of His day. No one, rabbi, scribe or religious leader taught or cured without invoking the authority of greater teacher or master or Scripture. But Jesus did not invoke any authority except the authority given to Him by the Father in heaven. In a word, He was His own master and did not need anyone to back up His teaching. The Church has always relied upon the authority of Jesus as revealed to us in Scripture, i.e. the Bible, and the Tradition (the living transmission of the Word of God from one generation to the next). Jesus entrusted His message to His Apostles, who, in turn, entrusted it to their successors, the bishops and then to succeeding generations until the world ends. Christ and His teaching should be the authority that guides every part of our life. Is there a corner of our life where Christ does not have authority?

Beginning on **February 5th**, I will be starting a weekday Mass, on **Monday** evenings at **5:30 p.m.**, at St. John the Baptist. If you are in the area 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.

I will be on vacation during this week and will return Saturday. I have arranged to have priests to be available in the case of a funeral or sacramental emergency. Please continue to call the office with any such needs.

Have a Blessed week!

Fr. Kitsmiller

Associate Administrator

Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 1/28	9:30 a.m.	Yola Rossi by Carol Ventresca
Tues., 1/30	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Caterina Tiberi by Arthur Shantz, Jr.
Sun., 2/04	9:30 a.m.	Delores DiSabato by Her Beloved Children
Mon., 2/05	5:30 p.m.	Leo Guglielmi by Celeste & Larry Guglielmi

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 1/28	11:00 a.m.	LeDonne Group Meeting (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 1/29	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Tues., 1/30	1:00 p.m.	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary and Intentions – 12:30 p.m., Mass at 1:00 p.m. Chapel

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 28	Leslie Malek-Pasian
February 4	Claudio Pasian
February 11	Vincent Davis
February 18	Leslie Malek-Pasian
February 25	Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: **John E. Patterson**
by Chris Soteriades

Marian Lights: **Joyce Tisone**
by Carl Tisone

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 1/28 9:30 a.m.	Gabe Bishop Adolfo Gastaldo	Bob Contino, Pat Rossetti, Ed Pagnanelli, Pete Tamburro, & Marge Contino
	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 2/04 9:30 a.m.	Bob Contino Ed Pagnanelli	Marge Continom Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Sharon D'Alberto & Claudio Pasian

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.**

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

January 28 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

January 29 – Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

January 30 – Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30–19:3/Mk 5:21-43

January 31 – Saint John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

February 1 – Weekday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

February 3 – Weekday – Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop; BVM

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

February 4 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

***Pray for our Priest and seminarians.**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

January 21, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 53

In Envelopes: \$4,060.00 Loose Money \$133.11

Holy Day	\$ 100.00
Regular Collection	\$ 4,293.11
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (257.59)
	\$ 4,035.52

Votives	\$ 36.75
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 100.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 37.00
Capital Repair	\$ 37.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
	\$ 230.75

? \$? ? 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	\$ 4,293.11	\$ 1,408.11	49%
FYTD:	\$86,550.00	\$81,086.11	\$(5,463.89)	-6%

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

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin, & Tom Elliott

SJB Collection Counters**for Monday, February 5, 2018**

Gus Gastaldo & Nick Perschetti

**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.**

Watterson High School Italian Festival Project Immigration

History: We invite you to assist us! The Italian Language Students from Bishop Watterson, will be interviewing our church members born in Italy, on **Sundays: February 25, March 4, and March 11th after Mass.** The interview will be videotaped and conducted by the student. The project goal is to document the history of our **St. John's** families, and the nature of St. John's as the conduit for the creation of a new community for the immigrant. This finished project will be presented at Watterson and at The Columbus Italian Festival **2018**. Please email landa7@mac.com to sign up or contact **Rhonda Frissora** or **Landa Brunetto** for further details, Thank you!

Please remember in your prayers, Jack Conie, Jr., past president of the Columbus Italian Festival, who died on January 15, 2018. Also, remember his wife, Louise, and sons, Jack and Chris, in your prayers and their families

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

Catholic Times Announcements: Next week, our parish collection begins for the **Catholic Times** weekly newspaper. This donation HELPS OUR PARISH provide the **Catholic Times** to you and many of our parishioners. Donation envelopes for this collection are included in your **January/February** packet. For a minimum donation of **ONLY \$17.00 per year (less than 39 cents per issue)**, readers receive a Catholic perspective on the world around us: local, national, worldwide, pro-life and Vatican news; diocesan, parish, and school stories; articles, regular columns, editorials, and events are delivered right to your home. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages every Catholic family to receive the **Catholic Times**. Use your envelope to sign up for the Catholic Times, the newspaper of our diocese, or to renew your subscription. If you donate electronically, you can still receive **Catholic Times**. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "**Catholic Times**" with your Name and drop it into the Sunday collection basket during **February**. Thank you for your support.

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.

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.

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 olgc@colscss.org for more information.



Go forward and make some noise. Where there is youth there should be noise. In life there will always be people to block your way. Be courageous and go against the current. Go forward!"

~ Pope Francis



A new teaching with authority.

He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."
His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.
Mark 1:28

Peace Prayer of St. Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow charity;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, the truth;
Where there is doubt, the faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
and Where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.