

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

In today's Gospel from St. John, Jesus tells Nicodemus that God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but save it. The Son does this by shining his light on our deeds, our way of life. Jesus says that there are some who prefer darkness to light because of their evil deeds. But whoever accepts the truth about one's life comes to the Light, Christ, so that he might be saved. It is often difficult to have our failings exposed. Yet, the Lord wants us to expose our failures and sins to Him so that He might show us His mercy and save us. We experience this saving light in the confessional. Take advantage of an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this season of Lent and let Christ's light shine upon you.

As I promised last Sunday, I am enclosing a copy of Bishop Campbell letter to the diocese regarding the drug addiction crisis in our state and nation and also some information on how you might find assistance in dealing with these problems in your families and communities.

After Mass, next **Sunday, March 18th**, we will celebrate the feast of St. Joseph with the annual breakfast and St. Joseph Table. You are asked to bring personal hygiene items of clothing for men, women and children. This annual tradition calls to mind the many blessings we receive from God, through the intercession of St. Joseph and our responsibility to bring assistance to those in need. The items and any monetary donations will benefit the Holy Family Food Kitchen.

On **Monday, March 19th**, we will take a break from our Lenten practices as we celebrate St. Joseph, the universal patron of the Catholic Church. We have Mass, as we do every **Monday, at 5:30 p.m.** I hope you can join us.

**Have a blessed week!**  
**Fr. Kitsmiller**  
**Associate Administrator**  
**Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist**

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun., 3/11	9:30 a.m.	Mariano & Gaetana Capoccia by Maria Capoccia & Family
Mon., 3/12	5:30 p.m.	Clara Zari by Lilda & Janet Lombardi
Sun., 3/18	9:30 a.m.	Silvia Agriesti by Luisa Stefanelli
Mon., 3/19	5:30 p.m.	Viola DelGreco by Tony & Ida Frissora

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Blessed Sacrament:** Las Vegas Masacre Victims  
by Chris Soteriades  
**Marian Lights:** Joyce Tisone  
by Carl Tisone

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun., 3/11	11:00 a.m.	Altar Guild Meeting (Marrapese)
Mon., 3/12	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

**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 **March** are:

**March 11** Leslie Malek-Pasian  
**March 18** Margaret Contino, OFS  
**March 25** Gary Bosco

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
Sun., 3/11 9:30 a.m.	Gabe Bishop John Snod	Antonio D'Alberto, Pat Rossetti, Leslie Pasian, Judy Pishitelli & Ed Pagnanelli
	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
Sun. 03/18 9:30 am	Nick D'Alberto Antonio D'Alberto	Bob Contino, Sharon D'Alberto, Margi Baker, Marge Contino & Pete Tamburro

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS\*\***

**\*\*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**

**March 11 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21  
 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41  
**March 12 – Lenten Weekday**  
 Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54  
**March 13 – Lenten Weekday**  
 Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16  
**March 14 – Lenten Weekday**  
 Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30  
**March 15 – Lenten Weekday**  
 Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47  
**March 16 – Lenten Weekday**  
 Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**March 17 – Lenten Weekday – Saint Patrick Bishop**  
 Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53  
**March 18 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
 Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

\*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**

March 4, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 50

In Envelopes: \$2,040.00 Loose Money \$244.00

Holy Day	\$ 20.00
Regular Collection	\$ 2,304.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ ( 138.24)
	\$ 2,165.76

Votives	\$ 48.00
Catholic Times	\$ 17.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 15.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$ 10.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 90.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 15.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 70.00
	\$ 285.00

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

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,304.00	-\$ ( 581.00)	-20%
FYTD:	\$103,860.00	\$96,883.22	-\$ (6,976.78)	-7%

**SJB Collection Counters  
for Monday, March 12, 2018**

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin, & Tom Elliott

**SJB Collection Counters  
for Monday, March 19, 2018**

Nick Pershetti and Gus Gastaldo



**Office Hours:**

The Parish Office hours are **Monday-Friday**, from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

March 29	<b>Thursday of Holy Week</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Sacred Heart</b>
March 30	<b>Good Friday</b> Celebration of the Lord's Passion 2:00 p.m. <b>Sacred Heart</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>St. John the Baptist</b>
March 31	<b>Holy Saturday Easter Vigil</b> 8:00 p.m. <b>St. John the Baptist</b>
April 1	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>St. John the Baptist</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>Sacred Heart</b>

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT SACRED HEART**

April 8th

1:30 p.m.	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
1:30 p.m.	<b>Confessions</b>
2:00 p.m.	<b>Rosary</b>
2:30 p.m.	<b>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</b>
3:00 p.m.	<b>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>

**Singers Needed:** We would like to have a small choir to sing for **Palm Sunday, Triduum**, which includes **Holy Thursday, Good Friday**, and the **Easter Vigil**. We will have a few rehearsals on dates TBD. No experience necessary! This is a great way to serve the church and to be a part of the music ministry for this special week. If interested, contact Music Director, **Gina Bishop**, at 614-272-8373 or by email at [gmbishop1967@gmail.com](mailto:gmbishop1967@gmail.com).

**ST. JOSEPH'S CELEBRATION BREAKFAST**

After 9:30 a.m. Mass  
March 18, 2018



Please join us in celebrating **St. Joseph's Celebration Breakfast** after Mass **Sunday, March 18th** starting at **10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in **Marrapese Hall**. This year will have a scrumptious brunch right after Mass. We invite

anyone to bring the classic desserts for sharing at the **St. Joseph Table**. We also encourage an outpouring of assistance for Holy Family Food Kitchen. Please bring personal hygiene items or hats, gloves and scarfs for men women and children. If you would like to participate on the committee, please contact **Landa Masdea Brunetto** (614-579-1150 or [landa7@mac.com](mailto:landa7@mac.com)). Tickets are **\$12.00 per person** and will be sold after Mass. **1st grade** and under are **free**. See **Margaret Panico-Harn**.

**St. John's Guild #16 Easter Bake Sale:** St. John's Guild #16 Easter Bake Sale will be after Mass on **March 25th**. We will be selling Easter bread. Raffle tickets will be sold for **\$1.00 each**. We will be raffling two **\$50.00 gift cards** to **Carfagna's** and two **Anthony Thomas** Easter baskets and a **\$25.00 gift card** to **Little Italy Pizza** restaurant. Donated baked items are welcome! For more information call **Greta 614-888-0619**.

**Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday:** Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. It commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before He was crucified. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, palms or small branches, in front of Him as a sign of homage.

Palm branches are widely recognized as a symbol of peace and victory.

**Holy Thursday:** Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when He established the Sacrament of Holy Communion prior to His arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. Jesus celebrated the dinner as a Passover feast. Please join us for this liturgy on **March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart**.

**Good Friday:** Good Friday is the day on which Catholics commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Catholics are joined by almost all other Christians in solemn commemoration on this day. Please join us for this liturgy on **March 30 at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart** or at **7:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist**.

**Easter Vigil:** The **Easter Vigil** marks the beginning of Easter. We are awaiting our master's return with our lamps full and burning, so that He will find us awake and seat us at His table (cf. **Luke 12:35**). The vigil is divided into four parts: Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism, and Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Easter Vigil liturgy is one of the most beautiful liturgies in the Roman Catholic Church. Please join us for this liturgy on **March 31 at 8:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist**.

**AROUND US**

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of **March** is dedicated to **St. Joseph**. The entire month falls during the liturgical season of **Lent**, which is represented by the liturgical color purple – a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

**Holy Father's Intention for the Month of March:** You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intention: **That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.**

**Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence during**

**Lent:** Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all Catholics from age **18 through age 59**.

*"Every addicted person brings with them a distinct personal history, which should be listened to, understood, loved, and where possible, cured and purified. We cannot fall into the injustice of classifying them as if they were objects or broken junk; rather, every person should be valued and appreciated in their dignity in order to be cured. They continue to have, more than ever, dignity as persons and children of God."*

~ Pope Francis