

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have come to the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Our focus in the liturgy turns more and more to Jesus' passion and death. In the gospel passages that we read from the Gospel of John, we hear more and more opposition to Jesus' teachings and that He is the Son of God. Yet, our Lord is not deterred and is willing to die because of our sins and for our sins. He is willing to take up the task of the cross so that we might know God's forgiveness and have eternal life. We must ask ourselves if we are willing to change our lives and follow Jesus so we might have eternal life.

Next **Sunday** is **Palm Sunday**. Palms will be blessed at all Masses at both **Sacred Heart** and **St. John**. Before the **9:30 a.m. Mass at St. John** and the **11:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart**, we will begin outside, weather permitting, and process into the Church. All are welcome to participate in the procession.

This **Monday, March 19th**, is **St. Joseph Day**, a solemnity in the Church. We honor St. Joseph, Jesus' foster-father and the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is also the universal patron of the Church. As it is a solemnity, the day is not usually a day of fasting and abstinence but a day of joyful celebration. We can take a bit of a break from our Lenten observances if we choose.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Kitsmiller

Associate Administrator

Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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
Sun., 3/25	9:30 a.m.	Viola DelGreco by Mike & Angela Caradonna
Mon., 3/26	5:30 p.m.	Billy Galilei by Elizabeth Roehrer

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 3/18	11:00 a.m.	Blessed Mother Sodality (Marrapese)
Mon., 3/19	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Thurs., 3/22	7:00 p.m.	Amici D'Oro Meeting (Marrapese)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 3/18 9:30 a.m.	Nick D'Alberto Antonio D'Alberto	Bob Contino, Sharon D'Alberto, Margi Baker, Marge Contino & Pete Tamburro
	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 3/25 9:30 a.m.	Ed Pagnanelli & Adolfo Gastaldo, John Snoad & Landa Brunetto	Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli & Claudio Pasian

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Armando Gastaldo

by Elinda Gastaldo

Marian Lights: Pat and Dorothy Denardo

by Amalee Soteriades

**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.**

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 and April** are:

March 18 Margaret Contino, OFS

March 25 Gary Bosco

April 1 Vincent Davis

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

March 18 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

March 19 – Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

March 20 – Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

March 21 – Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

March 22 – Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

March 23 – Lenten Weekday

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

March 24 – Lenten Weekday

Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

March 25 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

March 11, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 57

In Envelopes: \$2,603.00 Loose Money \$225.00

Regular Collection	\$ 2,828.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (169.68)
	\$ 2,658.32

Votives	\$ 47.00
Catholic Times	\$ 34.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 160.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 5.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
	\$ 316.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,828.00	-\$ (57.00)	-2%
FYTD:	\$106,745.00	\$99,711.22	-\$ (7,033.78)	-7%

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

SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, March 19, 2018

Nick Perschetti and Gus Gastaldo

SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, March 26, 2018

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, & Darlene Rauch



Office Hours:

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

EASTER TRIDUUM

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT SACRED HEART

April 8th

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

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**. If interested, contact Music Director **Gina Bishop**, at 614-272-8373 or by email at 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**. 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. If you would like to participate on the committee, please contact **Landa Masdea Brunetto** at 614-579-1150 or 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**.

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**.

Confirmation Ceremony will be at **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**, 720 Hamlet Street, Columbus, Ohio, **Sunday, May 13, 2018**, at **9:30 a.m. Mass**. All Students and sponsors will need to be at the church no later than **8:30 a.m.** Reception for students and families will be immediately following Mass at **11:00 a.m.** in **Marrapese Hall**. (**RSVP due by April 1, 2018**, we are asking for a donation of **\$7.00 a person** for the reception (students are a given in your count, so if your family group is **5** including student, your RSVP would be **4**), **Milano's Italian Restaurant** will be catering the event. RSVP required on **April 1, 2018**. Payment can be made day of reception to me once your count is finalized.

Class: Class will be this **Sunday, March 18th** at **11:00 a.m.**, upstairs classroom. **Chapter 18** was completed last week and we have started on **Chapter 19**. Please have your student complete a summary of **Chapter 19** to turn in this week if they missed last week. Due to **Spring Break** and **Easter** there will be no class on **Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018** and **Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018**. Class will resume **Sunday, April 8th** at **11:00 a.m.** Since there are only **6 classes** remaining before Confirmation, I am requesting everyone make an extra effort to make all the remaining classes.

Sponsors: Please be advised, all sponsors if not a member of **St. John** will need to submit a letter from their Catholic parish pastor by **April 1, 2018**. If you have already done so, Grazie! In addition, sponsors are required to write a mentor letter to each student. We would like these letters to be completed by **Sunday, April 8th**, so students can bring these letters with them for that class to discuss.

Rehearsal: Rehearsal is **Mandatory** for all students and will be **Sunday, May 6, 2018** at **Noon** at **St. John**. Second Rehearsal is **Saturday, May 12, 2018** at **5:00 p.m.** at **St. John**. We are asking sponsors to be at the second rehearsal. Any questions, please contact **John Contino** at **614-214-8473**.

AROUND US

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 a **\$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** at **614-888-0619**.

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.***