

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Holy Week conjures up many different emotions beginning with today's celebration of Palm Sunday. We begin with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem which we reenact. We then quickly turn to His passion and death, first today from the Gospel of Mark and then on Good Friday with John's Gospel, all the while mindful that Jesus died for our sins. Holy Thursday allows us to deepen our devotion and our love for Eucharist that we experience at every Mass. It should move us to want to live holy lives in service of our Lord. The Easter Vigil brims with excitement as we await Jesus' Resurrection. We also initiate adults in the Church who have made a long journey to these sacraments. Easter Morning always leaves us with great hope for the future, for ourselves and the world. I hope that you are able to participate in the Holy Week liturgies, especially the Triduum, the high point of our liturgical calendar, unlike any other liturgies we experience throughout the year. Please see the bulletin for the schedule.

I want to thank all of those who helped make the St. Joseph Day brunch last Sunday such an enjoyable event. I appreciate your hard work, especially those who helped sell tickets, set up, buy groceries, cooked and cleaned up. I appreciate you in helping us to have a joyous feast in honor of St. Joseph. We raised over **\$600.00**, which will go to our general maintenance fund for the parish. Many items were donated for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen. Thank you for your generosity.

I also want to thank the **Piave Club, Guild 16** for donating the new ice machine for our kitchen. We thank them for their generosity.

May God grant you a blessed Holy Week!

Fr. Kitsmiller

Associate Administrator

Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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
Tues., 3/27	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Caterina Tiberi by Arthur Shantz, Jr.
Sat., 3/31	8:00 p.m.	Antonio Frissora by Irene Solazzo
Sun., 4/1	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Masdea by Tony Caradonna & Luisa Stefanelli
Mon., 4/2	5:30 p.m.	Leo Guglielmi by Celeste & Larry Gugliemi

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Billy Galilei
by Betty J. Priest

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 3/25	11:00 a.m.	LeDonne Group Meeting (Marrapese)
Mon., 3/26	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
		Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival (Marrapese or Sala Hall)
Tues., 3/27	1:00 p.m.	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary and Intentions – 12:30 p.m., Mass at 1:00 p.m. (Chapel)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, March 25, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Ed Pagnanelli, Adolfo Gastaldo, John Snoad & Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli & Claudio Pasian
Friday, March 30, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday	
Lectors:	Bob Contino & John Snoad
Eucharistic Minister:	Marge Contino
Saturday, March 31, 2018 – 8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil	
Lectors:	Ed Pagnanelli & Gabe Bishop
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pete Tamburro & Ed Pagnanelli
Sunday, April 1, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. – Easter	
Lectors:	Ed Pagnanelli & Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Antonio D'Alberto, Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Judy Pishitelli & Margaret Panico-Harn

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

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 25 Gary Bosco
April 1 Vincent Davis

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

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

March 26 – Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

March 27 – Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

March 28 – Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

March 29 – Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

March 30 – Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

March 31 – Holy Saturday
Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14
Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/
Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

April 1 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7/Lk 24:13-35

***Pray for our Priest and seminarians**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

March 18, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 50

In Envelopes: \$2,320.00 Loose Money \$611.00

Regular Collection	\$ 2,931.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (175.86)
	\$ 2,755.14
Votives	\$ 51.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 25.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 20.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 42.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 500.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
	\$ 658.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,931.00	\$ 46.00	+2%
FYTD:	\$109,630.00	\$102,642.22	-\$ (6,987.78)	-6%

SJB Collection Counters

for Monday, March 26, 2018

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, & Darlene Rauch

SJB Collection Counters

for Monday, April 2, 2018

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin, & Tom Elliott



Office Hours: The Parish Office will be closed on **Good Friday, March 30, 2018**. Office hours will resume **Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

EASTER TRIDUUM

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

Thank-You's For St. Joseph Breakfast: We especially appreciate, **Vince Millitello**, Chef **Bob Glick**, **Vince Catalona**; Cooks – Piave Club Members: **John Contino**, **Dale Romick**, **Ken Lucchin**, **Rick Brunetto**; Volunteers: **Margaret Panico-Harn**, **Darlene Rauch**, **Maria Lucchin**, **Chuck & Maruja Paule**. Thank You to **Everyone** bringing sweets for the St. Joseph Table and items for **Holy Family Soup Kitchen**. We truly appreciate your efforts.

Special Thank You to Guild #16!: Due to their scrumptious bake sales every six months, these ladies baked up over **\$2,000.00** presenting the church with a new **ICE MACHINE**. We are grateful for our baking ladies!

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 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 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 AT ST. JOHN'S

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, **11:00 a.m., 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: 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**.