

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Lord is risen, Alleluia! Truly, He is! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This ancient greeting and response of the early Church reflects the joy of Easter morning. It is a day in which we bask in the joy of our Savior's conquering of sin and death. The battle has been won and we are glad for our Savior and for ourselves because we share in His victory! Today is a day for rejoicing! Last week, Holy Week, we recalled and relived Jesus' passion and death from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. This week, the Easter Octave (this Sunday through next Sunday), we treat as one long celebration, rejoicing in the accounts of Jesus' appearances to the disciples. We follow them through their feelings of disbelief and despair to joy and belief in the resurrection. May the joy of the resurrection well up in our hearts and remove all doubt and despair.

I want to remind you of the **Divine Mercy Sunday** celebrations at **Sacred Heart** parish next Sunday afternoon beginning at **1:30**. There is more information in this bulletin.

Also, I want to report that Bishop Campbell has appointed a new Administrator for the Sacred Heart parish. His name is **Fr. Pierre Alballaa, MLM**, and he will assume the duties that have been formerly entrusted to **Fr. Antonio Carvalho** and myself. **Fr. Alballaa** currently has pastoral care of the Maronite Catholic community in Columbus which has been worshipping at St. Andrew's parish. He will continue care of that community as well. This assignment is effective **April 4, 2018**. **Fr. Alballaa** will be residing at the **Sacred Heart** rectory. I will continue my role at **St. John the Baptist** church and our staff will continue to serve both parishes for the foreseeable future. I thank you in advance for patience during this transition.

May God grant you a Blessed Easter!

Fr. Kitsmiller

Associate Administrator

Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sat., 3/31	8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil	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
Sun., 4/8	9:30 a.m.	Joe Cordi by Carole & Angelo Cordi
Mon., 4/9	5:30 p.m.	Clara Zari by Angiolino Appollonio

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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
Sunday, April 8, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Adolfo Gastaldo, Bob Contino
Eucharistic Ministers:	Margaret Panico-Harn, Andrea Myers, Marge Contino, Judy Pishitelli, Pat Rossetti

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

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Pat & Dorothy Denardo
by Amalee Soteriades
Marian Lights: Mary Pishitelli
by Roger & Andrea Myers

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon., 4/2	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Tues., 4/3	7:30 p.m.	Piave Club Meeting (Marrapese Hall)

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****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 **April** are:

- April 1 Vincent Davis
- April 8 Carl Tisone
- April 15 Margaret Contino, OFS
- April 22 Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

- April 1 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/1 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7/Lk 24:13-35
- April 2 – Monday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
- April 3 – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
- April 4 – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
- April 5 – Thursday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
- April 6 – Friday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
- April 7 – Saturday within the Octave of Easter**
Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
- April 8 – Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**
Acts 4:32-25/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

March 25, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 69

In Envelopes: \$2,390.00 Loose Money \$340.00

Regular Collection	\$ 2,730.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (163.80)
	\$ 2,566.20

Votives	\$ 46.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 18.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 125.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
	\$ 199.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,730.00	-\$ (155.00)	-5%
FYTD:	\$112,515.00	\$105,372.22	-\$ (7142.78)	-6%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 2, 2018

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin, & Tom Elliott

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 9, 2018

Nick Perschetti and Tom Elliott

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

CONFIRMATION AT ST. JOHN

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 Today, **April 1, 2018**. Payment can be made day of reception to me once your count is finalized.

Class: Due to **Easter**, there will be no class Today, **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**.

Photographs of our St. John's Parishioners will be displayed in GENOA, ITALY – On **Sunday, April 8th**, after Mass, a photographer from GENOA, ITALY, will be speaking with individuals in our parish and taking portraits to be displayed in an exhibit in our sister city of Genoa. I encourage everyone who would like to speak with him to be prepared to have your portrait taken. This event is part of The Columbus Italian Festival's relationship with **The Greater Sister Cities International**. This group participated in the **The PESTO** competition at The Columbus **2017 Italian Festival**. The photographer is creating a gallery project of his 9 day trip to Columbus, Ohio. The exhibit will return to **The Columbus Italian Festival 2018** on **DVD**. Speak with **Landa** if you need further information at **614-579-1150**.

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **April** is dedicated to **The Holy Spirit**. The entire month falls during the Easter season. The liturgical color is white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of April 2018: You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intention: That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Sunday following Easter is popularly known as Mercy of God Sunday. Between **1930** and **1938**, Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonized on **April 30, 2000**, the Sunday after Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. On Good Friday, **1937**, Jesus requested that Blessed Faustina make a special Novena before the Feast of Mercy, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. Jesus also asked that a picture be painted according to the vision of Himself as the fountain of mercy. He gave her a chaplet to be recited and said that it was appropriate to pray the chaplet at **3:00** each afternoon (the Hour of Great Mercy). **Please consider participating in this devotion at Sacred Heart on April 8, starting at 1:30 p.m.**

Eucharistic Adoration: People who desire to have a personal encounter with the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, at times other than when they receive the Eucharist at Mass, have ample opportunity to do so throughout the Diocese of Columbus during regularly scheduled times of Eucharistic adoration. 70 of the diocese's 105 parishes offer adoration at some point each week throughout the year. Five parishes – Columbus, Immaculate Conception; Gahanna, St. Matthew; Pickerington, St. Elizabeth Seton; Sunbury, St. John Neumann, and Worthington, St. Michael – have adoration chapels open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except when Masses are being celebrated or during the Sacred Triduum from the close of Holy Thursday services until the Easter Vigil. The Eucharist is taken away from tabernacles everywhere during that time to commemorate the period from Jesus' death until his resurrection. . For a complete list of Adoration opportunities, please visit <https://columbuscatholic.org>.

"The heartbeat of the Risen Lord is granted us as a gift, a present, a new horizon."

~ Pope Frances



*"This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:54"*

Catholic Easter Prayer

*Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.
Amen*