

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We welcome back to our offices, **Aggie Howard**, who was on sabbatical since **January**, assisting her son in taking care of her granddaughter. We are glad to have her back. I also want to thank **Arthur Oaden** who graciously filled in for **Aggie** during her absence. We thank him for his dedicated work and wish him the best in his future endeavors. **Arthur** is still a parishioner at Sacred Heart and so he will not be far from us. So we are glad for that.

I want to point out to you that the Diocese of Columbus will be celebrating the **150th anniversary** of its founding. Bishop Campbell will celebrate the anniversary at the **5:15 p.m.** Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, next **Sunday, April 22nd**. The Diocese is the local church of which our parish is a part. In the local church, through the bishop, the universal church is present and tangible. We are connected to the universal Church, founded by our Lord on Peter and the Apostles. We ask the Lord to bless our diocese that we might better signify the body of Christ.

Have a blessed week.
Fr. Kitsmiller
Associate Administrator
St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 4/15	9:30 a.m.	Pietro Stefanelli by Luisa Stefanelli
Mon., 4/16	5:30 p.m.	Leo Guglielmi by Celeste & Larry Guglielmi
Sun., 4/22	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Masdea by Lydia & Romo Camela
Mon., 4/23	5:30 p.m.	Clara Zari by Mafalda Rotolo

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament:	Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone
Marian Lights:	Laura Giammarco Cua by Michael Cua

Requiescat in pace! In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of:

- **Livia Mary B. Harper**, longtime **SJB** parishioner who's Memorial Mass was last week.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, April 15, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto,
Eucharistic Ministers	Sharon D'Alberto, Ed Pagnanelli, & Pete Tamburro, Marge Contino, & Margi Baker
Sunday, April 22, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop & Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Andrea Myers, Antonio D'Alberto, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli & Ed Pagnanelli

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 4/15	11:00 a.m.	Blessed Mother Sodality (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 4/16	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

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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 15** Margaret Contino, OFS
- April 22** Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo
- April 29** Robert Contino, OFS

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

April 15 – Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
April 16 – Easter Weekday Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
April 17 – Easter Weekday Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-25
April 18 – Easter Weekday Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
April 19 – Easter Weekday Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
April 20 – Easter Weekday Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
April 21 – Easter Weekday Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
April 22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

April 8, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 56

In Envelopes: \$2,578.77	Loose Money \$194.00
Regular Collection	\$ 2,772.77
Holy Day	\$ 60.00
Total	\$ 2,832.77
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (169.97)
	\$ 2,662.80
Votives	\$ 66.00
St. Anthony's Bread	\$ 157.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 30.00
	\$ 253.00

\$\$\$? 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	\$ 2,832.77	-\$ (52.23)	-2%
FYTD:	\$118,285.00	\$113,327.99	-\$ (4957.01)	-4%

SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, April 16, 2018

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri & Darlene Rauch

SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, April 23, 2018

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin, & Tom Elliott



Office Hours:

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

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.** (Milano's Italian Restaurant will be catering the event). RSVP should have been turned in by **April 1, 2018.**

Class: Since there are only **4 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. If you have already done so, Grazie! In addition, sponsors are required to write a mentor letter to each student. The letters should have been turned in last **Sunday, April 8th.**

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

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.

Bereavement Ministry: The North High Deanery invites anyone suffering from a loss of a loved one to take part in the Seasons of Hope ministry meetings. Seasons of Hope is a Catholic, Christ-centered support group that includes Scripture, prayer, reflection and sharing. It is offered for **six weeks**, four times per year. The ministry's spring session will meet on six consecutive Sundays, from **April 8 to May 13**, in the parish hall of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Avenue. Registration will take place each week from 1:30-1:55 p.m. Questions may be directed to **Mike Schmidt** at michaeljaesschmidt@yahoo.com or **Michael Julian** at mjulian@columbus.rr.com.

April is Autism Awareness Month: As Catholics, we are called to welcome all persons with disabilities and during the month of April, there is a particular emphasis on persons with Autism, also known as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Autism is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges.

"All persons with disabilities have gifts to contribute to the whole Church. When persons with disabilities are embraced, welcomed and invited to participate fully in all aspects of the parish community life, the Body of Christ is more complete."

~ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Shepherd's Tour: Led by **Father Joshua Wagner**, take this opportunity to tour a variety of artistic, architectural, and spiritual sites to venerate those Bishops who are interred within the Diocese of Columbus! Tour sites include St. Joseph Cathedral; Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Joseph Cemetery; St. Francis De Sales, Newark; Blessed Sacrament, Newark; St. Edward the Confessor, Granville; and The Pontifical College Josephinum. Please visit <http://catholicchurchtour.com/> for more information and to register.

150th Anniversary Celebration Mass: Join Bishop Campbell and the clergy of the Diocese of Columbus in celebrating this important milestone in our Diocese's history on **Sunday, April 22, at 5:15 p.m.** at St. Joseph Cathedral. All members of the Diocese are invited to attend; parking is limited. For more information about 150th Anniversary activities, visit columbuscatholic.org/150th-commemoration.

Statement on Gun Violence: The Catholic Bishops of Ohio issued a statement on gun violence. They call upon Ohio's elected leaders to adopt prudent policies to help curb gun violence in order to promote a culture of life. To read the statement, visit www.ohiocathconf.org/News/ohio-bishops-issue-statement-on-gun-violence.

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

~ Pope John Paul II



"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

~ Luke 24:35-48

Prayer

*Your Word reveals to us a simple truth,
that sin entered this world through human folly
in believing we could be like You,
and permeated history through envy,
selfishness and greed.
Yet sin, which holds us tight within its grasp
cannot resist a heart that is touched by Your grace through Jesus
Christ,
cannot contend with Living Water pouring into hearts and souls.
Your Word reveals to us a simple truth,
that sin is defeated
and we can become the people we were always meant to be,
by Your grace through Jesus Christ.*