

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to finally inform you about the results of the 2017 Columbus Italian Festival. I apologize for it taking so long to get to you. I take responsibility for the delay. Actual proceeds from the Festival netted \$94,502.39. This figure is down from the 2016 Festival in which the parish netted \$136,313.31. Much of this decline in numbers can be attributed to a somewhat rainy Friday night, a slow Saturday afternoon, possibly due to an OSU football game, and to the rain that came all Sunday afternoon. Nevertheless, when it wasn't raining, we had a very good turnout. When considering these numbers for both 2016 and 2017, we should be aware of the administrative and operating costs of setting up the Festival, the maintenance during the Festival and tear-down of the Festival. These costs, which need to be subtracted from the overall net figure, are borne by paid personnel and come to approximately \$24,000.00. This is a necessary expense that may not have been there in the past because these tasks were done by volunteers. It seems to be an important service, however, that helps make our Festival a success and run more smoothly. So it is a factor that we should rely on in the future. This, of course, does not discount the many volunteers that we need to make the Festival run. Without all of you, the Festival would not happen at all. I particularly want to acknowledge and thank our board members and the committee members who work hard all year to make sure the Festival happens.

We also made some investments that helped improve our Festival. A one-time investment of \$3,500.00 enhanced our Festival website. Additionally, our new five-year contract with the tent company was increased but this also included a larger, much nicer tent with few interior poles. The price will also remain the same for the next four Festivals. An additional cost for the Festival that we did not expect was a \$5,000.00 increase in our insurance, a necessary requirement these days.

There were many highlights from this year's Festival and I want to share some with you. We had invited students from the Italian language class from Bishop Watterson High School to be part of our Festival. They showed off some of their language skills, especially by their stories of Italian saints which were displayed in our church. Another great success for the 2017 Festival was our partnership with the Greater Columbus Sister Cities International, as we hosted the inaugural Columbus Pesto Championship, with the winner attending the Genoa Pesto World Championship. Overall, I believe that we had a very good Festival and have a lot to be proud of. It is not only a way for the parish to celebrate the Italian culture and heritage but also a way to display our Catholic faith. These are important aspects to keep in mind when considering the success of our Festival. I want to thank everyone who helped make the 2017 Festival a success. Now let us look forward to the 2018 Festival!

In the coming weeks and months, I also hope to get to you an overall financial report for the parish. I thank you for your generosity!

God bless you all!

**Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator**

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 4/29	9:30 a.m.	Laura Giammarco Cua by Michael Cua
Mon., 4/30	5:30 pm	Viola DelGreco by Sos & Lee Ann Codispoti
Sun., 5/6	9:30 am	Ann Contino-Prosser by Robert Contino
Mon., 5/7	5:30 pm	Clara Zari by Tina Tarantelli

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 4/29	11:00 a.m.	LeDonne Group Meeting (Marrapese)
Mon., 4/30	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
	6:30 p.m.	Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival
Tues., 5/1	7:00 p.m.	Piave Club Meeting (Marrapese)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, April 29, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Nick D'Alberto & Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Ministers	Pete Tamburro, Pat Rossetti, Sharon D'Alberto, Marge Contino & Ed Pagnanelli
Sunday, May 6, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Bob Contino, John Snoad
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sharon D'Alberto, Andrea Myers, Marge Contino, Leslie Pasian, Pete Tamburro

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

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings**April 29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

April 30 – Easter Weekday

Saint Pius V, Pope

Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

May 1 – Easter Weekday

Saint Joseph the Worker

Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a or, for the Memorial,

Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58

**May 2 – Saint Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

May 3 – Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

May 4 – Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31/ Jn 15:12-17

May 5 – Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

May 6 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

***Pray for our Priest and seminarians**

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Ladies of the LeDonne
Past & Present
by The LeDonne Club

Blessed Sacrament: George Paesano
by Blessed Mother Sodality

**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.**

**James (Jim) Grossman: Mill Run Gardens Care Center
Hilliard, Ohio**

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 and May are:

- April 22 Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo
- April 29 Robert Contino, OFS
- May 6 Gary Bosco
- May 13 Claudio Pasion

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

April 22, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 58

In Envelopes: \$3,025.00 Loose Money \$98.00

Regular Collection	\$ 3,123.00
Holy Day	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 3,148.00

Less Diocesan 6% Assessment \$ (188.88)
\$ 2,959.12

Votives	\$ 49.75
Central Eastern Europe	\$ 10.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
	\$ 69.75

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 3,148.00	\$ 263.00	-9%
FYTD:	\$124,055.00	\$119,205.99	-\$ (4,849.01)	-4%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 30, 2018

Gus Gastaldo & Nick Pershetti

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 7, 2018

Gus Gastaldo & Nick Pershetti



Office Hours:

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

BAA Announcement: "Sharing His Love, Encouraging Hope," the theme of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal, inspires us, as people of Faith, to share the love that God has for us, which can often bring hope to those who might not have felt His love. Works of kindness and help, in sometimes the smallest way, can bring about a profound change in a person's life. Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we have an opportunity to bring about a positive change in the lives of many of God's people. Through your generosity, you are supporting the various ministries and programs that are so vital in spreading His love. Next week is commitment Weekend for the Appeal, at which time you can make your gift or pledge. Our parish has been asked to raise **\$17,785.49**. We can accomplish this if, after prayerful consideration, everyone gives what they can. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to be used for our particular needs.

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

Class: Since there are only **2 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 on **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

Catholic Night with the Clippers: Join us in celebrating Catholic Night with the Columbus Clippers on **May 16**, when the Columbus Clippers take on the Gwinnet Stripers. Family tickets for 2 adults and 4 youth are \$25.00 for reserved or \$15.00 for bleacher seating. Kids eat free! First pitch is at 6:35 p.m. Tickets can be ordered by **calling 614-462-2757** or at www.clippersbaseball.com – Be sure to mention Catholic Family Night!



I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.
John 15:5

Prayer

Dear Lord,
I lay before You my tiredness and ask for new energy.
I lay before You my frustration and ask for more patience.
I lay before You my resentment and ask for peace.
I lay before You my judgement and ask for inspired understanding.
I lay before You my anger and long to be forgiving.
Please help me, dear Lord.
Amen