

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday, we are privileged to have Bishop Campbell with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Under the direction of **Deacon Felix Azzola, John Contino** began organizing our catechetical program in 2015. Our current class has been together since the end of 2016 preparing for this day. **John Contino** has organized the classes and **Vince DePaoli** has been the lead teacher for our students. I particularly want to thank them for their efforts and desire to catechize the young people of our parish. I want to thank **Bob Contino** also for substituting on several occasions. I want to thank the parents of the students for their support and desire to see their children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish. I want to thank everyone who made this day special, from those who have helped prepare the reception to those who have cleaned the church. May God bless our **Confirmandi!**

I want to thank **Maruje Paule, Andrea** and **Roger Myers** and **Rosemary Colak** for cleaning the church this past week. They have made it sparkle for our special celebration of Confirmation and our worship of the Lord.

Last weekend, we began the **Bishop's Annual Appeal**. The theme of this year's Appeal is "Sharing His Love, Encouraging Hope." We amplify this message of God's love and concern for the people of our diocese by our love and concern. The **BAA** is a practical way for us to do this. **BAA** dollars supplement the diocesan budget and its important work of spiritual and pastoral programs, charity, and religious education, among other things. Our parish has been asked to raise **\$17,785.49** which I think is very doable. To date, we have pledged **\$2,900.00**. This is a good start but we still have a ways to go. So I encourage you to send in your pledge. Monies raised above the parish goal will come back to us. This money will be used for the repaving of our parking lot. Again, I thank you for your generosity. May God reward you!

God bless you all!
Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 5/13	9:30 a.m.	Annabelle Clifford by Patty Clifford
Mon., 5/14	5:30 p.m.	Antonio Frissora by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Chadwick
Sun., 5/20	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Masdea by Donna Veri
Mon., 5/21	5:30 p.m.	Joe Cordi by Family & Friends

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:	
Marian Lights:	Annabelle Clifford by Patty Clifford
Blessed Sacrament:	Virginia & Dominick Finissi by Norma Jean & Bill Finissi, Sr.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday	May 13, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop & Ed Pagnanelli
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Marge Contino, Judy Pishitelli & Margaret Panico-Harn
Sunday	May 20, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
Lectors:	Adolfo Gastaldo, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Margi Baker, Ed Pagnanelli, Pete Tamburro, Antonio D'Alberto, & Claudio Pasion

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 5/13	No Meeting	Altar Guild (Next Meeting, June 10th)
Mon., 5/14	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

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 **May** are:

May 13	Claudio Pasion
May 20	Leslie Malek-Pasion
May 27	Vincent Davis

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

May 13 – The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mk 16:15-20
May 14 – Saint Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17/Jn 15:19-17
May 15 – Easter Weekday Saint Isidore Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
May 16 – Easter Weekday Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
May 17 – Easter Weekday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
May 18 – Easter Weekday Saint John I, Pope and Martyr Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
May 19 – Easter Weekday Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
May 20 – Pentecost Sunday Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 31:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

May 6, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 49

In Envelopes: \$2,046.81 Loose Money: \$92.00

Regular Collection	\$ 2,138.81
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	-\$ (128.33)
	\$ 2,010.48
Votives	\$ 38.00
Grounds Beautification	\$ 65.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 89.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 70.00
	\$ 262.00

\$\$\$ HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? \$\$\$**Budgeted Offortory for Fiscal Year (7/1/17-6/30/18)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,138.81	-\$ (746.19)	-26%
FYTD:	\$ 129,825.00	\$ 123,659.80	-\$ (6,165.20)	-5%

SJB Collection Counters for**Monday, May 14, 2018**

Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin, & Mary Spellacy

SJB Collection Counters for**Monday, May 21, 2018**

Darlene Rauch, Maruja Paule & Donna Veri

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

Save the Dates for Italian Festival Meetings: Upcoming meetings:
May 29, 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting, **7:00 p.m.** General Meeting; **June 25, 6:30 p.m.** Board Meeting; **July 30th, 6:30 p.m.** Board Meeting; **August 27th, 5:30 p.m.** Board Meeting, **7:00 p.m.** General Meeting; **September 24th, 5:30 p.m.** Board Meeting, **7:00 p.m.** General Meeting.

BAA Announcement: Your gift to the **2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal** is vital to the success of this diocesan-wide campaign. We are off to a good start toward our parish goal of **\$17,785.49**. Thank you to all those families who have made a gift or pledge. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift will help to continue the vital work of the various ministries and services that reach so many in need. Please pray to the success of the Appeal and remember no amount of giving is too small.

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.** 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 for the students and their families.)

AROUND US

Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of May 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 the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.*

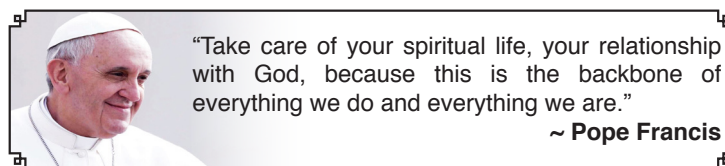
Liturgical Calendar: The month of **May** is dedicated to **The Blessed Virgin Mary**. The first **20** days fall within the liturgical season of **Easter**, which is represented by the liturgical color white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remainder of the month (beginning the Monday after Pentecost) is in **Ordinary Time** which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of Heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

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!

St. Vincent Family Center invites aspiring foster parents to a meeting: Columbus St. Vincent Family Center has an urgent need for foster parents. An informational meeting and open house for potential foster parents will be held at 6:30 p.m. **Thursday, May 24** at the center, 1490 E. Main Street. May is National Foster Care Month and St. Vincent Family Center is using the annual observance to raise awareness about the demand for foster parents throughout Franklin County.

Summer Parish Festivals: It is that wonderful time of year! The weather is warmer, and the sun is shining (sort of!). Consider spending some time celebrating local Catholic communities by attending a Local Parish Festival! The food will be delicious and the company divine!! Visit www.columbuscatholic.org for a link to the complete listing of area festivals.

Priests' Jubilee: On **Wednesday, May 30, at 11:00 a.m.** at St. Joseph Cathedral, priests of the Diocese are invited to join Bishop Campbell in celebration of milestone anniversaries of ordination to the priesthood. Our celebration will begin with Daytime Prayer in the Cathedral, followed by a luncheon in the Undercroft of the Cathedral. This year, eight priests will be marking significant anniversaries. Please respond regarding your intention to attend by **May 16** to help us plan for the luncheon: **614-224-2251** or jgreer@columbuscatholic.org.



May she who gave you birth be joyful.
 ~ Proverbs 23:25

Mother's Day Prayer:

God of Love, listen to this prayer. God of Holy People, of Sarah, Ruth, and Rebekah; God of Holy Elizabeth, mother of John; of Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus, bend down Your ear to this request and bless the mother of our family. Bless her with the strength of Your spirit, she who has taught her children how to stand and walk. Bless her with the melody of Your love, she who has shared how to speak, how to sing and how to pray to You. Bless her with a place at Your eternal dinner table, she who has fed and nurtured the life that was formed within her while still helpless but embraced in her love. Bless her today, now, in this lifetime, with good things, with health. Bless her with joy, love, laughter, and pride in her child/children and surround her with many good friends. May she who carried life in her womb be carried one day to Your divine embrace: there, for all eternity, to rejoice with her family and friends. This blessing and all grace, we pray, descend upon the mother of our family: in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen