

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we kick off the **2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)**. This year's theme is *Sharing His Love, Encouraging Hope*. It is a reminder that as individuals and the people of God, we amplify the message of God's love and concern for all people and thereby give hope to those in need, especially those in our own community. Like Mary, who proclaimed "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior," (Lk 1:46-47) we also magnify God's love by showing it to others in our generosity and concern. The **BAA** is a practical way for us to do this very thing. The **BAA** supplements the diocesan budget, particularly the areas of seminarian education, training for the diaconate, the Social Concerns department of the diocese, religious education and marital preparation programs. This is an annual appeal to all the parishes of the diocese. Our parish has a goal of **\$17,785.49**. This is roughly \$80.00 per family. Many of us can give more than that, however. I encourage you to prayerfully consider what your gift can be. To reach our parish goal, it is necessary for us to have as much participation as possible. Every gift, no matter the amount, is appreciated. Additionally, if we exceed our parish goal that money is returned to our parish in full. In other words, it is not assessed by the diocese as our offertory money is. The additional money will be earmarked for the repaving of our parking lot.

Please remember that we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next week for **eleven** of our young people. **Bishop Campbell** will be coming to confirm our **2018** class. There will be a reception afterward. Please see the bulletin for more details. I ask that you keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers this week.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

God bless you all!

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry LaVecchia
by Irene Solazzo & Family

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon., 5/7	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
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2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

May 6 – Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 **Jn** 4:7-10/**Jn** 15:9-17

May 7 – Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11-15/**Jn** 15:26-16:4a

May 8 – Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22-34/**Jn** 16:5-11

May 9 – Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/**Jn** 16:12-15

May 10 – Easter Weekday
Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest
Acts 18:1-8/**Jn** 16:16-20

May 11 – Easter Weekday
Acts 18:9-18/**Jn** 16:20-23

May 12 – Easter Weekday
Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs:
Saint Pancras, Martyr
Acts 18:23-28/**Jn** 16:23b-28

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

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 5/6	9:30 a.m.	Ann Contino-Prosser by Robert Contino
Mon., 5/7	5:30 p.m.	Clara Zari by Tina Tarantelli
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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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
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

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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

April 29, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 48

In Envelopes:	\$1,745.00	Loose Money	\$570.00
Regular Collection			\$ 2,315.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment			\$ (138.90)
			\$ 2,176.10
Votives			\$ 29.00
Central Eastern Europe			\$ 60.00
St. Anthony Bread			\$ 5.00
50/50 Drawing			\$ 10.00
			\$ 104.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2315.00	-\$ 570.00	-20%
FYTD:	\$126,940.00	\$121,520.99	-\$ 5,419.01	-4%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 7, 2018

Gus Gastaldo & Nick Perschetti

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 14, 2018

Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin, & Mary Spellacy

**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 **May** are:

May 6 Gary Bosco
May 13 Claudio Pasian
May 20 Leslie Malek-Pasian
May 27 Vincent Davis

Office Hours:

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

BAA Announcement: This week is the start of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The theme of the Appeal, **Sharing His Love, Encouraging Hope,** reminds us to spread His love by responding to the needs of others. The Appeal makes possible the many good works that are facilitated by the Office of Social Concerns, the Office of Marriage and Family Life, and contributes to the education of our future priests and deacons, as well as the education of our young people in their faith. These are just a few examples of the many ministries and programs supported by your gift to the Appeal. Together, we can bring hope that can change lives.

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 is only **1 class** remaining before Confirmation, I am requesting everyone make an extra effort to make the remaining class.

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

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.

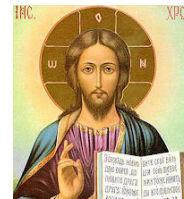
Catholic Night with the Clippers: Join us in celebrating Catholic Night with the Columbus Clippers on **May 16**, when the Columbus Clippers take on the Gwinnet Stripers. Family tickets for **2 adults** and **4 youth** are **\$25.00** for reserved or **\$15.00** for bleacher seating. Kids eat free! First 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!

Gathering the Stories, Shaping the Vision, Embracing the Mission: The Diocese of Columbus Association of Faith Formation Leaders presents: **Stories of Our Faith.** These stories help to shape the Catholic vision we live by. And the stories of the lives of people we serve enable us to proclaim what is the Good News of faith for them. We will explore the stories, renew our Catholic vision and recommit to evangelizing God's people; featuring Carole Eipers, an international leader in catechesis. Please consider attending: **St. Paul the Apostle: 313 North State Street, Westerville, Ohio 43082. May 17, 2018: 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Cost **\$15.00 Members, \$20.00 Non-Members.**

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.**

"Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the Word of God. Make my heart open to the goodness. Make my heart open to the beauty of God every day."

~ Pope Francis



This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.
John 15:12

Prayer

*I long to change the world, but rarely appreciate things as they are.
I know how to give, but I don't always know how to be still.
I talk, but I don't often listen. I look, but I don't often see.
I yearn to succeed, but I often forget what is truly important.
Teach me God, to slow down.
May my resting revive me.
May it lead me to wisdom, to holiness, to peace, and to You.
Amen*