

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank everyone who made our celebrations in honor of **St. Anthony** so special last week. It was a wonderful day. The band sounded great, the food was delicious, the decorations were beautiful and the procession was inspiring. I appreciate all those who helped with the planning and preparations, especially **Irene Solazzo**.

I want to call everyone's attention to an online Catholic catechetical service called **FORMED.org**. Through the generous donation of a parishioner, I have been able to sign our parish up for a one year subscription. All you have to do is visit <https://sjbitaliana.formed.org>. Find the "Register Now" link and fill out the information on the screen to register. You will access to thousands of online Catholic videos, audios and eBooks. You can view them On Demand anytime, anywhere. This resource is free of charge in order to help our parishioners learn and grow in their faith. You will also be able to easily access any featured content that we are promoting within our parish from time to time. I hope you take advantage of this resource. Also, once you have signed up, don't forget to download the free iOS or Android app to put FORMED at your fingertips. I hope you enjoy this gift and please spread the word to others.

Happy Father's Day to all of our Dads. May God bless them in their vocation.

**Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator**

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 6/17	9:30 a.m.	Daniel Spellacy by Mary Spellacy and Family
Mon. 6/18	5:30 p.m.	Antonio Frissora By Mr. & Mrs. Guido Covelli
Sun. 6/24	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Masdea by Family
Mon. 6/25	5:30 p.m.	Joe Cordi by Family & Friends

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Virginia & Dominick Finissi
by Norma Jean & Bill Finissi, Sr.
Blessed Sacrament: Charlie Agriesti
by Bonnie Agriesti

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 6/17	11:00 a.m.	Blessed Mother Sodality Meeting (Marrapese Hall)
Mon. 6/18	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday	June 17, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.
Lectors:	John Snoch, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers	Claudio Pasian, Andrea Myers, Margi Baker, Margaret Panico-Harn, & Sharon D'Alberto
Sunday	June 24, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
Lectors:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Leslie Pasian, Pat Rossetti, Sharon D'Alberto, Judy Pishitelli, Pete Tamburro

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. Pray for Sean McCreary, son of Samuel and Linda McCreary and Diamond Boggs, sister of Linda McCreary.**

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 **June** and **July** are:

June 17	Margaret Contino, OFS
June 24	Carl Tisone
July 1	Gary Bosco
July 8	Vincent Davis

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

June 17 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 17:22-24 2/Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

June 18 – Weekday
1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42

June 19 – Weekday
Saint Romuald, Abbot
1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48

June 20 – Weekday
2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

June 21 – Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15

June 22 – Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs
2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23

June 23 – Weekday
2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34

June 24 – The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
Vigil: Jer 1:4-10 1/Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

June 10, 2018
Number of Envelopes Used – 62
In Envelopes: \$2,430.00 Loose Money: \$414.00

Regular Collection	\$ 2,844.00
Total	\$ 2844.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	(\$ 170.64)
	\$ 2,673.36
Votives	\$ 48.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 135.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 20.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
	\$ 223.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,844.00	(\$ 41.00)	-1%
FYTD:	\$144,250.00	\$137,778.37	(\$ 6,471.63)	-4%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, June 18, 2018

Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin & Mary Spellacy

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, June 25, 2018

Gus Gastaldo & Nick Perschetti



Office Hours:

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

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We are happy to report that the good people of this parish are answering the call in support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This is most encouraging but we have a long way to go to realize **100%** participation from our parishes. This year, our parish goal is **\$17,785.49**, and any amount generated over that goal will be returned to our parish. As of **June 10, 2018**, we have received **\$10,885.00** towards our goal. No gift is too small.

The celebration of St. Anthony of Padua: A great big thank-you to all who participated in our annual celebration of **St. Anthony**. A special thanks to **Joe Pingue**, who provided the **Rick Brunetto Band**; to **Reno Volpe** of **Reno's Floral and Gifts** for donating the flowers; and to all the ladies who baked: **Maria Capoccia, Angela Caradonna, Fiorenza Frissora, Betty Jo LaPenna, Louise Masdea, Maruja Paule, Caterina Sestito, Lisa Solazzo, Mary Spellacy, Erica Trost** and **Bambina Ventresca**. Also, many thanks to all who helped in making the event so beautiful, **Leslie Malek-Pasian** and **Mike Cua – flowers**; the **Knights of Columbus**, who always add a special touch; **Gina Bishop** and **John Huffman – music**; the Readers; the Ushers; **Patty Weimer** and **Mark Agriesti – coffee**; and **Fr. Kitsmiller** for officiating.
Mille Grazie!

2018 Marrapese/Denardo Scholarship Reception: The Marrapese/Denardo Scholarship Awards will be presented to the recipients at Mass. We are in need of cookies for the Scholarship Reception, which will be held on feast of **St. John the Baptist, Sunday, June 24, 2018**, and are asking parishioners if they could bring the cookies in before Mass in celebration of the recipients on their awards.

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

AROUND US

Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of June 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 social networks may work towards that inclusiveness, which respects others for their differences.**

Liturgical Calendar: The month of June is dedicated to **The Sacred Heart of Jesus**. This month falls within the liturgical season of **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. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for reward.

The Franciscans Friars at Our Lady of Consolation Shrine: **Carey, Ohio**, invite you to attend Mass on **June 30, at 5:30 p.m.**, and/or **July 1, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon**. **Fr. Jim Sichko** will be the Celebrant. **Fr. Jim** will be sharing his reflections on "Consolation." Join us also at **2:30 p.m.** for Devotions and outdoor Rosary procession. All are welcome!

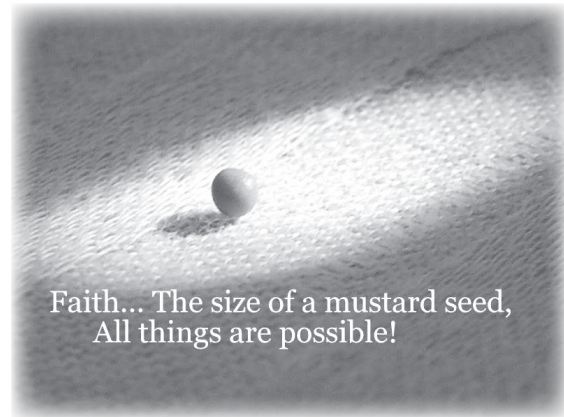
JOIN Mass (Joint Organization for Inner-city needs): This Mass is for friends, benefactors, and volunteers of JOIN. It will be held on **Monday, June 25, 2018, 5:15 p.m.**, at **St. Joseph Cathedral**. For more information, contact **JOIN** at **614-241-2530**.

Peter's Pence Collection/Holy Father's Collection: During the Masses of **June 23 and 24**, we will take the up Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Mass and Holy Hour for Religious Freedom – June 27: As part of the national Religious Freedom Week, a Mass and Holy Hour for Religious Freedom will be celebrated Wednesday, **June 27, 2018, 5:15 p.m.**, Saint Joseph Cathedral. Holy Hour will include the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction. All are welcome. Priests present are invited to concelebrate, and deacons are invited to vest. For more information, contact Social Concerns at **614-241-2540** or socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org. Elevator access to the Cathedral is available via the west entrance (in the courtyard) from East Broad Street. For more information about religious freedom issues, visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty.

"Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey."

~ Pope Francis



Faith... The size of a mustard seed,
All things are possible!

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."
Mark 4:26-34

Prayer

*God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.
Amen.*