

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Feast Day! Today, we celebrate **St. John the Baptist's** birthday and the patron saint of our church. **St. John**, along with the birthdays of the **Blessed Mother (September 8)** and **Jesus (December 25)**, is celebrated in our liturgical calendar. This is because of his pivotal role in salvation history. **John the Baptist** prepared the way for **Jesus** by proclaiming Him the messiah, **God's** anointed, and by preaching repentance. **John**, also, is the bridge between the old covenant and the new covenant in **Christ**, the fulfiller of all covenants. When John was told by his disciples, that people were going over to Jesus and following Him, he responded by saying "He (Jesus) must increase and I must decrease" (**Jn 3:30**). As we remember the many individuals who have gone through the doors of St. John the Baptist church, let us thank God for the humble witness of their faith and how they have prepared the way of the Lord for us. May our lives help path the way of the Lord for future generations.

Congratulations to the **Marrapese/Denardo Scholarship** winners and also the winners of the **Piave Club's** scholarships! We pray that God may bless them in their college years.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 6/24	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Masdea by Family
Mon., 6/25	5:30 p.m.	Joe Cordi by Family & Friends
Tues., 6/26	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Cesidio Capoccia by Maria Capoccia & Family
Sun., 7/1	9:30 a.m.	Cesidio Capoccia by Maria Capoccia & Family
Mon., 7/2	5:30 p.m.	Rosina Pingue by Joseph Pingue

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Nicola Damopoulos
by Chris Soteriades
Blessed Sacrament: Good Health Carmine Menduni
by Chris Soteriades

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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
Sunday, July 1, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Ed Pagnanelli, John Snoad
Eucharistic Ministers:	Bob Contino, Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Judy Pishitelli, & Sharon D'Alberto

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., 6/24	11:00 a.m.	LeDonne Group Meeting (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 6/25	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom) Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival Board Meeting
Tues., 6/26	1:00 p.m.	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary and Intentions – 12:30 p.m. Mass at 1:00 p.m. (Chapel)

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 24	Carl Tisone
July 1	Gary Bosco
July 8	Vincent Davis
July 15	Leslie Malek-Pasian

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

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

June 25 – Weekday (Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time)

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5

June 26 – Weekday

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14

June 27 – Weekday

Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of The Church

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20

June 28 – Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29

June 29 – Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles

Vigil: Acts 3:1-20/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

June 30 – Weekday

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17

July 1 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/

Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

Save the Dates for Italian Festival Meetings: Upcoming meetings: 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.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

June 17, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 51

In Envelopes: \$3,155.00	Loose Money \$ 164.00
Regular Collection	\$ 3,319.00
Total	\$ 3,319.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (199.14)
	\$ 3,119.86
Votives	\$ 48.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 62.00
	\$ 110.00

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	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 3,319.00	\$ 434.00	15%
FYTD:	\$147,135.00	\$141,097.37	-\$ (6,037.63)	4%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, June 25, 2018

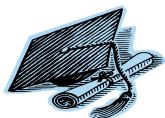
Gus Gastaldo & Nick Perschetti

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, July 2, 2018

Maruja Paule & Darlene Rauch

**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 17, 2018**, we have received **\$12,685.00** towards our goal. No gift is too small.



Congratulations to the winners of the **Father Casto Marrapese Scholarships** and the **Pat Denardo Scholarship**. The winners will receive their certificates at the **9:30 a.m. Mass** today. The

winners of the **Marrapese Scholarships** are: **Joshua Robert Conturo, Anthony Thomas Cua, Anna Victoria D'Andrea, Nicholas Anthony DePalma, Stephen Michael Julian, Elizabeth Ann Kirn, Talia A. Kreuzer, Camille M. Lanese, Delaney Rose Lombardi, and Giacomo Salvatore Melaragno**. The winner of the **Denardo Scholarship** is **Carmen Gabriella Gioffe**. There will be a small reception after Mass.

AROUND US

The Franciscan Friars at Our Lady of Consolation Shrine: Carey, Ohio, invite you to attend Mass on **June 30th 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**.

Today is the Feast Day of John the Baptist: John the Baptist was a contemporary of **Christ**, who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of **Jesus Christ**. **John the Baptist** was born through the intercession of God to **Zachariah** and **Elizabeth**, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the **Angel Gabriel** visited **Elizabeth** and **Zachariah** to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him **John**. **Zachariah** was skeptical and for this, he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named **John**, in fulfillment of God's will. When **Elizabeth** was pregnant with John, she was visited by **Mary**, and **John** leapt in her womb. This revealed to **Elizabeth** that the child **Mary** carried was to be the Son of God. **John** began public ministry around **30 AD** and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of **Judaea** and around the **Jordan River**. When **Jesus** came to him to be baptized, **John** recognized Him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you." **Jesus** told **John** to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "**This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**"

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.

Bereavement Ministry Offers Summer Session: The Season of Hope Bereavement Ministry, offers help to anyone suffering from a loss of a loved one. This program is a Catholic, Christ-centered support group that includes scripture, prayer, reflection and sharing. The summer session starts on **Sunday, June 24**, with the first of six meetings on consecutive **Sundays** at Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center; 64 W. Lane Avenue. Registration each week is from **1:30-1:55 p.m.**, followed by the group meeting from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** Questions, please contact **Karen Droll** at ksdroll@gmail.com or **Michael Julian** at mjulian@columbusrr.com.



"The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel."

Luke 1:80**Prayer**

O God, You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ. Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation. Grant that as St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life. Amen.