

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known by its Latin title Corpus Christi. In this liturgical celebration, the Church asks us to focus especially on our belief that Christ is truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity in the Blessed Sacrament, the consecrated bread and wine that we receive at Mass. This is an essential article of our Catholic faith that we all must assent to. We do this very thing when we say "Amen" before receiving the Blessed Sacrament. "Amen" is that Hebrew word that means "so be it" or "truly." We say this with sincerity when we receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for we truly believe that Jesus, body, soul and divinity is present in the sacred host. This is a necessary belief for all who profess to be Catholic. For adults who come into the Church, this is the final step of their initiation as Catholics. Before this step is taken, RCIA candidates spend months in careful preparation, prayer, and study. And only after they accept and profess the Catholic faith are they admitted to Holy Communion. This is a great witness for us "cradle Catholics," who have received the Eucharist from the time we were children. We sometimes forget the awesome gift that we are receiving when we come to Mass and receive the Body of Christ. Before we receive Holy Communion, we say those words "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed." When we say these we are echoing the words of the **Roman Centurion** in **Matthew 8:5-13** who asked Jesus to heal his sick servant. Jesus is willing to go to the sick servant, but the Centurion with profound faith and respect for Jesus says "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my servant shall be healed." Jesus responds by saying "truly, not even in Israel, have I found such faith." This is the faith and respect that we are to have when we approach for Holy Communion. For we are receiving the Risen One who forgives, heals and gives us eternal life. Let us all strive for that profound faith and reverence for the Eucharist.

Please remember that next **Sunday**, we are beginning **Mass at 10:30 a.m.** This is preceded by a procession around the Church beginning at approximately **10:15** in honor of **St. Anthony of Padua**. Following Mass, we have the blessing of the bread and a reception. **We return to our normal 9:30 time the following week.**

Have a blessed week!
Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 6/3	9:30 a.m.	Maria Stefanelli by Luisa Stefanelli
Mon., 6/4	5:30 p.m.	Piave Club Memorial Mass by The Piave Club
Sun., 6/10	10:30 a.m.	Tony Solazzo by Irene Solazzo
Mon., 6/11	5:30 p.m.	Bruno Masdea by Sos & Lee Ann Codispoti

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo
by Mr. & Mrs. Howie & Debra Marotto

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon., 6/4	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Tues., 6/5	7:30 p.m.	Piave Club Meeting (Marrapese)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, June 3, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Bob Contino, Ed Pagnanelli
Eucharistic Ministers	Marge Contino, Pat Rossetti, Margaret Panico-Harn, Pete Tamburro & Claudio Pasion
Sunday, June 10, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop, Adolfo Gastaldo
Eucharistic Ministers:	Antonio D'Alberto, Andrea Myers, Leslie Pasion, Judy Pishitelli & Ed Pagnanelli

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

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****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

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** are:

June 3 Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo
June 10 Robert Contino, OFS
June 17 Margaret Contino, OFS
June 24 Carl Tisone

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

June 3 – The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

June 4 – Weekday (Ninth Week in Ordinary Time)

2 Pt 1:2-7/Mk 12:1-12

June 5 – Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17

June 6 – Weekday

Saint Norbert, Bishop

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27

June 7 – Weekday

2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34

June 8 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

June 9 – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Tm 4:1-8/Lk 2:41-51

June 10 – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

Gn 3:9-15/2 Cor 4:13-5:1/Mk 3:20-35

***Pray for our Priest and seminarians**

2018 Marrapese/Denardo Scholarship Reception: 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 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

May 27, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 34

In Envelopes: \$1,205.00 Loose Money \$131.50

Regular Collection	\$ 1336.50
Holy Day	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 1,346.50
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (80.79)
	\$ 1,265.71

Votives	\$ 39.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 10.00
Grounds Beautification	\$ 15.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 30.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
	\$ 114.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (07/01/17 – 06/30/18)


	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 1,346.50	\$(1,538.50)	-53%
FYTD:	\$138,480.00	\$131,717.37	\$(6,762.63)	-5%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, June 4, 2018

Nick Perschetti & Gus Gastaldo

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, June 11, 2018

Maruja Paule, & Darlene Rauch



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

Annual celebration of St. Anthony of Padua: Our annual celebration for St. Anthony of Padua will take place, **June 10th at 10:30 a.m.** Please note Mass time change is for June 10th, ONLY! We will begin at **10:15 a.m.** The band will be leading the procession carrying the statue of **St. Anthony**. We encourage all parishioners, their friends and especially children to participate in the procession. **Mass** will follow at **10:30 a.m.** The blessing and distribution of **St. Anthony's** bread will follow at the end of Mass, followed by a reception in **Sala Hall**. Anyone who wishes to dress their child as friars (**ages 5 to 12**) may contact **Irene** at **614-778-7225** or email at irenesolazzo@hotmail.com. We'll reserve a costume for you.

AROUND US

Corpus Christi Sunday; June 3: Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist, gave to the Church her greatest treasure.

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.

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 other for their differences.**

St. Anthony Circle #1: The Annual **St. Anthony of Padua** Mass, sponsored by **Circle #1**, will be held on **Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.** at **St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Avenue, 43212, Msgr. John Cody**, celebrant. Blessed bread will be distributed after the Mass. There will be food and refreshments available immediately following the Mass in the school cafeteria on the **2nd** floor, which is accessible by elevator. For more information, contact **Patty Brown** at **614-488-5893**.

The Diocesan Senior Citizens Day Celebration: This event will take place on **Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City.** **Bishop Campbell** will celebrate Mass at **10:30 a.m.**, and a luncheon will follow. This is an opportunity for seniors to meet with other seniors from around the Diocese. Registration is **\$15.00**. To register, send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, **197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215**. For more information, call **614-241-2540** or email socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org. Registrations are requested by **June 14**.

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.



He took bread, said the blessing,
broke it, gave it to them, and said,
"Take it; this is my body."
Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them,
and they all drank from it.
He said to them,
"This is my blood of the covenant,
which will be shed for many."
Mark 14:23-24