

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is the **17th Sunday** in **Ordinary Time**. The lectionary interrupts the **Gospel of Mark** in this year **B** to begin **five Sundays** of readings from the **Gospel of John**, chapter **6**, which includes the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes and the Bread of Life sermon. In these coming **Sundays**, the **Church** provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon the nature of the Eucharist and see what a great gift and calling it is from our **Lord**.

Also, **fifty** years ago this past week, **Pope Paul VI** promulgated the now famous encyclical on human life and sexuality called **Humanae Vitae**. The encyclical was largely rejected by the world and many Catholics because it upheld the **Church's** teaching against contraception. While the encyclical certainly taught this teaching, it also showed the beauty of unity of marital love and procreation. I encourage you to take a fresh look at this teaching. It is not a long letter and can be accessed online at w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/.../hf_p-vi_enc_25071968_humanae-vitae.html. With this in mind, the men's and women's faith sharing group at **St. John the Baptist** will be reading this encyclical in **August** and **September**. You are free to join them. I will be leading a discussion with the group on **Monday, September 17th** at **6:00 p.m.** just after our **6:00 p.m. Mass**. Please join us.

Have a blessed week.
Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 7/29	9:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Piave Club by Piave Club
Mon., 7/30	5:30 p.m.	Bill Galilei by Elizabeth Roehrer
Tues., 7/31	1:00 p.m.	Father Mario Serraglio by Antoinette Carfagna
Sun., 8/5	9:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Capoccia Family by Maria Capoccia Family
Mon., 8/6	5:30 p.m.	Antonio Frissora by Irene Solazzo

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo
by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mollica

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 7/29	11:00 a.m.	LeDonne Group Meeting (Marrapese Hall)
Mon. 7/30	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
	6:30 p.m.	Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival Board Meeting
Tues. 7/31	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary & Intentions – 12:30 p.m. Mass at 1:00 p.m. (Chapel)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, July 29, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop, John Snoad
Eucharistic Ministers	Pete Tamburro, Ed Pagnanelli, Sharon D'Alberto, Judy Pishitelli & Claudio Pasian
Sunday, August 5, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Adolfo Gastaldo, Bob Contino
Eucharistic Ministers:	Marge Contino, Andrea Myers, Pete Tamburro, Leslie Pasian, Margaret Panico-Harn

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 **July** and **August** are:

July 29 Margaret Contino, OFS
August 5 Gary Bosco
August 12 Margaret Contino, OFS
August 19 Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

July 29 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

July 30 – Weekday Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35

July 31 – Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43

August 1 – Saint Alphonsus Liguori,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46

August 2 – Weekday – Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

August 3 – Weekday

Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58

August 4 – Saint John Vianney, Priest

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

August 5 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians



Office Hours:

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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

July 22, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 56

In Envelopes:	\$ 2,885.00
Loose Money	\$ 505.82
Regular Collection	\$ 3,390.82
Total	\$ 3,390.82
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (203.45)
	\$ 3,187.37
Votives	\$ 47.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 5.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 5.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 5.00
	\$ 65.00

??\$? HOW IS ST. JOHN DOING? \$? \$?**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/18-6/30/19)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 3,390.82	\$ 505.82	18%
FYTD:	\$11,540.00	\$11,068.82	-\$ (471.18)	-4%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, July 30, 2018

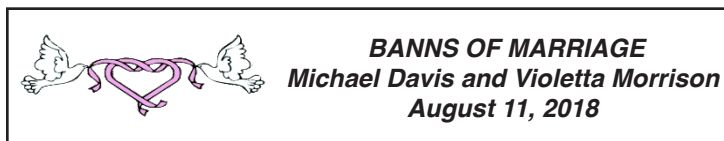
Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin, & Mary Spellacy

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, August 6, 2018

Nick Perschetti & Gus Gastaldo

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We have a long way to go to realize 100% participation from our parish. As of **July 22, 2018**, we have received **\$13,985.00** towards our parish goal of **\$17,785.49**. We are not quite there yet. If you have not given, please consider a gift of **\$75.00** to **\$100.00**. No gift is too small as all gifts go to support the Diocese. Thank you!

What does the Church teach about personhood, relationships, sexuality, and our purpose in life?: Join the **St. John the Baptist's Faith Sharing Groups** in studying and discussing the **Humanae Vitae Encyclical**. This year is the **50th Anniversary** of this prophetic **Catholic** letter proclaimed by **Pope Paul VI**. On **August 13, 20, 27**, and **September 10**, the encyclical will be read by the women's group and men's group separately. On **September 17th**, following this small-group reading, **Father Robert Kitsmiller** will lead both groups together in a discussion on the encyclical. All are invited to participate on the designated **Mondays at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Italian Cultural Center** located at **180 Lincoln Avenue, Columbus**.



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

AROUND US

Summer Parish Festivals: The weather is warm, and the sun is shining. 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.

Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of July 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 priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.**

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **July** is dedicated to **The Precious Blood of Jesus**. The entire 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.

Volunteer Opportunities: **Catholic Social Services** helps poor and vulnerable seniors and families reach their potential. **Catholic Social Services** envisions a world in which all who are in need are able to meet their potential to live with dignity, hope, and purpose. There are numerous opportunities for you to help in this mission! Please go to www.colscss.org, for more information.

FORMED.org: A one-year subscription to the online Catholic catechetical service, **FORMED.org**, has been generously donated to the parishes of both **St. John** and **Sacred Heart**. This resource is free of charge and is meant to help us grow in our faith. Once you register, you will have access to thousands of online Catholic videos, audios and e-books. You can view them On Demand anytime, anywhere. To register, please visit <https://sjbitaliana.formed.org>. Find the "Register Now" link and fill out the information on the screen. Please take advantage of this resource; and, don't forget to download the free **iOS** or **Android** app for your phone or tablet.

Church Teaching Resources on Immigration: **USCCB** is promoting two websites to educate the faithful about Church teaching on immigration and ways Catholics can respond, visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org and www.sharejourney.org. For resources on how the Church is responding to the current family separation issue, visit **USCCB's** webpage at <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/what-we-are-working-on/immigrant-detention/family-separation>.

Hope Summit: Suicide Prevention and Response: This diocesan summit will be on **Wednesday, September 26, 2018**. The summit will respond to the growing number of suicides in our communities. Learn from some of the top experts in the field and how the Church can provide awareness and comfort. Visit www.columbuscatholic.org/suicide-prevention for more details.



"This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."
John 6:14

Prayer

Lord, grant me tenacious winsome courage as I go through this day.
When I am tempted to give up, help me to keep going.
Grant me a cheerful spirit when things don't go my way.
And give me courage to do whatever needs to be done.
In Jesus' name,
Amen

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline."

~ 2 Timothy 1:7