

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We continue to read from the **Bread of Life** sermon from **John, Chapter 6**. Again, **Jesus** says that His flesh is the bread come down from heaven, the bread of life. This chapter in **John's Gospel** provides us with much of the reasons for our celebration of the **Eucharist** and why we believe the **Eucharist** to be **Jesus, His Body, Blood, Soul**, and divinity. If you are more curious about why this is the way we believe, I encourage you to go to our parish's online subscription on **FORMED.org** and check out **Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist**. Go to **Session 2: "The Story of the Eucharist."** If you have not registered, go to <https://sjbitaliana.formed.org>.

Let us remember in our prayers our children who will be beginning another school year. Let us pray that **God** watch over and protect them and inspire them to know Him and His creation.

God bless you all.
Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 8/19	9:30 a.m.	Maria Caradonna by Antonio Caradonna
Mon., 8/20	5:30 p.m.	Bill Galilei by Louise Masdea
Sat., 8/25	11:30 a.m.	All Deceased Members of Ami d'Oro by Members
Sun., 8/26	9:30 a.m.	Joe Cordi by Family & Friends
Mon., 8/27	5:30 p.m.	Mary (Beltram) Harper by Betty Eagle

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 8/19	Blessed Mother Sodality (Marrapese or Sala Hall) After Mass
Mon., 8/20	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, August 19, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Ed Pagnanelli, John Snoad
Eucharistic Ministers	Margi Baker, Andrea Myers, Pete Tamburro, Margaret Panico-Harn & Antonio D'Alberto
Sunday, August 26, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Bob Contino, Pat Rossetti, Marge Contino, 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.

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 **August** and **September** are:

August 19	Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo
August 26	Leslie Malek-Pasian
September 2	Claudio Pasian

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings	
August 19 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58	
August 20 – Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22	
August 21 – Saint Pius X, Pope Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30	
August 22 – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ez: 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16	
August 23 – Weekday Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14	
August 24 – Saint Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 23-9b-14/Jn 1:45-51	
August 25 – Weekday Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12	
August 26 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/ Jn 6:60-69	

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

August 12, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 58

In Envelopes:	\$2,795.00	Loose Money	\$301.00
Holy Day			\$ 65.00
Regular Collection			\$ 3,161.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment			\$ (189.66)
			\$ 2,971.34
Votives			\$ 66.00
Church in Latin America			\$ 25.00
St. Anthony Bread			\$ 38.00
50/50 Drawing			\$ 50.00
			\$ 179.00

\$\$\$ HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? \$\$\$

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/18-6/30/19)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 3,161.00	\$ 276.00	10%
FYTD:	\$20,195.00	\$19,118.11	-\$ (1,076.89)	-5%

SJB Collection Counters for**Monday, August 20, 2018**

Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin & Mary Spellacy

SJB Collection Counters for**Monday, August 27, 2018**

Nick Perschetti & Tom Elliott

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

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers a wonderful opportunity to experience God's mercy on a very personal level. The Sacrament of Penance is a beautiful sacrament through which we are reconciled to God, ourselves and our neighbors. Remember the words of St. Paul, "God is rich in mercy; because of His great love for us, He brought us to life with Christ when we were dead in sin (Eph 2:4). **Father is available for Confession prior to Mass, and by calling the office for an appointment.**

Mass Scheduled for Amici d'Oro Members: A Mass is scheduled for **Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.** at **St. John the Baptist Church** for all **Deceased Members** of the **Amici d'Oro group**. Any questions, please contact **Mary Anderson** at **614-794-3060** or **Patty Clifford** at **614-270-1882**.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:***Matthew Moscato and Emily Shultz
September 2, 2018***CONGRATULATIONS!***To Michael Ansoerge and Violetta Morrison who entered in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on August 11, 2018.*

Baptism Congratulations to the Brown family, whose twin sons Patrick Brendan Brown and Noah Bret Brown, entered into the Holy Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 12, 2018.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We have met **100%** participation from our parish. As of **August 12, 2018**, we have surpassed our goal of **\$20,335.00** towards our parish goal of **\$17,785.49**. **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 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: August 27th, 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting; **7:00 p.m.** General Meeting; and **September 24th, 5:30 p.m.** Board Meeting; **7:00 p.m.** General Meeting.

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.

AROUND US

Holy Father's Intention for the Month of August 2018: You are invited to answer the **Holy Father's** request and join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intention: ***That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.***

Women's Evening of Reflection: The Catholic Laywomen's League is sponsoring an evening of reflection for women from **6:00-9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 23** at **St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus**. Registration is from **5:30-6:00 p.m.** The program will include two discussions led by **Father Thomas Blau** on why Catholics honor **Mary**, dinner, evening reflection and evening prayer. The offering for the event is **\$25.00**. To register, contact **Terry Norris** at **614-595-1972** or norris@sbcglobal.net.

Friends of the Josephinum Four-Miler: The Friends of the Josephinum are sponsoring a four-mile run/walk at **Glacier Ridge Metro Park, 9801 Hyland-Croy Road, Dublin**, from **9:00-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 15**. Proceeds will benefit seminarians of the **Pontifical College Josephinum**. Runners and walkers may register to participate at m3sports.com: click on "events" and "Josephinum 4-miler."

Friends of the Poor Walk: Please consider joining the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** for the **2018 Columbus Friends of the Poor Walk Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**; registration begins at **9:00 a.m.** It will be at **St. Francis de Sales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus**. To register, <https://www.fopwalk.org/eventlisting/eventdetail/?eventid=2093>.



"This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

John 6:58

Prayer

*Lord, grant me tenacious 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.