

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last week in my homily, I spoke about the clerical sex abuse crisis that has rocked the Church, especially in this country with the recent grand jury report in **Pennsylvania** and the allegations against ex-Cardinal **McCarrick**, his abuse of both minors and adults, using his office as cover. These revelations are upsetting and disturbing; not only the actions of the perpetrators but also the gross failures of bishops and priests to take decisive action to end the abuse. It is certainly disheartening and may even cause us to doubt our faith. I am encouraged by the words of **Peter** in today's **Gospel**. Faced with so many disciples leaving Him, **Jesus** asked the **Twelve** if they wanted to leave. **Peter** responds for them and so many of us: "**Master**, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the **Holy One of God**." It is our faith that **Holy One of God** still remains with **His Church**. From Him, the **Church** receives forgiveness and sanctification. It is **Jesus** and **His** words that challenge us to change, to live holy lives and to resolve to correct wrongs. This is what we must do as a **Church**. Enclosed in this bulletin is a letter from **Bishop Campbell** responding to this crisis. Also, here is the link to the **Holy See's** website and **Pope Francis'** response: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-08/pope-francis-letter-people-of-god-sexual-abuse.html>.

God bless you all.
Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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
Tues., 8/28	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Viola DelGreco by Pat Rossetti
Sun., 9/2	9:30 a.m.	Finissi Family Wedding Anniversary by Finissi Family
Mon., 9/3		Labor Day No Mass

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Robert W. Contino, Jr.
by Robert & Marge Contino

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 8/26	LeDonne Meeting (Marrapese or Sala Hall) After Mass
Mon., 8/27	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom) 5:30 p.m., Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. General Meeting (Marrapese or Sala Hall)
Tues., 8/28	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary and Intentions – 12:30 p.m. Mass at 1:00 p.m. (Chapel)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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
Sunday, September 2, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Bob Contino, Adolfo Gastaldo
Eucharistic Ministers:	Leslie Pasian, Ed Pagnanelli, Antonio D'Alberto, Andrea Myers & Marge Contino

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 26	Leslie Malek-Pasian
September 2	Claudio Pasian
September 9	Carl Tisone
September 16	Robert Contino, OFS

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

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

August 27 – Saint Monica

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/**Mt** 23:13-22

August 28 – Saint Augustine,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/**Mt** 23:23-26

August 29 – The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/**Mk** 6:17-29

August 30 – Weekday

1 Cor 1:1-9/**Mt** 24:42-51

August 31 – Weekday

1 Cor 1:17-25/**Mt** 25:1-13

September 1 – Weekday

1 Cor 1:26-31/**Mt** 25:14-30

September 2 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/**Jas** 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/**Mk** 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

***Pray for our Priest and seminarians**

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.**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

August 19, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 47

In Envelopes: \$2,405.00 Loose Money \$182.00

Holy Day	\$ 85.00
Regular Collection	\$ 2,672.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (160.32)
	\$ 2,511.68
Votives	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 72.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 5.00
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Total	127.00

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

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,672.00	\$ (213.00)	-7%
FYTD:	\$23,080.00	\$21,790.11	\$(1,289.89)	-6%

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, August 27, 2018

Nick Perschetti & Tom Elliott

SJB Collection Counters for

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Maruja Paule and Darlene Rauch



Office Hours: The Parish Office hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. The Office will be closed Labor Day, Monday, September 3, 2018.



Requiescat in pace! In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of:

Lillian M. Penzone, life member of **St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church** and sister to **Bruno Quaranto** and **Antoinette Carfagna**, who passed away this past week.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

Matthew Moscato and Emily Shultz

September 2, 2018

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We have met **100%** participation from our parish. As of **August 19, 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 **Humane Vitae Encyclical**. This year is the **50th Anniversary** of this prophetic Catholic letter proclaimed by **Pope Paul VI**. On **August 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 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.**

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>.

Update on Separated Migrant Families: More than **450** children were deemed ineligible for reunification because their parents had already been deported or accepted "voluntary" removal. **Catholic Charities** agencies, including our local **Catholic Social Services**, have responded to the needs of immigrant families. The **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.

"The gift of the Holy Spirit has been bestowed in abundance so that we may live lives of genuine faith and active charity."

~ **Pope Francis**



Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

John 6:68

Prayer

Lord,
 look upon me with eyes of mercy,
 may Your healing hand rest upon me,
 may Your life giving powers flow into every cell of my body
 and into the depths of my soul,
 cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness
 and strength for service in Your Kingdom.
 Amen.