

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's first reading from the book of **Exodus**, we see the Israelites grumbling in the desert against **God** and **Moses** as they are experiencing their first hardships of their journey from slavery in **Egypt** to freedom in the **Promised Land**. They want to go back to **Egypt**. That is sometimes the case with us as we move from slavery of sin to freedom in **Christ**. It can be hard to give up vice and sinful habits. This is part of our cross. Yet, the more we strive to live as Jesus wants us to do, the less of a burden we will feel. The Christian life is meant to be one of joy, not sorrow. Yet, it does require a little bit of struggle, like we have when we change our diet, begin an exercise regimen, or quit smoking. The further along we get, the better we feel and the more resolve we have. It is the same with our walk of faith. Jesus asks us to have faith in Him and not simply in miracles. So, persevere in your life of faith. If you have not checked out our online subscription on **FORMED.org**, I encourage you do so. Registration details are in the bulletin. Also, check out **Dr. Scott Powell's** talk for the **18th Sunday of Ordinary Time**, "Miracles and Whispers" in **Opening the Word, Year B, Weeks 8-21** on **FORMED.org**.

By now, you have seen our refurbished parking lot. Isn't it great! I want to particularly thank **Marty Savko** of **Nicholas Savko & Sons, Inc. Contractors** for generously donating his time and resources for this project. Also, I want to thank **Wayne Hiles** of **Heiberger Paving** for their work on the project as well. It was much needed and should help make parking better and will make a great surface for the festival. The cost came to approximately **\$60,000.00**, which we were able to pay from our parish savings, about **\$2,000.00** less than the original estimate. Thank you all for continued support of the parish with your donations.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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
Sun., 8/12	9:30 a.m.	George J. Paesano by Kenneth & Barbara Miller
Mon., 8/13	5:30 p.m.	Bruno Masdea by Pat Rossetti

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Mary DeBellis York
by Chris Soteriades
Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo
by Mr. & Mrs. Betty & Carlo Monaco

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., 8/5	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Tues., 8/7	7:30 p.m.	Piave Club Meeting (Marrapese Hall)



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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, August 5, 2018 – :30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Adolfo Gastaldo, Bob Contino
Eucharistic Ministers	Marge Contino, Andrea Myers, Pete Tamburro, Leslie Pasian, Margaret Panico-Harn
Sunday, August 12, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Claudio Pasian, Pat Rossetti, Sharon D'Alberto, 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.

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** are:

August 5 Gary Bosco
August 12 Margaret Contino, OFS
August 19 Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo
August 26 Leslie Malek-Pasian

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

August 5 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
August 06 the Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
August 7 – Weekday
Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs;
Saint Cajetan, Priest
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36, 15:1-2, 10-14
August 8 – Saint Dominic, Priest
Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28
August 9 – Weekday
Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
August 10 – Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
August 11 – Saint Clare, Virgin
Hb 1:12-2:4/Mt 17:14-20
August 12 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We have a long way to go to realize **100%** participation from our parish. As of **July 29, 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!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

July 29, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 46

In Envelopes: \$2,150.00	Loose Money \$499.35
Regular Collection	\$ 2,649.35
Holy Day	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 2,659.35
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (159.56)
	\$ 2,499.79
Votives	\$ 42.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 15.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 15.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
	\$ 102.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,659.35	\$(225.65)	-8%
FYTD:	\$14,425.00	\$13,728.17	\$(696.83)	-5%

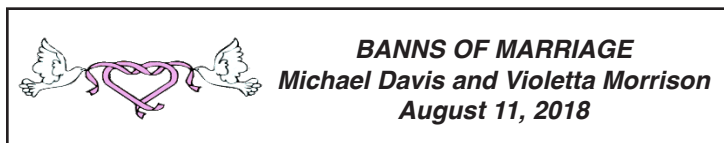
SJB Collection Counters for Monday, August 6, 2018

Nick Perschetti & Gus Gastaldo

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, August 13, 2018

Maruja Paule & Darlene Rauch

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 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 of 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's** 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.

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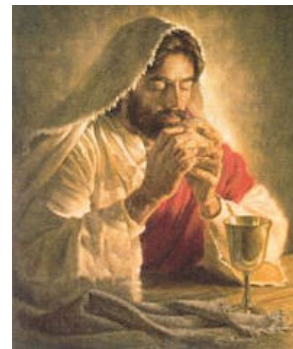
Liturgical Calendar: The month of **August** is dedicated to **The Immaculate Heart of Mary.** The entire month falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time,** which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful 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.

Holy Father's Intension 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 intension: ***That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.***

TIME FOR A TUNE-UP?: Your marriage needs care and maintenance too! That's what you'll get on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones, and focus only on each other. The next weekend is **September 14-16** in Central Ohio. For more information or to apply, contact **Paul** and **Marilou Clouse** at **614-834-6880** or visit our website at www.wmccolumbus.org.

Latin American Collection: The collection for the Church in **Latin America** is taking place this weekend, **August 4th/5th.** Contributions to the collection will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs in **Latin America** and the **Caribbean.**

Breakfast with Catholic Social Services is **Friday, September 7, 2018, 7:00-9 a.m.** at the **Renaissance Columbus.** Featured speaker is **Sam Quinones,** author of ***Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic.*** Registration is now open. For registration and sponsorship information, call **614-857-1254** or visit www.colscss.org/upcoming-events or email jnaporano@colscss.org.



Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

John 6:35

Prayer

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favors, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.