

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin **September**, I want to remind you of some fast-approaching events in our parish. **September 18th** of this year marks the **120th** anniversary of the dedication of **St. John the Baptist church**. This is a significant milestone for our parish. Our anniversary comes within the **150th** anniversary of the founding of the **Diocese of Columbus** and also the **140th** anniversary of the dedication of **St. Joseph Cathedral (October 20th)**. There is a connection to our Cathedral and not just because it is the seat of the Bishop. **Italian Catholics** began having Mass in the small baptistery chapel in the back of the Cathedral in the late part of the **nineteenth century**. In that baptistery (which is now the confessional area), there is a stained glass window of **John the Baptist** baptizing our **Lord**. That space and especially that stained glass window, most likely inspired the naming of our parish church. So, our parish roots began in that baptistery just like our own Catholic roots began with our own Baptism. It did not end there, of course. This parish took root and grew and has been the place where generations of Italian immigrants and persons of Italian heritage have been nourished in the **Catholic** faith from their Baptism, to the reception of the sacraments, especially the **Eucharist, marriage and death**. So, we have much to thank **God** for. Accordingly, **Bishop Campbell** has given us the permission to celebrate the **Mass of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church on Sunday, September 16th at 9:30 a.m.** rather than the regular **Mass** and reading for the **24th Sunday of Ordinary Time**. I hope you are able to come and give thanks with us. Thank you for your dedication to the parish.

As you know, our parish Festival, the **Columbus Italian Festival**, is coming soon – **October 5, 6 and 7th**. The Festival is preceded by the **Taste of Italy on Monday, October 1st**. We need all of your help and cooperation to make these two wonderful events happen. Through them, we showcase both our **Italian** heritage and our **Catholic** faith. There is one item that I will need your cooperation – parking for the festival. As you can see, our parking around the Festival grounds has been severely limited because of the development across **4th Street**. The large lot where **Dresser Industries** used to be located has now been developed as housing and is no longer available. Yet, we have remedied that situation in the past couple of years by providing **free parking at Columbus State Community College**. There is parking at the large lot on **Cleveland Avenue** between **Long** and **Spring Street**. A **shuttle bus**, which is also **free** this year, will take you to the Festival grounds and will return you to your car when you are ready to leave. Please refer to our Festival website for a detailed map and more information: www.columbusitalianfestival.com. It is very important for us parishioners to use the lot and to tell your friends about it as well. This will aid the traffic congestion greatly. I appreciate your cooperation.

Have a wonderful Labor Day!

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 9/2	9:30 a.m.	Finissi Family Wedding Anniversary by Finissi Family
Mon., 9/3	5:30 p.m.	Labor Day No Mass
Sun., 9/9	9:30 a.m.	Lorenzo & Francesca Gastaldo by Adolfo & Roberta Gastaldo
Mon., 9/10	5:30 p.m.	Antonio Frissora by Ron & Roberta Cua

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Laura Giammarco Cua
by Michael Cua
Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo
by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Mascherino

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon., 9/3	NO MONDAY MASS
Tues., 9/4	Piave Club Meeting (Marrapese Hall) 7:00-9:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, September 2, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Bob Contino, Adolfo Gastaldo
Eucharistic Ministers	Leslie Pasion, Ed Pagnanelli, Antonio D'Alberto, Andrea Myers & Marge Contino
Sunday, September 9, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sharon D'Alberto, Pat Rossetti, Pete Tamburro, Judy Pishitelli & Claudio Pasion

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 **September** are:

September 2	Claudio Pasion
September 9	Carl Tisone
September 16	Robert Contino, OFS
September 23	Norma Jean Finissi
September 30	Vincent Davis

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

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

September 3 – Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30

September 4 – Weekday
1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37

September 5 – Weekday
Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Religious
1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44

September 6 – Weekday
1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11

September 7 – Weekday
1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39

September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

September 9 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

***Pray for our Priest and seminarians**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

August 26, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 57

In Envelopes: \$2,270.00 Loose Money \$222.00

Holy Day	\$ 10.00
Regular Collection	\$ 2,502.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (150.12)
	\$ 2,351.88
Votives	\$ 19.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 25.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 54.00

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

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference (\$)</u>	<u>(%)</u>
This WEEK:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,502.00	(\$ 383.00)	-13%
FYTD:	\$25,965.00	\$24,292.11	(\$1,672.89)	-6%

SJB Collection Counters for

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Maruja Paule and Darlene Rauch

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, September 10, 2018

Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin, & Mary Spellacy



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

Save the Date for Italian Festival Meeting: September 24th, 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. General Meeting.



BANNES OF MARRIAGE:

Jonah White and Thea Tharp

September 15, 2018

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We have met **100%** participation from our parish. As of **August 26, 2018**, we have surpassed our goal of **\$20,585.00** towards our parish goal of **\$17,785.49**. **Thank you!**

Italian Festival News

Festival dates – October 5, 6, 7

Taste of Italy – Monday, October 1, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

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Cost Per Ticket: \$35.00 before September 24th,

\$40.00 after September 24th.

Margaret Panico-Harn and Carol Ristucci will be selling tickets after Mass. Tickets also available in Parish Office.

Pizzelle and Biscotti Cookie Bakers! Time to bake for the Festival. All cookie makers are to bake them at home and let **Marge Contino** know the total made. Deliver cookies to back kitchen area in **Sala Hall**. Sign-up sheet and total number made. There are cookie containers available in **Sala Hall** on the **back table**, if needed. If you have any questions, please contact **Marge Contino** at **614-833-0371**.

Time to Volunteer for the **Columbus Italian Festival**. Please contact **Carol Ristucci** at **614-271-1007** or email **cristucci06@yahoo.com**.

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 **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**.

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **September** is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial the Church celebrates on **September 15**. **September** falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green.

Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of September 2018: You are invited to answer the **Holy Father's** request and join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intention: That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Bishop's Response to Recent Abuse Revelations: Last Sunday, a letter from the Bishop of the Columbus Diocese, **Most Reverend Bishop Campbell**, responding to the most recent allegations of abuse, was given to all parishioners. Please find a copy of this letter at **columbuscatholic.org**.

Blue Mass: The annual Mass for law enforcement and first responder personnel is **Tuesday, September 11, 5:00 p.m.**, St. Timothy Church, Columbus.



Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only...

James 1:21

Prayer

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor – in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank You, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of Your name.

We lift up to You all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.

May our working and our resting all give praise to You until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in Your Kingdom as You live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.