

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Felice Anniversario! Today, we will celebrate the **120th** anniversary of the dedication of **St. John the Baptist Church**. Our church building was dedicated on **September 18th, 1898**, but we will celebrate it today rather than **Tuesday**. Our anniversary also falls within the **150th** year of the founding of the **Diocese of Columbus**, our local **Church**. These are both significant anniversaries and they should cause us to pause and reflect upon our **Catholic** faith and how we live it out. At **St. John**, that faith is especially lived out through the **Italian** culture and heritage that became the reason for the foundation of this parish. We, of course, celebrate this in a big way through our parish Festival next month – **The Columbus Italian**. But there are also other celebrations in our parish life, **Festivals** throughout the year that we give a particular Italian flavor to. We can think of **St. Joseph Day** on **March 19th** and celebration of the feast of **St. Anthony** on **June 13**, as well as our patron saint, **St. John the Baptist** on **June 24th**. These important events remind us of our Italian background but also of our **Catholic** faith. The anniversary of the dedication of a church, however, reminds that we have become part of the body of **Christ**, connected to **Jesus** and one another through the sacramental life of the Church, especially **Baptism**, **Confirmation** and the **Eucharist**. This is always important for us to keep in mind. The **Church**, despite the fact that it is filled with sinners, is, nevertheless, sanctified by **Christ**, stone by stone, person by person. Therefore, we have a responsibility to live out our faith through our love of **God** and our neighbor. May we strive to do both well!

Dio benedica la nostra Chiesa e il nostro popolo!

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 9/16	9:30 a.m.	Viola DelGreco by Irene Solazzo
Mon., 9/17	5:30 p.m.	Anthony Catalfino by Sons of Italy Lodge 2599
Tues., 9/18	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Antonio Frissora by Lena Silvestri
Sun., 9/23	9:30 a.m.	Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone
Mon., 9/24	5:30 p.m.	Bill Galilei by Lucian Susi

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:
Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo by Mrs. Anna Monaco

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 9/16	Blessed Mother Sodality (After Mass)
Mon., 9/17	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)
Tues., 9/18	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary & Intentions – 12:30 p.m. Mass at 1:00 p.m. (Chapel)

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.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, September 16, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop, Ed Pagnanelli
Eucharistic Ministers	Margaret Panico-Harn, Andrea Myers, Leslie Pasion, Judy Pishitelli & Margi Baker
Sunday, September 23, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	John Snoad, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pat Rossetti, Ed Pagnanelli, Margaret Panico-Harn, Antonio D'Alberto & Claudio Pasion

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick or suffering, especially those who are in Hospitals, Nursing Facilities or Homebound.

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** and **October** are:

- September 16 Robert Contino, OFS
- September 23 Norma Jean Finissi
- September 30 Vincent Davis
- October 7 Italian Festival Mass

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

- September 16 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
- September 17 – Weekday
St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10
- September 18 – Weekday
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
- September 19 – Weekday
St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 7:31-35
- September 20 – Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs
1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
- September 21 – Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
- September 22 – Weekday
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
- September 23 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

*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'S

September 9, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 44

In Envelopes: \$2,510.00	Loose Money \$127.00
Regular Collection	\$ 2,637.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (158.22)
	\$ 2,478.78
Votives	\$ 9.00
St. Anthony's Bread	\$ 35.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 10.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 80.00
Total	\$ 134.00

??\$?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	\$ 2,637.00	-\$ 248.00	-9%
FYTD:	\$31,735.00	\$29,658.11	-\$ (2,076.89)	-7%

**SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, September 17, 2018**

Gus Gastaldo & Nick Perschetti

**SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, September 24, 2018**

Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin & Mary Spellacy

RCIA: St. John the Baptist parish will begin an RCIA program. RCIA stands for **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**. It is a course of study and prayer for those who are interested in becoming **Catholic** or for **Catholics** who have never received the Sacraments of **Confirmation** or **Holy Communion**. The plan is to meet on **Sundays** from **12:30-1:30 p.m.** at **St. John the Baptist** in the library, beginning **Sunday, September 23**. If you know of any such person, please have them contact the parish office, **614-294-5319**, or my email rkitmiller@columbuscatholic.org, to register. If you are interested in assisting with the catechesis, please contact me as well.

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

Counter Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed to count **St. John** weekend collections. Collection counters usually work in groups of **two or three**, meeting on **Monday** mornings at **10:00 a.m.** at **St. John**. The more volunteers we have, the more this important job can be shared throughout the month. If interested, please contact the **Office** at **614-294-5319**.



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 & 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: Volunteers are needed for dry goods and Cultural tent hosts for the **Columbus Italian Festival**. Please contact **Carol Ristucci** at **614-271-1007** or email cristucci06@yahoo.com.

Save the Date: Sunday, December 9th, 2018, there will be a **Pancake Breakfast**, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit, orange juice and coffee. Price: **\$8.00 per person**, Children under 12 are free. Hosted by the **Altar Guild** from **10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We have met **100%** participation from our parish. As of **September 9, 2018**, we have surpassed our goal of **\$20,585.00** towards our parish goal of **\$17,785.49**. **Thank you!**

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 Campbell Issues Statement on Recent Abuse Revelations: Regarding the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Investigation and allegations against ex-Cardinal McCarrick. "I feel great sorrow for the pain and anguish suffered by the victims of this abuse." To read his complete statement, visit www.columbuscatholic.org.

Immigration Update: Robert Cohen of Porter, Wright, Morris, and Arthur LLP will speak on the current situation of immigration on **Tuesday, September 25, 2018, St. James the Less Ministry Center, 1614 Oakland Park Avenue** at **7:30 p.m.** Mr. Porter has practiced immigration law for over 30 years, and his primary areas of practice include business and family immigration representation. Mr. Cohen is on the **Board of Community Refugee and Immigration Services** in **Columbus**. The Church encourages Catholics to be informed about our immigrant brothers and sisters. Sponsored by the **St. James the Less Social Justice and Peace Ministry**. Refreshments will be available. For information, contact **Dave Frickey** at **614-268-3828** or **Suzie Latham** at **614-267-4350**.



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."
Matthew 16:24

Prayer

Lord, today take away any false ideas about what it means to be Your friend.

Prepare my heart for the message of Your cross, that it may teach me I can learn authentic love of You and Your Kingdom.

In Your cross is an example of every virtue I need and every goal I wish to attain.

In the cross there is hope, an all-powerful hope that transcends every human disappointment.

Lead me to You as I seek to carry my cross with joy as a token of my love and gratitude to You.

Amen