

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our parish Festival, the **Columbus Italian Festival**, is only **two weeks** away. I encourage you all to participate but also pray for its success. We also have the **Taste of Italy** on **Monday, October 1st**, beginning at **5:30 p.m.** Both events should be a wonderful time for all. At the Festival, we will again recognize all the different regions of **Italy**. We hope to have individuals from those regions carrying flags from the church to the stage at the start of the Festival. It should be a great start for a wonderful **three days of food, entertainment, culture and faith**. Also, remember to park at **Columbus State** and take advantage of the **free parking** and **free shuttle** to the Festival grounds. I think this will help the overall experience of everyone.

Also, beginning next week, we will begin to take your **Mass intentions** for **2019**. I had deliberately delayed doing this so that we could **"catch up"** on the ones we already have. We should only take as many intentions as we can handle in a year's time. With one **Mass** on **Sunday** and one on **Monday**, this limits the amount of days available for intentions. With this in mind, I am **limiting the number that each family** can request for **Sundays to two per year**. This will allow everyone to have a fair opportunity to have a **Mass** offered for their loved ones on a **Sunday**. Also, know that we have **Mass** on **Monday** as well as **Holy Days** and **Padre Pio**. These are opportunities to have a **Mass** intention said. It is important to realize that every **Mass** is offered for all the living and all the faithful departed. When we pray for our deceased loved ones and when we have Masses offered for them, we are praying for their purification and their swift entry into heaven. It doesn't matter when they have died or when the **Mass** is offered because **God** already knows all the prayers and intentions of a lifetime even before we make them. The Mass especially is the most powerful prayer because **Jesus** offers Himself up for our sins and intercedes for us with the Father as He did on the cross. Also, when we have a **Mass** offered, we are remembering our loved one in a very special way. We are also connected to them through **Jesus Christ**, who is in heaven but who also is present to us in the **Eucharist**. If you are not particular about having your **Mass intention** said at **St. John**, then we can give the intention to a retired priest of the diocese who would love to say the **Mass** and appreciate the stipend. Let us know if that would be preferable. Again, I thank you for your support, commitment to the parish and your faith.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 9/23	9:30 a.m.	Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone
Mon., 9/24	5:30 p.m.	Bill Galilei by Lucian Susi
Sun., 9/30	9:30 a.m.	George Paesano by Linda Henry
Mon., 10/1		NO MASS

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: **Mary Jane Cenci**
by Chris Soteriades
Blessed Sacrament: **Richard P. Conie**
by Roger & Andrea Myers



Office Hours:

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 9/23	LeDonne Meeting (After Mass)
Mon., 9/24	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) 5:30 p.m. Executive Team of Columbus Italian Festival Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. General Meeting (Marrapese or Sala Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, September 23, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Bob Contino, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn, Antonio D'Alberto, Claudio Pasian
Sunday, September 30, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Ed Pagnanelli, John Snoad
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pete Tamburro, Pat Rossetti, Marge Contino, Judy Pishitelli & Bob 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.**

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

September 23 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16–4:3/Mk 9:30-37

September 24 – Weekday
Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18

September 25 – Weekday
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

September 26 – Weekday
Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

September 27 – Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

September 28 – Weekday
Saint Wenceslaus, Marty; Saint Lawrence Ruiz
And Companions, Martyrs
Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

September 29 –
Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

September 30 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:25-29 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

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 23 Norma Jean Finissi
 September 30 Vincent Davis
 October 7 Italian Festival Mass
 October 14 Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

September 16, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 51

In Envelopes: \$1,665.00 Loose Money \$248.00

Regular Collection	\$ 1,913.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (114.78)
	\$ 1,798.22
Votives	\$ 24.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 42.00
Total	\$ 66.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 1,913.00	(\$ 972.00)	-34%
FYTD:	\$34,620.00	\$31,571.11	(\$3,048.89)	-9%


SJB Collection Counters for Monday, September 24, 2018

Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin & Mary Spellacy

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, October 1, 2018

Nick Perschetti & Gus Gastaldo

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 at 614-294-5319, or my email: rkitsmiller@columbuscatholic.org, to register. If you are interested in assisting with the catechesis, please contact me as well.



CONGRATULATIONS!
 To **Jonah White and Thea Tharp**,
 who entered in the Sacrament of
Holy Matrimony on September 15, 2018.

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. Johns**. 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.

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 16, 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.

Taste of Italy

Monday, October 1, 2018

5:30-8:30 p.m.

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 crisucc06@yahoo.com.

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **September** is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial the Church celebrated 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.

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.

Prayer

*Oh my god,
 Relying on Your infinite goodness
 and promises,
 I hope to obtain pardon of my sins,
 The help of Your grace,
 And life everlasting,
 Through the merits of Jesus Christ
 My Lord and Savior.
 Amen.*

