

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Festival week is upon us. It is hard to believe that it is already here. We begin with the **Taste of Italy** tomorrow, **October 1st, from 5:30-8:30 p.m.** The Festival begins **Friday, October 5th at 5:00 p.m.** and runs through **Sunday, October 7th, 7:00 p.m.** I hope that you are looking forward to it. A lot of hard work and dedication has already gone into putting the Festival on and it promises to be a wonderful time. I want to thank you in advance for your hard work and dedication. As I have mentioned the past few weeks, parking around the Festival grounds is limited. So I encourage you take advantage of the **free parking and free shuttle bus at Columbus State.** The buses will run on **Friday, beginning at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, starting at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, starting at 9:00 a.m.** See the Festival website for more details: [www.columbusitalianFestival.com](http://www.columbusitalianFestival.com). I also want to highlight our opening ceremonies for **Friday:** individuals from the different regions of **Italy** will be carrying flags from the church to the stage at the start of the Festival. The **Catholic War Veterans** will lead them in procession. **The Mass for next Sunday, October 7, will be at 10:30 a.m. instead of 9:30 a.m.** It will be under the tent, as usual. Also, note that there will be **no parking** in the parking lot under the **I-670 Bridge** for the **Sunday Mass.** We encourage you to park at **Columbus State.** The shuttle will begin to run at **9:00 a.m.** We also will have golf carts that will bring elderly and handicapped patrons from the entrance to the tent. Please take advantage of this service. I hope to see you at the Festival and the **Taste of Italy**, tomorrow. Let us say a prayer for good weather.

**Have a blessed week!**

**Fr. Kitsmiller**  
**Administrator**

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun. 9/30	9:30 a.m.	George Paesano by Linda Henry
Mon., 10/01	5:30 p.m.	NO MASS
Sun., 10/07	10:30 a.m.	Joe Cordi by Dino & Michelle Pezzot
Mon., 10/08	5:30 p.m.	NO MASS

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:** Joyce Tisone  
by Carl Tisone  
**Blessed Sacrament:** Marie Tarantelli  
by Roger & Andrea Myers

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Mon., 10/01	Taste of Italy 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Tues., 10/02	Piave Club Meeting (Marrapese Hall)
Fri., 10/05 Sat., 10/06 Sun., 10/07	<b>Italian Festival Times:</b> 5:00-11:00 p.m. 12:00-11:00 p.m. 12:00-7:00 p.m.

**Men & Women's Faith Groups are meeting on October 15th.**

**Office Hours:**

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Sunday, September 30, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, John Snoad
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pete Tamburro, Pat Rossetti, Marge Contino, Judy Pishitelli & Bob Contino
<b>Sunday, October 7, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Adolfo Gastaldo, Ed Pagnanelli
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Leslie Pasian, Pat Rossetti, Sharon D'Alberto, Judy Pishitelli & Margaret Panico-Harn

**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 and October** are:

September 30	Vincent Davis
October 7	Italian Festival Mass
October 14	Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo
October 21	Vincent Davis

**2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings**

**September 30 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
**October 1 – Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**  
Jb 1:6-22 Lk 9:46-50  
**October 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels**  
Jb 3:1-3, 11-7, 20-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
**October 3 – Weekday**  
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62  
**October 4 – Saint Francis of Assisi**  
Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12  
**October 5 – Weekday**  
**Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**  
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16  
**October 6 – Saints Bruno, Priest;**  
**Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**  
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24  
**October 7 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**\*Pray for our Priest and seminarians**

**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. If you know of any such person, please have them contact the parish office, **614-294-5319**, or [rkitsmiller@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:rkitsmiller@columbuscatholic.org), to register. If interested, contact **Father Kitsmiller**.

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**

September 23, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 46

In Envelopes: \$2,870.00 Loose Money \$276.00

Regular Collection	\$ 3,146.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (188.76)
	<b>\$ 2,957.24</b>
Votives	\$ 33.00
Saint Anthony Bread	\$ 25.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 20.00
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Total	\$ 78.00

**? ? ? \$ ? HOW IS ST. JOHN DOING? \$ ? ? ?**

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 3,146.00	\$ 261.00	9%
FYTD:	\$37,505.00	\$34,717.11	-\$2,787.89	-7%

**SJB Collection Counters  
for Monday, October 1, 2018**

Nick Perschetti & Gus Gastaldo

**SJB Collection Counters  
for Monday, October 8, 2018**

Maruja Paule & Darlene Rauch

**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: \$40.00

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](mailto:cristucci06@yahoo.com).

**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.

**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 23, 2018, we have surpassed our goal of \$20,585.00 towards our parish goal of \$17,785.49. Thank you!

**AROUND US**

**Hurricane Florence Response:** With North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia dealing with the devastating damage of Hurricane Florence, Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) is working closely with local agencies to ensure they are able to respond quickly. CCUSA has set up a website donation page and text-to-give platform in order to support impacted individuals and families. As it did in response to last year's hurricanes, CCUSA forwards 100 percent of funds raised to the local Catholic Charities agencies. To donate, text CCUSADISASTER to 71777 or call 1-800-919-9338.

**October is Respect Life Month:** Respect Life Month is October and Respect Life Sunday is October 7th. "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent" is the theme of this year's Respect Life Program.

**BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE CONFERENCE:** Respect Life, Bioethics, Leadership is Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Join us for an extraordinary event featuring prominent dynamic speakers and offering resources to equip you to build a culture of life. FEATURED TOPICS: • Foundation of Pro-Life Action • Lost in the Labyrinth: Current State of Assisted Reproductive Technologies • Advocating for Children with Disabilities • Legislative Update • End of Life Discussions and Directives • Answering the Hard Questions – Panel Sponsored by the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, Marriage & Family Life Office, Greater Columbus Right to Life, and FEMM. Cost is \$25.00. Register by October 16. For a list of speakers and to register, visit <https://bclc2018.eventbrite.com> or call 614-241-2540.

**Family Rosary Day – October 14:** The Diocese's annual Family Rosary Day is Sunday, October 14 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. All are welcome. Parishes and schools will be sent posters in the coming weeks. More information is available on the diocesan website.

**Marian Dinner – October 24:** The annual Marian Dinner will be Wednesday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church's Bryce Eck Activity Center, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. Women, especially those in high school, are welcome to join together with their pastors, clergy, members of religious communities, and other people of the Diocese for prayer, a meal, and an opportunity to hear from other religious. Clergy are invited to attend and bring one or more young women to this event. Please contact the Chancery at 614-224-2251 or [jgreer@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:jgreer@columbuscatholic.org) with the names of your guests.



"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea."

Mark 9:42

**Prayer**

Father,

Thank You for looking beyond my faults and for loving me unconditionally.

Forgive me when I fail to love others in the same way.

Give me eyes to see the needs of the difficult people in my life,

and show me how to meet those needs in a way that pleases You.

Amen.