

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I mentioned in my article in last **Sunday's** bulletin, September 18th is the **120th anniversary** of the dedication of **St. John the Baptist Church**. To celebrate this anniversary, we will have the anniversary **Mass** on **Sunday, September 16th** at our normal **9:30 a.m. Mass**. I invite you all to reflect on the history of our parish and how it has served the Italian **Catholic** community in **Columbus** for many, many decades. As we go forward, it is important for us to witness to our **Catholic** faith and see this as the foundation of our life and parish. Let us pray and ask **God** how we might best serve Him through our parish.

Soon our parish, along with **Sacred Heart** 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 to 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 rkitsmiller@columbuscatholic.org, to register. If you are interested in assisting with the catechesis, please contact me as well.

The **Columbus Italian Festival** is only **four weeks** away. **Volunteers** are always welcome for the many booths and activities at the Festival. This celebration of the **Italian** culture is a fun way to meet your fellow parishioners and also a way to financially support your parish. I encourage you to participate. Also, as I mentioned in last week's bulletin, we need your cooperation with parking. Because of the severe limitations on parking around the Festival grounds, we need you to park at **Columbus State**. The parking is free and a **free shuttle bus** will take you to the parish grounds. 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.

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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
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

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Virginia & Dominick Finissi
by Norma Jean & Bill Finissi, Sr.
Blessed Sacrament: Charlie Agriesti
by Bonnie, Maria & Teresa

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 9/9	Altar Guild Meeting after Mass (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 9/10	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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 PAsian
Sunday, September 16, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop, Ed Pagnanelli
Eucharistic Ministers:	Margaret Panico-Harn, Andrea Myers, Leslie PAsian, Judy Pishitelli & Margi Baker

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

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

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

September 10 – Weekday
1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

September 11 – Weekday
1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19

September 12 – Weekday
The Most Holy Name of Mary
1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26

September 13 – Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38

September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 10:14-22/Jn 19:25-27/Lk 2:33-35

September 16 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

***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.**

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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

September 2, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 55

In Envelopes: \$2,325.00 Loose Money \$404.00

Regular Collection \$ 2,729.00
 Less Diocesan 6% Assessment \$ (163.74)
 \$ 2,565.26

Votives \$ 32.00
 St. Anthony's Bread \$ 68.00
 50/50 Drawing \$ 50.00
 Total \$ 150.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,729.00	-\$ 156.00	-5%
FYTD:	\$28,850.00	\$27,021.11	-\$1,828.89	-6%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, September 10, 2018

Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin, & Mary Spellacy

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, September 17, 2018

Gus Gastaldo & Nick Perschetti



BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

*Jonah White and Thea Tharp
 September 15, 2018*



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Matthew Moscato and Emily Shultz who entered into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on September 2, 2018.

Italian Festival News

Festival dates – October 5, 6, 7

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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: 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.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We have met 100% participation from our parish. As of September 2, 2018, we have surpassed our goal of \$20,585.00 towards our parish goal of \$17,785.49. Thank you!

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 Humanae 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.

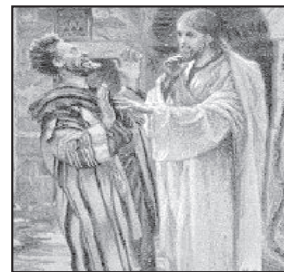
Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of September 2018: You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intension: That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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.

"The whole of salvation history is the story of God looking for us: he offers us love and welcomes us with tenderness."

~ Pope Francis



They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well.

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Mark 7:37

Prayer

Holy Lord,

Thank You for grace.

Please help me move beyond the hurdles that trip me up and give me the strength and wisdom to look up and see the hope I run toward in Christ.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen