

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Benvenuti! We, at **St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church**, welcome you to the **39th annual Columbus Italian Festival** and for **Holy Mass** on the Festival grounds. I hope that you have an opportunity to experience our **Italian heritage**, culture, food and our Catholic faith. May **God** bless you and thank you for coming! I want to take an opportunity to thank the parishioners of **St. John** for their support, cooperation and sacrifice in bringing this Festival together. Also, I want to thank the workers of **Rising Star Production and Entertainment** for their help in setting up the Festival, police officers of the **Columbus Police** department and many others. A special thanks needs to be sent out to members of the **Italian Festival Board** and the committee chairs. May God reward all of you!

October is **Respect Life** month in the **Catholic Church**. The **Respect Life Program**, sponsored by the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**, started in **1972** and begins anew each **October** – a month dedicated to address issues affecting the dignity of every human life. Because we are made in the image and likeness of **God**, nothing can diminish our worth to **God**. Therefore, as a Church, we must hold that every person is cherished: the unborn, those who are at the end of their life, and those who are disabled or who are suffering from disease and those in prison. As a Church, we proclaim this message in the face of such sins as abortion, euthanasia, human cloning and the like. Let us cherish all human life.

October 7th is also the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary**. **October** is also a month dedicated to the merits of the **Rosary**. It would be good to dig out our rosary and pray it this month, especially for a greater respect for human life.

Next weekend, we return to our regular Mass schedule: 9:30 a.m. on Sunday.

We are now taking **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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 10/07	10:30 a.m.	Joe Cordi by Dino & Michelle Pezzot
Mon., 10/08	5:30 p.m.	NO MASS
Sun., 10/14	9:30 a.m.	George Paesano by Linda Henry
Mon., 10/15	5:30 p.m.	Bruno Masdea by Mike & Dina Ricci

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:	
Marian Lights:	Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament:	Dwight Romick by Chris Soteriades

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, October 7, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Adolfo Gastaldo, Ed Pagnanelli
Eucharistic Ministers:	Leslie Pasian, Pat Rossetti, Sharon D’Alberto, Judy Pishitelli & Margaret Panico-Harn
Sunday, October 14, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Bob Contino, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Claudio Pasian, Antonio D’Alberto, Marge Contino, Pete Tamburro & Andrea Myers

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 **October** are:

- October 7 Italian Festival Mass
- October 14 Adolfo “Gus” Gastaldo
- October 21 Vincent Davis

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN’S


September 30, 2018
 Number of Envelopes Used – 46
 In Envelopes: \$2,345.00 Loose Money \$400.00

Regular Collection	\$ 2,745.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (164.70)
	\$ 2,580.30
Votives	\$ 20.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 30.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,745.00	(\$ 140.00)	-5%
FYTD:	\$40,390.00	\$37,462.11	(\$2,927.89)	-7%



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

**SJB Collection Counters
for Tuesday, October 9, 2018**

Maruja Paule & Darlene Rauch

**SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, October 15, 2018**

Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin, & Mary Spellacy

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

October 7 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

October 8 – Weekday

Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37

October 9 – Weekday

**St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;
Saint John Leonardi, Priest**

Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42

October 10 – Weekday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4

October 11 – Weekday

Saint John XXIII, Pope

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13

October 12 – Weekday

Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26

October 13 – Weekday

Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28

October 14 – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

***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 at **614-294-5319** or rkitsmiller@columbuscatholic.org, to register. If interested, contact **Father Kitsmiller**.

Counter Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed to count **St. John's** 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.**

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **October** is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**. The Memorial of **Our Lady of the Rosary** is celebrated on **October 7**. October falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green.

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.**

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE CONFERENCE: Respect Life, Bioethics, Leadership is Saturday, **October 20, 2018**, from **9:00 a.m.-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://bclic2018.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.

Film Screening: *Unprotected*, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 18th, AMC Easton: Reserve tickets by October 11th for \$13.00 via www.tugg.com/events/unprotected-xbjt. A special one-night screening of a new, **Catholic** documentary is coming to **Columbus!** ***Unprotected*** is **Don Johnson's** new film about "**Humane Vitae**," the devastating effects of the sexual revolution, and the counter-cultural movement that is rising from its ashes. Featuring stories and commentary by **Christopher West, Jennifer Fulwiler, Janet Smith, Damon Owens, Jason and Crystalina Evert, Sue Ellen Browder, Patrick Coffin, Jennifer Roback Morse, Carrie Gress, Leila Miller, Benjamin Wiker, and Donald Ascii**. Please invite friends and family (teens and older should find the film meaningful and appropriate), and *please reserve your tickets before **October 11th*** so our showing doesn't get canceled. If it does end up getting canceled, your card won't be charged by Tugg. Email sarahspaulding@yahoo.com or call/text **Sarah** at **937-212-1614** with any questions.



Jesus said, "Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

Mark 10:13

Prayer

Hail, holy Queen,

Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve:

to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us,

and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb,

Jesus,

O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Amen.