

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Tuesday is Election Day, which is always an important event in our country. Unfortunately, the political course leading up to elections is often clouded by negative advertisements filled with half-truths, and character assassinations of opponents. This is regrettable because it has often stifled needed debate and discourse about policies and positions of candidates and parties that will eventually effect all of us. We can be tempted to opt out of the whole mess. However, we all know that it is a broken world that we live in, full of sinners, even in our Church and among our clergy. The murder of innocent people at the **Living Word Synagogue** in **Pittsburgh** last week is another reminder to us of the evil in the world. But this is why we must strive to make our world better and participate in the public forum. Voting in elections is always a necessary way to do this. We have been promoting in the bulletin the **USCCB's** guide for voting, called **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**.

You can refer to it online at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship. This is a valuable resource for forming one's conscience for the voting booth. It lists many challenges that face our country today that we should factor when making a decision for a candidate or issue: the ongoing destruction of a million innocent human lives each year by abortion, physician-assisted suicide, the redefinition of marriage, the excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, economic policies that fail to prioritize the needs of poor people, at home and abroad, a broken immigration system and wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity. There are also local and state issues that affect our lives. **The Ohio Catholic Conference** also has a website that can help you understand the issues and how to apply our Catholic teaching: www.ohiocathconf.org/category/election-issues. Let us pray for wisdom for all voters and may **God** guide our choices.

God bless you all.
Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 11/4	9:30 a.m.	Gaetana Capoccia by Maria Capoccia & Family
Mon., 11/5	5:30 p.m.	Bill Galilei by Pat Rossetti
Sun., 11/11	9:30 a.m.	Luciano Stefanelli by Luisa Stefanelli
Mon., 11/12	5:30 p.m.	Anna Zopita D'Alberto Volpone by Antonio, Sharon D'Alberto & Family

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Bernard Ulyses Bowman, Jr.
by Chris Soteriades

Correction from **10-28-2018** bulletin on **Blessed Sacrament Intentions: Robert S. Contino, Jr.** and should have been **Robert W. Contino, Jr.**

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon., 11/5	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Tues., 11/6	7:30 p.m.	Piave Club Meeting (Marrapese Hall)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, November 4, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Adolfo Gastaldo, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers	Claudio Pasian, Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli & Pete Tamburro
Sunday, November 11, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop, Ed Pagnanelli
Eucharistic Ministers:	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.

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****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 **November** are:

November 4	Leslie Malek-Pasian
November 11	Margaret Contino, OFS
November 18	Vincent Davis
November 25	Gary Bosco

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

November 4 – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
November 5 – Weekday
Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14
November 6 – Weekday
Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24
November 7 – Weekday
Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33
November 8 – Weekday
Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
November 9 – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
November 10 – St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15
November 11 – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

***Pray for our Priest and seminarians**

The Byron Saunders Foundation: What's Thanksgiving dinner without mashed potatoes?? **St. John the Baptist** helps the **Byron Saunders Foundation** headed by our own parishioner, **Brian Wollenberg**, obtain dollars to purchase **5 lb. bags** of fresh potatoes for the families in need. We request a minimum of **\$2.00** per person. The more money we receive the more families receive fresh potatoes for Thanksgiving dinner. Last year, we served homemade mashed potatoes to **785** families for Thanksgiving out of over **5,000** families we are striving to serve. Eradicate Thanksgiving Boxed mashed potatoes! Please give after Mass, through **November 18th**.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

October 28, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 54

In Envelopes: \$3,535.00 Loose Money \$247.00

Holy Day	\$ 40.00
Regular Collection	\$ 3,822.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (229.32)
	\$ 3,592.68
Votive	\$ 25.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 45.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 90.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 3,822.00	\$ 937.00	32%
FYTD:	\$51,930.00	\$49,286.93	-\$ (2,643.07)	- 5%

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, November 5, 2018

Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin, & Mary Spellacy

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, November 12, 2018

Gus Gastaldo & Tom Elliott



Office Hours:

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

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.**

St. John's Guild #16 is having their annual **Thanksgiving Bake/Raffle Sale** on **Sunday, November 18th, 2018**. Delicious baked goods will make your holiday sweeter and easier! Raffle tickets **\$1.00 each** (can be purchased from any member). **Prizes: Pizzelle Iron, two \$50.00 gift cards from Kroger, fruit baskets from Huffmans' Market, Exotic Wine Basket, Amazing Ceramic Platter, Collectors' set of 16 glasses, Welcoming Thanksgiving Wreath and Decorative Wall Clock.** Baked donations are greatly appreciated and all profits goes to **St. John church**. Any questions, contact **Greta** at **614-888-0619**. In 2018, Let our Passion be Compassion!

Saint Vincent Family Center: The parishioners of **St. John the Baptist** is sponsoring a **Christmas** for a family recommended by **St. Vincent Family Center**. There is a table in **Sala hall** which has the wish provided by the **Center** for **four children** in a family facing very difficult times. Many shopped from the list while other parishioners donated money for gifts to be purchased by the committee. Please see **Maria Lucchin, Jackie Persichetti** or **Rose Ann Graf** for further details.

FORMED.org: A one-year subscription to the online Catholic catechetical service, **FORMED.org**, has been generously donated to the parishes of both **St. John** and **Sacred Heart**. This resource is free of charge and is meant to help us grow in our faith. Once you register, you will have access to thousands of online Catholic videos, audios and e-books. You can view them On Demand anytime, anywhere. To register, please visit <https://sjbitaliana.formed.org>. Find the "Register Now" link and fill out the information on the screen. Please take advantage of this resource; and, don't forget to download the free **iOS** or **Android** app for your phone or tablet.

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **November** is dedicated to the **Souls in Purgatory**, whose feast is celebrated on **November 2**. The entire month of November falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time** and is represented by the liturgical color green.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of November 2018:
That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Cemetery Sunday Prayer Services will be held at **2:00 p.m.** on **November 4th** at **St. Joseph, Resurrection, Holy Cross** and **Mt. Calvary Cemeteries**.

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 6**. "In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation." **U.S. Catholic Bishops, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**. Please visit the **Columbus Diocese's Faithful Citizenship Page** for more resources: <https://columbuscatholic.org/faithful-citizenship>. Please vote. Let your voice be heard!

THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) COLLECTION will be on the weekend of **November 18**, the **Sunday** before **Thanksgiving**. Help break the cycle of poverty. For more information about how **CCHD** is working on the margins, go online at www.usccb.org/cchd or contact the diocesan **Office for Social Concerns** at **(614) 241-2540**.



Jesus replied, "The first is this:
Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God is Lord alone!

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.*

The second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:28-31

Prayer

*Dear Lord,
Thank You for fearfully
and wonderfully creating each of us.
Thank You for giving us worth in Your eyes.
Help us live as the one You uniquely intended us to be.
Help us abide instead of strive,
living peacefully and joyfully as heirs to Your Kingdom and co-heirs
with Christ.*

Amen.