

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We begin our **Advent Season** today in preparation for the celebration of the birth of **Jesus Christ**, our **God** and **Savior**. The word **“Advent”** means **“arrival”** or a **“coming.”** In **Advent**, we focus our intention on the fact that God arrived in this world in substantial way, taking on flesh. The incarnation is one of the great mysteries of our faith. **God** became a human being, conceived in the womb of Mary, and was born, learned to walk and talk. He was like us in all things but sin. Therefore, we can approach a savior who knows us in all of our weaknesses. We might use this brief season to concentrate encountering **Christ** in our day to day activities, the scripture we read but most especially in the sacrament of the **Eucharist** – where **Jesus** is substantially present to us, body, blood, soul and divinity, and not just in a spiritual way. Ask the **Lord** when you receive Him in the **Eucharist** to strengthen you to endure the challenges of life with peace and wisdom. The **Lord** can certainly do this for us.

Please see the rest of the bulletin for the **Christmas Mass schedule**.

This coming **Saturday, December 8th**, is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is not only a holy day of obligation for all Catholics, but also the patronal feast of our country. **We have Mass at Sacred Heart at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 7th and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8th at St. John the Baptist.** At **Sacred Heart**, three individuals will be coming into the Catholic Church, with one being baptized. It should be a festive occasion. May **Mary**, conceived without sin, pray for us and our country.

God bless you all!
Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 12/2	9:30 a.m.	Lucertina, Agriesti, West & Chandler Families by the Family
Mon. 12/3	5:30 p.m.	Virginia Galilei by Mary Jo Zimmerman
Sat. 12/8	10:00 a.m.	Caterina “Rina” Tiberi by Gabriella T. Butterbaugh
Sun. 12/9	9:30 a.m.	George Paesano by Linda Henry
Mon. 12/10	5:30 p.m.	Mercede D’Alberto Mandolini by Antonio, Sharon & Family

The Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

Friday, December 7th, 5:30 p.m., Sacred Heart
Saturday, December 8th, 10:00 a.m., St. John the Baptist

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Charlie Agriesti
by Bonnie Agriesti

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon. 12/3	Italian Village Men & Women’s Faith Sharing Group Will not be meeting until after the 1st of the year beginning January 7th, 2019
Tues. 12/4	Piave Club Meeting (Marrapese Hall), 7:30 p.m.
Wed. 12/5	6:30 p.m. Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival (Board Meeting only) (Marrapese or Sala Hall)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, December 2, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Ed Pagnanelli, John Snoad
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Antonio D’Alberto, Leslie Pasian & Margaret Panico-Harn
Saturday, December 8, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	
Lectors:	Adolfo Gastaldo, Ed Pagnanelli
Eucharistic Ministers:	Ed Pagnanelli, & Pete Tamburro
Sunday, December 9, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Marge Contino, Ed Pagnanelli, Pete Tamburro, Judy Pishitelli & Sharon D’Alberto

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 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 **December** are:

- December 2 Claudio Pasian
- December 9 Carl Tisone
- December 16 Robert Contino, OFS

Anyone interested in leading the Rosary on Sundays, please contact Bob Contino at 614-833-0371. Thank you!

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

- December 2 – First Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- December 3 – Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 2:1-5/Lk 8:5-11
- December 4 Advent Weekday
Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
- December 5 – Advent Weekday
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
- December 6 – Advent Weekday – Saint Nicholas, Bishop
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- December 7 – Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
- December 8 –
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

November 25, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 37

In Envelopes: \$2,105.00 Loose Money \$121.00

Regular Collection	\$ 2,226.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (133.56)
	\$ 2,092.44
Votive	\$ 21.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 31.00

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

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference (\$)</u>	<u>(%)</u>
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,226.00	(\$ 659.00)	-23%
FYTD:	\$63,470.00	\$60,145.24	(\$3,324.76)	-5%

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, December 3, 2018

Nick Perschetti & Gus Gastaldo

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, December 10, 2018

Maruja Paule & Darlene Rauch



Office Hours:

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

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th

Monday, Sacred Heart 4:00 p.m.
Monday, St. John 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, December 25th

Tuesday, St. John 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve, December 31st

Monday, Sacred Heart 5:30 p.m.

New Year's Day, January 1st

Tuesday, St. John 10:00 a.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.

Landa Masdea Brunetto Premier Book for sale on Sunday, DECEMBER 9th during THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST, our parishioner **Landa Masdea Brunetto** will be offering her premier book for sale, **The History of THE VALLEY DALE BALLROOM**. Several of our parishioners are mentioned in the pages of this enlightening and sentimental read. **One Dollar** of every purchase will be donated back to **St. John**. Makes a tender **Christmas** gift for every age group. **\$22.00** includes tax. Cash or Checks accepted.

Raffle by Vince Militello: Raffling off a **32 pound Mandarini Aged Sharp provolone** with a retail value of over **\$300.00**. Tickets are **\$2.00 each** or **3 for \$5.00**. Winning ticket will be drawn on either **Sunday, December 9th or 16th**. See **Vince** to get your tickets today.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Salvatore Carfagna and Abigail DiSabato who entered into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on November 24, 2018.

Christmas Flowers: Christmas poinsettias are available again this year. Flowers may be requested in memory of a loved one and will be placed on the altar throughout the **Christmas Season**. An envelope for **Christmas** poinsettias is included in the **December** offertory envelopes. You may also put your donation and memorial request in a regular envelope and place it in the collection basket. There is a suggested donation of **\$10.00** per poinsettia. The **Christmas** flowers add such beauty to **St. John** during this special time of year. Thank you.

AROUND US

First Sunday of Advent: For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent Season will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming: "Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, 'the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,' is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the God-who comes." ~ catholicculture.org

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **December** is dedicated to the **Immaculate Conception**, which is celebrated on **December 8**. As Our Lady Immaculately Conceived is the patroness of the United States of America, **this is a holy day of obligation** in the United States. The first day of **December** falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time** and is represented by the liturgical color green. The next 22 days fall during the liturgical season of **Advent** and are represented by the liturgical color purple. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of December 2018:

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.



"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."
Luke 21:36

Prayer

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary Mother of God,
pray for sinners now and at the hour of our death Amen.