

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family** this **Sunday** between **Christmas** and the **Solemnity of Mary**, the **Mother of God**. Another aspect about the Incarnation of **Christ** is that **God** was part of a human family, like you and I. He had a mother who bore Him and an earthly father, **St. Joseph**, who help raise Him and teach Him. **God** wishes to be in our families as well, to be at the center. We also have our extended family: aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins and in-laws. They, too, are precious in the eyes of **God**. They help us see the wider human family that we are also part of. May **God** bless all of your families, big and small, and know that you are part of **God's** family. May **Christ** be the center of your lives.

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019**, is the **Solemnity of Mary**, the **Mother of God**, the last day of the **Christmas Octave** and a Holy Day of Obligation for all **Catholics**. Please attend **Mass** on this special day when we honor **Mary** as the mother of **Jesus** who is **God**. We also pray for peace in the world. I don't think there is a better way to start off the **New Year**. We have Mass at **Sacred Heart** at **5:30 p.m.** on **Monday, December 31st** and at **St. John the Baptist** on **Tuesday, January 1st** at **10:00 a.m.**

Happy New Year to all of you!  
Fr. Kitsmiller  
Administrator

### MASSSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 12/30	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Masdea by Lou Massinelli
Tues., 1/1	10:00 a.m.	Caterina "Rina" Tiberi by The National Italian American Foundation, Inc.
Sun., 1/6	9:30 a.m.	Armando "Steve" Gastaldo by Sos & Lee Ann Codispoti
Mon., 1/7	5:30 p.m.	Petrina Agriesti by Pat Rossetti

### **Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:** Joyce Tisone  
by Carl Tisone  
**Blessed Sacrament:** Spyros Sevis  
by Chris Soteriades

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, December 30, 2018, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Aldolfo Gastaldo & Ed Pagnanelli,
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Andrea Myers, Pat Rossetti, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli & Claudio Pasion
Tuesday, January 1, 2019, 10:00 a.m.	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Gabe Bishop & Ed Pagnanelli
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Leslie Pasion, Antonio D'Alberto, Margi Baker, Bob Contino & Pete Tamburro
Sunday, January 6, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lectors:</b>	John Snoad & Landa Brunetto
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Pete Tamburro, Andrea Myers, Leslie Pasion, Marge Contino & Sharon D'Alberto

*Please remember in your prayers those who are sick or suffering, especially those who are in Hospitals, Nursing Facilities or Homebound.*

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon., 12/31	Italian Village Men's and Women's Faith Sharing Group Will not be meeting until after the 1st of the year, beginning January 7th, 2019
Note: Due to the Holiday, The Piave Club will meet on January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Marrapese Hall.	

### 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 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** and **January** are:

**December 30** Gary Bosco  
**January 6** Robert Contino, OFS  
**January 13** Carl Tisone

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

### 2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

**December 30 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52  
Or for **Year C:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/  
Lk 2:41-52

**December 31 – Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

Saint Sylvester I, Pope  
1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

**January 1 – The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord**

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**January 2 – Saint Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

**January 3 – Christmas Weekday**

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29–3:6/Jn 1:29-34

**January 4 – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

**January 5 Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

**January 6 – The Epiphany of the Lord**

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

\*Pray for our Priest and seminarians



**Office Hours:** The Parish office will be closed on **New Year's Eve** and **New Year's Day** and will resume on **Wednesday, January 2, 2019**. Regular office hours are **Monday-Friday**, from **9:00 a.m.** to **2:00 p.m.**

### New Year's Mass Schedule

**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.

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

December 23, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 55

Number of Envelopes Used Christmas – 39

In Envelopes:	\$ 3,147.00
Loose Money	\$ 784.00
Christmas	\$ 1520.00
	\$ 301.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 5,752.00</b>
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (345.12)
	\$ 5,406.88
Votive	\$ 47.00
Diocesan Charities	\$ 80.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 147.00</b>

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 5,752.00	\$2867.00	99%
FYTD:	\$75,010.00	\$75,283.17	\$ 273.17	0%

**SJB Collection Counters**

**for Wednesday, January 2, 2018**

Maruja Paule & Darlene Rauch

**SJB Collection Counters**

**for Monday, January 7, 2019**

Gus Gastaldo & Nick Perschetti

**Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers a wonderful opportunity to experience God's mercy on a very personal level. The Sacrament of Penance is a beautiful Sacrament through which we are reconciled to God, ourselves and our neighbors. Remember the words of St. Paul, "God is rich in mercy; because of His great love for us, He brought us to life with Christ when we were dead in sin (Eph 2:4). **Father is available for Confession prior to Mass, and by calling the office for an appointment.**

**La Befana Celebration** is Sunday, January 6, 2019, sponsored by the LeDonne members, after Mass in Marrapese Hall. Please bring children, grandchildren and enjoy this beautiful tradition.

**A Special Thank-You!** to the generous, kind and caring parishioners of **St. John the Baptist**, we join **St. Vincent Center** in sending our deepest thanks for making a wonderful bright **Christmas** possible for a family of **four children** by providing everything on their wish list. Because of your overwhelming generosity, we were also able to deliver an additional fulfilled wish list for another family. We are most grateful to each of you. **Happy New Year! Maria, Jackie and Rose Ann.**

**AROUND US**

**Christmas Season:** The liturgical season of **Christmas** begins with the vigil **Masses** on **Christmas Eve** and concludes on the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**. During this season, we celebrate the birth of **Christ** into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with Him...including the fact that He was born to die for us. The **Christmas** tree and the **Nativity** scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many **Christian** homes. It is also traditional to exchange **Christmas gifts** with family and friends to honor **God the Father's** gift of His only son to the world. Having received the gift of **Christ**, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.

**Feast of the Holy Family:** Today, we honor the **Holy Family**. The devotion to the **Holy Family** was born in **Bethlehem**, together with the **Baby Jesus**. The shepherds went to adore the **Child** and, at the same time, they gave honor to His family. Later, the **three wise men** came from the **East** to adore and give honor to the newborn **King** with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

**January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:** This feast is the celebration of **Mary's** motherhood of **Jesus**. The title "**Mother of God**" is a western derivation from the **Greek Theotokos**, which means "**Godbearer**." On this day, we are reminded of the role that the **Blessed Virgin** played in the plan of our salvation. Through the **Holy Spirit, God the Father** prepared **Mary** to be the dwelling place where **His Son** and **His Spirit** could dwell among men. **Christ's** birth was made possible by **Mary's** fiat, or sanctioning of **God's plan** with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word." Calling **Mary "Mother of God"** is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "**Prince of Peace**," the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** honors **Mary** as the "**Queen of Peace**." **New Year's Day** is also designated as the **World Day of Peace**, further acknowledging the role of **Mary** in our hearts and in our world.

**World Day of Peace 2019:** On **January 1st, 2019, Pope Francis** will mark the annual **World Day of Peace** with a message titled: "**Good Politics is at the Service of Peace**." **Pope Francis** compels everyone to be engaged in the work of advocating for and with those whose voices are marginalized, to ensure the protection and fulfillment of the "youngest and smallest."

**The Respect Life Mass** is **Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 10:30 a.m.** at **St. Joseph Cathedral**. **Bishop Campbell** will be the celebrant. On this day of the anniversary of the **U.S. Supreme Court** decision **Roe v. Wade**, we observe a nationwide **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. All are invited. For more information, contact Social Concerns at [socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org) or 614-241-2540.

*"Make Peace, create peace, be the example of peace. We need peace in the world."*

~ Pope Francis



*God our Father,  
may we always profit  
by the prayers of the **Virgin Mother Mary**,  
for You bring us life and salvation  
through **Jesus Christ her Son**  
Who lives and reigns  
with You and the **Holy Spirit**,  
one **God**,  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen***