

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We conclude the **Christmas** season this **Sunday** with the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**. In the Gospel, the dove is seen descending upon **Jesus** representing the **Holy Spirit** and the voice of the **Father** is heard, "you are my beloved son, with you I am well pleased." The same idea is meant for our own Baptism. The **Holy Spirit** descends upon us and we are seen as the beloved sons and daughters of the **Father**, a new creation in **Christ**. This is the wonderful new life that we are given and which we should cherish and guard from the evil of the world. We also give this life to our children in their Baptism. It must be protected until they claim it as their own. The **Lord Jesus** commanded us to baptize and so we should give this gift to our children. If you have not had your child baptized, I encourage you to contact our office to go over the steps that you need to take.

I want to thank everyone for their generous gifts this **Christmas**, both to myself and the parish. I appreciate all of your support.

God bless you all.
Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 1/13	9:30 a.m.	Antonio Scale by Caterina Sestito
Mon., 1/14	5:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. John & Sacred Heart
Sun., 1/20	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Masdea by Catherine Sestito
Mon., 1/21	5:30 p.m.	Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Robert W. Contino Jr.
by Robert & Marge Contino

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 1/13	Altar Guild Meeting After Mass (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 1/14	6:00 p.m., Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, January 13, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop & Bob Contino
Eucharistic Ministers:	Marge Contino, Ed Pagnanelli, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli & Antonio D'Alberto
Sunday, January 20, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pat Rossetti, Pete Tamburro, Sharon D'Alberto, Margi Baker & Ed Pagnanelli



Requiescat in pace! In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of: **Danny Ristucci**, long time **SJB** parishioner and **father** of **Carol Ristucci**, who died and was buried last week.

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 **January** are:

January 13 Carl Tisone
January 20 Vincent Davis
January 27 Gary Bosco

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

2019 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

January 13 – The Baptism of the Lord
Is 40:15, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
January 14 – Weekday (First Week in Ordinary time)
Heb 1:1-16/Mk 1:14-20
January 15 Weekday
Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
January 16 – Weekday
Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
January 17 – Saint Anthony, Abbot
Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
January 18 – Weekday
Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
January 19 – Weekday
Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
January 20 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

January 6, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 53

In Envelopes: \$1,948.00 Loose Money \$360.00

Holy Day: \$162.00 Loose Money: \$0.00

Total Collection \$ 2,470.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment \$ (148.20)
\$ 2,321.80

Votive \$ 34.90
St. Anthony Bread \$ 74.00
50/50 Drawings \$ 70.00
Total \$ 178.90

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,470.00	-\$ (415.00)	-14%
FYTD:	\$80,780.00	\$81,912.17	\$1,132.17	1%

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, January 14, 2019

Maria Lucchin & Mary Spellacy

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, January 21, 2019

Tom Elliott, Maruja Paule & Louise Masdea

**Office Hours:**

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

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**.

AROUND US

Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2019: You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intention: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **January** is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**, which is celebrated on January 3. The first **eight** days of **January** fall during the liturgical season known as **Christmas**, which is represented by the liturgical color white. The remaining days of **January** are the beginning of **Ordinary Time**. The liturgical color changes to green – a symbol of the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven.

Trinity Catholic Elementary School Open House located at **1440 Grandview Avenue** in **Columbus** is now accepting registrations for the **2019-2020** school year for students in grades **K-8**. Join us for an **Open House** on **Thursday, January 31**, from **6:30-8:00 p.m.**, with a special Kindergarten presentation at **7:00 p.m.** With small class sizes, rigorous academics, technology-enhanced instruction, and a family-oriented community, you will find that it is worth considering, and is **CATHOLIC** education at its **Trinity Catholic** finest! For more information, or to schedule a private tour, please contact **Principal Kimber Moehrman** at kmoehrma@cducation.org or **614-488-7650**. **EdChoice Scholarships** available for qualifying schools and/or income levels. **Website:** www.thundergraphics.net/trinity.

Roe Remembrance at Ohio Statehouse: Greater Columbus right to Life will sponsor this event on **Tuesday, January 22, noon to 1:00 p.m.**, at the **Ohio Statehouse** following the **10:30 a.m. Respect Life Mass** at **St. Joseph Cathedral**. The program will be held in the Statehouse Atrium. Please allow extra time for Statehouse security measures. Stickers, signs, and weapons are not permitted inside. For additional information, visit www.gcrtl.org/roe.html.

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 or **614-241-2540**.

Baptism of Our Lord: Today, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord**. This brings to an end the season of **Christmas**. The Church recalls **Our Lord's** second manifestation, or **epiphany**, which occurred on the occasion of His Baptism in the Jordan. The past, present and future are made manifest in this epiphany.

What is Ordinary Time?: With the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**, we have entered into the liturgical time that we call "ordinary."

The **Sundays** and weeks of **Ordinary Time**, on the other hand, take us through the life of **Christ**. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of **Christ**. According to The **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**: "Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of **Christ** is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in **Christ**. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final **Sunday in Ordinary Time**, the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and King of the Universe**."

January is Poverty Awareness Month: During **Poverty Awareness Month**, join the **U.S. Bishops**, the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** and the **Catholic community in the United States** in taking up **Pope Francis'** challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! The **USCCB's Poverty Awareness Month** materials include an online and print calendar with daily ways to learn about poverty, get inspired by how communities are responding, and take action with others. You can also sign up for daily reflections. For these and other resources, visit <http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/poverty-education/poverty-awareness-month.cfm>.

World Marriage Day Dinner and Dance: Saturday, February 9, 2019, 6:30-10:30 p.m. American Legion Post 171, 393 E. College Avenue, Westerville, OH. \$74.00 per couple, Dinner/Dancing/BYOB. RSVP to **Fred and Joy Kerner** at **614-761-9048** or Joc93@yahoo.com.

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's** 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.

"I want a Church which is poor and for the poor."

~Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*



And a voice came from heaven,

"You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:11

Prayer

O God,

You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ.

Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation.

Grant that as St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You,

and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life.

Amen