

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus reads a passage from Isaiah in the synagogue regarding the messiah or Christ in Greek. He then says that He is the fulfillment of the passage, He is the Christ. Since Christmas, the Gospel passages and the liturgy have been telling us that Jesus is God. This is an important starting point for our journey of faith. It is meant to teach us to hear the Scripture as God speaking to us, teaching us, directing us. Jesus is the fulfillment of that word. In the first reading from Nehemiah, as Ezra reads from the Torah, all the people say "amen" or "I believe" and prostrate themselves in adoration. They recognize that the word of God is being spoken to them. This is the same word of God that is spoken to us at the Mass and which we read in the Bible. In the Mass, the Word becomes flesh in the Eucharist and Jesus is given to us, body, blood and divinity. How privileged we are to receive Him and hear His words. I encourage you each day to spend some time reading Scripture, particularly the daily Mass readings which are listed in the bulletin and hear them as the Lord speaking to you. This is something that you can make a part of your day, especially if you cannot get to Mass during the winter season. Allow the Lord to come into your home and speak to you.

We will be mailing out letters this week to all parishioners regarding their yearly contributions to the parish. I thank you again for your support of the parish.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 1/27	9:30 a.m.	Ermida Susi by Lucian Susi
Mon., 1/28	5:30 p.m.	Mary DiCesare by The American Italian Golf Association
Tues., 1/29	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Antonio Frissora by Dina Tiberi Karshner
Sun., 2/3	9:30 a.m.	Lillian Penzone by Pat & Mary Davis
Mon., 2/4	5:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. John the Baptist & Sacred Heart

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Sean P. McCreary
by Chris Soteriades

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 1/27	LeDonne Meeting, After Mass (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 1/28	6:00 p.m. Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom) 6:30 p.m. Executive Team Meeting For Italian Festival (Board Meeting) (Sala Hall)
Tues., 1/29	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary & Intentions – 12:30 p.m. Mass at 1:00 p.m. (Chapel)

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, January 27, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop, Ed Pagnanelli
Eucharistic Ministers	Margaret Panico-Harn, Pat Rossetti, Marge Contino, Judy Pishitelli & Andrea Myers
Sunday, February 3, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Bob Contino, John Snoad
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pete Tamburro, Ed Pagnanelli, Marge Contino, Antonio D'Alberto & Sharon D'Alberto

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 and February are:

January 27 Gary Bosco
February 3 Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo
February 10 Vincent Davis

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

2019 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

January 27 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2-4a. 5-6. 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
January 28 –
Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Heb 9:15. 24-28/Mk 3:22-30
January 29 – Weekday
Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
January 30 – Weekday
Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
January 31 – Saint John Bosco, Priest
Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
February 1 – Weekday
Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
February 3 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

January 20, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 11
In Envelopes: \$810.00 Loose Money \$123.00

Total Collection	\$ 933.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (55.98)
	\$ 877.02
Votive	\$ 8.00
Propagation of Faith	\$ 5.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 38.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 933.00	-\$1,952.00	-68%
FYTD:	\$86,550.00	\$84,516.32	-\$2,033.68	-2%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 28, 2019

Nick Perschetti & Gus Gastaldo

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, February 4, 2019

Maruja Paule & Darlene Rauch

**Office Hours:**

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

2018 YEAR-END STATEMENTS: Year-end statements have been mailed out this weekend. If you don't receive yours, please contact the office at **614-294-5319**.

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**.

Conversation with visiting Scholar Teresa Fiore: Please join **Prof. Teresa Fiore** of **Montclair State University** for a conversation about migration to and from **Italy**. She will be at **St. John's Marrapese Hall**, **Friday, February 15**, at **5:30 p.m.** It will be a very informal gathering and a wonderful occasion for all of us to gather and listen to the presentation. Thank you, **Maria and Landa**

Catholic Times: Next week, our parish collection begins for the **Catholic Times** weekly newspaper. This donation **HELPS OUR PARISH** provide the **Catholic Times** to you and many of our parishioners. Donation envelopes for this collection are included in your **January/February** packet. For a minimum donation of **ONLY \$17.00 per year (less than 39¢ per issue)**, readers receive a Catholic perspective on the world around us: local, national, worldwide, pro-life and Vatican news; diocesan, parish, and school stories; articles, regular columns, editorials, and events are delivered right to your home. As an evangelization tool, **Bishop Campbell** encourages every **Catholic** family to receive the **Catholic Times**. Use your envelope to sign up for the **Catholic Times**, the newspaper of our diocese, or to renew your subscription. If you donate electronically, you can still receive **Catholic Times**. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "**Catholic Times**" with your **Name** and drop it into the **Sunday** collection basket during **February**. Thank you for your support.

AROUND US

Did You Know? Holy Water: Traditionally, Catholics have placed fountains of holy water near the entrances of our churches. This placement and usage corresponds to the Old Testament Jewish practices of purification. We have fountains filled with holy water for blessings for three reasons: as a sign of repentance of sin, for protection from evil, and as a reminder of our Baptism. Please take some time this week to reflect on these reasons and their importance to our Faith. Feel them each time you use holy water. May we see the importance not only of pausing to bless ourselves with holy water as we enter and leave Church, but also of having holy water available in our homes.

Lighten Your Load, Brighten Your Light is a day of self-care and healing, **Saturday, March 9, 2019**, from **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** at the **Martin de Porres Center, Columbus**. This day seeks to return the patience, compassion, and love you give out, back on yourself. As caregivers, first responders, crisis counselors and volunteers, and ministry leaders, taking the time for self-care is vitally important to your resiliency and renewal, which ultimately influences your capacity to serve and lead. A freewill offering is appreciated; registration is required due to limited space, and lunch is provided. To register, visit www.tinyurl.com/DHTF-register. For more information, contact **Andrea Pannell** at **614-241-2550** or email apannell@columbuscatholic.org. Sponsored by the diocesan **Hope Task Force**.

World Marriage Day Celebration – “The Art of Marriage”: All married couples are invited to the **Diocesan World Marriage Day Celebration, Sunday, February 10, 1:00-4:00 p.m.** at The **Jubilee Museum**. **Shawn Kenney**, the museum's **Executive Director**, will discuss the beauty of both art and marriage and how both can be a means to share **God's** love with the world. Please spread the word about this opportunity. For additional information, visit <https://www.columbuscatholic.org/marriage-ministry-enrichment> or call **Marriage & Family Life** at **614-241-2560**.

Columbus Catholic Men's and Women's Conferences: The beginning of **2019** means the **Columbus Catholic Women's and Men's Conferences** are right around the corner. The **Women's Conference** is on **Saturday, February 16** and the **Men's Conference** is on **Saturday, February 23**. Both are being held again this year at the **Ohio Expo Center**, in what was formally called the **Cardinal Hall**, but has recently changed the name to **Kasich Hall**. To see more details regarding each conference, check out the sites below: www.columbuscatholicwomen.com or <http://www.catholicmensministry.com>. You can also go to the link below for a copy of the registration form: http://www.saintceciliachurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/CCWC_2019.pdf.

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry meetings: Are you suffering the loss of a loved one? Are you looking for friends to share in your grief and healing? Please join us at our **Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry meetings**. This is a **Christ-Centered** peer support group that meets for **six** weeks, **four** times per year. Each session includes Scripture, prayer, reflection, and sharing. During the winter season we will meet on **Sundays from February 3 through March 10** at **Our Lady of Peace Church**, located at **20 E. Dominion Boulevard in Columbus, OH 43214**. Registration is **from 1:30-1:55 p.m.** each **Sunday**, with group sharing following **from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** You may join us for any or all of our sessions. Please feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions, contact **Rose Daiga**, a parishioner at **Our Lady of Peace** at rose.daiga@gmail.com or at **614-565-0795**.

“Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the Word of God. Make my heart open to the goodness. Make my heart open to the beauty of God every day.”

~ Pope Francis

**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.

*In Jesus' Name,
Amen.*