

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this **12th** day of **Christmas**, we celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany**, the visit of the **Magi** to **Jesus**. **Epiphany** is a **Greek** word that means manifestation. The Church sees in this event of **Jesus'** life the beginning of **Christ's** manifestation to the world. We can be amazed that these **Magi**, probably astrologers or priests of a **Persian** religion, were drawn many hundreds of miles to pay tribute to the **Christ** child. Their gifts are representative of their understanding of **Jesus'** identity. **Gold** was given to kings. **Frankincense** was used in worship of deities, and **myrrh** was a burial ointment. In their gifts and their act of prostration, they show that **Jesus** is their divine king, meant to be worshipped. Their gift of myrrh points to His humanity and sacrificial death. We are reminded to always know Jesus as our divine king who we worship because of His sacrificial death which forgives our sins. We have been blessed with our gift of faith in **Jesus Christ**, but it is meant for all peoples. If the **Magi** could be drawn many hundreds of miles to honor **Christ** as their king, so can many other peoples. Thus, the Church has a mission to show **Christ** to the nations. We do that by the way of life we live. Our **Sunday** worship and the acts of our faithful service to God and neighbor honor the **Lord**. May our life be a reflection of Jesus' life drawing closer to Him.

I want to thank everyone who made our **Christmas** celebrations so solemn and beautiful from the decorations of the church to the beautiful music.

God bless you all.

Fr. Kitsmiller

Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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
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

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Virginia & Dominick Finissi
by Norma Jean & Bill Finissi, Sr.

Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo
by The Pizzuti Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, January 6, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	John Snoad, & Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers	Pete Tamburro, Andrea Myers, Antonio D'Alberto, Marge Contino & Sharon D'Alberto
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

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., 1/7	6:00 p.m. Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Tues., 1/8	7:00 p.m. The Piave Club Meeting 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 **January** are:

January 6	Robert Contino, OFS
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 6 – The Epiphany of the Lord

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

January 7 – Christmas Weekday

Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

January 8 – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

January 9 – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

January 10 – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22

January 11 – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

January 12 – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

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

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

December 30, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 42

In Envelopes: \$3,520.00 Loose Money \$276.00

Holy Day	\$ 332.00
Loose Money	\$ 31.00
Total Collection	\$ 4,159.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (249.54)
	\$ 3,909.46
Votive	\$ 47.00
Diocesan Charities	\$ 80.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 147.00

? ? ? ? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? ? ? ?**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/18-6/30/19)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 4,159.00	\$ 1,274.00	44%
FYTD:	\$77,895.00	\$79,442.17	\$ 1,547.17	2%

SJB Collection Counters for**Monday, January 7, 2019**

Gus Gastaldo & Nick Perschetti

SJB Collection Counters for**Monday, January 14, 2019**

Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin & Mary Spellacy

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**.

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

**Office Hours:**

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

AROUND US

Epiphany of the Lord: Today the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Epiphany**. "The **Lord** and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. **Epiphany**, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the **Advent Christmas Season**. Three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the **Christ Child** by the **Magi**, the **Baptism of Christ** and the wedding feast at **Cana**.

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.

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.

National Migration Week: January 6-12: For nearly a half century, the **Catholic Church** in the United States has celebrated **National Migration Week**, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for **National Migration Week 2019**, "**Building Communities of Welcome**," draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.

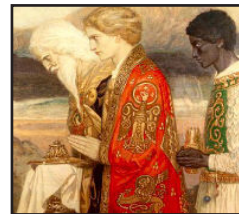
Marriage Encounter Weekend: Why not make a commitment to improve your marriage and plan to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend? The next weekend is **February 15-17, 2019** in Central **Ohio**. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus on each other. For more information or to apply, contact **Paul and Marilou Clouse** at **614-834-6880** or visit our website at www.wmccolumbus.org.

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**.

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.

"The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the orphan and the widow."

~Pope Francis, quoting from the Book of Psalms



They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house
they saw the child with **Mary** his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
Then they opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
~**Matthew 2:11**

Prayer

*O God, our Creator,
all life is in Your hands from conception until death.
Help us to cherish our children
and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation.
May all people live and die in dignity and love.
Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn,
the handicapped and the aged.
Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love,
and give them peace.
Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality.
Amen*