

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last **Thursday, January 31st**, the **Holy See** announced that **Bishop Robert Brennan, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Center in New York** is to be the **12th Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus**, replacing **Bishop Frederick Campbell** who will be retiring. **Bishop Brennan** will be installed on **Friday, March 29th**, at **St. Joseph Cathedral**. **Bishop Brennan** was born on **June 7, 1962** in the **Bronx**, the oldest of **five** children. He was ordained a priest for the **Diocese of Rockville Center** in **1989**. He served as a pastor, the vicar general of the diocese, and served on several boards, including the board of directors of the **Catholic Health Services of Long Island**. He was ordained a bishop in **2012** along with **Bishop Nelson Perez**, the **Bishop of Cleveland**. **Bishop Brennan** has provided a video message to all the faithful of the **Diocese of Columbus**. You can access it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvNbzw0iPao>. There is also an interview with **Bishop Brennan** that can be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mw6l0BJzHA>. It provides a lot of insights on **Bishop Brennan's** background and work in the **Diocese of Rockville Center**. We pray for **Bishop Brennan** as he prepares to be our chief shepherd of our diocese. We look forward to him coming to us. We pray for **Bishop Campbell** as he retires as our Ordinary and thank him for his many years of faithful service to our diocese.

This **Sunday**, the Church celebrates **World Marriage Day**. **World Marriage Day** is the initiative of **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**, a Catholic organization for the promotion and betterment of Christian marriage. It particularly seeks to buildup marriage through its weekend **Marriage Encounter** and **Engaged Encounter** retreats. It also provides a host of other resources on its website: <http://www.wmme.org>. **World Marriage Day**, which is always celebrated on the **2nd Sunday of February**, is a day to honor husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. On this day, we invoke the **Lord's** blessings upon on married couples and pray that their marriages may be strengthened.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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| Sun., 2/10 | 9:30 a.m. | Joseph Colak by Rosemary Colak |
| Mon., 2/11 | 5:30 p.m. | Sean McCreary by Betty Garbuglio |
| Sun., 2/17 | 9:30 a.m. | Bernard Bowman by Guy & Laura Williams |
| Mon., 2/18 | 5:30 p.m. | Parishioners of St. John and Sacred Heart |

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Tony Solazzo
by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Rogers
Blessed Sacrament: Virginia & Dominick Finissi
by Norma Jean & Bill Finissi, Sr.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Sun., 2/10 | Altar Guild Meeting (After Mass) (Marrapese Hall) |
| Mon., 2/11 | 6:00 p.m. Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom) |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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| Sunday, February 10, 2019, 9:30 a.m. | |
| Lectors: | Gabe Bishop, Ed Pagnanelli |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Margaret Panico-Harn, Andrea Myers, Pete Tamburro, Judy Pishitelli & Pat Rossetti |
| Sunday, February 17, 2019, 9:30 a.m. | |
| Lectors: | Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | Bob Contino, Sharon D'Alberto, Andrea Myers, Marge Contino & Margi Baker |

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 **February** are:

February 10 Vincent Davis

February 17 Margaret Contino, OFS

February 24 Norma Jean Finissi

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

2019 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

February 10 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

February 11 – Weekday

Our Lady of Lourdes

Gn 1:1-9/Mk 6:53-56

World Day of the Sick

February 12 – Weekday

Gn 1:20-2:4a/Mk 7:1-13

February 13 – Weekday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23

February 14 – Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30

February 15 – Weekday

Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37

February 16 – Weekday

Gn 3:9-24 /Mk 8:1-10

February 17 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians



Office Hours:

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

**SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, February 11, 2019**

Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin

**SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, February 18, 2019**

Gus Gastaldo & Nick Perschetti

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

February 3, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 62

In Envelopes: \$2,147.00 Loose Money \$344.25

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| Holy Day | \$ | 55.00 |
| Total Collection | \$ | 2,546.25 |
| Less Diocesan 6% Assessment | \$ | (152.78) |
| | \$ | 2,393.47 |
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| Votive | \$ | 34.00 |
| St. Anthony Bread | \$ | 74.00 |
| 50/50 Drawing | \$ | 70.00 |
| Total | \$ | 178.00 |

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| | Budgeted | Actual | Difference (\$) | (%) |
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| This Week: | \$ 2,885.00 | \$ 2,546.25 | -(\$ 338.75) | -12% |
| FYTD: | \$92,320.00 | \$89,398.57 | -(\$ 2,921.43) | -3% |

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 Bulletin Announcement: Thank you to all new and returning readers of the *Catholic Times*. Contact the parish office if you missed the special collection and learn how to sign up for the upcoming year for a minimum donation of only \$17.00 (less than 39 cents per issue). As an evangelization tool, Bishop Cambell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*. You need the *Catholic Times* to keep up on all of the news throughout the diocese and the Catholic world.

St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church announces the 2019 Father Casto Marrapese Scholarship Program. If you are a high school senior student of Italian descent, attending Central Ohio High School, and accepted to an accredited two or four-year College or university in the U.S. for the 2019-2020 academic years, you are encouraged to apply for this scholarship opportunity. Application information has been sent to Central Ohio High School guidance counseling offices. All application materials (application form, activity listing, personal recommendation letter, school recommendation and transcript, and personal essay) must be received at St. John no later than 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 1, 2019. For information, call St. John the Baptist Catholic Italian Church at 614-294-5319 or go online to www.sjbitaliana.com to download the application.

AROUND US

“Promote the culture of generosity and of gift, which is indispensable for overcoming the culture of profit and waste.”

~ Pope Francis

Liturgical Calendar: The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. This year, the entire month of February falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Bethesda Healing Ministry: Please Save-The-Date Thursday, April 4, 2019 for Bethesda's Annual Benefit Dinner held at St. Agatha's Parish Hall, 1860 Northam Road, Upper Arlington. Dinner: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Theme: "Joy in Forgiveness," Speaker: Dr. Ray Guarendi – Mass time and location to be announced. Bethesda needs Underwriters, Sponsorships, Table Host and Volunteers to help support the event that financially supports the Bethesda Healing Ministry-Post Abortion Ministry. For more information, call the Bethesda Healing Ministry office at 614-718-277 or Tim Welsh at 614-419-6985.

World Day of the Sick: February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. Please remember in your prayers those who are sick or suffering, especially those who are in hospitals, nursing facilities or homebound.

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.

February 14: St. Valentine's Day: Legend states that Valentine aided the Christian martyrs during the Claudian persecution. Claudius issued a decree forbidding marriage. Valentine defied this decree and urged young lovers to come to him in secret so that he could join them in the sacrament of matrimony. Eventually he was discovered and condemned to death. While in prison, Valentine was tended by the jailer, Asterius, and his blind daughter. Legend has it that he also miraculously restored the sight of the jailer's daughter. The night before his execution, the priest wrote a farewell message to the girl and signed it affectionately "From Your Valentine," a phrase that lives on even to today. The valentine has become the universal symbol of friendship and affection shared each anniversary of the priest's execution -- St. Valentine's Day. Valentine has also become the patron of engaged couples.



Prayer

All praise and glory are Yours, Lord our God.
 For you have called us to serve You and one another in love.
 Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health.
 Bless those who have grown old in Your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
 Amen.