

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, we hear Luke's version of the Beatitudes. There are only four and they have contrary woes (or sorrows) attached to them. The poor, the hungry, the mourning, those who are hated or excluded are the ones who will be blessed. While the rich, the filled, the laughing, those who are spoken well of are the ones who will be grieving. These blessings and woes are more than just economic classes or emotional states of individuals. Rather, Jesus is telling us that if we live our lives for God and in conformity with His son Jesus Christ, then we will be blessed now and in the next life. And if we live a life of selfishness, oblivious to the need of others and with no thought of God, then our life will end as one of woe. This is the opposite of what many people would expect. Yet, this is a truth of our faith which we must put our trust in. It is reflected in the many lives of the saints of our Church who we can emulate.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 2/17	9:30 a.m.	Bernard Ulysses Bowman by Dean & Jodi Colombini
Mon., 2/18	5:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. John and Sacred Heart
Sun., 2/24	9:30 a.m.	Capt. David Spellacy USMC by Mary Spellacy & Family
Mon., 2/25	5:30 p.m.	Antonio Frissora by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Mampieri

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:
Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
 by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Danny Ristucci
 by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Filichia

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 2/17	Blessed Mother Sodality (After Mass) (Marrapese Hall)
Mon. 2/18	6:00 p.m., Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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
Sunday, February 24, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Ed Pagnanelli, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Antonio D'Alberto, Pat Rossetti, Sharon D'Alberto, Judy Pishitelli, Margaret Panico-Harn

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.

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 and March** are:

February 17	Margaret Contino, OFS
February 24	Norma Jean Finissi
March 3	Carl Tisone
March 10	Robert Contino, OFS

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

2019 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

February 17 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
February 18 – Weekday
 Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
February 19 – Weekday
 Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
February 20 – Weekday
 Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
February 21 – Weekday
Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
February 22 – The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mk 16:13-19
February 23 – Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
 Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
February 24 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

February 10, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 682
 In Envelopes: \$2,227.00 Loose Money \$515.00

Total Collection	\$ 2,742.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (164.52)
	\$ 2,577.48
Votive	\$ 39.00
Catholic Times	\$ 324.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 5.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 388.00

\$\$\$? 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	\$ 2,742.00	-(\$ 143.00)	-5%
FYTD:	\$95,205.00	\$92,140.57	-(\$3,064.43)	-3%



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 18, 2019

Gus Gastaldo & Nick Perschetti

SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, February 25, 2019

Maruja Paule & Darlene Rauch

Volunteers needed to pick up **Panera** bread on **Saturday** night and bring it to the church on **Sunday** mornings. Volunteers will be doing it once every **six (6)** weeks. The **Panera** is across from **Tuttle Mall**. Please call **Greta** at **614-888-0619**. We are trying to continue picking up **Panera** bread for the people at **St. John Church**.

Abruzzi Club Carnival Dinner: Friday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. Pasta with Meatballs – Cash Bar – Tickets are **\$12.00**. For more information, contact **Pat Rossetti** at **614-882-3900**.

Catholic Times Bulletin Announcement: IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!! You can still sign up for **Catholic Times**. For a minimum donation of **only \$17.00** (less than **39 cents** per issue), Catholic news from the diocese and around the world will be delivered right to your mailbox. Use the envelope provided in your **February** packet, or simply write your name and "**Catholic Times**" on a plain envelope, make your check payable to the parish, and drop it into the collection basket. As an evangelization tool, **Bishop Campbell** 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 dioceses 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.sjitaliana.com to download the application.

AROUND US

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.

Mike Dittoe to address Catholic Men's Luncheon Club: The **March Catholic Men's Luncheon Club** will feature a talk by **Mike Dittoe**, a member of **St. Andrew Parish**. Please join us **Friday, March 1st** at **St. Patrick Church** in downtown **Columbus** for lunch and **Mike's** talk about the **Origins and Development of Catholic Life in Central Ohio**. The **March** luncheon is sponsored by **Egan-Ryan Funeral Service**. More information available at www.egan-ryan.com. If you are interested in sponsoring one of the monthly luncheons, contact **Jim Gernetzke** (jimgernetzke@gmail.com). Holy Mass begins at **11:45 a.m.**, followed by lunch at **12:10 p.m.** and **Mike's** talk. No reservations are necessary. **\$10.00** covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on **Catholic Men's Luncheon Club**, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc or contact **Craig Heppner**, CMLC President, at craigkofc@gmail.com.

Columbus Catholic Men's Conference: The **Columbus Catholic Men's Conference** is on **Saturday, February 23**. It is being held again this year at the **Ohio Expo Center** in what was formerly called the **Cardinal Hall** but has recently changed the name to **Kasich Hall**. To see more details regarding the conference, check out <http://www.catholicmensministry.com>.

February is Black History Month: The **Office of Black Catholic Ministries** encourages all members of the **Diocese of Columbus** to join with the more than **3 million African American Catholics** in the **United States** in learning more about the many contributions **Black Catholics** have made to the growth and expansion of our faith. Though hardship and discrimination, **Catholics of African descent** have been throughout our country's history good and faithful servants to **Christ** and His Holy Church. **Four** of these inspirational Catholics – **Father Augustus Tolton, Servant of God, Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, Venerable Henrietta De Lille, and Venerable Pierre Toussaint** – are now under consideration for sainthood. We all pray that our Church will find that these great champions of our **Lord's** promise of salvation and justice are worthy saints. To learn more, go to columbuscatholic.org/black-history-month.

Spirit of Hope Gala of Catholic Social Services: **Catholic Social Services** helps poor and vulnerable seniors and families reach their potential. **Catholic Social Services** envisions a world in which all who are in need are able to meet their potential to live with dignity, hope, and purpose. This annual event benefits **Catholic Social Services'** programs, which help seniors and families. The Gala will be held on **Saturday, March 2, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at St. Charles Preparatory School's Walter Commons, 2010 E. Broad Street, Columbus**. To purchase tickets or to sponsor, visit www.colscss.org/upcoming-events or contact **Julie Naporano** at **614-857-1236** or jnaporano@colscss.org.



"Blessed are you who are poor,
 for the kingdom of God is yours.
 Blessed are you who are now hungry,
 for you will be satisfied.
 Blessed are you who are now weeping,
 for you will laugh.
 Blessed are you when people hate you,
 and when they exclude and insult you,
 and denounce your name as evil
 on account of the Son of Man.
 Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!
 Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.
 For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.
 But woe to you who are rich,
 for you have received your consolation.
 Woe to you who are filled now,
 for you will be hungry.
 Woe to you who laugh now,
 for you will grieve and weep.
 Woe to you when all speak well of you,
 for their ancestors treated the false
 prophets in this way."

Luke 6:20-26