

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Gospel continues the Sermon on the Plain from **Luke's** Gospel. **Jesus'** teachings regarding our treatment of others, especially our enemies, is revolutionary in the history of the world. Not only are we to tolerate our enemies, but we are to love them. If we view this teaching in a merely human way or earthly way, we might say, we would think it is absurd. Yet, we must see it from the point of view of **God**. Human beings, who throughout history have committed evil deeds, have shown their hatred for **God** by hating His creation. We often fail to realize that sin is an offense against **God** because it spurns His creation. Particularly, hatred and violence can be a vicious cycle that is self-destructive in the end, harming ourselves. Yet, **God**, in His love and mercy, sent His son to rescue us from this futile way of life. He came to save, forgive and love even those who show scorn towards **God**. **Jesus'** teaching is even more revolutionary because He expects us and empowers us to show this same kind of forgiveness and love for others, even those who hate us. This takes some courage on our part and a willingness to sacrifice our pride, our ego. But when we act this way, we become more like **Jesus Christ** showing **God's** mercy and love to the world. This is not an attitude naiveté about evil, but a willingness to defeat evil through the power of good and love. We can think of the **Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, whose efforts in this way changed a culture of segregation and racism in our country. There are many other examples in history. We know that **Christ** will give us the grace to do His work and increase and perfect the results of our efforts if we commit ourselves to His teaching.

Please note that the annual **Arnold Classic** will be going on downtown next weekend, **Friday, March 1st** through **Sunday, March 3**. The parish will be charging **\$20.00 admission** for parking in both of our lots beginning **Friday, March 1st** at **7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, **Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** The parish will be working with **Adam Montemarano** and **Rising Star Production & Entertainment** (the same company that helps set up for our Festival) to help with this venture. Proceeds from the parking will go to the operating fund of the parish. If you are coming to **Mass on Sunday**, you will have no problem getting on our lot and you obviously will not be charged to park if you are going to **Mass**. Also, if you have business on **Friday** at the church office, just let the attendant know that you are there for that reason.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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
Tues., 2/26	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Antoinette Carfagna by Padre Pio Group
Sun., 3/3	9:30 a.m.	Joseph Colak by Rosemary Colak
Mon., 3/4	5:30 p.m.	Billy Galilei by Elda Cianelli

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: John A. Capparuccini
by Roger & Andrea Myers

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 2/24	The LeDonne Group Meeting (After Mass) (In Library upstairs)
Mon., 2/25	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 of the Columbus Italian Festival Board Meeting
Tues., 2/26	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary & Intentions – 12:30 p.m. Mass at 1:00 p.m. (Chapel)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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
Sunday, March 3, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Marge Contino, Ed Pagnanelli, Pete Tamburro, Sharon D'Alberto, & Andrea Myers

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 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 24 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-59/Lk 6:27-38

February 25 – Weekday
Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

February 26 – Weekday
Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

February 27 – Weekday
Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40

February 28 – Weekday
Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50

March 1 – Weekday
Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12

March 2 – Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16

March 3 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

February 17, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 48

In Envelopes: \$3,050.00 Loose Money \$453.90

Total Collection	\$ 3,503.90
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (210.23)
	\$ 3,293.67
Votive	\$ 34.00
Catholic Times	\$ 88.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 22.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 204.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 3,503.90	\$ 618.90	21%
FYTD:	\$98,090.00	\$95,644.47	-\$2,445.53	-2%

**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 25, 2019

Maruja Paule & Darlene Rauch

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 4, 2019

Rose Ann Graf and Maria Lucchin

St. Joseph's Celebration Breakfast: Save the date for **Sunday, March 17, 2019**, after **9:30 a.m. Mass**. More details to come in the future bulletin.

ASH WEDNESDAY**March 6**

10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart
6:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist

EASTER TRIDUUM**April 18 – Thursday of Holy Week**

7:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 19 – Good Friday

6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart
1:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 20 – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

8:30 p.m. Sacred Heart

April 21 – Easter Sunday Mass

9:30 a.m. St. John the Baptist
11:00 a.m. Sacred Heart

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's 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**.

AROUND US

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.

Mater Dei Classical Academy Open House: **Mater Dei** is a private, independent elementary school (**K-8th Grade**), founded in **1970** by a group of parents. Governed by a Board of Directors, the school provides **Baltimore Catechism**-based religious teaching of the Catholic Faith, in the context of a **Classical Curriculum**. Open house hours: **Thursday, March 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**; and **Friday, March 8, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**, by appointment. Located at **3695 Elm Street, Whitehall**. (614) 231-1984 or www.materdeiacademy.org.

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, 6:00-10:00 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.

Sacraments for Persons with Disabilities: Day Session for Clergy and Parish Leaders. Featuring **Esther Garcia** of the **National Catholic Partnership on Disability** and **Andrew Burson** of the **Diocesan Office for Divine Worship: Thursday, March 14, 2019, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** at **St. Paul Church, Westerville**. This will focus on the practical application of sacramental preparation of persons with disabilities and include networking and group discussion on best practices. **Spanish** translation is available. Registration is **\$10.00** and includes lunch.

"Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil but defeat it with good."

~ **Pope Francis**

Prayer

Blessed are You, loving **Father**,
Ruler of the universe:

You have given us Your Son as Your Leader,
And have made us temples of Your Holy Spirit.

Fill our family with Your light and peace.
Have mercy on all who suffer,
And bring us to everlasting joy with You.
Father,
We bless Your Name for ever and ever.
Amen.

