

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, we see how the people of **Jesus'** hometown of **Nazareth** reject Him as the **Messiah**. **Jesus'** words of rebuke are meant to show His people that **God** will not work in hearts that refuse to have faith in Him. We are reminded in the second reading about the three greatest gifts that **God** gives: faith, hope and love. We call these theological virtues because they are divine gifts, given by **God** and not acquired by us. We receive them through Baptism. Through a life modeled upon **Christ** and strengthened by the grace of the Sacraments, we can grow in these gifts. In other words, we can become more hopeful, more faithful and more loving. It takes some effort on our part, trust in **God** during difficult times and sacrifice in which we let go of worldly things and embrace the things of God. **God** tells **Jeremiah** that before he was formed in the womb by **God**, **God** knew him and had a plan for his life. That is the same for all of us. **God** has a plan for us before we are conceived. Too often, our world does not see this. Last week, the state of **New York** passed a law allowing for abortion of a child right up until the time of birth. The governor of the state said that women of the state should rejoice in such reproductive freedom. How utterly contrary this is to the vision that **God** has for us! Indeed, we are precious to the **Lord** as He makes known to **Jeremiah** from the moment that we are conceived. Would that we would see ourselves and others in such light. May we always do so and may the leaders of our country see this.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Kitsmiller  
Administrator

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun., 2/03	9:30 a.m.	Lillian Penzone by Pat & Mary Davis
Mon., 2/04	5:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. John the Baptist & Sacred Heart
Sun., 2/10	9:30 a.m.	Joseph Colak by Rosemary Colak
Mon., 2/11	5:30 p.m.	Sean McCreary by Betty Garbuglio

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone  
by Carl Tisone  
Blessed Sacrament: Sean P. McCreary  
by Andrea & Roger Myers

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Mon., 2/04	6:00 p.m. Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Tues., 2/05	Piave Club Meeting (Marrapese Hall) 7:00-9:30 p.m.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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
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

**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 3 Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo
- 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 3 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13; 14-21/  
Lk 4:21-30
- February 4 – Weekday  
Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
- February 5 – Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr  
Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
- February 6 – Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyr  
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
- February 7 – Weekday  
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
- February 8 – Weekday  
Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin  
Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-29
- February 9 – Weekday  
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
- 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

\*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**

January 27, 2019  
Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 41  
In Envelopes: \$2,132.00 Loose Money \$204.00

Total Collection	\$ 2,336.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (140.16)
	\$ 2,195.84
Votive	\$ 23.00
Propagation of Faith	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 12.00
Total	\$ 45.00

**?? \$ ? 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	\$ 2,336.00	(\$ 549.00)	-19%
FYTD:	\$89,435.00	\$86,852.32	(\$2,582.68)	-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 4, 2019**

Maruja Paule &amp; Darlene Rauch

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

Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin &amp; Louise Masdea

**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:** The **Catholic Times** weekly newspaper features insightful and informative news from a Catholic perspective around our diocese, our country and the world. Sign up TODAY or renew your subscription to the **Catholic Times** by placing your **Catholic Times** envelope with a minimum donation of **only \$17.00** (less than **39 cents** per issue) into the regular Mass collection. This donation HELPS THE PARISH provide the **Catholic Times** to you and many of our parishioners. Checks should be made payable to (type your parish's name here 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 in into the **Sunday** collection basket during **February**. As an evangelization tool, **Bishop Campbell** encourages every Catholic household to receive the **Catholic Times**. Sign up TODAY!

**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.

**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 limited space, and lunch is provided. To register, visit [www.tinyurl.com/DHTF-register](http://www.tinyurl.com/DHTF-register). For more information, contact **Andrea Pannell** at **614-241-2550** or email [apannell@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:apannell@columbuscatholic.org). Sponsored by the diocesan **Hope Task Force**.

**Feast of St. Blaise and The Blessing of the Throat:** **St. Blaise**, the bishop and martyr who died in **316 A.D.**, has been honored on **February 3rd** for many centuries. The prevalent tradition is that he was a physician before he was ordained and saved a young boy from choking to death on a fish bone. Because of this, **St. Blaise** is the patron saint invoked against ailments of the throat.

**PRAYER IN HONOR OF SAINT BLAISE**

*O God, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr **Blaise**, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon, and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most holy name. Through **Christ our Lord**. Amen.*

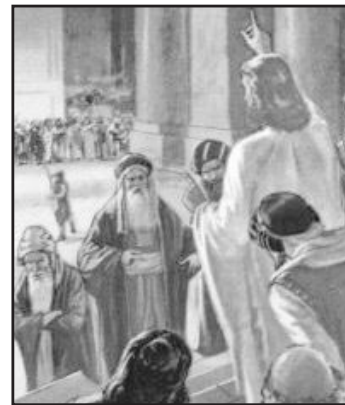
**Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of February 2019:** You are invited to answer the **Holy Father's** request and join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intention: **For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution, and violence.**

**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 formerly 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](http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com) or <http://www.catholicmensministry.com>. You can also go to the link below for a copy of the registration form at [http://www.saintceciliachurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/CCWC\\_2019.pdf](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 pm** 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](mailto:rose.daiga@gmail.com) or at **614-565-0795**.

"Lord Jesus, make us capable of loving as you love."

~ Pope Francis



"So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

**1 Corinthians 13:13**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

Love is patient, love is kind.  
It is not jealous, it is not pompous,  
it is not inflated, it is not rude,  
it does not seek its own interests,  
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,  
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.  
It bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.  
Love never fails.