

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

In the first **Sunday of Lent**, the Gospel accounts always relate **Jesus'** temptation in the desert by **Satan**. This year, we read from **Luke's** Gospel although the accounts in both **Matthew** and **Mark** are very similar. **Jesus** is tempted by **Satan** to turn stones to bread to feed His hunger; **Jesus** is tempted with earthly power and glory throughout the world if He worships **Satan**; **Jesus** is finally tempted to test the **Father's** love by throwing Himself down from the Temple mount. We also will be tempted in life in a similar way. We can be tempted to fulfill only our sensual appetites, neglecting the things that truly matter, like our life of faith in **God**. We can be tempted to use the power that we might have for our own selfish interests forgetting that all power and glory come from **God** and our meant to serve Him. We also can be tempted to presume upon the **Father's** love, living a life as if our choices don't matter. When we refuse to give in, we are true to who we are as Christian disciples. **Jesus** underwent His **40** days in the desert to prepare for His ministry and ultimately His sacrificial death. In a similar way, the discipline that we put ourselves through, fasting or abstinence, prayer and almsgiving prepares us for the crosses that we face in life. The **Lord** gives us the grace to do these practices so that we will conquer our sinful tendencies and become holy.

I want to thank **Adam Montemarano** and his staff at **Rising Star Productions** and **Entertainment** for helping us with our parking venture during the **Arnold Classic**. By selling spaces in our parking lot, we were able to raise **\$4,685.00** for the parish operating expenses. We appreciate **Adam's** assistance.

**I pray that you all will have a blessed Lenten Season.**

**Fr. Kitsmiller  
Administrator**

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun., 3/10	9:30 a.m.	Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone
Mon., 3/11	5:30 p.m.	Bruno Masdea by Chet & Ann DeBellis
Sun., 3/17	9:30 a.m.	Rosemary Ghiloni by Lucian Susi
Mon., 3/18	5:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:** Joyce Tisone  
by Carl Tisone  
**Blessed Sacrament:** Danny Ristucci  
by Mary Spellacy

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun. 3/10	Altar Guild Meeting (After Mass) (Marrapese Hall)
Mon. 3/11	6:00 p.m. Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group, Men & Women (Marrapese Hall)

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Sunday, March 10, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Gabe Bishop, Bob Contino
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Andrea Myers, Pat Rossetti, Marge Contino, Judy Pishitelli & Margaret Panico-Harn
Sunday, March 17, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, John Snoad
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Margaret Panico-Harn, Antonio D'Alberto, Sharon D'Alberto, Judy Pishitelli, 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 **March** are:

- March 10** Robert Contino, OFS
- March 17** Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo
- March 24** Norma Jean Finissi
- March 31** 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**

- March 10 – First Sunday of Lent**  
Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- March 11 – Lenten Weekday**  
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
- March 12 – Lenten Weekday**  
Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
- March 13 – Lenten Weekday**  
Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
- March 14 – Lenten Weekday**  
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
- March 15 – Lenten Weekday**  
Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
- March 16 – Lenten Weekday**  
Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
- March 17 – Second Sunday of Lent**  
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

\*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**

March 3, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 46  
In Envelopes: \$2,472.00 Loose Money: \$91.00

Total Collection	\$ 2,563.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (153.78)
	\$ 2,409.22
Votive	\$ 53.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 38.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 60.00
Total	\$ 151.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,563.00	(\$ 322.00)	-11%
FYTD:	\$103,860.00	\$100,399.55	(\$ 3,460.45)	-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, March 11, 2019**

Mary Spellacy & Louise Masdea

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

Gus Gastaldo and Nick Perschetti

**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

**St. Joseph's Celebration Breakfast**

After 9:30 a.m. Mass  
March 17, 2019



Please join us in celebrating **St. Joseph's Celebration Breakfast** after Mass, **Sunday, March 17th**, from **10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in **Marrapese Hall**. We invite anyone to bring the classic desserts for sharing at the **St. Joseph Table**. We also encourage an outpouring of assistance for **Holy Family Food Kitchen**. If you would like to participate on the committee, please contact **Landa Masdea Brunetto (614-579-1150 or landa7@mac.com)**. Tickets are **\$12.00 per person** and will be sold after Mass. **1st grade and under are free**. See **Margaret Panico-Harn**.

**AROUND US**

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of **March** is dedicated to **St. Joseph**. The first five days fall during the liturgical season known as **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. The remainder of the month falls during the liturgical season of **Lent**, which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

**Holy Father's Intention for the Month of March:** You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to 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.*

**Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross: April 19, 2019:** Many facets of faith and justice will be the focus of the annual **Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross**. The walk begins with opening prayer at **St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus, at 8:00 a.m., Friday, April 19, 2019**. Hundreds of participants from across the diocese will process to locations throughout downtown **Columbus** to recognize **Jesus Christ's** suffering and crucifixion as well as to reflect on current areas of social concern. Open to all ages. For more information, contact the diocesan Office for **Social Concerns** at (614) 241-2540 or the **Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry** at (614) 241-2565.



**It's Fish Fry Time:** One of the great parts of Lent is the return of that wonderful Catholic institution, the Friday Fish Fry. The Fish Fry is a chance to not only make a personal sacrifice, but also strengthen your bond with your spiritual community by joining other Catholics at these weekly gatherings. Please go to **columbuscatholic.org** for a complete schedule of the Fish Fries being offered throughout the Columbus area during Lent.

**Church Regulations Regarding Fasting and Abstinence during Lent:**

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics **fourteen years** and older on **Ash Wednesday** and on all **Fridays of Lent**. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

**The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all Catholics from age 18 through age 59.**

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Those who are ill or pregnant may be dispensed from their obligation.

**The April Catholic Men's Luncheon Club** will feature a talk by **Adam Dufault**, who is the **Episcopal Moderator of Education** and **Superintendent** of Schools of the diocese. Please join us **Friday, April 5** at **St. Patrick Church** in downtown **Columbus** for lunch and **Adam's** talk "Have Faith in Education: Catholic Schools in the **Columbus Diocese**." The luncheon this month is sponsored by **Knights of Columbus Insurance – Valent Agency**. More information at **www.kofcvalentagency.org**. If you are interested in sponsoring one of the monthly luncheons, contact **Jim Gernetzke** at **jimgernetzke@gmail.com**. Holy Mass begins at **11:45 a.m.**, followed by lunch at **12:10 p.m.** and **Adam'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**.

**Prayer**

*God of all creation,  
we welcome You into our lives in a new way this Lent.  
We are ready to serve Your people,  
especially our brothers and sisters who are most in need.  
We are ready to live out Your call to mercy.  
Through our prayers, fasting and Lenten gifts,  
we may learn to walk as one global human family.  
May we learn to listen to each other, and in so doing,  
hear the merciful words of Christ.  
Amen.*