

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The account of **Jesus' Transfiguration** from **Luke's** Gospel gives another reason for our Lenten practice. We want to be on the mountain top with our **Lord** at **Easter** and the end of our lives. The **three** apostles are privileged to see a glimpse of **Jesus' glory**. The appearances of **Moses** and **Elijah** point to **Jesus** fulfilling their prophecies and **Old Testament** roles. We sometimes are given glimpses of **Jesus' glory** in our own life: a prayer-full experience, possibly at a retreat, the witness of the birth of a son or daughter, the beauty of creation and most especially, **Jesus** – present in the **Eucharist**. We glimpse him at the Mass. We always need to ask the **Lord** to open our eyes to this wonderful mystery, so that we can truly respond in awe and praise of Him, hidden under the form of bread.

We collected a total of **\$348.75** on **Ash Wednesday**. This money is designated to be spent on charity. We will send this money to **JOIN (Joint Operation for Inner-city Needs)**, an organization of the **Diocese of Columbus** that provides food, money for bills and other material assistance for the poor of **Columbus**. I thank you for your generosity.

Have a blessed week!  
Fr. Kitsmiller  
Administrator

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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
Sun., 3/24	9:30 a.m.	Leona DiCesare by Amici D'Oro
Mon., 3/25	5:30 p.m.	Eleanor DiPietro DePillo by Patricia Brown

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**  
**Marian Lights:** Antonio Scali  
 by Angela Scali  
**Blessed Sacrament:** Danny Ristucci  
 by Ric & Yolanda Diedalis

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun., 3/17	Blessed Mother Sodality (After Mass) (Classroom)
Mon., 3/18	6:00 p.m. Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group, Men & Women (Marrapese Hall)

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Sunday, March 17, 2019, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, John Snoad
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Margaret Panico-Harn, Antonio D'Alberto, Sharon D'Alberto, Judy Pishitelli, Margi Baker
<b>Sunday, March 24, 2019, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Gabe Bishop, Landa Brunetto
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Marge Contino, Pete Tamburro, Ed Pagnanelli

**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 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 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
- March 18 – Lenten Weekday**  
Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
- March 19 – Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
2 SM 7:4-5am 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- March 20 – Lenten Weekday**  
Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
- March 21 – Lenten Weekday**  
Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
- March 22 – Lenten Weekday**  
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- March 23 – Lenten Weekday**  
Saint Turibuius of Mogrovejo, Bishop  
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- March 24 – Third Sunday of Lent**  
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 (30)  
or, from Year A, Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/  
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28)

\*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

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

March 10, 2019


Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 51  
In Envelopes: \$2,593.00      Loose Money \$141.00

Total Collection	\$ 2,734.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (164.04)
	\$ 2,569.96
Votive	\$ 35.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 165.00
JOIN (Ash Wed)	\$ 60.00
Grounds Beautification	\$ 60.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 10.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 45.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 385.00</b>

**\$\$\$ ?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	\$ 2,734.00	(\$ 151.00)	-5%
FYTD:	\$106,745.00	\$103,133.55	(\$3,611.45)	-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 18, 2019**

Gus Gastaldo and Nick Perschetti

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 25, 2019**

Darlene Rauch and Maruja Paule

**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

**Guild #16 Annual Easter Raffle** is very excited about their big annual **Easter** raffle and bake sale on **April 14th (Palm Sunday)** The biggest raffle ever – **first prize** is **\$300.00 cash** – **2nd prize** is **two \$50.00 gift cards for Kroger** – **Third prize** is **two chocolate Easter baskets** from **Anthony Thomas Candies**. Plus many other gift items. There are usually **12 items** raffled off (**handmade wreath, wine basket, crystal candlestick and more**). Raffle tickets are **one dollar** each. You may purchase raffle tickets from any **Guild #16** member. All profits go to **St. John's Church**. Donated baked items are very much appreciated. For more information, call **Greta** at **614-888-0619**.

**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**, starting at **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** at **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**.

**The Piave Club 100th-Year Anniversary:**  
**Friday Evening, May 10th, 2019, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**At the Valley Dale Ballroom**  
**Berwick Buffet**

**Entertainment by Sommer & Johnny DiLoretto,**  
**with the San Giovanni Band.**

**\$40.00 per person** if purchased before **March 30th, 2019**.  
After **March 30th**, tickets purchased in advance are **\$48.00**.

Tickets **\$60.00** at the door.

[www.ColumbusPiaveClub.com/anniversary](http://www.ColumbusPiaveClub.com/anniversary)  
or email [laurawilliams2035@gmail.com](mailto:laurawilliams2035@gmail.com)

This is not a dance.

**AROUND US**

**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:

*That Christian Communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.*



**The American Red Cross**  
*Give Blood. Help save lives.*

**St. Mary's Syro Malabar Catholic Mission**  
are hosting a **Blood Drive**

**Sunday, March 24th, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**  
at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Ryan Hall)**  
**893 Hamlet Street, Columbus, Ohio 43201.**

To schedule an appointment, call **1-800-REDCROSS**.  
**1 pint saves 3 lives.**

**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.

**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](http://columbuscatholic.org) for a complete schedule of the Fish Fries being offered throughout the Columbus area during Lent.

**St. Ladislav Parish Spaghetti Dinner** is **Sunday, April 7, 2019**, from **12:00-5:00 p.m.** **Adults, \$9.00** and **Child/Seniors, \$6.00**. **Carry-out Available**. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Along with dinner we will have a Raffle. Located at **277 Reeb Avenue, Columbus, Ohio**. Phone: **614-443-2828** or Fax: **614-444-0523** or [www.ccslcolumbus.org](http://www.ccslcolumbus.org).

**Prayer**

*Forgive those things we have done*  
*which have caused You sadness, and*  
*those things we should have done that*  
*would have brought You joy.*

*In both we have failed ourselves,*  
*and You.*

*Bring us back to that place where our*  
*journey began, when we said that we*  
*would follow the way that You first*  
*trod.*

*Lead us to the Cross and meet us*  
*there.*

*Amen.*

