

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

This coming **Friday, March 29th**, at **2:00 p.m.** in **St. Joseph Cathedral**, **Bishop Robert Brennan** will be installed as the **12th** Bishop of the **Diocese of Columbus**. He will replace **Bishop Campbell**, who served this diocese as its chief shepherd since **2005**. **Bishop Campbell** will be retiring and living in **Columbus**. We pray that he will have a blessed and peaceful retirement, continuing to serve **God** in the ways that the **Lord** wishes. As **Bishop Brennan** takes up his role as our chief shepherd, let us pray that **God** may guide his decisions and give him the wisdom and courage to lead us in the proclamation of the **Gospel** and the ways of holiness. The installation **Mass** and **Vespers Service** the night before has been restricted to those with tickets due to the limited size of our **Cathedral**. After the **Mass**, a reception for **Bishop Brennan** will be held from **4:00-6:00 p.m.** at **St. Charles High School**, open to the public. Both the **Vespers Service** on **Thursday** at **7:00 p.m.** and the installation **Mass** on **Friday** at **2:00 p.m.**, however, will be viewable live via **Facebook**, **YouTube** and at **www.columbuscatholic.org**. The installation **Mass** will also be broadcast live on the **EWTN Network**.

Although the installation is on a **Friday** in **Lent**, **Bishop Campbell**, in honor of the occasion, has dispensed all **Catholics** of the **Diocese of Columbus** of their obligation to abstain from meat. So enjoy the day whether you are at the **Mass** or not. We look forward to **Bishop Brennan's** tenure as our bishop and thank **Bishop Campbell** for his many years of service.

**Have a blessed week!**  
**Fr. Kitsmiller**  
**Administrator**

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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
Tues., 3/26	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Antoinette Carfagna by Padre Pio Group
Sun., 3/31	9:30 a.m.	Armando "Steve" Gastaldo by Jodi Weiser
Mon., 4/01	5:30 p.m.	Antonio Frissora by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cirolli

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:** Joyce Tisone  
by Carl Tisone  
**Blessed Sacrament:** Joe Cua  
by Chris Soteriades

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun. 3/24	3:30 p.m. San Giovanni Dancers (Marrapese Hall)
Mon. 3/25	6:00 p.m. Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group, Men & Women (Marrapese Hall) 6:30 p.m. Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival Board Meeting (Sala Hall)
Tues. 3/26	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary and Intentions – 12:30 p.m. Mass at 1:00 p.m. (Chapel)



**Office Hours:**

The Parish office hours are **Monday** through **Friday**, from **9:00 a.m.** to **2:00 p.m.**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Sunday, March 24, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Gabe Bishop, Landa Brunetto
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Marge Contino, Pete Tamburro, Ed Pagnanelli
Sunday, March 31, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Sharon D'Alberto, Pat Rossetti, Anne Marie Pastore, Judy Pishitelli & Margaret Panico-Harn

**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** and **April** are:

**March 24** Norma Jean Finissi  
**March 31** Gary Bosco  
**April 1** 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**

**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)

**March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord**  
 Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**March 26 – Lenten Weekday**  
 Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

**March 27 – Lenten Weekday**  
 Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

**March 28 – Lenten Weekday**  
 Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

**March 29 – Lenten Weekday**  
 Hos 14:2-10/Mt 12:28-34

**March 30 – Lenten Weekday**  
 Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

**March 31 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 or,  
 from **Year A**, 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14  
 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

\*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

**\$\$\$ ? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? \$\$\$**

**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/18-06/30/19)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,630.00	(\$ 255.00)	-9%
FYTD:	\$109,630.00	\$105,763.55	(\$3,866.45)	-4%

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

Darlene Rauch and Maruja Paule

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 1, 2019**

Rose Ann Graf & Maria Lucchin

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

March 17, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 49

In Envelopes: \$1,833.00 Loose Money \$ 797.00

Total Collection	\$ 2,630.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (157.80)
	\$ 2,472.20
Votive	\$ 21.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 263.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 294.00

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the **Davis** family, whose son, "**John Anthony Davis**," entered into the **Sacrament of Baptism** on **March 9, 2019**.

## 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**.

**Abruzzi Club Spring Gnocchi Dinner: Saturday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. Tickets – \$12.00 Contact: Pat Rossetti at 614-882-3900.**

**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.**

**Installation Events Viewable Online, EWTN:** Both the **Evening Vespers Service** and the **Installation Mass** of **Most Rev. Robert Brennan** as the **twelfth Bishop of Columbus** at **St. Joseph Cathedral** will be viewable live via **Facebook, YouTube,** and at [www.columbuscatholic.org](http://www.columbuscatholic.org). Vespers will be shown on **Thursday, March 28,** at **7:00 p.m.** and the **Mass of Installation** on **Friday, March 29,** at **2:00 p.m.** The **Mass of Installation** will also be broadcast live on the **EWTN Network.** Check with your cable provider for station information. Reminder: due to space restrictions at the Cathedral, attendance at both Vespers and the **Mass of Installation** is by invitation only.

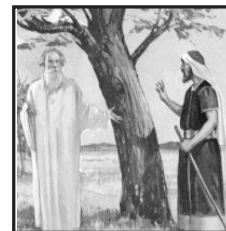
Church Regulations Regarding  
Fasting and Abstinence during Lent:

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.

**Dispensation for March 29: Bishop Campbell** has issued a decree granting all Catholics of the Diocese of Columbus a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from meat on **Friday, March 29, 2019,** in honor of the very significant and historic occasion of the **Installation of the Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan** as **12th Bishop of Columbus.**



## Prayer

*Heavenly Father,*

*As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to You. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.*

*As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear Your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in You.*

*Help me to accept others, showing them Your great love instead of casting judgment.*

*Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort,*

*solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to You.*

*Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving and come closer to You through prayer this Lent.*

*In your name I pray,*

*Amen.*