

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This **Wednesday**, we begin the season of **Lent. Masses on Ash Wednesday** are at **10:00 a.m.** at **Sacred Heart** and **6:00 p.m.** at **St. John the Baptist**. Although **Ash Wednesday** is not a holy day of obligation, it is an important day to observe as we begin the penitential season of Lent. When we receive ashes on our foreheads, we are reminded of the brevity of our lives here on earth. The reality is one day we will leave this earth behind with all of its pains and pleasures and hopefully enter the eternal kingdom of heaven with **God**, the angels and saints. Therefore, **Lent** reminds us to focus on this reality of our live. This means we must let go of our attachments to this world and focus on our spiritual life. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three practical ways of doing this. Fasting on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**, the beginning and ending of this penitential season, is a requirement for those in the Church, ages **18** to **59**. Fasting would mean only taking one meal on these days. Food, not adding up to more than a meal, can be taken at **two** other times during the day. Abstaining from meat is also required for all **Catholics** age **14** and older on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday** and all **Fridays** of **Lent**. When we submit to what the Church asks of us out of humility, we unite ourselves to one another. None of us is on our own in this journey. The life of faith is a benefit to our brothers and sisters in **Christ**. When we do these corporate acts of penance, we are caught up in **God's** plan of salvation for all people, not just ourselves. We can also do individual works of penance as well. I know some people give up sweets or alcohol, forgo watching television or other forms of media. The idea is to lesson our attachments to these passing things and attach ourselves more to **God** whose gives and sustains our very existence. Let us encourage each other this **Lent**, growing closer to **God**.

Have a blessed season.

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 3/3	9:30 a.m.	Joseph Colak by Rosemary Colak
Mon. 3/4	5:30 p.m.	Billy Galilei by Elda Cianelli
Tues. 3/6	1:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday	Lillian Penzone by Cindy Buoni
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

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Tony Solazzo
by Mr. & Mrs. Domenic Romanelli

Blessed Sacrament: Virginia & Dominick Finissi
by Norma Jean & Bill Finissi, Sr.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 3/3	3:30 p.m. San Giovanni Dancers Practice (Marrapese Hall)
Mon. 3/4	6:00 p.m. Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Tues. 3/5	7:00 p.m. Piave Club Meeting (Marrapese Hall)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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
Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 6:00 p.m.	
Lectors:	Ed Pagnanelli, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Bob Contino Marge Contino
Sunday, March 10, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop, Bob Contino
Eucharistic Ministers:	Andrea Myers, Pat Rossetti, Marge Contino, 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** are:

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

March 4 – Weekday
Saint Casimir
Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27

March 5 – Weekday
Sir 35:1-2/Mk 10:28-31

March 6 – Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

March 7 – Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Saint Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

March 8 – Friday after Ash Wednesday
St. John of God, Religious
Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

March 9 – Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
Is 58:1-9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

March 10 – First Sunday of Lent
Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

February 24, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 45

In Envelopes: \$1,957.26 Loose Money \$234.82

Total Collection	\$ 2,192.08
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (131.52)
	\$ 2,060.56
Votive	\$ 17.00
Catholic Times	\$ 34.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 66.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,192.08	(\$ 692.92)	-24%
FYTD:	\$100,975.00	\$97,837.35	(\$3138.45)	-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 4, 2019

Rose Ann Graf and Maria Lucchin

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 11, 2019

Mary Spellacy & Louise Masdea

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the **Cua** family whose daughter “**Stella Laura Cua**” entered into the **Sacrament of Baptism** on **February 24, 2019**.

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**.

“Sometimes in our lives, tears are the lenses we need to see Jesus.”

~ Pope Francis

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.**

Ash Wednesday: At the beginning of Lent, on **Ash Wednesday**, ashes are blessed during **Mass**, after the homily. The blessed ashes are then “imposed” on the faithful as a sign of conversion, penance, fasting and human mortality. The ashes are made from the palms used at the previous **Passion Sunday** ceremonies.

Us 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 for a complete schedule of the fish fries being offered throughout the Columbus area during Lent.

Prayer

*Lord, during this Lenten Season,
nourish me with Your Word of life
and make me one with You in love and prayer.
Fill my heart with Your love
and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ.
Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness.
Give me new life by Your Sacraments.
Father, our source of life,
I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand;
let me walk more readily in Your ways.
Guide me in Your gentle mercy.
Help me to pass from my old life of sin
to the new life of grace.
Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.
Amen.*

