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Fr. Robert Kitmiller,
Administrator

*(National Italian Parish ~
Est. 1896)*

MASSES/MESSE:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist

WEEKDAYS AND HOLY DAYS:

(See Mass Schedule inside Bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE/STAFF:

Aggie Howard, Bookkeeper, ahoward@sjbitaliana.org

Victoria Gammell, Secretary, St. John the Baptist

Office Hours, St. John the Baptist:

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Administration of both parishes is done
through the office at St. John the Baptist –
168 E. Lincoln Street.

Requests for copies of sacramental records, scheduling
of Masses and other sacramental celebrations,
hall rental and other non-emergency needs
should be made during regular office hours
or email info@sjbitaliana.org.

Please notify the Parish Office of any changes,
such as address or telephone, etc., by calling
during regular hours or email info@sjbitaliana.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Announcements must be submitted
in writing by Tuesday at noon.

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Gina M. Bishop, Music Director; **John C. Huffman**, Organist

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome you into our Parish Families.

Membership in the parish consists of two parts:

Registration: Please fill out form and return to Office.

Participation: As a member of the Church, you are
accepting the responsibility of weekly worship as well as
supporting God's work here through giving of yourself, your
time and talents, and a worthy Sunday offering to show your
love for God and your gratitude for His many favors.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONE:

One half-hour prior to weekend Mass or by request/appointment.

BAPTISM/BATTESIMO:

Preparation is required for the reception of the sacrament.

Parents are encouraged to call the Rectory and
set up an appointment before the birth of their child.

MATRIMONY/MATRIMONIO:

Arrangements should be made at least six or more months in
advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/INFIRMI:

**In cases of emergencies, please call anytime. Please notify the
Parish Office for Communion calls to the sick, shut-ins.**

Due to privacy laws, if parishioners wish to be visited
in the hospital, they should contact the Parish Office directly
and give the information regarding the hospitalization.

If you are scheduled for surgeries or other medical procedures,
please contact the Parish Office in advance so that a priest can
administer Anointing of the Sick prior to the procedure.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this **4th Sunday of Lent**, we are privileged to read the parable of the **Prodigal Son** in **Luke's Gospel**. Many people throughout the centuries have commented that this parable is really about the **Merciful Father** and how profligate **God** seems to be with us when it comes to forgiveness and mercy. Not only does **God** forgive us when we repent and return to Him, but He also restores us to the right relationship that we have received from Him in our Baptism – beloved children of **God** whom He wants to bestow His inheritance and life. When **God** forgives, He desires to repair the damage of sin and reconcile us. There is no **second-class** status after this happens. We are not slaves but sons and daughters. There is much to contemplate in this parable. Read it over slowly this week and see what God is trying to tell you.

This **Friday**, our diocese received its new bishop as **Bishop Robert Brennan** took possession of the **Diocese of Columbus** at his **Mass of Installation**. We pray that the **Holy Spirit** will guide him as he shepherds the diocese in these coming years. We also thank **Bishop Campbell** for his many years of service and pray for his healthy and happy retirement.

This week, I want to give you a financial report on our parish which I am including as a handout at Mass. I have reviewed our parish finances with our finance committee and our business manager, **Aggie Howard**. It also includes the financial income of the **2018 Columbus Italian Festival** in which we made **\$117,377.38**. This was up approximately **\$46,000.00** from **2017**. Good weather, great entertainment, good publicity and the work of devoted volunteers helped make all this possible. Our parish finances are very good and our offertory has been consistent. We need to be prepared for the future which we hope includes more growth. I would imagine this would entail the need for more staff which we should be planning for in our budget. If you have questions about the finances, do not hesitate to contact me or one of the members of the **Parish Finance Committee: Pat Rossetti, Ed Pagnanelli and Darlene Rauch**. Again, I thank you for your continued generosity to the parish. May **God** bless you and increase in you the measure that you have shown to others.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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
Sun. 4/07	9:30 a.m.	Rina Tiberi by Patty Clifford
Mon. 4/08	5:30 p.m.	Armando "Steve" Gastaldo by Lisska Bar & Grill, Mark Lisska, Patty Daily & Seth Ann Prunto

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Michael Rayo
by Chris Soteriades

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 3/31	3:30 p.m. San Giovanni Dancers Practice (Marrapese Hall)
Mon. 4/01	6:00 p.m. Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group, Men & Women (Marrapese Hall)
Tues. 4/02	7:00 p.m. Piave Club Meeting (Marrapese Hall)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, March 31, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Ministers	Sharon D'Alberto, Pat Rossetti, Anne Marie Pastore, Judy Pishitelli & Margaret Panico-Harn
Sunday, April 7, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Bob Contino, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pete Tamburro, Ed Pagnanelli, Andrea Myers, Marge Contino, Antonio D'Alberto

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 31 Gary Bosco
April 7 Robert Contino, OFS
April 14 Carl Tisone
April 21 Vincent Davis

Anyone interested in leading the Rosary on Sundays, please contact Bob Contino at 614-833-0371. Thank you!

2019 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings**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

April 1 – Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21/**Jn** 4:43-54

April 2 – Lenten Weekday

Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

Ez 47:1-9, 12/**Jn** 5:1-6

April 3 – Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15/**Jn** 5:17-30

April 4 – Lenten Weekday

Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ex 32:7-14/**Jn** 5:31-47

April 5 – Lenten Weekday

Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/**Jn** 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

April 6 – Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20/**Jn** 7:40-53

April 7 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21/**Phil** 3:8-14 **Jn** 8:1-11 or, from **Year A:**
Ez 37:12-14/**Rom** 8:8-11/**Jn** 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,
20-27, 33b-45

***Pray for our Priest and seminarians**

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers a wonderful opportunity to experience **God's** mercy on a very personal level. The Sacrament of **Penance** is a beautiful Sacrament through which we are reconciled to **God**, ourselves and our neighbors. Remember the words of **St. Paul**, "**God** is rich in mercy; because of His great love for us, He brought us to life with **Christ** when we were dead in sin (**Eph** 2:4). **Father is available for Confession prior to Mass, and by calling the office for an appointment.**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

March 24, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 51

In Envelopes: \$2,427.00 Loose Money \$183.00

Total Collection	\$ 2,610.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (156.60)
	\$ 2,453.40
Votive	\$ 24.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 34.00

? \$? \$? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? \$? \$?**Budgeted Offortory for Fiscal Year (7/1/18-6/30/19)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,610.00	(\$ 275.00)	-10%
FYTD:	\$112,515.00	\$108,373.55	(\$4,141.45)	-4%

**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, April 1, 2019

Rose Ann Graf & Maria Lucchin

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 8, 2019

Mary Spellacy and Louise Masdea

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 Mass9:30 a.m. St. John the Baptist
11:00 a.m. Sacred Heart**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/anniversaryor email laurawilliams2035@gmail.com

This is not a dance.

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 Church.** Donated baked items are very much appreciated” For more information, call **Greta at 614-888-0619.**

AROUND US

Fourth Sunday of Lent: This **Sunday** was formerly called “**Laetare Sunday,**” since its mood and theme was one of hope and rejoicing that **Easter** was near. In the reformed calendar, this **Sunday** is not different from the other **Sundays of Lent** even though the entrance antiphon for the day still begins with the **Latin** word “**laetare**” and the vestments worn by the celebrant are rose-colored, not violet. The day is important because it is the day of the second scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of adults at the **Easter Vigil.**

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.

Spring Orientation Evening at St. Charles Preparatory:

Wednesday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. for all **8th grade boys** and their parents. **St. Charles,** the diocese's college preparatory school for boys, is located at **2010 E. Broad Street.** Come and enjoy refreshments, meet new classmates, and schedule classes for **2019-2020.** Parents will receive information about the school's generous financial aid program and upcoming events. **RSVP to Nina Keys at nkeys@scprep.org** or call our office at **614-252-6714** for more information.



“I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.”

John 8:12

Prayer*God of goodness and mercy,*

Hear my prayer throughout this Lenten journey with You. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from You. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to Your love.

May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with You and live forever in Your abundant grace.

Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to You each day.

Amen

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

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