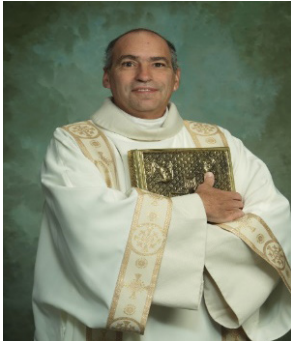




THE SEED THAT FALLS ON
good ground
WILL YIELD A
fruitful
harvest.

PSALM 65

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 12, 2020



From the Deacon's Desk *Dear friends in Christ,*

When he moved to a house in **Concord, Massachusetts**, the great philosopher **Ralph Waldo Emerson** was particularly thrilled with the orchard. He spent time each morning tending the pear trees, and he did some of his writing in the orchard. He also welcomed his friends there.

Emerson sent some of his pears to the local cattle show and was pleased when he received a visit from the horticultural society. They asked whether they might examine his trees. **Emerson** was pleased to receive them, but then discovered that they had not come to congratulate him. No, they had come to look at the soil that had produced such lousy pears.

In today's **Gospel**, **Jesus** tells the parable of the sower. Like members of **Emerson's** horticultural society, **Jesus** associated the success of a crop with the quality of the soil beneath it. **Jesus** often used parables in his teaching — stories that were based on situations in everyday life and appeared to be quite simple but conveyed a deeper spiritual meaning.

Scholars believe that **Jesus** used this method of teaching because it gave vivid, memorable expression to his teachings. Once you heard a parable, you were not likely to forget it. As a high school teacher, I used to tell stories to my students but would not allow them to take notes when I told a story. I always said to them, "... a story isn't very good if you have to take notes - so put your pen down or close your notebook/computer!" This method also led those who heard to reflect on **Jesus'** words and bear responsibility for their decision to accept or oppose his teachings. Parables are not "**preachy**" or full of harsh commandments. Instead, they present their message through stories that you are invited to accept or reject.

We are challenged to share **God's Word** with others, in whatever way we can. Since we live in a world in which people tend to be valued for what they do, instead of being valued for who they are, we need to share the good news that **God** created humankind in His image. Our worth comes from the fact that every single human being — **male, female, black, white, brown** — bears the image of **Almighty God**. And since we live in a world in which so many people are feeling hopeless and unloved, we need to share the good news that "**God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.**" **God** loves us all so much that He sent His only **Son** into the mud and muck of human life, to invite us into a faith-filled relationship that will last forever.

Hear **God's** word. Understand it. Share it with others. If we do these things, we will be getting dirty, and the growth of **God's** kingdom will occur in and through us. May the seeds planted today bear good fruit, and may they grow in proportions greater than we could ever ask or imagine.

Saint John the Baptist pray for us!
Have a blessed week,
Deacon Frank

Dear St. John Parishioners,
Please join me periodically on **St. Brigid of Kildare Parish** livestream. If you missed it, the videos are available at **St. Brigid YouTube channel** and **St. Brigid of Kildare Facebook page**.

PARISH INFORMATION

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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
Sacrament of Penance - 9:00 a.m. (before Sunday Mass or by appointment)
Sacrament of Baptism and Baptism preparation (by appointment)
Sacrament of Matrimony (you must be registered at **Saint John** at least 6 months prior to scheduling your wedding by Deacon or Priest)
Sacrament of Confirmation and Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (please make an appointment with Parish Administrator)
Saint John Italian Festival (please visit our website for more information)
Sala Hall and Marrapese Hall (scheduled with approval of Parish Administrator)

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 7/12	9:30 a.m.	Antonetta Contino Prosser by Sam and Joan Cerminaro
Sun. 7/12	9:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Piave Club by the Piave Club
Sun. 7/19	9:30 a.m.	Viola DelGreco by Elia Ventresca
Sun. 7/19	9:30 a.m.	Joe Agriesti by Louis & Anna Quint Trebon

Celebrant for Sunday Mass, July 19th, Msgr. Cody

LECTORS FOR JULY 2020

Sunday, July 12, 9:30 a.m.	John Snoad
Sunday, July 19, 9:30 a.m.	Landa Brunetto
Sunday, July 26, 9:30 a.m.	Ed Pagnanelli

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Virginia & Dominick Finissi
by Norma Jean & Bill Finissi, Sr.

There will be **NO Confessions** before Mass on July 12th.
Confession Information as of April 27, 2020
 Please visit our website: www.sjbitaliana.com to view **Confession Information** from **Bishop Brennan** for a listing of churches for an appointment!

2020 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings
July 12 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
July 13 – Weekday
Saint Henry
Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34–11:1
July 14 – Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
July 15 – Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
July 16 – Weekday
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
July 17 – Weekday
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
July 18 – Weekday
Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
July 19 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

**Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, & consecrated religious life.*


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. For Vienna D’Alberto, who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village and Lucian Susi, who is at Mill Run Assistant Living.*

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 **July** are:

- July 12 Robert Contino, OFS
- July 19 Vincent Davis
- July 26 Gary Bosco

Bishop’s Annual Appeal: The theme of the **Bishop’s Annual Appeal**, **“Living the Joy of the Gospel,”** inspires us, as people of faith, to share joyfully the **Good News of Christ** to those who most need to feel **His** love as we continue **His** work on earth as faithful disciples. The **Appeal** makes possible the many good works facilitated by the **Office of Social Concerns** and the **Office of Marriage and Family Life**, contributes to the education of our future priests and deacons, and supports the education of our young people in their faith. **Our BAA parish goal is \$18,752.04, minus \$700.00 received leaving our balance \$18,052.04.** Thank you for your generosity to our parish and the diocese.

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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN’S

July 5, 2020

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 36

In Envelopes: \$ 2,320.00
Loose Money \$ 136.00

Total \$ 2,456.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment \$ (147.00)
\$ 2,309.00

Votive \$ 24.00
St. Anthony Bread \$ 92.00
50/50 Drawing \$ 40.00
Total \$ 156.00

HOW IS ST. JOHN’S DOING? \$? \$?

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/19-6/30/20)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk.:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,456.00	\$ (429.00)	-15%
FYTD:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,456.00	\$ (429.00)	-15%

AROUND US

Holy Father’s Intension: You are invited to pray for the **Holy Father’s** intension for **July 2020: We pray that today’s families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.**

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **July** is dedicated to **The Precious Blood of Jesus**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This 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. It is used in the offices and **Masses of Ordinary Time**.

Coronavirus Response: For an updated listing of resources to get help, opportunities to provide help, and ways for families to strengthen their faith amid the **COVID-19** pandemic, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/coronavirus-response.

Catholicvote.org Questions: Lately, the **Chancery** has been receiving inquiries from persons who have received mail from an organization known as **Catholicvote.org**. **CatholicVote** is a political advocacy group based in the **United States** that is not funded, affiliated with, nor administered by the **Roman Catholic Church**. The **Diocese of Columbus** does not provide any contact information whatsoever about our parishioners to any group outside the **Diocese of Columbus’** office structure.



Prayer:

Father, Thank You for looking beyond my faults and for loving me unconditionally. Forgive me when I fail to love others in the same way. Give me eyes to see the needs of the difficult people in my life and show me how to meet those needs in a way that pleases You. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

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