

A detail from Rembrandt's painting 'The Return of the Prodigal Son'. It depicts a father with a long white beard and a red cloak, embracing his son from behind. The father's hands are resting on the son's shoulders, and the son is seen from the back, wearing a simple, light-colored tunic. The scene is set against a dark, shadowy background, with light highlighting the textures of the clothing and the father's features.

I SAY TO YOU,
NOT SEVEN TIMES
BUT

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TIMES SEVEN.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

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

In this weekend's gospel, **Jesus** tells the parable of the servant forgiven his large debt who then refuses to forgive a small debt owed him. How could we not forgive others especially if we believe that **God** has forgiven us so much?

I wish there were a simple solution to the problem of forgiveness. But even **Peter**, who had **Jesus** in front of him in person daily, didn't seem to know what **Jesus** would do, the *eighth* time to a brother who might sin against him. **Peter** experiences the limits of human patience and forbearance in his own relationships. He wants to know how long a truly good person ought to put up with the abuse of his or her charity.

Someone always raises the objection that you can't let someone who kicked you once have another go at it. But that is not what **Jesus** is asking us to do. **He's** not asking us to be fools. **He's** reminding us we're all deep in the red with a debt we can't possibly repay.

As far as **Jesus** is concerned, this is the whole of forgiveness in a nutshell: our obligation should try to match the generous bestowal of gifts we have received, which is incalculable. Never mind ruminating on who did what to whom and how often. Yes, there may be pain and anger and certainly there can be just cause for grievance. **Jesus** doesn't argue those points. But gnawing on those components will not free us to do the one thing we are expected to do as servants relieved of all our debts, and that's to forgive our debtors, free and clear.

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**.

**Celebrant for Sunday Mass,
September 20th, Msgr. Cody**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, September 13, 2020, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector:	Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Min.:	Sharon D'Alberto
Sunday, September 20, 2020, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector:	Davide Cugini
Eucharistic Min.:	Pat Rossetti

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: *Joyce Tisone*
by Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament: *Joe Pishitelli*
by Egeo & Fiorenza Frissora

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 09/13	9:30 a.m.	Joe & Elois Cua by Michael Cua
Sun. 09/13	9:30 a.m.	Mary Elizabeth Pishitelli & Sally Byrne Long by Joe, Judy & Phillip Pishitelli
Sun. 09/13	11:00 a.m. SH Church	Joe Pishitelli by Nancy & Bobby Kahan
Sun. 09/20	9:30 a.m.	Tony Solazzo by Pat Rossetti and Family
Sun. 09/20	9:30 a.m.	Carolyn Panzera by Nick Panzera

PARISH INFORMATION

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**Livestream our 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on our
St. John the Baptist Facebook page by
visiting our website sjbitaliana.com.**

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Website: info@sjbitaliana.org

Deacon Frank Iannarino - Administrator
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Father Charles Klinger - Weekend Assistant
Father Charles Cotton - Weekend Assistant
Ms. Aggie Howard - Executive Assistant
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Mr. John Huffman - Organist and Musical consultant

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)
Bulletin Deadline: Announcements must be submitted in writing by Tuesday at noon.

**There will be NO Confessions
before Mass on September 13th.**
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!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon. 9/14	Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group Men & Women (Marrapese Hall), 6:00 p.m.
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2020 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

September 13 – *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sir 27:30–28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

September 14 – *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

September 15 – *Our Lady of Sorrows*

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

September 16 – *Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

1 Cor 12:31–13:13/Lk 7:31-35

September 17 – *Weekday*

Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

September 18 – *Weekday*

1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3

September 19 – *Weekday*

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr; BVM

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

September 20 – *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

*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.

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 September are:

September 13 Robert Contino, OFS

September 20 Vincent Davis

September 27 Gary Bosco



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

September 6, 2020

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 28

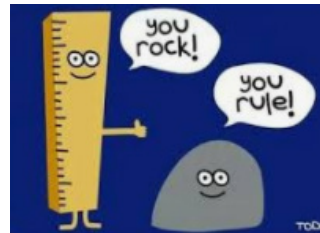
Env.:	\$ 1,390.00
Loose:	\$ 25.00
Total:	\$ 1,415.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (86.00)
	\$ 1,329.00
Votive:	\$ 86.00
St. Anthony Bread:	\$ 52.00
50/50 Drawing:	\$ 50.00
Total:	\$ 188.00

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

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week.:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 1,415.00	(\$1,470.00)	-51%
FYTD:	\$28,850.00	\$29,417.76	\$ 567.76	2%

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. Total pledges to date are \$14,170.00.** Thank you for your generosity to our parish and the diocese.



"Rejoice in his whole world and delight in mankind."

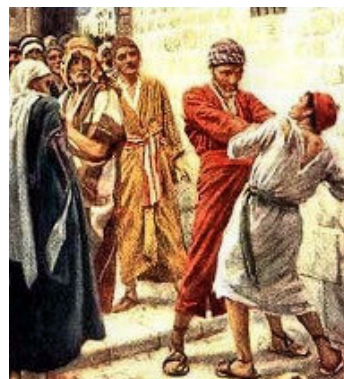
~ Proverbs 8: 31

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. September falls during the liturgical season known as 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.

Sunday Mass Dispensation Extended Indefinitely: The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation granted by Bishop Robert Brennan, which was to last at least through Sunday, September 13, has been extended indefinitely, in keeping with the indefinite dispensation throughout the rest of the Catholic Conference of Ohio. Those who are in high-risk categories are encouraged to remain home. Those who are not feeling well or who are exhibiting Coronavirus-type symptoms are expected to remain home.

Churches will observe safe social distancing by marking off pews. Those attending Mass are asked to wear masks in church and to make use of sanitization procedures.



Prayer

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, that we may feel the working of Your mercy.

Grant that we may serve You with all our heart.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,

who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

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