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FOR HE HAS BEEN

raised

JUST AS HE SAID.
COME AND SEE THE
PLACE WHERE HE LAY.

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Dear Friends in Christ,



On behalf of Msgr. Frank Lane, Aggie Howard, Victoria Scruggs, Gina Bishop, and John Huffman, we wish all Moms a very Blessed and Happy Mother's Day!

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."

Proverbs 31:24-28

Today, let us come before the Lord to express our gratitude for our beautiful moms and mothers everywhere through this prayer.

Dear **Lord**, we humbly come before **You** today giving thanks for the gift of motherhood. **Thank You** for the special role that mothers play in our lives. Today, we want to celebrate them and all they do for us. **Thank You, Lord**, for their unconditional, faithful love and sacrifice. We pray that they will be blessed with good health, happiness, and peace of mind. We ask that **You** grant them wisdom, strength, and courage as they meet the unique challenges of motherhood. **Father**, bless them abundantly for all they do. And those mothers who have already left us; may they feel Your nearness and know Your eternal peace.

Amen.

Please contact St. John the Baptist or Sacred Heart Church if you are interested in becoming Catholic, receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation or Baptism. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 614-294-5319.

For Weddings and Funerals, please contact Aggie Howard at ahoward@sjbitaliana.org or call the office at 614-294-5319.

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. Also, keep in your prayers, Laura Williams, Guy Williams, John Contino and Mrs. Fiorenza Frissora.

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

	Sunday, May 12, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	Margi Baker, Al Iosue,
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Sharon D'Alberto, Margaret Panico-Harn, AnnMarie Pastore
	Sunday, May 19, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Kurt Heininger, Gretchen Heininger
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	AnnMarie Pastore, Ed Pagnanelli,
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Margaret Panico-Harn, Andrea Myers, Pat Rossetti

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: May 12	St. John the Baptist – 9:30 a.m. + Cirolì DiNardo <i>by the Cirolì Family</i> Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m. Family of Mrs. Natalie Willison <i>by the McCallum Family</i>
Monday: May 13	St. John's – 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. John's
Tuesday: May 14	St. John's – 9:00 a.m. + Howard & Susie Baumann <i>by Dr. Maria Regina Coccia</i>
Wednesday: May 15	St. John's – 6:00 p.m. + James "Buzz" Cockerell <i>by Michael & Crystal Cockerell</i>
Thursday: May 16	Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart
Friday: May 17	No Mass
Saturday: May 18	Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m. + John Becker <i>by Joe and Debbie Stefanov</i>
Sunday: May 19	St. John's – 9:30 a.m. + Vincent Catalogna <i>by Friends of St. John's</i> Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m. + Ralph L.

Confession and Adoration

Confessions:	St. John's – Sunday – 8:30 a.m.
	Sacred Heart – Saturday – 3:00 p.m.
	Sacred Heart – Sunday – 10:30 a.m.
	Sacred Heart – Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Sacred Heart Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thank You: A special thank you to the LeDonne Group for donating the beautiful flowers on the altar for the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:
Marian Lights: *Joyce Tisone*
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: *Louis Menduni, Jr.*
by Roger & Andrea Myers

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 **Kevin Koesters** at **937-902-7446** or via email at **k.koesters32@gmail.com**.

Leaders for **May and June** are:

- May 12** Al Iosue
- May 19** Gary Bosco
- May 26** Tania Wade
- June 2** Albert Iosue

2024 THE APPEAL – “RESPOND TO HIS LOVE”: The theme of **The Appeal** inspires us, as people of faith, to share joyfully the **Good News of Christ** to those who most need to feel **His** love. Works of kindness and assistance, sometimes in the smallest way, can bring about a profound change in a person’s life. Through **The Appeal**, we have an opportunity to bring about a positive change in the lives of many of **God’s** people. Through your generosity, you are supporting the various ministries, and programs that are vital in spreading **His** love. This week is **Commitment Weekend** for **The Appeal**, at which time you can make your gift or pledge. Our parish has been asked to raise **\$34,195.20**. We can accomplish this if, after prayerful consideration, everyone gives what they can. Any amount raised over and above our goal will be returned to our parish to be used for our needs. Thank you in advance for your prayerful generosity.



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN’S
 May 05, 2024

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 28

Reg Env:	\$ 1,181.00
Loose:	\$ 276.00
Holy Day	\$ 10.00
Apr. EFT:	\$ 2,673.33
Total	\$ 4,140.33
Less Diocesan 8% Assessment	\$ - (331.23)
	\$ 3,809.10

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference (\$)</u>
This Week:	\$3,000.04	\$4,140.33	\$1,140.29

DONATION QR CODE AND WEBSITE INFORMATION
 Please help St. John the Baptist maintain this beautiful 125-year-old building with a donation by using the QR code to donate. Thank you!

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK		
5/12 Sunday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane</u> 9:30 a.m. <u>SJB Donuts & Coffee – Sala Hall</u> after 9:30 a.m. Mass until 12:00 p.m. <u>SJB No Altar Guild Meeting</u> <u>SJB Italian Language Class</u> 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Italian Cultural Classroom <u>KCC Mass – 12:00 p.m.</u> <u>Fr. Francisco Kim – 1:00-3:00 p.m.</u> Meeting in Sala Hall <u>KCC Religious Education</u> 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Library <u>KCC Use of Kitchen</u> 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Marrapese	
	5/13 Monday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> 9:00 a.m.
	5/14 Tuesday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane</u> 9:00 a.m.
	5/15 Wednesday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane</u> 6:00 p.m.
	5/17 Friday	<u>KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim</u> 7:00-7:30 p.m.
	5/18 Saturday	<u>SJB Oddo-Pagani Wedding</u> 2:30 p.m.
	<u>Altar Guild Reminder –</u> Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45-11:30 a.m. There will be no meetings in May or June. Next meeting will be July 14th.	
	<u>Le Donne Group –</u> Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall at 10:30-11:30 a.m. There are no meetings in June or July.	
	<u>Padre Pio Group –</u> Last Tuesday of the month. 12:30 Rosary, 1:00 p.m. Mass – Chapel.	
	<u>SJB Social Activity Council Meeting</u> the 4th Sunday of each month in the Library, 12:00-2:00 p.m.	

50/50 DRAWING: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Milano, winner of the 50/50 drawing for April 2024. *Thank you for your support!*



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION
2024-2025

One of the most important aspects a parish must have to survive is a strong religious education program. **St. John’s** classes will begin on **September 15th** in the **Administrative Office** on the **second floor** regardless of the number of students who are registered. **Grandchildren of grandparents are welcome if the grandparents are registered in the parish.** Class begins immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and will last 45 minutes. Please call Sharon Curtin at 614-563-8405, or email at SCurtin@sjbitaliana.org for information. Thank you.

- SJB Collection Counters – Monday, May 13, 2024**
 Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard
- SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 20, 2024**
 David Ross and Aggie Howard

PAVERS: The front **Pavilion** of **St. John's Church** is covered with **Pavers**. These **Pavers** are available for purchase and engraving in remembrance of family members and loved ones. For more information, please call the office of **St. John's** at **614-294-5319**.

Italian Festival Executive Meeting May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Marrapese Hall.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CELEBRATION: Our Annual **St. Anthony of Padua** celebration will be held **Sunday, June 9th** at **10:00 a.m.** Please note that the **Mass** time is changed for **June 9th only**. We will begin at **9:45 a.m.** with the music leading the procession carrying the statue of **St. Anthony**. We encourage all parishioners, friends, and their children to participate in the procession. **Anyone wishing to dress their child (age K-11 years old) in a monk's costume, please be at Marrapese Hall by 9:30 a.m.** Please call or text **Irene Solazzo** at **614-778-7225** or **Tina Solazzo** at **614-806-4343** to let us know if you have a child who will participate in the procession. **Mass** will follow at **10:00 a.m.** concluding with the blessing and distribution of **St. Anthony's bread**. A reception will follow in **Sala Hall**.



UNCOVER THE TREASURES OF YOUR ITALIAN ROOTS!

CIAO Columbus (Columbus Italian Ancestry Organization) is a newly formed **Italian Ancestry** group dedicated to the exploration of

Italian ancestry. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced researcher, our community is here to support your journey into **Italian** genealogy. Our meetings/research sessions are held quarterly from **11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** in **Marrapese Hall** in the **Italian Culture Center** at **St. John the Baptist**. Please join us for our next meeting on **Sunday, June 16th!** For more information, contact one of the following:

Ida Tiberi-Shook shook4@gmail.com
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Rich Leto rleto98@gmail.com



This is a newly formed **Italian Club for Young Adults. La prossima** is a **Young Adult Group** keeping the culture alive through the next generation. A vibrant club for young adults of **Italian descent**.



COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS IN SALA HALL

AROUND US

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for the Month of **May 2024:** *We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.*

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION: Our **Eucharistic Lord** will be traveling coast to coast, and you can be a part of it! Thousands followed **Jesus** throughout His earthly ministry. What would it have been like to walk with Him? As part of the **NER (National Eucharistic Revival)** there will be a massive expedition/pilgrimage across our nation. **The Diocese of Columbus** is part of the **Elizabeth Ann Seton Route**. Processions will take place from **June 24-June 30, 2024**, at churches throughout the Diocese. There will be an opportunity for **Adoration, Mass, Eucharistic Procession** of one mile or less and in some cases a community activity. You will not want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage! **For more information and to register, go to www.columbuscatholic.org/revival.**

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024 – SPEAKER PATRICK MADRID. Join us **Friday, June 7** at **St. Patrick Church** in downtown **Columbus** for a luncheon featuring a talk by **Patrick Madrid** entitled, **"Ten Recent Discoveries That Point to the Existence of God."** If you are interested in sponsoring this or another luncheon, contact **Pat Foley** at foleyp513@gmail.com. **Holy Mass** (optional) begins at **11:45 a.m.** followed by lunch at **12:10 p.m.** and **Mr. Madrid's** presentation. No reservations are necessary. **\$12.00** covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **There will be no luncheons in July & August** as we take our traditional summer break. Plan to join us when we resume on **Friday, September 6, 2024**, for a talk by **Don Schlegel**, **"The Catholic Record Society: 50 years of Keeping Diocese History."** Mark your calendar now so you don't miss it!

"A gesture of love for someone who cannot reciprocate this is to imitate God's selfless style." @Pontifex



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION: At the end of **His** earthly life **Jesus** ascends triumphantly into heaven. The **Church** acclaim **Him** in **His** holy humanity, inviting **Him** to sit at the **Father's** right hand and to share **His** glory. But **Christ's Ascension** is the pledge of our own.

Filled with immense hope, the **Church** looks up towards its leader. Look up to heaven today. See **Christ** ascending to **His Father** and our **Father**.

Say: Thank You, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of Your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which You have, in Your love, planned and prepared for me.

Prayer: Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ Your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



Invest time each week to expand your vocabulary and deepen your faith.

12 May 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK

Numerology \nū-mə-'rā-lə jē\

The biblical idea, common in the ancient world, that numbers hold mystical significance. The clue to interpreting the hidden meaning of a text was often in appreciating the numbers associated with it.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-numerology>

CONTEXT

Numbers have immutable rules not instituted by men but discovered.

—*Saint Augustine*

These angels [in Revelation chapter 1] are seven angels of high rank. The number seven here may show a connection with the seven planets, which in John's time were held to be heavenly beings.

—*Adela Yarbro Collins, The Apocalypse*

The number 1,000 in early Hebrew traditions . . . often meant simply a number too great to be counted.

—*John McKenzie, S.J., Dictionary of the Bible*

WHY IT MATTERS

Significant numbers often recur in the Bible. Knowing that the number three stands for completeness, four for totality, seven for the divine realm, 12 for the whole people helps us understand the biblical narratives in which they appear.

From *The Collegeville Pastoral Dictionary of Biblical Theology*: In its use of numbers the Bible often attaches a symbolic value that demands an understanding on the part of the interpreter of the connotation of numbers. The Bible is not an exact timetable that predicts the precise occurrence of future events.

RELATED WORDS

3 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 40 | 70 | 1000 | Gematria

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who are the Twelve?

The Twelve are listed in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and the Acts of the Apostles. The listings betray a hierarchy. Four names top every list: brothers Simon Peter and Andrew and Zebedee's sons James and John. The next grouping is shuffled but consistent: Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, and Thomas. The surprise is Bartholomew, who never speaks. The final four are James, son of Alphaeus; Thaddeus or Judas, son of James; Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, the least esteemed.

The Gospel of John refers to the Twelve only twice and never lists them. Andrew, Peter, Philip, and Nathanael are the original recruits. Nathanael? Since Philip recruits Nathanael, and Philip is paired with Bartholomew elsewhere, the idea that Nathanael *is* Bartholomew is suggested. John gives Zebedee's sons only a vague post-Resurrection nod. John favors other followers: Nicodemus; Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany; Mary Magdalene, Joseph of Arimathea, and an unnamed "beloved" disciple. After Easter, Luke says, Matthias replaces Judas. The symbolic authority of the Twelve lasts for a generation. As each is martyred, none is replaced.

—*Alice Camille, from Questions Catholics Ask <http://tinyurl.com/QCA-twelve-apostles>*

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE (MAY 14)

Apostle of the bench warmers

Matthias followed Jesus from his Baptism to his death, yet he wasn't originally one of the Twelve. Then he won the lottery to replace Judas, and he spread the gospel for years before he suffered a martyr's death. Clement of Alexandria said Matthias, like all the other apostles, was not chosen for what he already was, but for what he could become. Isn't that true for all of us?

READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051424.cfm>). "*The lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the Eleven Apostles.*"

FAITH IN ACTION

We all play different roles, but the call for each of us is the same: to follow Jesus in the lives we live.

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