



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Msgr. Frank P. Lane, Parochial Administrator

MASSES/MESSE:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist
Monday & Tuesday: 12:00 noon at St. John the Baptist
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist
Weekdays and Holy Days:
(See Mass Schedule inside Bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE/STAFF:

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Office Hours, St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart Church:
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.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESIONE: 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.

All About Abruzzo

Dinner and Dance

Monday, October 7, 2024

Additional information inside this bulletin



COLUMBUS ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Friday, **October 11**, 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Saturday, **October 12**, 12:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Sunday, **October 13**, 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Web Site: www.columbusitalianfestival.com

Adam Montemarano – Executive Director
Festival Information: 614-BY ITALY (614-294-8259)

ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2024

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Dear Friends in Christ,

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

St. John's is a welcoming community, rooted in the Italian traditions, teachings, and beauty of our Catholic faith. We recognize that every person is on his or her own journey of faith, and we seek to meet you where you are in your journey. At St. John's, the beauty of the Mass is embraced, while maintaining a welcoming spirit for our Italian Village neighbors and greater Columbus Community.

To learn more about the Parish, please visit our website: www.sjbitaliana.com

Thank you for choosing St. John the Baptist!

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.

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

	Sunday, September 22, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Kurt Heining, Gretchen Heining
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	Antonio D'Alberto, Ed Pagnanelli,
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Margi Baker, Andrew Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn
	Sunday, September 29, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	Kurt Heining, Al Iosue,
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Pat Rossetti, Sharon D'Alberto, Gretchen Heining

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament: Ethel Ross
by Chris Soteriades

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, and John Contino.**

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 k.koesters32@gmail.com. Leaders for September are:
September 22 Gary Boscoe
September 29 Tania Wade



REQUIESCAT IN PACE! In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of: **Rose K. Agriesti**, sister of **Mark Agriesti**, who passed away last week. **May she rest in peace with the Risen Lord!**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: St. John the Baptist – 9:30 a.m.
September 22 + **Tony Solazzo**

by Irene Solazzo & Family

Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.

Special Intention for J. P.

Monday: St. John's – 12:00 Noon

September 23 *Living & Deceased Members of St. John's*

Tuesday: St. John's – 12:00 Noon

September 24 + **Rudy Biscuso**

by Margaret Panico-Harn

Padre Pio St. John's – 1:00 p.m. – Chapel

+ **Richard Lumpe**

by Fr. Michael Lumpe

Wednesday: St. John's – 6:00 p.m.

September 25

+ **Uncle Joe Pishitelli and**

Intention for Judy Pishitelli

by Mr. & Mrs. John McAvoy

Thursday: Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m.

September 26

Living & Deceased Members of

Sacred Heart

Friday: No Mass

September 27

Saturday: Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m.

September 28

+ **Richard Lumpe**

by Fr. Michael Lumpe

Sunday: St. John's – 9:30 a.m.

September 29

+ **Chris Cua**

by Michael Cua

Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.

Special Intention for J. P.

CONFESSION AND ADORATION

Confessions: St. John's – Sunday – 8:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart – Saturday – 3:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart – Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Sacred Heart, Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday, August 27th. St. John's Chapel, 12:30 p.m. Rosary and 1:00 p.m. Mass. All are welcome!

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

9/22 Sunday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 9:30 a.m.</u> <u>SJB Donuts & Coffee after 9:30 a.m.</u> Mass in Sala Hall until 12:00 p.m. <u>SJB Religious Ed – After 9:30 Mass</u> Administrative Office 2nd floor <u>KCC Religious Education</u> 10:30-11:45 a.m. – Library <u>SJB Social Activity Council</u> 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.– Library <u>KCC Mass – 12:00 p.m. – Fr. Francisco Kim</u> Meeting in Sala Hall, 1:00-3:00 p.m.</p>
9/23 Monday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 12:00 Noon</u></p>
9/24 Tuesday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 12:00 Noon</u> <u>Padre Pio – Fr. Metzger – Chapel</u> Rosary 12:30 p.m. – Mass – 1:00 p.m.</p>
9/25 Wednesday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 6:00 p.m</u> <u>OCIA Class – 7:00-8:30 p.m. –</u> 2nd Floor Library</p>
9/27 Friday	<p><u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – 7:00 p.m.</u></p>
	<p><u>Altar Guild Reminder –</u> Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall, 10:45-11:30 a.m. <i>Next meeting is November 3rd.</i></p>
	<p><u>Le Donne Group – Meetings are the last</u> Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall from 10:30-11:30 a.m. <i>Next meeting will be September 29th.</i></p>
	<p><u>Padre Pio Group – Chapel Rosary 12:30 p.m.</u> Next Mass scheduled Thursday, October 31st at 1:00 p.m.</p>
	<p><u>SJB Social Activity Council Meeting the</u> 4th Sunday of each month in the Library, 12:00-2:00 p.m.</p>

COLUMBUS ITALIAN NEWS

COOKIE BOOTH: It is that time again. Calling out to all our **HEAVENLY BAKERS** for **Pizzelle and Biscotti**. (Traditional flavors only, please). Containers will be available in **Sala Hall**. Pledge a number of cookies or sign up to volunteer after church. Volunteers can also sign up at bit.ly/cookievolunteers. After church in **September**, or before the Festival, please **label** and bring cookies to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact **Jennifer Marinello** at 614-906-4866 or **Carol Ristucci** at 614-271-1007. *Grazie mille!*

COLUMBUS ITALIAN FESTIVAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, September 30th Executive Board at 5:30 p.m., then General Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Marrapese Hall.

CHURCH PARKING LOT BLACK TOP: No use from September 30th-October 18.

GRAVEL PARKING LOT: No use starting October 7th-18th. (Corner of Lincoln and 4th St.)

2024 THE APPEAL – UPDATE FOR ST. JOHN’S: As of **September 1, 2024**, our **Goal** is **\$34,195.20**, **Pledged:** **\$40,456.00** and **Balance** is over **\$6,260.80**. Thank you in advance for your prayerful generosity.

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**.

“ALL ABOUT ABRUZZO” DINNER AND DANCE – Please join us as we “kick off” the **Start** of our **Columbus Italian Festival** week by celebrating with a dinner and dance at **The Berwick on Monday, October 7, 2024**, from **6:00 to 10:00 p.m.** **\$50.00/person** includes a fabulous **Italian** dinner and spectacular **Italian** music by **Ray Massa’s EuroRhythms!** **ALL** tickets **MUST** be purchased **IN ADVANCE!** You can reserve tables of **eight (8)** for **\$400**. For tickets, see **Margaret Panico-Harn** or **Carol Ristucci** after **Sunday Mass** in **Sala Hall** or by contacting **Aggie Howard** in the Parish Office during the week at **614-294-5319**. All tickets **MUST** be purchased by **Monday, September 30th** as **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!** Each ticket purchased will also be good for a **ONE-DAY** free admission into the **Columbus Italian Festival**.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN’S

September 15, 2024

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 38

Reg Env:	\$	2,380.00
Loose:	\$	287.00
Total	\$	2,667.00
Less Diocesan 9% Assessment	\$	- (240.03)
	\$	2,426.97

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference (\$)</u>
This Week:	\$3,000.04	\$2,667.00	- \$333.04

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!



SJB Collection Counters – Monday, September 23, 2024
Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters – Monday, September 30, 2024
Darlene Rauch and Aggie Howard

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 Parish** classes started **September 15th** in the secretary’s office on the second floor.

Grandchildren of grandparents are welcome if the grandparents are registered in the parish. Non-Catholic children are also invited. 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 sharon@mcurtin.com for information. Thank you.

PARLI ITALIANO? Ready to embark on a language adventure? Join us for **Italian** classes and discover the beauty of the **Italian** language! These are basic conversational **Italian** language classes for adults, **18+ years old**, unless accompanied by a parent.

When: Sundays, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. from **October 20th** to **November 24th**

Where: Italian Cultural Center Classroom

Instructor: Our talented Maria Lucchin

Details:

- **Fun and interactive:** Our classes are designed to make learning enjoyable.
- **Conversational skills:** Learn to speak basic **Italian** in everyday situations.
- **Affordable:** Cost is based on class size.

Don't miss this opportunity to discover the Italian language and culture! Enroll today by contacting **Ida Shook** at shook4@gmail.com or **Tania Wade** at t.wade73@gmail.com. **Ciao!**

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The process in which adults enter the **Roman Catholic Church** is known as **OCIA**, "The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults." Who is eligible for this process?

The Unbaptized. The primary focus of the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** is on those who are not already **Christian** and have had little or no religious education.

Baptized but un-catechized are those who have been baptized in the **Roman Catholic Church** but need further catechetical instruction to celebrate the **Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist.**

Those Seeking Full Communion with the Catholic Church are baptized, practicing **Christians** from another **Christian Tradition** who seek entry, or full communion with the **Roman Catholic Church.**

If you know someone who might be interested, please call **Sharon Curtin** at 614-563-8405, or email at sharon@mcurtin.com. Classes will be held at **St. John the Baptist Church** on **Wednesday evening, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the parish library on the second floor, and began on **September 18, 2024.**



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.**

(<https://linktr.ee/laprossimasocieta>) and the **Instagram @laprossimaorg.**



PRAYER: O God, who founded all the commands of Your sacred Law upon love of You and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping Your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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



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. **For more information, contact one of the following:**

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Tina Solazzo zingerts@yahoo.com
Ida Tiberi-Shook shook4@gmail.com
Tania Tiberi-Wade t.wade73@gmail.com

BYRON SANDERS FOUNDATION

St. John's is assisting the great work of the **Byron Sanders** foundation yet, another year. For over **ten** years, **St. John's** has purchased fresh potatoes with the donations of our parishioners. This year, we have been asked to collect **Gift Cards** in **\$20.00** denominations. In this way, the families will receive fresh food and a **\$20.00 gift card** for the extras. **The stores with the best pricing are Aldi and Kroger, we encourage cards from these stores, or a \$20.00 bill in a marked envelope will also work and the committee will purchase the gift cards.** Let's assist **Brian Wollenburg** as he enters year **27** of contributing to **Thanksgiving for Central Ohio** families in need. Please drop the gift card in the collection basket or give to **Landa Masdea Brunetto** after **Mass.** The last day for donations is **Sunday, November 10th.**

JUBILEE YEAR ITALY TOUR

March 20-28, 2025

Rome, Abruzzo & Molise, Naples
Amalfi Coast

Minimum: 18 people, max 25

Highlights: Rome during Jubilee Year

- **Abruzzo & Molise:** bell foundry, cheese factory, truffle hunting
- **Naples:** original pizza
- **Sorrento & Amalfi Coasts, Paestum, Pompeii, buffalo mozzarella farm, Mt. Vesuvius winery.**

Cost: \$4,200.00/person all inclusive, (including tips) Only exception is lightest meal each day.

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Website: www.philitaly.com

For Full Itinerary: <https://www.philitaly.co/explore-central-south-italy-Mar25>



COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS IN SALA HALL



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

22 September 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK

Stigmata \stig-'mä-tə\

From the Latin for "marks." **Stigmata** refers to the five wounds Christ suffered on the cross in his hands, feet, and side. Hundreds of saints, known as **stigmatics**, or **stigmatists**, have borne some or all of these marks visibly or invisibly on their bodies.

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

CONTEXT

Sensing that Christ was giving her the **stigmata**, Catherine of Siena begged him to plant the wounds where he would, but to render them invisible.

—*Anneli Rufus, Magnificent Corpses*

The Catholic Church has accepted an occurrence of **stigmata** as authentic, but has never defined their origin or nature, thus allowing for physical, psychological, and preternatural explanations for these phenomena.

—*Richard McBrien, HarperCollins Encyclopedia of Catholicism*

WHY IT MATTERS

Saints as varied as Francis of Assisi, Catherine of Siena, and Padre Pio have endured the **stigmata** as a literal sharing in the suffering of Christ. Many more people throughout history, however, have borne the pain, shame, rejection, and vilification of an unjust and indifferent world. To willingly embrace and share in the suffering of the poor Christ in our world today is a mandate for every disciple. **Stigmata** is a vivid reminder of this summons.

From The Modern Catholic Encyclopedia: The experience of **stigmata** is generally believed to be a sign of favor by the Lord and an indication of personal holiness. There are approximately 300 recorded cases.

RELATED WORDS

Wounds of Christ | Crown of Thorns | Crucifixion

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does it take to be canonized as a saint?

Canonization has been a formal church procedure since the 13th century. Informally, the church has noted "holy ones" since the first generation. Martyrs killed for belonging to Christ, even if flawed individuals, earned the claim of "no greater love" since they did indeed "lay down their life for a friend." Sainthood was later extended to confessors: those who defended and suffered for the faith. The category opened next for those who gave testimony in lives of austerity and penance: known as white martyrs in contrast to red martyrs who shed their blood. Those who taught Christian doctrine with new clarity—doctors of the church—were admitted to the circle of sanctity, along with evangelists and models of heroic virtue who spread the faith by word or deed. A reputation for miracles never hurt. The church is cautious in its claims about canonization. It reminds us the church doesn't make saints: God does. The Congregation for the Causes of Saints simply lifts up some holy lives for contemplation and imitation.

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

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST (SEPTEMBER 23)

Marked for holiness

Padre Pio epitomizes the idea of a saint whose life was marked by heavenly signs. Of the more than 300 **stigmatists**—persons whose bodies carry marks resembling the wounds of the crucified Christ—in the history of the church, Pio was the only priest. His reputed miraculous signs included prophecy, the power of conversion, and the ability to read hearts. But to Pio himself, his dearest accomplishment was establishing a hospital for the relief of suffering.

READINGS: Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18 (449 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092324.cfm>). "For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible."

FAITH IN ACTION

Looking like a saint may be appealing. Acting like a saint is better!

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