



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### 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:

**Aggie Howard**, Executive Assistant, [ahoward@sjbitaliana.org](mailto:ahoward@sjbitaliana.org)  
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.sjitaliana.com](http://www.sjitaliana.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@sjitaliana.org](mailto:ahoward@sjitaliana.org) or call the office at 614-294-5319.

### LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

	Sunday, October 20, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Valerie Milano, Ed Pagnanelli
<b>Eucharistic Minister 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Andrea Myers, Sharon D'Alberto
<b>Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:</b>	Pat Rossetti, Antonio D'Alberto, Margaret Panico-Harn

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone**  
*by Carl Tisone*

**Blessed Sacrament: Frank Casanta, Jr.**  
*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.**

**2024 THE APPEAL – UPDATE FOR ST. JOHN'S:** As of October 6, 2024, the Goal is **\$34,195.20**, Total Pledged: **\$42,556.00**, Refund **\$4,355.48** and Pledge balance is **\$4,005.32**. St. John's is over the goal by **\$8,360.80**. Thank you in advance for your prayerful generosity.

**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](mailto:k.koesters32@gmail.com). Leaders for October are:

October 13 Kevin Koesters  
October 20 Albert Iosue  
October 27 Kevin Koesters

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** St. John the Baptist – 10:30 a.m.  
**October 13** + Joe Cua  
*by Michael Cua*  
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.  
*Intention for J. P.*

**Monday:** St. John's – 12:00 Noon  
**October 14** *Living & Deceased Members of St. John's*

**Tuesday:** St. John's – 12:00 Noon  
**October 15** *Intention for Judy Pishitelli*  
*by Mr. & Mrs. John McAvoy*

**Wednesday:** St. John's – 6:00 p.m.  
**October 16** + Rudy Biscuso  
*by the Militello Family*

**Thursday:** Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m.  
**October 17** *Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart*

**Friday:** No Mass  
**October 18**

**Saturday:** Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m.  
**October 19** + Bruce Jarvis  
*by Patrick Martin & Thomas Sinacola*

**Sunday:** St. John's – 9:30 a.m.  
**October 20** + Antonio (Tony) Caradonna  
*by Mariangela Scavo Manno*  
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.  
+ Peter Loftis

### 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.

### COLUMBUS ITALIAN NEWS

**CHURCH PARKING BLACKTOP LOT:** No use of lot through October 18th. (Corner Hamlet & Lincoln.)

**GRAVEL PARKING LOT:** No use through October 18th. (Corner of Lincoln & 4th Street)

**ABRUZZI CLUB:** Homemade Gnocchi Dinner, Friday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00. Please contact Pat Rossetti at 614-329-3900. Thank you!

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK	
10/13 Sunday	<b>SJB Italian Mass Celebration – Bishop Earl Fernandes &amp; Msgr. Frank Lane – Tent – 10:30 a.m.</b>
10/14 Monday	<b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 12:00 Noon</b>
10/15 Tuesday	<b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 12:00 Noon</b>
10/16 Wednesday	<b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 6:00 p.m. OCIA Class – 7:00-8:30 p.m. – 2nd Floor Library</b>
10/18 Friday	<b>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim 7:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall, 10:45-11:30 a.m. Next meeting is November 3rd.</b>
	<b>Le Donne Group – Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Next meeting will be October 27th.</b>
	<b>Padre Pio Group – Chapel Rosary 12:30 p.m. Next Mass scheduled Thursday, October 31st at 1:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>SJB Social Activity Council Meeting the 4th Sunday of each month in the Library, 12:00-2:00 p.m.</b>

**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](mailto:shook4@gmail.com) or **Tania Wade** at [t.wade73@gmail.com](mailto:t.wade73@gmail.com). **Ciao!**

**PAVERS:** The front Pavilion of St. John 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.

**“Let us walk together and listen to the Lord. May we allow ourselves to be led by the breeze of the Spirit.”**  
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**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**

October 6, 2024

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 40

Reg Env:	\$ 2,166.00
Loose:	\$ 1,813.00
Total	\$ 3,979.00
Less Diocesan 9% Assessment	\$ - (358.11)
	\$ 3,620.89

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)
This Week:	\$3,000.04	\$3,979.00	\$978.96

**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, October 14, 2024**  
Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters – Monday, October 21, 2024**  
David Ross and Aggie Howard

**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](mailto:sharon@mcurtin.com). Classes are 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.

**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 Parish classes started September 15th in the secretary's office on the second floor. **Grandchildren are welcome if their 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](mailto:sharon@mcurtin.com) for information. Thank you.



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**.



**UNCOVER THE TREASURES OF YOUR ITALIAN ROOTS!** **CIAO (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:**

**Rich Leto** [rleto98@gmail.com](mailto:rleto98@gmail.com)

**Tina Solazzo** [zingerts@yahoo.com](mailto:zingerts@yahoo.com)

**Ida Tiberi-Shook** [shook4@gmail.com](mailto:shook4@gmail.com)

**Tania Tiberi-Wade** [t.wade73@gmail.com](mailto:t.wade73@gmail.com)

**Next meeting will be Sunday, November 17, 2024, from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

### 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, so 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.

**Led by:** Philitaly Cultural Exchanges, LLC

**Contact:** Phil: 917-523-9068

**Website:** [www.philitaly.com](http://www.philitaly.com)

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

## AROUND US

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER:** October falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. The month of **October** is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**.

**HOLY FATHER:** You are invited to pray for the **Holy Father's** October intention: **We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.**

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH:** Every **October**, we consider more deeply why **every** human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. This year's focus is on radical solidarity with women who are pregnant or raising children in difficult circumstances: ***O God, source of all life and goodness, You fashion human lives in Your image and likeness, and through Your love, give each human life dignity, sacredness, and priceless worth; awaken in every heart new reverence for the least of Your children, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain Your precious gift of human life at all stages, and in all conditions. 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.***

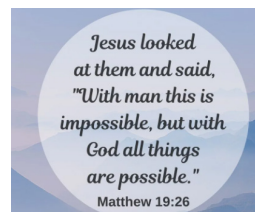
**CATHOLIC TEACHING: PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR:** A phrase reminding us that justice and concern for the poor are urgently mandated throughout the **Bible**. The church's love for the poor is inspired by the Gospel **Beatitudes**, by the poverty of **Jesus**, and by His concern for the disadvantaged and oppressed. It's also mandated in the final judgment parable, when the only agenda item is: "**What you did for the least of these, You did for me.**" Where do migrants and refugees belong? It's a political question with a biblical answer: right here with the rest of us. Since **1914** the church has observed a day to assist the "family in migration and the challenges it faces," as **Pope John Paul II** phrased it: And he urged us to commit to overcoming "all racism, xenophobia, and exaggerated nationalism" that affects our relationship to displaced persons.

*In teaching us charity, the Gospel instructs us in the preferential respect due to the poor and the special situation they have in society.*

—Pope Paul VI

*Dialogue must not only favor the preferential option on behalf of the poor, the marginalized, and the excluded, but also respect them as having a leading role to play.*

—Pope Francis



**PRAYER:** *May Your grace, O Lord, we pray, always go before us, and follow and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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.*

13 October 2024

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Mystic \ˈmi-stik\

One who experiences a special union with God. While techniques of meditation or contemplation enable us to encounter God through our own efforts, the **mystic** is united to God by God's own initiative.

*Pronunciation:* <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-mystic>

### CONTEXT

No one chooses to be a **mystic**. You may choose your profession, your interests, and your passions, but the **mystical** life is a calling, and we do not call ourselves. It is God's call.

—*Carl McColman*, *The Little Book of Christian Mysticism*

Where the philosopher guesses and argues, the **mystic** lives and looks. . . . The Absolute of the metaphysicians remains a diagram—impersonal and unattainable—the Absolute of the **mystics** is lovable, attainable, alive. —*Evelyn Underhill*, *Mysticism*

### WHY IT MATTERS

We all have a unique summons to become one with God. Some **mystics** are seers or visionaries. Others are poets, sages, or storytellers. Becoming better acquainted with the stories of holy **mystics** might enable us to locate our own spiritual calling.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: “Spiritual progress tends toward ever more intimate union with Christ. This union is called ‘**mystical**’ because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments—the holy mysteries—and the mystery of the Holy Trinity. God calls us all to this intimate union, even if the special graces or extraordinary signs of this **mystical** life are granted only to some for the sake of manifesting the gratuitous gift given to all.”

### RELATED WORDS

Contemplative | Ecstasy | Desert Monasticism

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### What are visions?

Visions are a product of God's self-communication. Christianity is grounded in divine revelation so the leap to visions isn't as great as it seems. Nonetheless visions are extraordinary events. Tangible visions are rare. Juan Diego got the tilma cloak from Our Lady of Guadalupe. A globe of fire entered Philip Neri's chest, enlarging his heart and breaking his ribs. Francis of Assisi endured stigmata.

**Mystics** agree the most reliable visions are intellectual or intuitive, less likely distorted by unreliable senses. **Mystics** also insist having visions isn't the goal. Most **mystics** have early visions before moving into greater communion with God. The vision merely provided a boost into something richer. The church leaves belief in specific visions open to question. If we paid more attention, though, all of us might see more than we expect.

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

## REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS (ÁVILA), DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH (OCTOBER 15)

### Seek some mystic reform

Saint Teresa of Ávila, also known as Teresa of Jesus, one of the spiritual greats of the church, entered the cloister in the early 1500s and had a seemingly routine life on the surface. But as her **mystical** encounters with Jesus emerged, along with her desire for a simpler, less worldly way of being, she began to write about the spiritual life and advocated for reform of her religious order, against strong opposition. Declared a doctor of the church, Teresa's reforms and enduring spiritual insights still carry weight.

READINGS: Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41 (468 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/101524.cfm>). “*Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside?*”

### FAITH IN ACTION

What reform, small or large, can you work toward today that can help bring about peace and spiritual growth for yourself and others?

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