



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.

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Gina M. Bishop, Music Director

John C. Huffman, Organist

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Announcements must be submitted in writing by Tuesday at noon.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome you into our Parish Families. Membership in the parish consists of two parts:

Registration: Please fill out form and return to Office.

Participation: As a member of the Church, you are accepting the responsibility of weekly worship as well as supporting God's work here through giving of yourself, your time and talents, and a worthy Sunday offering to show your love for God and your gratitude for His many favors.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION: 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/INFERMI: 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.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today begins the **Advent** season. It's time to prepare for the **Feast of the Nativity of the Lord**. We might want to take advantage of Adoration on **Thursday at Sacred Heart** or, at least, maybe add an extra **15 minutes** to our daily prayer to help remind ourselves of the great gift of the presence of the living **God** among us and in gratitude for our redemption. It's all too easy to drift into the commercial mindset that the season is all about food, presents and parties!

You might notice that the new doors have been installed. This was paid for by the **Paver Account** and has been long overdue. The wooden doors were rotting on the inside and the mechanisms were completely worn out. These new doors should last us another hundred years!

The final tallies for the Festival are done. Here are the results: We budgeted a gross intake of **\$682,400.00** –

Actual income - \$712,172.20.

We budgeted expenses of **\$484,480.00** –

Actual expenses - \$475,810.23.

Our profit was budgeted for **\$207,920.00** –

Our actual profit was \$237,882.23.

It is an interesting fact that since **2002** our Festival has generated **\$8,204,575.86** and we have seen a profit of **\$2,723,290.07**. This income has helped us keep our parish facility in excellent condition and has enabled much of our activity. Gratitude for those who make this happen is hardly able to be adequately expressed. Thank you to the whole parish, to those who volunteer untold hours and hard work to make this happen, to **Adam's** management and to all who **attend! Many Blessings.**

Finally – The owner of the two lots at the end of **Hamlet Street** has decided to sell those lots. **Mr. Schilling** has generously allowed us to use that property for the **Festival** – the area with the rides and children's activity. To protect the Festival and our accessibility to parking, **St. John's** has purchased those two lots. The funds to do so were provided by the dormant **Café Account** and the residue from the Festival. The deal was negotiated by the **Diocesan Real Estate Office** and the contract signed by **Bishop Fernandes**. Per the corporate structure of the **Catholic Church**, the **Bishop** owns all diocesan property, but it remains an asset of the local parish. Were we ever to sell it, the money would be ours. The price was **\$490,000, \$350,000** of that came from the liquidation of the **Café Fund**, a fund that held the insurance payments for the cafe that we owned on the corner of **Lincoln** and **4th** and that burned several years ago.

Many Blessings!

Msgr. Frank Lane

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, December 1, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2: Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Pat Rossetti, Sharon D'Alberto, Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn, Ed Pagnanelli
	Sunday, December 8, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Valerie Milano, Tania Wade
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2: Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Kurt Heininger, Gretchen Heninger, Antonio D'Alberto, Margi Baker, Al Iosue

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone

by Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament: Anna Quint Treboni

by Chris Soteriades

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: December 1	St. John the Baptist – 9:30 a.m. + Virginia J. Colarossi <i>by Lou & Anna Treboni</i> Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m. + Hale D.
Monday: December 2	St. John's – 12:00 Noon Intention for Judy Pishitelli <i>by Mr. & Mrs. John McAvoy</i>
Tuesday: December 3	St. John's – 12:00 Noon Living & Deceased Members of St. John's
Wednesday: December 4	St. John's – 6:00 p.m. + Rina Tiberi <i>by Tania Wade</i>
Thursday: December 5	Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m. + Joe, Aggie, & Doc MacKinnon <i>by Fr. Michael Lumpe</i>
Friday: December 6	No Mass
Saturday: December 7	Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m. + Virgil Moorman <i>by Geoff & Sheila Wisniewski</i>
Sunday: December 8	St. John's – 9:30 a.m. + Cesidio Capoccia & Gerardo Cugini <i>by Capoccia & Cugini Family</i> Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m. + Jeanine Lane

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.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS
 at Sacred Heart, Monday, December 9th at 10:30 a.m.
 and St. John's at Noon.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S
 MASS SCHEDULE 2024**

Christmas Vigil December 24th	Church	Mass Times
	Sacred Heart	9:00 p.m.
	St. John's	4:00 p.m.
Christmas Day December 25th	Church	Mass Times
	Sacred Heart	10:30 a.m.
	St. John's	No Mass
New Year's Eve December 31st	Church	Mass Times
	Sacred Heart	Wedding
	St. John's	No Mass
New Year's Day January 1st	Church	Mass Times
	Sacred Heart	No Mass
	St. John's	11:00 a.m.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

12/1 Sunday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane</u> – 9:30 a.m. <u>SJB Donuts and Coffee</u> – in Sala Hall after 9:30 a.m. Mass-12 Noon <u>SJB Religious Education</u> – 10:30-11:30 a.m. – Admin. Office, 2nd Floor <u>NO KCC Religious Education</u> <u>KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim</u> – 12:00 p.m. Meeting in Sala Hall, 1:00-3:00 p.m.</p>
12/2 Monday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> – 12:00 Noon
12/3 Tuesday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> – 12:00 Noon
12/4 Wednesday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> – 6:00 p.m. <u>OCIA Class</u> – 7:00-8:30 p.m. – 2nd Floor Library</p>
12/6 Friday	<u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</u> – 7:00 p.m.
	<p><u>Altar Guild Reminder</u> – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall, 10:45-11:30 a.m.</p>
	<p><u>Le Donne Group</u> – Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall.</p>
	<p><u>SJB Social Activity Council Meeting</u> the 4th Sunday of each month in the Library, 12:00-2:00 p.m.</p>
	<p><u>Padre Pio Prayer Group</u> – 12:30 Rosary, 1:00 p.m. Mass Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 17th</p>

**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, Gary Bosco and Kerree Susi.*

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 December are:
December 1 Valerie Milano
December 8 Tania Wade
December 15 Kevin Koesters
December 22 Albert Iosue
December 29 Tania Wade

ITALIAN FESTIVAL NEWS

There will **NOT** be a **Columbus Italian Festival Board** meeting as originally scheduled for **December 2, 2024**. Msgr. Lane and the **Board** thank all those who have worked tirelessly before, during, and after the Festival and wish all a Happy and Joyous Holiday season. We will reconvene after the first of the year to review input and plan for another successful Festival.
Stay tuned in!!!!

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Please share this Fundraising Program with your friends and family!



CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE – The **Social Activity Council (SAC)** is excited to host our first **Christmas Cookie Exchange** at **St John's**! If you are interested in participating, please bring **three dozen cookies** to **Marrapese Hall** on **Sunday**,

December 15, **PRIOR** to the **9:30 a.m. Mass**. Cookies will be exchanged starting at **11:00 a.m.** We will provide the container for you to use for collecting your cookies during the exchange! **Please DO NOT** bring your own containers as those will not be accepted. **Buon appetito!!**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S
November 24, 2024

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 40

Reg Env:	\$	2,375.00
Loose:	\$	246.00
Total	\$	2,621.00
Less Diocesan 9% Assessment	\$	-(235.89)
	\$	2,385.11
This Week:	Budgeted	Actual
	\$3,000.04	\$2,621.00
		Difference (\$)
		-\$379.04

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, December 2, 2024
Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters – Monday, December 9, 2024
David Ross 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 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.

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 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.**



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! Are you curious about your **Italian heritage?** **CIAO Columbus (Columbus Italian Ancestry Organization)** is an **Italian Ancestry** group dedicated to helping you uncover your family history. Join us for a working research session on

Saturday, December 7th, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the **Whitehall Public Library.** We'll have access to genealogy subscriptions and experienced researchers to guide you. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced genealogist, you're welcome to attend. Be sure to bring your laptop!

For more information, contact one of the following:

Rich Leto rleto98@gmail.com
Tina Solazzo zingerts@yahoo.com
Ida Tiberi-Shook shook4@gmail.com
Tania Tiberi-Wade t.wade73@gmail.com

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.**

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"We have entered Advent full of hope. We fervently implore the Prince of Peace to bring comfort to our wounded hearts and to nations suffering from wars and crises of every kind, so that all may live a dignified and peaceful life." @Pontifex



COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS IN SALA HALL.

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

AROUND US

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as **Advent** and are represented by the liturgical color purple – a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remaining days of **December** mark the beginning of the **Christmas** season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold – a symbol of joy, purity, and innocence. The month of **December** is dedicated to the **Immaculate Conception**.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY FOR THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024

For Pilgrims of Hope, we pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

EVENING AT THE MUSEUM OF CATHOLIC ART AND HISTORY: Join us on **Friday, December 6, 5:30-8:30 p.m.** at the **Museum of Catholic Art and History** for a fun evening, including pictures with **St. Nick**, nearly **five hundred Nativities** from around the world.... stories of **Advent and Christmas...** and of course, refreshments! **\$10.00 per person, \$45.00 max per family**, children **3 years** and under are free. Parking will be available behind **St. Joseph Cathedral**. **RSVP to info@catholicmuseum.org.**

FEBRUARY MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you and your spouse all the tools for a better, stronger, more loving marriage. **"But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."** Help your marriage be like the rich soil and attend an upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 7th-9th 2025**. Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. **Location: Procter Camp and Conference Center – London, OH.** Other weekend dates are available on our website. **Apply at WWME.org or call Don and Kim Downs at 614-893-1935.** Early registration is recommended.

**SERRA CLUB NOW MORE THAN EVER
NO PRIESTS – NO EUCHARIST!**

God is still calling. It's up to the whole church to amplify His call! Are you looking to get more involved in promoting, encouraging, and praying for vocations? **Serra Club** is a lay apostolate that has been in our diocese for over **40 years**. We are looking for more members to stand alongside our priests and seminarians to support more vocations for the **Diocese of Columbus**. We meet at the **Jessing Center** at the **Pontifical College Josephinum** the **1st Tuesday** of every month at **11:30 a.m. Rosary, Catered Lunch, Catholic speakers** and more. Contact us at membershipnorth@serracolumbus.org for more information and schedule.

ST. CHARLES HOLDING WINTER MUSICAL AUDITIONS:

The **St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department** will hold auditions for its winter musical, **The Old Man and The Old Moon** on **Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3 and 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.** at the **St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 East Broad Street.** (*You need only attend one of the two days.*) Auditions are open to all area high school women in **Central Ohio**. **Production Dates: February 27-March 2, 2025.** If you would like additional information, please email **Doug Montgomery** at dmontgomery@scprep.org.



WELCOME TO ADVENT: For **Catholics**, the new **Liturgical Year** commences today with the **First Sunday of Advent**, opening the

Advent season. In this new **Liturgical Year**, the **Church** not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow **Christ**. This is a time of prayer and penance. The entire **Liturgy of the Advent** season spurs us to an awakening in our **Christian** life and will put us in a "vigilant" disposition, to wait for **Our Lord Jesus** who is coming. **The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.**

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DECEMBER 9: On **December 9**, we honor **Mary**, our **Mother**. **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic feast and Holy Day of Obligation** celebrating **Mary's** conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of **Advent**, which prepares for the birth of **Our Lord Jesus Christ**, the **Immaculate Conception** refers to the conception of **Mary** in the womb of her mother, **St. Anne**. The dogma of the **Immaculate Conception** asserts that, **"from the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of Mankind, kept free from all stain of original sin."**



PRAYER: Grant Your faithful, we pray, **almighty God**, the resolve to run forth to meet Your Christ with righteous deeds at His coming, so that, gathered at His right hand, they may be worthy to possess the

heavenly Kingdom. 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

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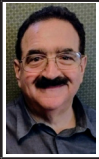
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Come celebrate being Italian! 614-582-7366

