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Word
became flesh and
dwelt
among us.”

- John 1:14

CHRISTMAS 2024

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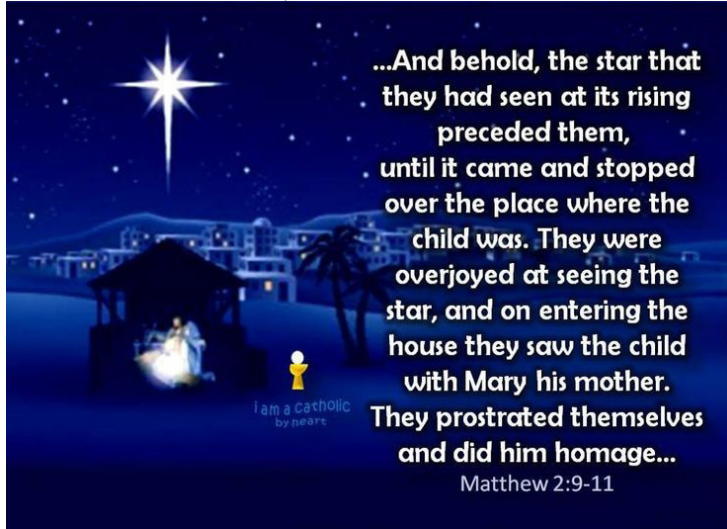
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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Dear Friends in Christ,



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 January are:

January 5 Gretchen Heininger
 January 12 Kevin Koesters

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: January 5** St. John the Baptist – 9:30 a.m.
 + **Tony Caradonna**
by Barbara Mascherino
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.
 + Halie D.
- Monday: January 6** St. John's – 12:00 Noon
 + **Wes Kolarik**
by Dr. Maria Regina Coccia
- Tuesday: January 7** St. John's – 12:00 Noon
 Intention for Judy Pishitelli
by Mr. & Mrs. John McAvoy
- Wednesday: January 8** St. John's – 6:00 p.m.
 + **Rose Agriesti**
by the Tose Family
- Thursday: January 9** Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m.
Living & Deceased Members of SH
- Friday: January 10** No Mass
- Saturday: January 11** Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m.
 + **Bridget Williams**
by Fr. Michael Lumpe
- Sunday: January 12** St. John's – 9:30 a.m.
 + **Tony Caradonna**
by Egeo & Fiorenza Frissora
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.
 + Halie D.

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

	Sunday, January 5, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2: Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5	Sharon D'Alberto, Al Iosue, Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn, Pat Rossetti
	Sunday, January 12, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Valerie Milano, Gretchen Heininger
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2: Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5	Margi Baker, Ed Pagnanelli, Antonio D'Alberto, Kurt Heininger, Sharon D'Alberto

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.

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:
Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Living & Deceased Members of St. John the Baptist

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

1/5 Sunday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane</u> 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><u>SJB Donuts and Coffee in Sala Hall after</u> 9:30 a.m. Mass – 12 Noon</p> <p><u>La Befana Celebration – Marrapese Hall</u> After 9:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p><u>SJB Religious Education – Admin. Office</u> 2nd floor 10:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <p><u>KCC Mass – 12:00 p.m. – Fr. Francisco Kim</u> Meeting in Sala Hall 1:00-3:00 p.m.</p>
1/6 Monday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> 12:00 Noon</p>
1/7 Tuesday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> 12:00 Noon</p> <p><u>St. John’s Faith Group – Marrapese Hall</u> 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Piave Club Meeting – Marrapese Hall</u> 6:00 p.m.</p>
1/8 Wednesday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><u>SJB OCIA Class – Library</u> 7:00-8:30 p.m.</p>
1/10 Friday	<p><u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</u> 7:00 p.m.</p>
	<p><u>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd</u> Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. There are no meetings in May or June.</p>
	<p><u>Le Donne Group – Meetings are the last</u> Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall.</p>
	<p><u>SJB Social Activity Counsel Meeting –</u> the 4th Sunday of each month in the Library – 12:00-2:00 p.m.</p>

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN’S
December 22, 2024

Number of Envelopes used Sunday 45

Reg Env:	\$4,000.00	
Loose:	\$ 156.00	
Holy Day.:	\$ 610.00	
Total	\$ 4,766.00	
Less Diocesan 9% Assessment	\$ - (428.94)	
	\$ 4,337.06	
Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)
This Wk.: \$ 3,000.04	\$4,766.00	+\$1,765.96

DONATION QR CODE AND WEBSITE INFORMATION

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SJB Collection Counters – Monday, January 6, 2025
Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard
SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 13, 2025
Nick Persichetti 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 sharon@mcurtin.com. Classes will be held at St. John the Baptist Church on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the parish library on the second floor.



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.



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For more information, contact one of the following:

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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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Kroger Rewards: **St. John's Kroger Rewards** for this quarter is **\$80.52**. Thank you for your support!

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
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AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The first twelve days of **January** fall during the liturgical season of **Christmas** which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. The remaining days of **January** are the **beginning** of the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. **Green** is a symbol of, and sparks in the faithful, the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The month of **January** is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**, which is celebrated on **January 3**.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY FOR THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025: *Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.*

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2025 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR: The **Catholic Men's Luncheon Club** is now accepting nominations for the **Diocese of Columbus 2025 Catholic Man of the Year**. The **Catholic Man of the Year** is awarded to one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." Nomination instructions and the **required** online nomination form are at <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/catholicmanoftheyear>. Submit your nomination and let us know why your husband, father, grandfather, son, uncle, brother, or friend is the **Catholic Man of the Year!** Nominations will be accepted through **January 15, 2025**. **Bishop Earl K. Fernandes** will present the **2025 Catholic Man of the Year** at a luncheon on **Friday, March 7, 2025**, at **St. Patrick Church** in downtown **Columbus**. **Holy Mass (optional)** begins at **11:45 a.m.** followed by lunch at **12:10 p.m.** and **Bishop Fernandes'** presentation of the **2025 Catholic Man of the Year**. No reservations are necessary. **\$12.00** covers the lunch. Bring a friend and help us honor the **2025 Catholic Man of the Year**.



Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect

fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

"If the darkness of the night overwhelms you, if the hurt you carry inside cries out, 'You are not worthy.' God responds and tells you, 'I love you just as you are. I became little for YOU. Trust me and open your hearts to me.'" @Pontifex



Lord, every nation on earth will adore you
Psalm 72

PRAYER: O God, who on this day revealed Your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in Your mercy that we, who know You already by faith,

may be brought to behold the beauty of Your sublime glory. 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

Sunday, Jan 05, 2025**Open your heart and home**

There's something sweet about arrivals, whether our destination is an exotic vacation spot or the grateful landing at home in a familiar bed. Travel can be exciting or tedious, but in either case the end of the road has its merits in terms of creature comforts and just maybe the embrace of a friend. We can sympathize with the joy and relief of the Magi when their star-guide finally came to a halt over Bethlehem. In the spirit of Epiphany make your home a welcoming place and open your heart to receive each spiritual traveler.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20).

"The star . . . stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

Monday, Jan 06, 2025**Let the healing begin**

The revelation that comes with Epiphany is not only that God is with us but that his mission is to make us well. That is our mission also. Pope Francis expressed it this way in his first interview after being elected: "The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful." Look around you. Notice the quiet anguish or distant sadness in the faces of others. Offer a smile, a listening ear, or a simple word of encouragement.

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212). *"They brought to him all who were sick . . . and he cured them."*

Tuesday, Jan 07, 2025**Open to interpretation**

The miracle of the loaves and fishes is the only miracle story found in all four gospels, highlighting its profound impact. Some interpret it as the "miracle of sharing," emphasizing that the world's resources are abundant when we are willing to share. Others see it as a direct act of divine intervention: "Ask and you shall receive." Both interpretations are worth remembering as they remind us of the saving power of our faith.

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213). *"They all ate and were satisfied."*

Wednesday, Jan 08, 2025**Get ready for the big reveal**

The First Letter of John tells us, "No one has ever seen God." So how can we know what God is like or understand what God desires from us? The answer is simple: God is love. Although we may not fully know God until our earthly pilgrimage ends, we can encounter God in the love that surrounds us—in the love we give and receive. Christmas and Epiphany are timeless revelations of God's love for humanity, moments when God's presence is made visible in the world. Now, it is our turn to return the favor and reveal God's love in our own lives.

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214). *"Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him."*

Thursday, Jan 09, 2025**Listen up!**

Paying attention is risky. Maybe that's why so many of us cocoon ourselves in noise. For Christians, the word of God invariably makes demands on us—sometimes as a new challenge to new action, sometimes asking that we let go of expectations or old resentments. These demands can be difficult, but as theologian Paul Tillich says, "The first duty of love is to listen." Take a moment each day to turn down the volume and let God's word enter your heart.

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22 (215). *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

Friday, Jan 10, 2025**Celebrate a radical moment**

It is two weeks since Christmas. You remember Christmas—"May your days be merry and bright" and all that. Too often we think of "getting through the holidays" rather than, like fine wine, savoring the truth of "God with us." What Christmas celebrates is nothing less than the "most radical and elevating affirmation of the value of every human being," according to Saint John Paul II. It is the leap from the divine to the human, piercing the veil, God taking root in skin and bone and changing our destiny forever. The lights may be packed away, the gifts exchanged, but you can't really get over Christmas. Consider how you have been changed by God's appearance in the flesh.

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216). *"This is the one who came through water and Blood, Jesus Christ."*

Saturday, Jan 11, 2025**'Tis the season to acclimate to your new life**

Why does the church extend the Christmas season so long? Two words: *new life*. Christmas is not only a time to remember the occasion of Jesus' birth; it is also a time to immerse ourselves in God's call to new life. As believers, Pope Benedict XVI said, we must become a "new creation," capable of "bearing witness to the Christian hope that inspires us." Throughout this season we have opportunities to experience and give witness to this new life filled with the Good News of God's love.

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217). *"We also know that the Son of God has come."*

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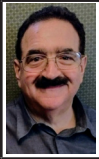
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