



## 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:**

**Aggie Howard**, Executive Assistant, [ahoward@sjbitaliana.org](mailto:ahoward@sjbitaliana.org)

**Victoria Scruggs**, Secretary, [vgammell@sjbitaliana.org](mailto:vgammell@sjbitaliana.org)

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).

### **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,

### 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](http://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](mailto:ahoward@sjbitaliana.org) or call the office at 614-294-5319.

## LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

	Sunday, December 15, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2	Ed Pagnanelli, Nick Iannitto
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	AnnMarie Pastore, Sharon D'Alberto
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Andrea Myers, Pat Rossetti, Margaret Panico-Harn
	Sunday, December 22, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2	Gretchen Heining, Kurt Heining
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	Antonio D'Alberto, Al Iosue, Margi Baker,
Eucharistic Minister 3,4,5	Andrea Myers, Pat Rossetti

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

December 15 Kevin Koesters  
December 22 Albert Iosue  
December 29 Tania Wade

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: *Joyce Tisone*

by Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament: *Living & Deceased Members of St. John the Baptist*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** St. John the Baptist – 9:30 a.m.  
December 15 + Antoinette Marchio  
by Paul Marchio  
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.  
+ Tina Fann  
by Carol Ventresca

**Monday:** St. John's – 12:00 Noon  
December 16 Intention for Judy Pishitelli  
by Mr. & Mrs. John McAvoy

**Tuesday:** St. John's – 12:00 Noon  
December 17 Living & Deceased Members of St. John's  
Padre Pio St. John's – 12:30 Rosary – 1:00 p.m.  
Chapel + Gaetana Capoccia  
by Maria Capoccia & Family

**Wednesday:** St. John's – 6:00 p.m.  
December 18 + Pauline Urian  
by The Cockerell Family

**Thursday:** Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m.  
December 19 Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart

**Friday:** No Mass  
December 20

**Saturday:** Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m.  
December 21 + Mary Ann & Bill McCarrick  
by Fr. Michael Lumpe

**Sunday:** St. John's – 9:30 a.m.  
December 22 + Tony Solazzo  
by Irene Solazzo & Family  
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.  
+ Joe Pishitelli (SJB)  
by Judy & Phillip Pishitelli

## 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.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE 2024

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

*The Parish Office will be closed December 24th, 25th and 26th and resume Friday, December 27th for the Christmas holidays.*

**ST. JOHN'S VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** To help decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 21st at 10:00 a.m. If you have an extra stepladder, please bring it!

**THE LABEFANA CELEBRATION:** The LeDonne group will be celebrating the Epiphany with the LaBefana on Sunday, January 5, 2025, after 9:30 a.m. Mass in Marrapese Hall. Please bring children, grandchildren and enjoy this beautiful Italian tradition.

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

12/15 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 – 12:00 Noon</p> <p><u>SJB Social Activity Council – Marrapese</u> Cookie Exchange, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>SJB Religious Education – Admin. Office</u> 2nd floor, 10:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <p><u>KCC Religious Education – Library</u> 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>KCC Mass – 12:00 p.m. – Fr. Francisco</u> <u>Kim</u> Meeting in Sala Hall – 1:00-3:00 p.m.</p>
12/16 Monday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> 12:00 Noon</p>
12/17 Tuesday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> 12:00 Noon</p> <p><u>Padre Pio – Rosary 12:30 p.m. Mass 1:00 p.m.</u> In Chapel</p>
12/18 Wednesday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>OCIA Class – 2nd Floor Library</u> 7:00-8:30 p.m.</p>
12/19 Friday	<p><u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</u> 7:00 p.m.</p>
	<p><u>Altar Guild Reminder –</u> Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45-11:30 a.m.</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>

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP:**  
Tuesday, December 17, at 12:30 p.m. starting with the Rosary followed by Mass at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome!

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**Please share this Fundraising Program with your friends and family!**

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**

December 8, 2024

Number of Envelopes used Sunday 34

Reg Env:	\$ 2,615.00
Loose:	\$ 288.00
Holy Day:	\$ 290.00
Total	\$ 3,193.00
Less Diocesan 9% Assessment	\$ – (287.37)
	\$ 2,905.63

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference (\$)</u>
<b>This Week:</b>	\$ 3,000.04	\$3,193.00	+\$ 192.96

**50/50 WINNER:**

**Congratulations to Carl Tisone, winner of the November 2024, 50/50, Drawing. Thank you for your support!**

**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 16, 2024**  
Darlene Rauch and Vicky Scruggs

**SJB Collection Counters – Monday, December 23, 2024**  
Ed Pagnanelli 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](mailto: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 [sharon@mcurtin.com](mailto: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.

 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 (Columbus Italian Ancestry Organization)** is an 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)  
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**JUBILEE YEAR ITALY TOUR**

March 20-28, 2025

Rome, Abruzzo & Molise, Naples, Amalfi Coast

Minimum: 18 people, max 25

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- 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.

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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.



**COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS IN SALA HALL**

**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.*



**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:**

This Sunday of Advent is celebrated as “**Gaudete Sunday**,” which is Latin for “**Rejoice!**” It’s a day of joy and celebration that marks the halfway point of Advent and the nearness of Christmas. Rose

vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. Today, we celebrate by keeping our focus on the joy in life. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom.



**PRAYER:** *O God, who see how Your people faithfully await the Feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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.*

15 December 2024

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### O Antiphons ˈɒ ˈan-tə-fəns

From Greek meaning “sounding against,” seven short scripture verses, sung or chanted at Vespers, often in divided choirs, during the week before Christmas, December 17 to 23. Each Antiphon invokes Christ by means of an Old Testament symbol: O Wisdom, O Sacred Lord, O Flower of Jesse's Stem, O Key of David, O Radiant Dawn, O King of All Nations, and O Emmanuel.

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

### CONTEXT

If we rest each evening with the **O Antiphons**, . . . Advent will be for us once again a time of God's great love and hope.

—Madeleine L'Engle

The **O Antiphons** proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but our present desires as well.

—Grace Hetzel

### WHY IT MATTERS

It's tempting to treat the two Testaments of our Bible as the "before" and "after" of religious understanding for Christianity. In the contemplation of the great **O Antiphons**, we discover that the divine revelation we recognize as Jesus has been within the story of God's people from the beginning.

From *Learning from the O Antiphons* by C.C. Pecknold: The **O Antiphons** were certainly in regular use by the time of Charlemagne in the eighth century. “They prepare us for the great Vigil of Christmas, uniting Israel's hopes and the desire of nations as a kind of prophetic *summa* in praise of divine providence. In the heart of winter's darkness, the **O Antiphons** call us to worship Jesus Christ as the center of salvation history.”

### RELATED WORDS

Antiphon | Liturgy of the Hours | Magnificat | Vespers

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### What are the O Antiphons?

The **O Antiphons** (also known as the Great Advent Antiphons or Great Os) are sung verses used in evening prayer during the last seven days of Advent (December 17-23) at the beginning and end of the Magnificat, a hymn of praise spoken by Mary. Rendered in order, in Latin and English, the **O Antiphons** are: *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom), *O Adonai* (O Lord), *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse), *O Clavis Davidica* (O Key of David), *O Oriens* (O Radiant Dawn), *O Rex Gentium* (O King of Nations), and *O Emmanuel* (O God-with-us). As an acrostic, the Latin version reads SARCORE, reversed as *ero cras* (“I will be tomorrow”). Since the Antiphons are traditionally chanted December 17-23, Jesus is literally born “tomorrow” at the chant's conclusion. The **O Antiphons** have been around at least since the eighth century, when monks would sing them. Even if you don't pray the Liturgy of the Hours, these Antiphons may sound familiar. This is because they were incorporated into one of the best-known hymns of the Advent season: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”

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

## REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT (DECEMBER 17)

### Grow in wisdom

Today the church begins to sing the **O Antiphons** to accompany the Advent evening prayer of Mary's Magnificat. These short, sung phrases remind us of our need for salvation and our desire to embody the divine characteristics of our Savior.

READINGS: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121724.cfm>). “O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!”

### FAITH IN ACTION

Today we pray for knowledge. This is not the knowledge that wins arguments around the dinner table, but the knowledge that shines a light on who we are, where we came from, and what we are called to do as followers of Christ.

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**Come celebrate being Italian! 614-582-7366**

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