

became flesh and



among us."

- John 1:14

CHRISTMAS 2024

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH** Corner of E. Lincoln and Hamlet Streets, Columbus, OH 43215 614-294-5319 • www.sjbitaliana.org

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

#### Dear Friends in Christ,



**Feast of the Holy Family:** Today is the feast day of the **Holy Family**, but also, every family's feast day since the **Holy Family** is the patron and model of all **Christian** families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the **Holy Family** as a model for the **Christian** family life.

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 29, 2024, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector 1 & 2:	Tania Wade, Gretchen Heininger	
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2: Eucharistic Minister 3,4,5	Andrea Myers, Pat Rossetti, Margaret Panico-Harn, Gretchen Heininger, Margi Baker	
	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	

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions: Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone Blessed Sacrament: Bruno Masdea by Louise Masdea

The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 31st, January 1st, and 2nd and resume Friday, January 3rd for the holidays.

#### 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 937-902-7446 or via email k.koesters32@gmail.com.

Leader for **December is:** 

December 29 Tania Wade

MASSES FOR THE WEEK			
Sunday:	<u>St. John the Baptist – 9:30 a.m.</u>		
December 29	+ Tony Caradonna		
	by Liliana & Armando Tempesta		
	Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.		
	+ Halie D.		
Monday:	<u>St. John's – 12:00 Noon</u>		
December 30	+ Brennan O'Rourke		
Tuesday:	St. John's New Year's Eve Day		
December 31	12:00 Noon		
	Living & Deceased Members of SJB		
	Sacred Heart – NO MASS		
	Wedding		
Wednesday:	St. John's New Year's Day – 11:00 a.m.		
January 1	+ Karen Mikalonis		
	by Heininger Family		
	Sacred Heart – NO MASS		
Thursday:	Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m.		
January 2	Living & Deceased Members of SH		
Friday:	<u>No Mass</u>		
January 3			
Saturday:	Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m.		
January 4	+ Tina Fann		
	by Linda & Dan McMullen		
Sunday:	<u>St. John's – 9:30 a.m.</u>		
January 5	+ Tony Caradonna		
	by Barbara Mascherino		
	Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.		
	+ Halie D.		
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.

LA BEFANA CELEBRATION: The Le Donne group will be celebrating the Epiphany with La Befana on Sunday, January 5, 2025, after 9:30 a.m. Mass in Marrapese Hall. Please bring children, grandchildren and enjoy this beautiful Italian tradition.

## **NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE 2024**

	Church	Mass Times
New Year's Eve December 31st	Sacred Heart	Wedding
	St. John's	12:00 p.m.
New Year's Day January 1st	Sacred Heart	No Mass
	St. John's	11:00 a.m.

## **EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

12/29 Sunday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane</u> 9:30 a.m. <u>SJB Donuts and Coffee in Sala Hall after</u> 9:30 Mass – 12 Noon <u>SJB Religious Education – Admin. Office</u> 2nd floor 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. <u>KCC Mass – 12:00 p.m. – Fr. Francisco Kim</u> Meeting in Sala Hall 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
12/30 Monday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> 12:00 Noon
12/31 Tuesday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> 12:00 Noon
1/1 Wednesday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> 11:00 a.m. <u>SJB NO OCIA Class</u> <u>KCC New Year's Day Mass 12:30 p.m.</u> <u>Fr. Kim</u> – Meeting in Sala 1:00-3:00 p.m.
1/3 Friday	<u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</u> 7:00 p.m.
	Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m11:30 a.m. There are no meetings in May or June.
	<u>Le Donne Group</u> – Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall.
	SJB Social Activity Counsel Meeting – the 4th Sunday of each month in the Library – 12:00-2:00 p.m.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S December 22nd and 29th, 2024 Will be in the January 5th bulletin due to the holidays.

#### 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 for Monday, December 30, 2024 Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 6, 2025 Maruja Paule 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.

#### **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.

la prossima

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:

<u>rle</u>
<u>zin</u>
<u>sh</u>
<u>t.w</u>

to98@gmail.com ngerts@yahoo.com ook4@gmail.com vade73@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.

#### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

<u>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST "GIVING TREE"</u> – The Altar Guild would like to thank all of you who contributed so generously to our parish's "Giving Tree" this Christmas. The Little Bottoms Free Store was extremely appreciative of our Generosity again this year! Our gifts will make such an impact on young children and mothers! So again, Thank You!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE – Our first ever Christmas Cookie Exchange was a remarkable success! We had **39 participants**, which provided a wonderful selection of cookies! We are already thinking about next year! Thank you to all that participated!

THANK YOU: A special thank-you to all the members of the St. John's Social Activity Group for taking their time out to clean and organize the kitchen cupboards in Marrapese Hall. This is greatly appreciated and thank you again!

#### **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS FUNDRAISER**

Did you know that every time you use your **Kroger Plus Card** when purchasing groceries, **Kroger** donates money to our church? All you have to do is register your card at <u>www.</u> <u>kroger.com/communityrewards</u>. It's that easy! Follow the steps below to enroll your **Kroger Card** today!

- 1. Go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards
- 2. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Click "**Get Started**" on the **Link your Shoppers Card** section.
- 3. Sign into your online **Kroger** account (or create an account if you don't have one).
- 4. In the **Find an organization** field search for "**St. John the Baptist Italian**" or type in our organization's number "**YY987**" then click "**Enroll**".
- 5. Once you enroll, every time you use your **Kroger Plus** card at **Kroger**, your purchases will earn money for our church! **Please share this Fundraising Program with** your friends and family!

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 at 917-523-9068; Website: <u>www.philitaly.com</u> For Full Itinerary: <u>https://www.philitaly.co/explore-cental-</u> south-italy-Mar25



COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS IN SALA HALL

## AROUND US

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: The first twelve days of January fall during the liturgical season of <u>Christmas</u> 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 liturgical season known as <u>Ordinary Time</u>, 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 <u>Holy</u> <u>Name of Jesus</u>, which is celebrated on January 3.

# 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.

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.

JANUARY 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD: This feast is the celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Calling Mary, "Mother of God," is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace." New Year's Day is also designated as the World Day of Peace, further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.



PRAYER: O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one

day in eternal rewards. 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



Saint John the Baptist ~ Christmas Flowers ~ 2024

# Name:

Mr. Mark Agriesti Ms. Teresa Agriesti Mr. & Mrs. Gary Bosco

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Caradonna Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ciroli

The Ciroli Family Ms. Virgina Clark Ms. Mary Jean Cockerell Mr. & Mrs. Giovanni D'Andrea Mr. and Mrs. Derek Elbaor Mr. and Mrs. John Fabbro Rose Ann Graf Mrs. Margaret Harn

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Iosue Pam and Don Kutsick Ms. Daniel LaPenna Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marchio Ms. Louise Masdea

Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Margello Mr. Louis F. Massenelli Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Milano

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Myers Mr. Keith Pecinovsky & Julie Leitwein Ms. Judy Pishitelli Mr. & Mrs. Brian Rigg Ms. Carol Ristucci Mr. Dale Romick Mr. Patrick Rossetti

Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Shook

The Solazzo Family Mr. and Mrs. Michael Susi Ms. Carol Thompson Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Tiberi Mr. Carl Tisone

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Valentine Ms. Vittoria Ventresca Ms. Donna Van Horn Ms. Tania Wade

Mr. Brian West Ms. Margaret West

# In Memory/In Honor of:

Joe & Petrina Agriesti, Rose Agriesti & Agriesti Family **Charlie & Bonnie Agriesti** Mr. John Victor Bosco, Mrs. Rosalia Sarah Bosco Fr. John Gerald Bosco O.S.M., Brother Marion Lawrence Bosco O.S.B. Salvatore & Maria Caradonna, Gerardo & Evelina Arminio, Tony Caradonna Colangelo Family, Centofanti Family, Ciroli DiNardo Family, relatives and friends **Monaco-Colarossi Family** Carmelo & Vincenza Gatto, Bill & Gloria Fulcher, Michael D. Clark Giovanni D'Andrea Sr. & Eula Fay D'Andrea Angelcor & Cerino Family & Fabbro & Wharton Family **James Graf** Anthony & Carolyn Panico, Jerry Harn, Guerino & Rosina Panico, John & Margaret Krus Albert J. Iosue and Marlene S. Iosue Tom Rego, Nancy Rego and Helen Rego Daniel LePenna, Galilei Family, & Blateri Family Antoinette and Sam Marchio, Duane & Becky Rausch Bruno Masdea, Major Don Gentile, Joseph & Margaret Giantonio, Amanda Mia Masdea Baker & Albanese Family Vincent & Julia Margello Weldon & Lucy (Valerio) Vernon, Tony & Ann (D'Ambrosio) Milano, William & Edna McNerney & Mary Lochner Dean Quick & Alexandra Myers Wenceslaus & Helen Pecinovsky, Ron Rohletter, Chris Miller, & Dennis Elliott **Joseph Pishitelli Family** Danny & Carmela Ristucci **Romick & Caringi Families** Mary & Harvey Rossetti & The Coccia Family Maria & Angelo Sararerio Roger Shook, Rina (Silvestri) Tiberi, Giuseppe & Flora (LoStracco) Silvestri, Pasquale & Ida (DelSignore) Tiberi, Antonio & Ida (Tiberi) Frissora Members of the Solazzo, Ventresca Families & Lucy Dellelis Nestor and Rose Susi, Paul, Toy, and Tom Seeger Lucian & Ermida Susi and Rosemary Ghiloni **Rina Tiberi and Charles Block** Tisone Family, Nicholas Tisone, Catherine Tisone, Jody, Jennifer & Jeffrey Tisone ---**Dina DiCenso** James Van Horn Rina Tiberi, Flora LoStracco, Ida DelSignore, Giuseppe Silvestri & Pasquale Tiberi **Dominic Trapasso** Raffele & Caterina Trapasso, Angeline & David Hoke



Come celebrate being Italian! 614-582-7366

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