



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)

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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/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/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,

We are into the second week of **Advent** and the Feast of the **Nativity of the Lord** is only a few weeks away. I encourage everyone to make some kind of extra effort to prepare for the celebration of the Birth of the Savior. We have the unique opportunity at **Sacred Heart** to spend time with the **Lord** every **Thursday** at **Adoration** from **10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** with **Mass** at **6:30 p.m.** followed by Confessions and continued Adoration with Benediction until **7:30 p.m.**

Because this is the **Jubilee Year of the Sacred Heart**, a person can gain a **Plenary Indulgence** by visiting any church dedicated to the **Sacred Heart**, going to **Mass** and **Confession**, and praying for the intention of the **Holy Father**. One can do all that any **Thursday** here at **Sacred Heart**. This might be a great way to prepare ourselves for the **Christmas Feast**.

The **Christmas Season** is a time of generosity. Giving to someone in need, giving to your parish church which is in need and being especially sensitive to those you encounter on the streets may be a good way of showing to others an open heart. We do a lot at **St. John's** – the **Giving Tree** is only one way to reach out to others. I recall as a **1st grader** going to my mother with the perennial question a child asks about **Santa Claus** – she answered me **“Yes, it is what we call the spirit of generosity at Christmas Time.”** I got another good year out of that answer with no dishonesty involved at all. We could engage more deeply in the **Santa (Saint)** spirit as well, not only materially, but also spiritually, by praying for others, especially those in greatest need of **God's** goodness and mercy.

Many Blessings!
Mmgr. 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 8, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Valerie Milano, Tania Wade
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	Kurt Heining, Gretchen Heninger, Antonio D'Alberto, Margi Baker, Al Iosue
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	
	Sunday, December 15, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Ed Pagnanelli, Nick Iannitto
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	AnnMarie Pastore, Sharon D'Alberto, Andrea Myers, Pat Rossetti, Margaret Panico-Harn
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:
Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: December 8 St. John the Baptist – 9:30 a.m.
+ **Cesidio Capoccia & Gerardo Cugini**
by Capoccia & Cugini Family
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.
+ **Jeanine Lane**

Monday: December 9 St. John's – 12:00 Noon
Living & Deceased Members of St. John's
Sacred Heart – 10:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart

Tuesday: December 10 St. John's – 12:00 Noon
Intention for Judy Pishitelli
by Mr. & Mrs. John McAvoy

Wednesday: December 11 St. John's – 6:00 p.m.
+ **Rose Agriesti** *by Patricia Weimer*

Thursday: December 12 Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m.
+ **Bridget Williams**
by Fr. Michael Lumpe

Friday: December 13 No Mass

Saturday: December 14 Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m.
+ **Sarah Gebauer**

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

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.

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.**

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!

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.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK	
12/8 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 KCC Religious Education – 10:30-11:45 a.m. – Library <u>SJB Religious Education</u> – 10:30-11:30 a.m. – Admin. Office, 2nd Floor <u>SJB Altar Guild</u> – 10:45-11:30 a.m. Marrapese <u>SJB Choir Practice</u> – 12:00-1:00 p.m. – Library KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim – 12:00 p.m. Meeting in Sala Hall, 1:00-3:00 p.m. KCC Yearly Meeting – 1:00-3:00 p.m. Marrapese</p>
12/9 Monday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> – 12:00 Noon Feast of the Immaculate Conception
12/10 Tuesday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> – 12:00 Noon
12/11 Wednesday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> – 6:00 p.m. <u>OCIA Class</u> – 7:00-8:30 p.m. – 2nd Floor Library
12/13 Friday	<u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</u> – 7:00 p.m.
12/14 Saturday	<u>Cookies for the Homeless – LaProssima</u> 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Marrapese Hall
	<u>Altar Guild Reminder</u> – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall, 10:45-11:30 a.m.
	<u>Le Donne Group</u> – Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall.
	<u>SJB Social Activity Council Meeting</u> the 4th Sunday of each month in the Library, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
	<u>Padre Pio Prayer Group</u> – 12:30 Rosary, 1:00 p.m. Mass <i>Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 17th</i>

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

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 1, 2024

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 38

Reg Env:	\$ 2,310.00
Loose:	\$ 312.00
EFT for November:	\$ 2,783.33
Total	\$ 5,405.33
Less Diocesan 9% Assessment	\$ - (486.48)
	\$ 4,918.85

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)
This Week:	\$3,000.04	\$5,405.33	+ \$ 2,405.29

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 9, 2024
 David Ross and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters – Monday, December 16, 2024
 Darlene Rauch and Vicky Scruggs

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.

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.



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!!**

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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(<https://linktr.ee/laprossimasocieta>) and **Instagram** [@laprossimaorg](https://www.instagram.com/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
Tina Solazzo zingerts@yahoo.com
Ida Tiberi-Shook shook4@gmail.com
Tania Tiberi-Wade t.wade73@gmail.com

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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.

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. Check out our website membershipnorth@serracolumbus.org for more information and schedule.

DECEMBER 12: FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: In the USA, the Church celebrates the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Our Lady appeared to a **Native American** convert named **Juan Diego** on **December 9, 1531**. She left a marvelous portrait of herself on the mantle of **Juan Diego**. This miraculous image has proved to be ageless and is kept in the shrine built in her honor, the **Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. In 1910, **Our Lady of Guadalupe** was declared **Patroness of Latin America**, and in 1945, **Pope Pius XII** declared Her to be the **Empress of all the Americas**.

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.”**



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Today, we celebrate by **Lighting the Bethlehem candle:** A purple candle is lit to represent the hope of **Christ** coming to the world.

Focusing on peace: Peace is a central theme of **Advent**, and the **Second Sunday of Advent** focuses on it in particular.

Hearing the message of John the Baptist: The Gospel for the **Second Sunday of Advent** features **John the Baptist** and his message of repentance. **Preparing the way of the Lord:** During **Advent**, people affirm **John's** message by preparing the way of the **Lord** in their own lives.

“Here is a good program for #Advent: to encounter Jesus coming in every brother and sister who needs us and to share with them what we can: listening, time, concrete assistance.” @Pontifex



PRAYER: *Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet Your Son but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to His company. 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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