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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

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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, 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
	Sunday, January 19, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Ed Pagnanelli, Nick lannito
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2: Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	AnnMarie Pastore, Pat Rossetti, Margaret Panico-Harn, Andrea Myers, Al Iosue

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone

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

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 12 Kevin Koesters January 19 Valerie Milano January 26 Gary Bosco

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: St. John the Baptist – 9:30 a.m.

January 12 + Karen Mikalonis

by Miriam Heininger & family Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.

+ Halie D.

Monday: St. John's – 12:00 Noon

January 13 + Mr. & Mrs. Xeno Squeo

by Dr. Maria Regina Coccia

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Sacred Heart – 10:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased Members of

Sacred Heart

Tuesday: St. John's – 12:00 Noon

January 14 Living & Deceased Members of

St. John's

Wednesday: St. John's -6:00 p.m.

January 15 + Rose Agriesti

by the Milicia Family/Angela &

Ed Jackson & Theresa

Thursday: Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m.

January 16 + Mary Ann & Bill McCarrick

by Fr. Michael Lumpe

Friday: No Mass

January 17

Saturday: Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m.

January 18 + Tina Fann

by Linda & Dan McMullen

Sunday: St. John's – 9:30 a.m.

January 19 + James Graf by Rose Ann Graf

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.

PRAYER: Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, solemnly declared Him Your beloved Son, grant that Your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to You. 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

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK		
1/12 Sunday	SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 9:30 a.m. SJB Donuts and Coffee in Sala Hall after 9:30 a.m. Mass-12:00 Noon SJB Altar Guild Meeting – Marrapese 10:45-11:30 a.m. SJB Choir – 12:00-1:00 p.m. – Library SJB Religious Education – Admin. Office 2nd floor, 10:30-11:30 a.m. KCC Mass – 12:00 p.m. – Fr. Francisco Kim Meeting in Sala Hall, 1:00-3:00 p.m.	
1/13 Monday	SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 12:00 Noon	
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1/15 Wednesday	SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 6:00 p.m. SJB OCIA Class – 7:00-8:30 p.m. Library	
1/7 Friday	KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – 7:00 p.m.	
	Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall, 10:45-11:30 a.m.	
	Le Donne Group – Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall.	
	SJB Social Activity Council Meeting the 4th Sunday of each month in the Library, 12:00-2:00 p.m.	

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?

<u>The Unbaptized.</u> The primary focus of the <u>Order of Christian Initiation of Adults</u> is on those who are not already <u>Christian</u> 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 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.



COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS IN SALA HALL

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S December 29, 2024

Number of Envelopes used Sunday - 63

Reg Env:	\$ 2,137.00
Loose:	\$ 129.00
Christmas:	\$ 5,593.00
Total	\$ 7,859.00
Less Diocesan 9% Assessment	\$ - (707.31)
	\$ 7,151.69

Budgeted Actual Difference (\$) This Week: \$ 3,000.04 \$7,859.00 +\$4,858.96

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S January 5, 2025

Number of Envelopes used Sunday - 37

Reg Env:	\$ 1,638.00
Loose:	\$ 1,010.00
New Year's.:	\$ 320.00
December EFT:	\$12,103.33
Total	\$15,071.33
Less Diocesan 9% Assessment	<u>\$-(1,356.42)</u>
	\$13,714.91

 Budgeted
 Actual
 Difference (\$)

 This Week:
 \$3,000.04
 \$15,071.33
 + \$12,071.29

50/50 DRAWING: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCreary winner of 50/50 December Drawing. Thank you for your support!

DONATION OR 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, January 13, 2025 Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters – Monday, January 20, 2025 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 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.

ABRUZZI CLUB: The Abruzzi Club's Annual Polenta Dinner will be held Friday, January 24th, at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy homemade polenta with sauce, sausage, cabbage, rolls and dessert. Tickets are \$15.00 and will be sold through Tuesday, January 21. Please contact Pat Rossetti at 614-329-3900 for tickets.



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:

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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**.



Today, the Church celebrates The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which commemorates the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. It is celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. The Feast has several significant meanings: Marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry, Confirms Jesus' identity as the Son of God, Connects Christmas to Ordinary

Time, Shows Jesus' solidarity with humanity, Portrays the Trinity: The Baptism of Jesus shows all three Persons of the Trinity at once: the Son being baptized, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. The Baptism of Jesus is recorded in the Canonical Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

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

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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 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.

THE CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB: The next meeting will be on **February 7**, **2025**, and will feature **Jon Weaver from Catholic in Recovery** which is a nonprofit organization that seeks to serve those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments. Please mark your calendar to attend.

A GIFT FOR YOUR SPOUSE: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you and your spouse all the tools for a better, stronger, more loving marriage. Give the gift of 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.

Sunday, Jan 12, 2025

Make no small plans

Let's focus on what it means to be the *beloved* of God. God would do anything for you: The nearest crucifix underscores what God means by "anything." When such immense love comes into your life, you want to respond in a big way, too. Baptism readies us for the task. Just what happens in Baptism? Saint John Chrysostom says, God sends "the grace of the Spirit," and then "brings us forth with much brightness, renewed, and made afresh, to rival the beams of the sun." Take a moment to consider what you will do with the gift of your radiant new life.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (21). "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Monday, Jan 13, 2025

Mystery solved

This month the liturgy draws extensively from the Letter to the Hebrews, which biblical commentators have called the "most elegant and sophisticated, and perhaps the most enigmatic, text of first-century Christianity." In early centuries it was attributed to Saint Paul, but the language and theology are very unlike Paul's letters. After discussing the possibilities, Origen (185-254), the first great biblical scholar, remarked: "But who wrote the epistle, in truth, God knows." That is true of all the mysteries of our faith. But as Hebrews reminds us, "In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways through the prophets," and now he speaks to us through his Son, "through whom he created the universe." Listen to Jesus, and the mysteries of the universe will be revealed.

Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20 (305). "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Tuesday, Jan 14, 2025

How to be amazing

The authority of Jesus comes from the fact that his words and actions are of a piece. People hear the ring of truth in what Jesus says. Indeed, Pope Francis says, "Jesus is the one who brings God to us and us to God." And for these reasons he attracts attention, and people are amazed. If you want to command authority, don't throw your weight around. Rather, speak truthfully, live with integrity, and bring God to others. People will be amazed.

Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28 (306). "All were amazed and asked one another, 'What is this? A new teaching with authority."

Wednesday, Jan 15, 2025

What the cross puts into perspective

The image of the crucified Christ signifies not what he can do for us, but what he actually *did* for us. His willingness to enter into our suffering reveals that God's love is always present. Reflect on the immense suffering Christ bore across time and across the world. As Saint Rose of Lima observed, "No one would complain about his cross or about troubles that may happen to him, if he would come to know the scales on which they are weighed." Pray for relief for your own suffering and, in turn, extend mercy to others so that they may experience Christ's compassion through you.

Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39 (307). "He is able to help those who are being tested."

Thursday, Jan 16, 2025

Daily affirmations

Pope John XXII advised Christians: "Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams." In other words, instead of dwelling on how bad things are or could become—whether it is worries about money, family, health issues, your job, or the state of the world—there is something you can depend on: Today is a new day filled with the promise of God's salvation. Take a moment each day to ponder your dreams and embrace the hope Christ brings.

Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45 (308). "Encourage yourselves daily while it is still 'today.'"

Friday, Jan 17, 2025

Faith lives through community

"Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ," said theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. "No Christian community is more or less than this." Indeed, it is impossible to be Christian alone. Ours is a relational faith. Even when just one baby is being baptized or one class of second-graders receives the Eucharist for the first time, the words, gestures, and intentions of the sacrament benefit the entire church. Jesus did not write a book; he formed a community. Advance that community by actively participating in your parish and opening the door to others.

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12 (309). "They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men."

Saturday, Jan 18, 2025

Step out of the shadows

We now understand that the source of much of our negative behavior lies buried in past events and hidden impulses. The downside of this awareness, however, has been a greater difficulty taking personal responsibility for our actions. Yet, the act of confessing our sins—acknowledging when we've turned from God—is life-giving and draws us out of the shadows of our transgressions. As Saint Augustine said, "You do the truth and come to the light." Keep that light on with a regular examination of conscience.

Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17 (310). "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."





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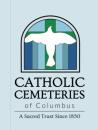
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