



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **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:**

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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/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,*

**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

	<b>Sunday, January 19, 2025, 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Nick Iannito
<b>Eucharistic Minister 1 &amp; 2:</b>	AnnMarie Pastore, Pat Rossetti,
<b>Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:</b>	Margaret Panico-Harn, Andrea Myers, Al Iosue
	<b>Sunday, January 26, 2025, 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Gretchen Heininger, Kurt Heininger
<b>Eucharistic Minister 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Andrea Myers, Antonio D'Alberto,
<b>Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:</b>	Al Iosue, Margi Baker, Sharon D'Alberto

**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](mailto:k.koesters32@gmail.com). Leaders for **January** are:  
**January 19** Valerie Milano  
**January 26** Gary Bosco

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** St. John the Baptist – 9:30 a.m.  
**January 19** + **James Graf**  
*by Rose Ann Graf*  
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.  
 + **Halie D.**

**Monday:** St. John's – 12:00 Noon  
**January 20** Intention for Judy Pishitelli  
*by Mr. & Mrs. John McAvoy*

**Tuesday:** St. John's – 12:00 Noon  
**January 21** Living & Deceased Members of St. John's

**Wednesday:** St. John's – 6:00 p.m.  
**January 22** + **Howard & Susie Baumann**  
*by the Baumann Family*

**Thursday:** Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m.  
**January 23** + **George E. Hardgrove, Sr.**  
*by Mary Sutphen*

**Friday:** No Mass  
**January 24**

**Saturday:** Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m.  
**January 25** + **Bill Brown**  
*by Tom & Kim Duncan*

**Sunday:** St. John's – 9:30 a.m.  
**January 26** + **Rina Tiberi**  
*by Tim & Ida Shook & Family*  
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.  
 + **Donald R. Henne**  
*by Fr. Michael Lumpe*

**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.

**PAVERS:** The front **Pavilion** of **St. John 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**.

**PRAYER:** *Almighty ever-living God, who governs all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of Your people and bestow Your peace on our times. 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*



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

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

1/19 Sunday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 9:30 a.m.</u> <u>SJB Donuts and Coffee in Sala Hall</u> after 9:30 a.m. Mass-12:00 Noon <u>SJB Religious Education – Admin. Office</u> 2nd floor, 10:30-11:30 a.m. <u>KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim – 12:00 p.m.</u> Meeting in Sala Hall, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
1/20 Monday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 12:00 Noon</u>
1/21 Tuesday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 12:00 Noon</u>
1/22 Wednesday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 6:00 p.m.</u> <u>SJB OCIA Class – 7:00-8:30 p.m.</u> Library
1/24 Friday	<u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – 7:00 p.m.</u>
	<u>Altar Guild Reminder –</u> Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall, 10:45-11:30 a.m.
	<u>Le Donne Group – Meetings are the last</u> Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall.
	<u>SJB Social Activity Council Meeting the</u> 4th Sunday of each month in the Library, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S  
January 12, 2025



Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 28

Reg Env:	\$ 1,230.00
Loose:	\$ 830.00
Holy Day:	\$ 70.00
Total	\$ 2,130.00
Less Diocesan 9% Assessment	\$ -(191.70)
	\$ 1,938.30

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)
This Week:	\$3,000.04	\$2,130.00	-\$ 870.04

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, January 20, 2025  
David Ross and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters – Monday, January 27, 2025  
Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

**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:

- Rich Leto** [rleto98@gmail.com](mailto:rleto98@gmail.com)
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Please share this Fundraising Program with your friends and family!

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

**PRAYER CHANGES US:** **God** rewards persistent, faith-led prayer: **"Lord, I entrust this to you. Thy Will be done."** When we persevere in prayer, grace goes to work in our souls: our desires are purified, ordered, and sometimes even deepened. Our hearts are gradually brought into line with **God's**, and we begin to see, choose, and love like **He** does. Prayer is a relationship. **He** doesn't need us yet desires our (active) involvement in **His** plans. **He** has the final say, but wants to hear our thoughts, questions, and concerns. **God** didn't make us to be robots but **His** children and heirs (**Galatians 4:6-7**). Prayer isn't magic. It's way more powerful. (**Growing In Faith, January 2025**)

**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: 917-523-9068
- Website:** [www.philitaly.com](http://www.philitaly.com)
- For Full Itinerary:** <https://www.philitaly.co/explore-central-south-italy-Mar25>

**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.*

**CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 – SPEAKER FATHER JOE YOKUM.** Please join us on **Friday, February 7** at **St. Patrick Church** in downtown **Columbus** for a luncheon featuring a talk by **Father Yokum** who is pastor of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** and chaplain for the **Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Grove City Police Department, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.** **Fr. Yokum** will present a talk entitled "**Pastoral Care for Law Enforcement Officers and their Families.**" At present there is no sponsor for this meeting. If you are interested in sponsoring this meeting or another luncheon, contact **David Kilanowski** at [dkilano@aol.com](mailto:dkilano@aol.com). **Holy Mass** (optional) begins at **11:45 a.m.** followed by lunch at **12:10 p.m.** and **Fr. Yokum's** presentation. No reservations are necessary. **\$12.00 covers** lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next meeting will be on **March 7, 2025**, when **Bishop Fernandes** will present the **Catholic Man of the Year**. Please mark your calendar to attend.

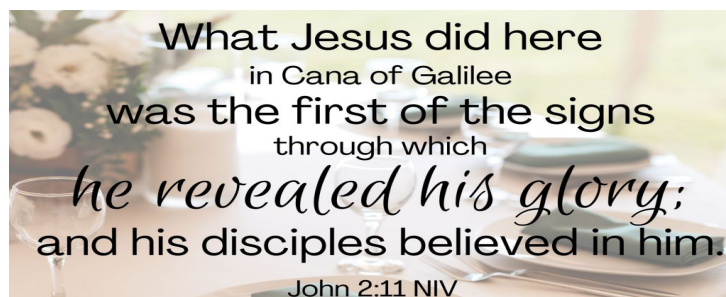
**ANNUAL ST. CHARLES SPAGHETTI DINNER ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND:** St. Charles Preparatory School will host its Annual **Spaghetti Dinner** on **Sunday, February 2**, from **1:00-6:30 p.m.**, in the school's **Walter Student Commons**. Dinner will be prepared by the **Susi Family** and its staff from **Berwick Manor**. Guests will enjoy a bountiful meal of spaghetti with meatballs, salad, rolls, ice cream, and a beverage. **Cost is \$15.00 for Adults; \$10.00 for Senior Citizens; \$7.00 for Children ages 5-12 (4 and under are free).** There is also a special **\$60.00 Family Rate (dine-in, up to six immediate family members)**. Tickets can be purchased at the door and carry-out orders will be available.

**LOS ANGELES WILDFIRE RELIEF (INFO):** Wildfires are currently ravaging **Los Angeles** and other areas of **California**. Please help families recover after the fires pass. Make an emergency donation to **Catholic Charities USA** today to help provide lifesaving resources. **100% of your gift** will be sent where it's needed most! **Catholic Charities USA** is the official domestic relief agency of the **U.S. Catholic Church**, providing critical support to devastated communities, before and after disaster strikes. **GIVING LINK:** [https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=25LAFires&utm\\_campaign=20250108\\_00268\\_LAFires25&utm\\_medium=organic&utm\\_source=website&utm\\_content=disaster](https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=25LAFires&utm_campaign=20250108_00268_LAFires25&utm_medium=organic&utm_source=website&utm_content=disaster).



**2025 JUBILEE YEAR:** A **Jubilee** is a special year of prayer. **Jubilees** are times for forgiveness, reconciliation, and pilgrimage and are a part of the **Catholic** tradition. The theme of **Jubilee 2025 is Pilgrims of Hope**. **Pope Francis** stated in his **February 2022** letter announcing the **Jubilee 2025:** "**We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire...**"

**RESPECT LIFE MASS/ROE REMEMBRANCE:** Please help promote the **Respect for Life Mass** and **Roe Remembrance** event! **Bishop Earl K. Fernandes** invites the faithful in the **Diocese of Columbus** to the **Annual Mass for the Respect of Life** on **Monday, January 27** at **10:00 a.m.** at **St. Joseph Cathedral**. Following **Mass**, the **Greater Columbus Right to Life** will sponsor the **Annual Roe Remembrance** at the **Ohio Statehouse Atrium**. For more information on the **Mass**, contact the diocesan **Respect Life Office** at **614-231-4509** or [mparker@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:mparker@columbuscatholic.org). Further details on the **Roe Remembrance** event can be found at <https://www.gcrtl.org/roe.html>.



**Sunday, Jan 19, 2025****No need to “say when”**

Ever notice how God never requires us to “say when”? The extravagant gesture is God's signature statement. In the time of Elijah, a jar of meal and a jug of oil refused to go empty, no matter how many times a certain widow dipped into both. On the occasion of Jesus feeding 5,000 people with one boy's lunch, there was enough for leftovers. And when Jesus turned water into wine, it was a *lot* of wine, and the best kind, too. Abundance is God's way of doing things. In your charitable giving count on God's making it up to you—and then some!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11 (66). *“Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory.”*

**Monday, Jan 20, 2025****The Promised Land is on the horizon**

Martin Luther King Jr. promised that the nation would “get to the Promised Land” on racial equality someday. In his election night speech, President Barack Obama spoke of 106-year-old voter Ann Nixon Cooper: “She was born just a generation past slavery; a time . . . when someone like her couldn't vote for two reasons—because she was a woman and because of the color of her skin.” As we celebrate Christian Unity Week, we acknowledge that while we still have much work to do in overcoming divisions in our nation and establishing Christ's peace, each of us can take steps toward the Promised Land by calling out the sin of racism.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22 (311). *“[Christ] became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.”*

**Tuesday, Jan 21, 2025****Enjoy a laugh**

Today is National One-Liners Day, a recent and welcome addition to the secular calendar. Catholic saints and theologians have much to offer by way of observance. Take for example, third-century martyr Saint Lawrence, who said, as he was being roasted over hot coals, “I'm well done on this side. Turn me over.” Or 16th-century Carmelite sister Saint Teresa of Ávila, who after a mishap is said to have complained to God, “If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!” And a final installment for the one-liner celebration, early 20th-century theologian G.K. Chesterton, who wisely noted: “The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because generally they are the same people.” Contemplate the truth behind the humor.

Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28 (312). *“The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath.”*

**Wednesday, Jan 22, 2025****Love has no boundaries**

For many people it is not a priority to find common ground with people of other faiths and to remain in loving and respectful relationships with people of all faiths. That's regrettable because only mutual respect and knowledge of one another's religious values and traditions can get us beyond suspicion of those who are “not like us.” Confronted by the needs of others, including sinners, lepers, and those who were seriously ill, Jesus saw beyond the religious restrictions of his ancestors and brought healing,

forgiveness, and empowerment at all times. What can you do to more fully open your heart to the suffering of others from different faiths and Christian traditions?

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6 (313). *“Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil?”*

**Thursday, Jan 23, 2025****We could use more togetherness**

This is Christian Unity Week, a time to remember that the differences among Christians derive from our *interpretations* of the story of Jesus, not the story itself. In truth, we all follow the same Christ. From all of recorded history, it seems, we humans have tried to distinguish ourselves from one another, to be original, unique, distinct. The result is that we end up separating ourselves from one another and somehow forgetting we are all children of God. The story of humanity amounts to: We divide, God unifies. Try rewriting the story of your own life to be more inclusive of others.

Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12 (314). *“Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him.”*

**Friday, Jan 24, 2025****Embrace your Christian roots**

The gospel writers deliberately emphasized the number 12 when naming the apostles, drawing a connection to the 12 tribes of Israel—a symbol of the new covenant in Christ. Yet, this number was never meant to be fixed. Every Christian is called to spread the gospel. As Jesus instructed his apostles, who once sought to stop others from preaching in his name, “Do not silence them. Whoever is not against us is for us.” This is a timely reminder, especially during Christian Unity Week. The faith of every Christian today, regardless of denomination, can ultimately be traced back to those first 12 apostles. Take a moment to recognize the family resemblance in all followers of Jesus.

Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19 (315). *“He appointed Twelve, whom he also named Apostles, that ... he might send them forth to preach.”*

**Saturday, Jan 25, 2025****An about-face for the ages**

Saint Paul is considered the most significant figure in Christian history after Jesus. That is why his conversion is celebrated by the church. His change of heart from Christian persecutor to passionate advocate set the stage for the broad expansion of Christianity and altered the course of salvation history. In his travels and through his letters Paul encouraged and instructed fledgling Christian communities and inspired new ones to form. Paul is an example to all of us of how to become “new creations” in Christ. As Pope Francis explains, “In Paul's case, what changed him was not a mere idea or conviction: it was the encounter with the Risen Lord that transformed his whole being.” Take time to read Paul's letters and allow them to reignite your own apostolic zeal.

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF PAUL, APOSTLE  
Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). *“This man is a chosen instrument of mine.”*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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