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## 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)

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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](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/CONFESSIONE:** 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 welcoming you to **FLOCKNOTE** to stay in touch with activities and ministries here at **St. John's**. Using **FLOCKNOTE** will provide important alerts regarding our parish as well as timely information. It is important that we know all our active members and families. Whether you have formally registered in the past, you visit from time to time or you would like to register with our amazing parish – we want to serve you and your family as best as possible.

We are asking that all individuals and families of **St. John the Baptist** sign up for **FLOCKNOTE**. Information on how to sign up will be included in weekly parish bulletins. Additionally, **Aaron Sens** and **Sharon D'Alberto** will be available to help people sign up after **Sunday Mass**.

*Thank you for your time,  
Msgr. Frank P. Lane, Administrator*



### STAY CONNECTED

**JOIN OUR FLOCKNOTE!** Stay in touch with activities and ministries at **St. John the Baptist** via our non-intrusive, weekly newsletter. Aside from the bulletin, this will be our best method of communication moving forward in the digital era. We're hoping for **100%** participation! **To register or connect with us:**

- 1) **TEXT-TO-JOIN** by texting **SJB720** to **84576** or
- 2) **Scan our QR code** above, or
- 3) **Online:** [stjohnthebaptistcathol38.flocknote.com](http://stjohnthebaptistcathol38.flocknote.com)

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, January 26, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
<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
	Sunday, February 2, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
<b>Eucharistic Minister 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Margaret Panico-Harn, Kurt Heininger
<b>Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:</b>	Gretchen Heininger, Sharon D'Alberto, Ed Pagnanelli

## 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 and February** are:

**January 26** Gary Bosco  
**February 2** Gretchen Heininger  
**February 9** Valerie Milano  
**February 16** Valerie Milano

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** **St. John the Baptist – 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*

**Monday:** **St. John's – 12:00 Noon**  
**January 27** **Living & Deceased Members of St. John's**

**Tuesday:** **St. John's – 12:00 Noon**  
**January 28** + **Anita DelGreco Elkins**  
*by Christina Volpe Lemoine*

**Padre Pio** **St. John's – 1:00 p.m.**  
 + **Giovanni & Luigi Marinelli**  
*by Pina Cugini*

**Wednesday:** **St. John's – 6:00 p.m.**  
**January 29** **Intention for Valerie Scheel**  
*by Sandra DelQuadri*

**Thursday:** **Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m.**  
**January 30** + **Chuck Sutphen, Sr.**  
*by Mary Sutphen*

**Friday:** **No Mass**  
**January 31**

**Saturday:** **Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m.**  
**February 1** + **Bill & Mary Ann McCarrick**  
*by Fr. Michael Lumpe*

**Sunday:** **St. John's – 9:30 a.m.**  
**February 2** + **Rose Agriesti**  
*by Maria, Teresa & Family*  
**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.**

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

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

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

January 19, 2025

**Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 30**

Reg Env:	\$ 1,360.00
Loose:	\$ 256.00
Total	\$ 1,616.00
Less Diocesan 9% Assessment	\$ - (145.44)
	\$ 1,470.56

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Difference (\$)</b>
<b>This Week:</b>	\$3,000.04	\$1,616.00	- \$1,384.04

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

1/26 Sunday	<p><b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 9:30 a.m.</b>  <b>SJB Donuts and Coffee – Sala Hall</b>                      after 9:30 a.m. Mass-12:00 Noon  <b>SJB Religious Education – Admin. Office</b>                      2nd floor, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  <b>SJB Le Donne Group – Marrapese Hall</b>                      10:30-11:30 a.m.  <b>SJB Social Activity – Library</b>                      12:00-2:00 p.m.  <b>KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim – 12:00 p.m.</b>                      Meeting in Sala Hall, 1:00-3:00 p.m.</p>
1/27 Monday	<p><b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 12:00 Noon</b>  <b>Italian Festival Executive Board Mtg</b>                      6:00 p.m. – Marrapese Hall</p>
1/28 Tuesday	<p><b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 12:00 Noon</b>  <b>SJP Padre Pio – Fr. Metzger – Chapel</b>                      12:30 p.m. Rosary, 1:00 p.m. Mass</p>
1/29 Wednesday	<p><b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 6:00 p.m.</b>  <b>SJB OCIA Class – 7:00-8:30 p.m.</b>                      Library  <b>Office of Communications Diocese of</b>  <b>Columbus – Marrapese &amp; Sala Hall</b>                      8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.</p>
1/31 Friday	<p><b>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – 7:00 p.m.</b></p>
2/1 Saturday	<p><b>SJB La Prossima – Marrapese Kitchen</b>                      12:00-4:00 p.m.</p>
	<p><b>Altar Guild Reminder – 10:45-11:30 a.m.</b>                      Marrapese Hall                      Every 2nd Sunday of the Month</p>
	<p><b>Le Donne Group – Meetings are the last</b>  <b>Sunday of each month after Mass in</b>  <b>Marrapese Hall.</b></p>
	<p><b>SJB Social Activity Council Meeting –</b>                      12:00-2:00 p.m. – 4th Sunday of each                      month in the Library</p>

**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 27, 2025**  
 David Ross and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters – Monday, February 3, 2025**  
 Darlene Rauch and Aggie Howard



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 Instagram @laprossimaorg.



**UNCOVER THE TREASURES OF YOUR ITALIAN ROOTS!** CIAO Columbus is a group dedicated to the exploration of Italian ancestry. We welcome both beginner and experienced researchers.

**Meeting Date: Sunday, February 16, 2025**  
**Time: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**Location: Marrapese Hall in the Italian Culture Center at St. John the Baptist.** If you are interested in exploring your **Italian** heritage, this meeting is the perfect opportunity to connect with others on the same journey and tap into a wealth of resources and support. Hope to see you on **Sunday, February 16th!**

**For more information, contact one of the following:**

- Tina Solazzo** [zingerts@yahoo.com](mailto:zingerts@yahoo.com)
- Ida Tiberi-Shook** [shook4@gmail.com](mailto:shook4@gmail.com)
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**PRAYER:** *Almighty everliving God, direct our actions according to Your good pleasure that, in the name of Your beloved Son, we may abound in good works. 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**

**PADRE PIO GROUP:** Tuesday, January 28, Rosary at 12:30 p.m. and Mass at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

**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**.

**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
- 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)
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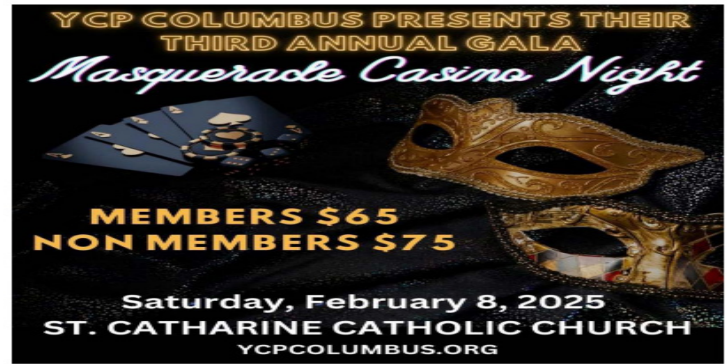
**AROUND US**

**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." The February luncheon is sponsored by Financial Advisor, Juliana Damopoulos. You can learn more about Juli at <https://www.cardinaladvisers.com/Meet-Juli.5.html>.

If you are interested in sponsoring a 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 the 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.

*"Nothing unites Christians as the family of God like prayer, according to the Holy Spirit. We learn to recognize the needs of each individual and transform them into a shared invocation and intercession for all." @Pontifex*



**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 the 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.

**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>.



**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..."

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.  
– Psalm 19:8

Your words, Lord, are

*Spirit and life.*

**Sunday, Jan 26, 2025****Hidden lives cast a shadow**

Humans are afflicted with the desire to make lists, categorize, arrange according to significance, and especially to assign importance among people. But we never see the whole picture, so how can we know who is more important, or which ability or action has the greatest potential for good?

In *Middlemarch* George Eliot reminds us: "For the growing good of the world is partly dependent upon un-historic acts, and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life and rest in unvisited tombs." Remember, we are all part of the Body of Christ; we are all necessary and important.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69). *"Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds?"*

**Monday, Jan 27, 2025****Remember for humanity's sake**

At the Wannsee Conference in January 1942, senior Nazi officials met to coordinate the implementation of the "Final Solution to the Jewish Question." No longer interested in driving Jews out of Germany, the Nazis embarked on a more efficient campaign: systematic extermination of those they deemed "undesirable" and "enemies of the state." In addition to the estimated 6 million Jews murdered, millions of others—political dissidents, Poles, Romani people, individuals with disabilities, gays, Jehovah's Witnesses, Catholics, and people of African descent—were also targeted. For any devoid of humanity, this plan could be seen as a success. For the rest of us, it stands as one of the darkest moments in human history, when evil reigned. On International Holocaust Remembrance Day, remember the horror of the final solution, for, as Pope Francis says, "Remembering is a condition for a better future of peace and fraternity."

Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30 (317). *"Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness."*

**Tuesday, Jan 28, 2025****Questions, please**

Faith is not simply unquestioned belief; rather, it often inspires us to ask questions. As Saint Anselm, an 11th-century theologian and doctor of the church, said, "Faith seeks understanding." This desire to both believe and understand is a constant throughout our spiritual journey. We read, pray, and engage in discussions, hoping the mysteries of our faith, the universe, and our own lives will be revealed. When it comes to differing opinions, Saint Thomas Aquinas reminds us, "We must love them both, those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject, for both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us find it." So, keep asking your questions; it is an essential part of a vibrant and healthy faith life.

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Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35 (318). *"The law has only a shadow of the good things to come."*

**Wednesday, Jan 29, 2025****Provide a strong foundation**

During Catholic Schools Week we remember and are thankful for the fact that the tradition of Catholic schools remains the same: "A Catholic education is an education for life." A Catholic education, whether on Sundays or five days a week, provides the foundation and the tools young people need to grow into faithful followers of Christ. The patron saint of teachers, John Baptist de la Salle, put it best: "Enter to learn, leave to serve." Support your local Catholic schools!

Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20 (319). *"Those sown on rich soil . . . bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."*

**Thursday, Jan 30, 2025****All for the good**

Catholic Schools Week is the perfect time to reflect on what we can learn from our Catholic schoolchildren. One young student wrote in a religion class report, "If you do good things, you will have good experiences. If you do bad things, you will have bad experiences." This simple yet profound understanding of virtuous living echoes Jesus' teaching in the gospel: "The measure you give will be the measure you get." If we want the young people in our lives to lead lives of love and good works, we do well to model those actions ourselves.

Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25 (320). *"We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works."*

**Friday, Jan 31, 2025****Share and share alike**

Christians commonly suffered the confiscation of their property during the persecutions of the early church, and church property has been confiscated by hostile governments ever since. Perhaps that is why the Catholic Church defends the right to private property. Yet the church also says that this right is not absolute; it is limited by the concept of the "social mortgage," our mutual obligations to one another and to a just distribution of wealth. You can read about church teaching on property and other social issues in the first "social encyclical," *Rerum novarum* ("On the Condition of Labor"), written by Pope Leo XIII and issued in 1891

([www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)) Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 (321). *"You . . . joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, knowing that you had a better and lasting possession."*

**Saturday, Feb 01, 2025****A holy roll call**

In 1941 author James Agee and photographer Walker Evans published *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*, a book chronicling the lives of Alabama sharecropper families in the 1930s. The title came from the first verse of chapter 44 in the Book of Sirach: "Let us now sing the praises of famous men, our ancestors in their generations"—ironic, because the book was about people who were distinctly un-famous. The Sirach passage introduces a recognizable form of biblical literature, the listing of people who were models of faith and virtue. Parents, teachers, coaches, bosses, maybe even a great-grandmother whose stern photo on the wall sees you out the door each day—each of us has a holy roll call of spiritual ancestors whose lives have guided us.

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41 (322). *"Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name."*

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



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