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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

Victoria Scruggs, Secretary, vgammell@sjbitaliana.org

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/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,

A Reminder.

Frequently, I hear of parishioners being ill or in the hospital after they have recovered or gone home. I'd like you to know that if anyone is seriously ill or hospitalized, I am more than willing to come and give them the Anointing of the Sick. If they are in danger of death, I would administer the **Last Rites**. This is an important part of pastoral ministry, and I am happy to make sure our parishioners have this sacrament available when they are in need.

If a friend or family member would call the office and leave a message with **Aggie, Vicky**, or on the voicemail – I would be able to retrieve it. In case of a sacramental emergency, you could call or text my cell number: **716-353-0360**.

The Sacrament of Anointing is rooted in **Scripture**. In the **Fifth Chapter** of the **Letter of James**, it says: **“Is there anyone among you sick? He should summon the priests of the Church; they should pray over the sick person and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sin, he will be forgiven.”** In addition to the anointing, in danger of death, the priest is given the authority to administer the **Apostolic Pardon** which is a blessing reserved to the **Holy See** that forgives all the sins of a person's life as they prepare to face the **Lord**.

This is available to all of us who are seriously ill, and I invite you to avail yourselves of this sacrament whenever you or someone in your family is in serious difficulty with their health. It's an ancient practice of the **Church** and something that is there for all of us.

Many Blessings!
Msgr. 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.

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.**

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Carol Gallo

by Chris Soteriades

Blessed Sacrament: Tommy Pappas

by Chris Soteriades

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sunday, February 2, 2025, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector 1 & 2:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	Margaret Panico-Harn, Kurt Heininger
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Gretchen Heininger, Sharon D'Alberto, Ed Pagnanelli
Sunday, February 9, 2025, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector 1 & 2:	Ed Pagnanelli, Valerie Milano
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	AnnMarie Pastore, Pat Rossetti,
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Antonio D'Alberto, Al Iosue, Andrea Myers

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** St. John the Baptist – 9:30 a.m.
February 2 + *Rose Agriesti*
by Maria, Teresa, and Family
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.
+ *Halie D.*
- Monday:** St. John's – 12:00 Noon
February 3 *Special Intention for Ryan Kirk*
by Michele Sapp
- Tuesday:** St. John's – 12:00 Noon
February 4 *Special Intention for Ryan Kirk*
by Michele Sapp
- Wednesday:** St. John's – 6:00 p.m.
February 5 *Special Intention for Donald Joseph Poland*
by Dr. Maria Regina Coccia
- Thursday:** Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m.
February 6 + *William Lynn, S. J.*
by Fr. Michael Lumpe
- Friday:** No Mass
February 7
- Saturday:** Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m.
February 8 *Deceased Members of Lidia & Romolo Camela*
by John & Nancy Pawlowski
- Sunday:** St. John's – 9:30 a.m.
February 9 + *Karen Mikalonis*
by Heininger Family
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.
+ *Murphy Stover*
by Mr. & Mrs. Stover & Family

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.

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 February are:

- February 2 Gretchen Heininger
- February 9 Valerie Milano
- February 16 Valerie Milano

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S
January 26, 2025

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 39

Reg Env:	\$ 2,517.00
Loose:	\$ 304.00
Total	\$ 2,821.00
Less Diocesan 9% Assessment	\$ - (253.89)
	\$ 2,567.11

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference (\$)</u>
This Week:	\$3,000.04	\$2,821.00	- \$179.04

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

2/2 Sunday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 9:30 a.m.</u> <u>SJB Donuts and Coffee – 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 Religious Education – Library</u> 10:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon <u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – 12:00 p.m.</u> Meeting in Sala Hall, 1:00-3:00 p.m.</p>
2/3 Monday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 12:00 Noon</u></p>
2/4 Tuesday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 12:00 Noon</u> <u>St. John's Faith Group Meeting – 5:30 p.m.</u> Marrapese <u>Piave Club Meeting – 6:30 p.m.</u> Marrapese</p>
2/5 Wednesday	<p><u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 6:00 p.m.</u> <u>SJB OCIA Class – 7:00-8:30 p.m.</u> Library</p>
2/7 Friday	<p><u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – 7:00 p.m.</u></p>
	<p><u>Altar Guild Reminder – 10:45-11:30 a.m.</u> Marrapese Hall Every 2nd Sunday of the Month</p>
	<p><u>Le Donne Group – Meetings are the last</u> <u>Sunday of each month after Mass in</u> Marrapese Hall.</p>
	<p><u>SJB Social Activity Council Meeting –</u> 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, February 3, 2025

Darlene Rauch and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters – Monday, February 10, 2025

Maruja Paule 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](https://www.instagram.com/laprossimaorg).



UNCOVER 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

Ida Tiberi-Shook shook4@gmail.com

Tania Tiberi-Wade t.wade73@gmail.com

Rich Leto rleto98@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**.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL: For Sunday Morning Mass, please leave parking in front of the church for the elderly. The main lot and 4th Street lot are available. Thank you! Aggie

ABRUZZI CLUB CARNEVALE DINNER: Friday, February 28, 6:00 p.m. Homemade Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, and Dessert. Tickets for \$20.00 will be sold until Tuesday, February 25. Contact Pat Rossetti at 614-329-3900.



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

DISPOSAL OF BLESSED PALMS: Dispose of Blessed Palms by bringing them to church the next two Sundays, February 9th and 16th. There will be a basket marked "Palms" in the back of the church as well as in Sala Hall. Palms will be turned into ashes for Ash Wednesday. Alternatively, you may bury or burn your Blessed Palms and spread them outside.

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.
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COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS IN SALA HALL

2024 YEAR-END STATEMENTS: They are now ready and are in the back of the church. Please stop by and pick it up. Thank you!

CATHOLIC TIMES: February is the month when Annual subscription renewals traditionally begin for the print edition of *The Catholic Times*, the information source for the Diocese of Columbus. An online system is now in place to make the process easier for new subscriptions and renewals. Simply visit *The Catholic Times* website, catholictimescolumbus.org and use the subscribe tab at the top of the home page to sign up for a new subscription, a renewal, or a gift. Please consider a subscription to keep up on the events in the Diocese, especially during these eventful times.

AROUND US

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: The month of February falls during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time and is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life, the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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. 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.



Join the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 15, 2025, in Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center. For speaker information, the timeline for the day, and to register, go to columbuscatholic.org.



The 28th Annual Catholic Men's Conference returns to Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center and State Fairgrounds on February 22, 2025. For speaker information, the timeline for the day, and to register, go to columbuscatholic.org.

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: Today is a Christian holiday that celebrates Jesus' first visit to the Temple in Jerusalem. It's celebrated 40 days after Christmas Day. What it celebrates:

- The presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- The purification of Mary, which was required by Mosaic Law
- The meeting of the Old and New Testaments
- The coming of light into the world



Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

PSALM 24:10

Sunday, Feb 02, 2025**Get ready to fulfill your destiny**

The information in scripture on Jesus' childhood is a bit sketchy. At the end of the story of the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple, we learn that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom." When we next hear of him, Jesus is 12 years old, discussing Jewish teachings at the temple, and "astounding" those who hear him. Quite a bit of growth and development obviously transpired in the intervening years! Mary and Joseph are the unsung heroes here, for having nurtured and raised Jesus in such a way that he was ready to fulfill his destiny. How can you continue to grow and develop in *your* faith?

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524). *"The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."*

Monday, Feb 03, 2025**Roll back the stone**

Saint Pope John Paul II used the phrase the "culture of death" to describe society's willingness to undermine the value of human life at every turn. Abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, war, torture, discrimination, exploitative practices in research, and economic injustice are just a few of the many ways we devalue the image of God inherent in each person. Rather than seeking peaceful, life-affirming solutions, living "among the tombs" allows us to embrace violent and inhumane options more readily. Take steps in your own life to roll back the tombstone of indifference and promote life among the living.

Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20 (323). *"The man had been dwelling among the tombs, and no one could restrain him any longer, even with a chain."*

Tuesday, Feb 04, 2025**Keep in touch with Jesus**

Jesus' power to heal transcended that of a mere traveling wonder-worker or miracle man. His healing power came from God, and those who were afflicted were restored not just by his divine ability, but through their faith in him as the Son of God. His miracles reveal both his divinity and his humanity, as they often involved a personal, compassionate touch. Healing, like suffering, takes many forms—physical, emotional, and spiritual—and Jesus addresses each with care. In times of need, do not hesitate to turn to him in faith. He will hear you and, with wisdom, offer you the healing touch you seek.

Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43 (324). *"Do not be afraid; just have faith."*

Wednesday, Feb 05, 2025**Don't get stuck in a rut**

In the gospel, we often see Jesus amazed by the faith of others, crediting their belief as the key to their healing. But there are also moments when Jesus is "amazed"—perhaps *dismayed* would be the better word—by the lack of faith in those around Him. Narrow thinking, rigid routines, stereotypes, and negative assumptions can all block the miracles of God's love. To experience the fullness of God's power, keep your faith alive and open a path for the Lord to perform mighty deeds.

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6 (325). *"He was amazed at their lack of faith."*

Thursday, Feb 06, 2025**Unchanging demands and promises**

Paul Miki (1562-97) was born into a wealthy Catholic family and received his education from the Jesuits. He grew to be deeply immersed in his own culture, with a profound understanding of Buddhism. After joining the Society of Jesus, he became an effective and compassionate preacher to the Japanese people. Despite the expulsion of his fellow Jesuits from Japan, Paul Miki chose to remain and continued his mission. Ultimately, he was crucified alongside 25 others in Nagasaki. For each generation of Christians, the core demands of faith and the promises of Christ remain unchanged: to love God and one another, and through this love, to experience eternal life.

MEMORIAL OF PAUL MIKI, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13 (326). *"Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave from there."*

Friday, Feb 07, 2025**Love is an open door**

When Jesus began his public ministry, only a select few knew who he truly was. Some believed him to be Elijah or another prophet, while King Herod and others believed he was John the Baptist returned from the dead. Regardless, it was clear that Jesus was quickly gaining recognition as a healer and holy man. For our part, we would do well to heed the wisdom found in the Letter to the Hebrews: "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." Welcome the stranger with love and you may find you've opened the door to the divine.

Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29 (327). *"Let brotherly love continue."*

Saturday, Feb 08, 2025**A prayer before you go**

Almost every Saturday of the year, we're invited to reflect on the example of Mary, the Mother of the Church, whose life reveals the essence of true discipleship. Her Magnificat is not just a model prayer and hymn of praise, but it lays the foundation for what all who follow Christ are called to do. As seventh-century monk Saint John Climacus wrote in his spiritual classic *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, "Prayer is the work of angels, and is the nourishment of everything spiritual." Embrace every opportunity to lift your heart in prayer and gain strength to carry out the Lord's work here on Earth.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34 (328). *"Through Jesus, let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise."*

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



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