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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,



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, February 16, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Kurt Heining, Nick Iannitto
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2: Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Pat Rossetti, Gretchen Heining Ed Pagnanelli, Margaret Panico-Harn, Marge Baker
	Sunday, February 23, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Gretchen Heining, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2: Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Kurt Heining, Antonio D'Alberto Sharon D'Alberto, Andrea Myers, AnnMarie Pastore

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 IS ON SUNDAY: We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray for 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 16 Valerie Milano
February 23 Gary Bosco

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: *Lucy DeLellis*
by Irene Solazzo & Family

Blessed Sacrament: *Michael Butch*
by Chris Soteriades

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: St. John the Baptist – 9:30 a.m.
February 16 + *Alice Valentine*

by Dr. Maria Regina Coccia
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.
+ *Halie D.*

Monday: St. John's – 12:00 Noon
February 17 *Living & Deceased Members of St. John's*

Tuesday: St. John's – 12:00 Noon
February 18 + *Carol Gallo*
by Rick & Landa Brunetto

Wednesday: St. John's – 6:00 p.m.
February 19 + *Rose Agriesti*
Anonymous

Thursday: Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m.
February 20 + *Chuck Sutphen, Sr.*
by Mary Sutphen

Friday: No Mass

February 21
Saturday: Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m.
February 22 + *Stephanie Hummer*
by Matt Gallagher

Sunday: St. John's – 9:30 a.m.
February 23 + *Joseph Pishitelli*
by Judy & Phillip Pishitelli

Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.
Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm
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.



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](tel:6142945319) to 84576 or
- 2) Scan our QR code above, or
- 3) Online: stjohnthebaptistcathol38.flocknote.com

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

2/16 Sunday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane</u> – 9:30 a.m.
	<u>SJB Donuts and Coffee</u> – Sala Hall after 9:30 a.m. Mass-12:00 Noon
	<u>SJB Religious Education</u> – Admin. Office 2nd floor, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
	<u>KCC Religious Education</u> – Library 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	<u>SJB CIAO Meeting</u> – 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Marrapese Hall
	<u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</u> – 12:00 p.m. Meeting in Sala Hall, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
2/17 Monday	<u>San Giovanni Dancers</u> – 3:30-5:00 p.m. Marrapese Hall
	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> – 12:00 Noon
2/18 Tuesday	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> – 12:00 Noon
	<u>Religious Sisters of Diocese</u> – Mass – Bishop Fernandes – 5:00-8:30 p.m. – Marrapese
2/19 Wednesday	<u>SJB Finance Meeting</u> – 1:00 p.m. Italian Classroom
	<u>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane</u> – 6:00 p.m.
	<u>SJB OCIA Class</u> – 7:00-8:30 p.m. Library
2/21 Friday	<u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</u> – 7:00 p.m.
	<u>Altar Guild Reminder</u> – 10:45-11:30 a.m. Marrapese Hall Every 2nd Sunday of the Month
	<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> – 12:00-2:00 p.m. – 4th Sunday of each month in the Library
	<u>SJB All Group Meeting on Wednesday</u> – February 26, 2025, after 6:00 p.m. Mass (Approx 6:30 p.m.) Marrapese Hall

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S
February 9, 2025

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 39

Reg Env:	\$ 1,865.00
Loose:	\$ 30.00
Holy Day:	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 1,945.00
Less Diocesan 9% Assessment	\$ - (175.05)
	\$ 1,769.95

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)
This Week:	\$ 3,000.04	\$ 1,945.00	- \$1,055.04

50/50 DRAWING: Congratulations to **Ms. Carol Ristucci** winner of the **January 2025** drawing. Thank you for your support!

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 17, 2025
Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters – Monday, February 24, 2025
David Ross and Aggie Howard

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



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.

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.



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

DISPOSAL OF BLESSED PALMS: Dispose of **Blessed Palms** by bringing them to **Church** this Sunday or next Sunday, **February 16th and 23rd**. 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.



COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS IN SALA HALL

St. John's Social Activities Council presents...



Discover the Art of Limoncello Making!

ADD A TOUCH OF ITALY TO YOUR EASTER:

Make Limoncello! Join us on **Sunday, March 2nd at 11:00 a.m.** for a fun limoncello-making workshop. Learn the secrets of this classic **Italian** liquor from our very own **Tina Solazzo**. Make new friends while mastering this age-old craft – a delightful addition to your **Easter** table, a thoughtful gift, or for yourself to enjoy!

Come be a part of this hands-on experience or simply observe the process. If you're making your own limoncello, don't forget to bring these ingredients:

- 7 lemons (washed and dried)
- 1 liter of high-quality Vodka
- Peeler
- Large jar with lid

This event will take place in **Marrapese Hall** and is free of charge, however, to help us make the necessary preparations, please **RSVP** to:

Ida Tiberi-Shook at shook4@gmail.com

Tania Tiberi-Wade at t.wade73@gmail.com

Tina Solazzo at zingerts@yahoo.com

SIMPLE SUPPERS WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT: The **Altar Guild** is organizing the **Simple Suppers** during **Lent** for **2025**. Each **Wednesday** during **Lent**, immediately following the **6:00 p.m. Mass**, we will have a "simple supper" in **Marrapese Hall!** Starting **Ash Wednesday, March 5** through **Wednesday, April 9**. A donation of **\$10.00/person includes Soup, Salad, Rolls & Butter**. All proceeds will be split between **Holy Family Soup Kitchen** and **J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs)**. There will be no **Simple Supper** during **Holy Week**.

The sponsoring groups and dates for the **Simple Suppers:**
Wednesday, March 5 – The Columbus Italian Festival Executive Board

Wednesday, March 12 – Le Donne

Wednesday, March 19 – The Altar Guild

Wednesday, March 26 – Abruzzi Club

Wednesday, April 2 – The Piave Club

Wednesday, April 9 – Sacred Heart

FESTA DI SAN GUISEPPE/ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

This year's **Festa di San Guiseppe Breakfast** will be **Sunday, March 16, 2025**, after the **9:30 a.m. Mass**. The **Altar Guild** is sponsoring this event and will be selling tickets after **Mass** each **Sunday**. Tickets are **\$15.00/person (children 6 and under are free)**. All tickets **MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE!** The menu includes **scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, juice, coffee and of course St. Joseph's Table**. Please bring a tray of cookies to share and be blessed as part of this year's **St. Joseph's Table**.

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.*

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY: Our photography schedule dates are: **Tuesday, April 8 from 2:00-8:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, April 9 from 2:00-8:30 p.m.

Time slots are available every **12 minutes**. If you have **six** or more members in your group, please schedule in **two** consecutive time slots. You will receive an **8x10** photograph and a directory for free. Photography sessions will take place in the classroom of our **Cultural Center**. To schedule your photography appointment online, please go to www.ucdir.com, click on **Photography Session Sign Up**. Login on the right side, enter **oh2836** in the **Church Code** field and enter **photos** in the **Church Password** field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. The online scheduling option is available **Sunday** evening through **Friday**. We will also have a sign-up table in **Sala Hall** after each **Sunday Mass** through **April 6th**. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact **Jo Marcucci** at **614-519-1038**.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE FATHER CASTO MARRAPESE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – DEADLINE TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025. **St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church** announces the **2025 Father Casto Marrapese Scholarship Program**. If you are a high school senior student of **Italian** descent, attending a central **Ohio High School**, and accepted to an accredited **two or four-year** college or university in the **U.S.** for the **2025-2026** academic years, you are encouraged to apply for this scholarship opportunity. Application information has been posted on **Saint John's website** www.info@sjbitaliana.org and has also been sent to central **Ohio** high school guidance counseling offices. All application materials (application form, activity listing, personal recommendation letter, school recommendation and transcript, and personal essay) must be received at **St. John's** no later than **2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025**. For information, call **St. John the Baptist Catholic Italian Church** at **614-294-5319**.

THE CATHOLIC TIMES: It's not too late to sign up for **The Catholic Times** or give the publication as a gift during **Catholic Press Month**. For a minimum donation of **\$26.00** for a **one-year subscription**, **Catholic** news from the diocese will be delivered right to your home. Sign up or renew online at catholictimescolumbus.org under the subscribe tab. This is the preferred method to subscribe or renew. You need **The Catholic Times** to keep up on all the news throughout the diocese and the **Catholic** world! **The cost again for The Catholic Times** yearly subscription is **\$26.00**.

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.

ASK A PRIEST NIGHT: Do you have questions you've always wanted to ask a priest? **The Museum of Catholic Art and History** will host **Ask a Priest Night** on **Friday, February 28, 2025**, from **6:00-8:30 p.m.**, at the museum, **257 E. Broad Street**. Email your questions to info@catholicmuseum.org. Questions will be placed in a basket for anonymity. The cost is **\$25.00 per person** and includes a wine and cheese reception. **RSVP** by **February 27** by emailing info@catholicmuseum.org.

Sunday, Feb 16, 2025**Bring good tidings to others**

What a blessing to be wealthy, well-fed, and respected in the community! Yet, Jesus often lamented the fate of the rich. Why? Because wealth, abundance, and social acceptance can easily make us believe that these blessings are meant solely for us. In truth, these gifts are entrusted to us to be given to the poor, the hungry, and the despised. Embrace the blessings at the heart of the Lord's teaching by praying for others, feeding the hungry, and sharing resources to help those in need.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26 (78). *"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours."*

Monday, Feb 17, 2025**Lend a helping hand**

No presidential administration can govern alone or solve the nation's problems single-handedly. We all have a role to play, and it begins with caring about our neighbors and trying to help when times are tough. That way we rise above the selfish, "what about me?" attitude that was Cain's downfall. Be your brothers' and sisters' keeper—find a way to reach out to someone who is hurting. In doing so we help our leaders guide the nation on the road to peace and prosperity.

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13 (335). *"Am I my brother's keeper?"*

Tuesday, Feb 18, 2025**God's door is always open**

Big floods make the news and remain etched in collective memory. The flood in the Book of Genesis was one of the most unforgettable of all—the flood to end all floods. It was spurred by God's anger at the pervasive corruption of creation. Yet in his boundless compassion God left the door open for salvation. Noah got to build the ark that preserved a righteous few, including handy mating pairs of all creatures. In moments when the waters of despair, regret, and cynicism threaten to inundate you, remember that a return to God is always possible. God never closes the door to grace.

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21 (336). *"Go into the ark . . . for you alone in this age have I found to be truly just."*

Wednesday, Feb 19, 2025**What do you see now?**

Christian discipleship is a gradual journey toward coming to know and believe in Jesus. Much like an inventor who tirelessly experiments until a "Eureka!" moment of a discovery, Jesus continually works to heal us. In Mark's gospel, when Jesus heals a blind man, he asks, "What do you see now?" After the first touch, the man replies, "I see people looking like trees." Jesus touches him again, and his sight is fully restored. If we remain with Jesus and allow him to continue his repair work, our sight, too, will keep improving. Over time, we will clearly see the path of love that Jesus calls us to follow.

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26 (337). *"Then he laid hands on the man's eyes a second time and he saw clearly."*

Thursday, Feb 20, 2025**Signs in the sky**

The rainbow has long fascinated human beings. In ancient cultures it was often associated with the gods and seen as a bridge between heaven and Earth. In Hebrew scripture the rainbow serves as a powerful symbol of God's covenant with Israel and a sign of God's grace and faithfulness. Legends suggested good fortune, such as pots of gold, could be found at a rainbow's end, and in literature hope and happiness could be found "somewhere over the rainbow." In more recent times rainbow-colored flags have become signs of tolerance and acceptance among diverse peoples. Next time you see a rainbow, call to mind its broad spectrum of meanings and the many blessings it signals.

Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33 (338). *"I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."*

Friday, Feb 21, 2025**Give up your bragging rights**

Saint John Vianney, ever the practical preacher, had this to say about the spirit of arrogance: "No, my dear brethren, there is nothing that is quite as ridiculous or stupid as to be forever talking about what we have or what we do. . . . This sin is even more to be feared in people who put on a good show of piety and religion." Padre Pio, born nearly a century later, offered this antidote to pride: "All that is good in me I have received from God on loan and I should be a fool to boast of what is not mine." Today try to give credit where credit is due—namely, give God thanks for the gifts and talents you've been given.

Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34-9:1 (339). *"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself."*

Saturday, Feb 22, 2025**Pull up a chair**

The church celebrates a couple of feast days for buildings, but today is the only one dedicated to a piece of furniture—the "chair" of Peter. The chair, or *cathedra*, is a symbol of the pope's authority, much like a "chairperson" has charge of a meeting. Peter and his successors, the popes, ensure the unity of the church. Because the pope is the "rock" of Matthew's gospel, it is he who affirms what is believed. He holds the "keys to the kingdom" and guides the world in ways that lead to fulfillment. In the spirit of the church's role as teacher, sit for a while with a recent encyclical (papalencyclicals.net).

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF PETER, APOSTLE

1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19 (535). *"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."*

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



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Come celebrate being Italian! 614-582-7366

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