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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)

**Victoria Scruggs**, Secretary, [vgammell@sjbitaliana.org](mailto: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](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,*

**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 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, February 9, 2025, 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Valerie Milano
<b>Eucharistic Minister 1 &amp; 2:</b>	AnnMarie Pastore, Pat Rossetti,
<b>Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:</b>	Antonio D'Alberto, Al Iosue, Andrea Myers
	<b>Sunday, February 16, 2025, 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Kurt Heining, Nick Iannitto
<b>Eucharistic Minister 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Pat Rossetti, Gretchen Heining
<b>Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Margaret Panico-Harn, Margi Baker

**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: Joyce Tisone**  
*by Carl Tisone*

**Blessed Sacrament: Bruno Masdea**  
*by Louise Masdea*

**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 February are:  
 February 9 Valerie Milano  
 February 16 Valerie Milano

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** St. John the Baptist – 9:30 a.m.  
 February 9 + Karen Mikalonis  
*by Heining Family*  
 Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.  
 + Murphy Stover  
*by Mr. & Mrs. Stover & Family*

**Monday:** St. John's – 12:00 Noon  
 February 10 *Living & Deceased Members of St. John's*

**Tuesday:** St. John's – 12:00 Noon  
 February 11 + Alex & Sharma Lee Pieramico  
*by Mr. & Mrs. John McAvoy*  
 Sacred Heart – 10:30 a.m.  
*Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart*

**Wednesday:** St. John's – 6:00 p.m.  
 February 12 + Uncle Joe Pishitelli  
*by Mr. & Mrs. John McAvoy*

**Thursday:** Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m.  
 February 13 + Dorothy M. Hardgrove  
*by Mary Sutphen*

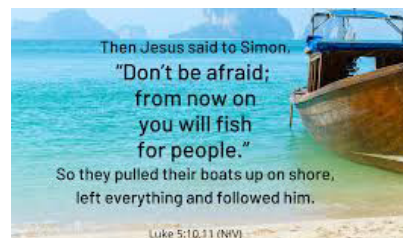
**Friday:** No Mass  
 February 14

**Saturday:** Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m.  
 February 15 + Art Duncan  
*by Kim & Tom Duncan*

**Sunday:** St. John's – 9:30 a.m.  
 February 16 + Alice Valentine  
*by Dr. Maria Regina Coccia*  
 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.



Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. Luke 5:10,11 (NIV)

**PRAYER:** *Keep Your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by Your protection. 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

2/9 Sunday	<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>KCC Religious Education – Library</b> 10:30-11:45 a.m.
	<b>SJB Altar Guild Meeting – 10:45-11:30 a.m.</b> Marrapese Hall
	<b>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – 12:00 p.m.</b> Meeting in Sala Hall, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
	<b>SJB Choir – 12:00-1:00 p.m. – Library</b> <b>San Giovanni Dancers – 3:30-5:00 p.m.</b> Marrapese Hall
2/10 Monday	<b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 12:00 Noon</b> <b>Diocese Meeting – 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.</b> Marrapese Hall
2/11 Tuesday	<b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 12:00 Noon</b>
2/12 Wednesday	<b>SJB Finance Meeting – 1:00 p.m.</b> Italian Classroom
	<b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 6:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>SJB OCIA Class – 7:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Library
2/14 Friday	<b>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – 7:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Altar Guild Reminder – 10:45-11:30 a.m.</b> Marrapese Hall Every 2nd Sunday of the Month
	<b>Le Donne Group – Meetings are the last</b> Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall.
	<b>SJB Social Activity Council Meeting –</b> 12:00-2:00 p.m. – 4th Sunday of each month in the Library

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

February 2, 2025

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 39

Reg Env:	\$ 1,915.00
Loose:	\$ 646.00
Jan. EFT:	\$ 3,758.33
Total	\$ 6,319.33
Less Diocesan 9% Assessment	\$ - (568.74)
	\$ 5,750.59

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)
This Week:	\$3,000.04	\$6,319.33	+\$3,319.29

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 10, 2025

Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters – Monday, February 17, 2025

Nick Persichetti 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 on Instagram @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:

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**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. of Homemade Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, and Dessert. Tickets for \$20.00 will be sold until Tuesday, February 25. Contact Pat Rossetti at 614-329-3900.

*“Jesus is ‘a light for revelation to the Gentiles.’ Like the sun that rises, this child will redeem the world from the darkness of evil, pain, and death. We greatly need this light, even today!” @ Pontifex*



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

**DISPOSAL OF BLESSED PALMS:** Dispose of Blessed Palms by bringing them to church this Sunday or next Sunday, **February 9th or 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 COMMUNITY REWARDS FUNDRAISER

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5. Once you enroll, every time you use your **Kroger Plus** card at **Kroger**, your purchases will earn money for our church! **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!



### 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 yours up. Thank you!

**CATHOLIC TIMES:** Do you read *The Catholic Times*? If you don't, you are missing out on local **Catholic** news stories, features, sports, arts, insightful and entertaining columns, obituaries, photos, crossword puzzles and word searches. **New subscribers can sign up (or renew) online at [catholictimescolumbus.org](http://catholictimescolumbus.org) under the subscribe tab.** Your support and your **readership** are greatly appreciated! Your annual subscriptions and donations allow *The Catholic Times* to continue its mission of providing news and information about the Diocese that you won't read anywhere else. **The cost 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.

**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.*



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](http://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](http://columbuscatholic.org).

**LOS ANGELES WILDFIRE RELIEF:** Wildfires have ravaged **Los Angeles** and other areas of **California**. Please help families recover after the fires. 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)



### OUR CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO MENTAL HEALTH

As we face a growing mental health crisis in our society, what should we do?

As Catholics, we are called to respond to the signs of the times. Join in a public conversation on the topic and together create our local response.

**Friday, March 28, 2025**

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**St. Brendan the Navigator Church**

4475 Dublin Rd. Hilliard, OH 43026

Daily Mass is available at 8:00 am in the main Church, followed by a light breakfast. Lunch is also included.



Space is limited, so please register at:  
[onecau.se/mentalhealthsummit](http://onecau.se/mentalhealthsummit)

**Sunday, Feb 09, 2025****Your turn at bat**

Ever feel overwhelmed in the face of a monumental experience? Many of us have been there, including the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah had known firsthand the glory of God. In the face of such great beauty and goodness, he felt keenly his own imperfections and those of his community. Yet, God accepted Isaiah as he was and at the same time helped transform him so that he felt empowered to step up and volunteer his life. Today is a good time to ask yourself whether you are prepared to step up to the plate and offer your life to God.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Luke 5:1-11 (75). *"Here I am, I said; 'send me!'"*

**Monday, Feb 10, 2025****Glory be to God!**

To ponder our beginnings is always stunning. The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that scientific studies have enriched our knowledge of the age and dimensions of the cosmos: "These discoveries invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers." The shortest month often feels like the longest in our hemisphere, yet being stopped in our snowy tracks on an ordinary day to become aware of the Creator God is a call to praise.

Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56 (329). *"In the beginning . . . God created the heavens and the earth."*

**Tuesday, Feb 11, 2025****Get in sync**

The 19th-century *Dictionary of Phrase and Fable* defined "lip service" as "verbal devotion; honoring with the lips while the heart takes no part nor lot in the matter." This definition—drawn from centuries of wisdom from biblical times to today—still holds true. Technology may progress and develop, but human nature remains stubbornly the same. The next time you find yourself in worship, whether in a pew, a prayer group, or in your own home, reflect on whether what is on your lips is also in your heart. If not, pray for a more perfect alignment between the two!

Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Mark 7:1-13 (330). *"This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."*

**Wednesday, Feb 12, 2025****Recommended daily dose**

Each year, Americans spend billions on diet programs and regimens, reflecting a deep obsession with controlling food intake. Pop psychologist Dr. Phil suggests that this preoccupation often masks a deeper desire to control something more profound: how we feel about ourselves. Jesus recognized this tendency more than 2,000 years ago, urging people to focus on how their inner attitudes are reflected in their thoughts, words, and actions. As we prioritize healthy eating and balanced nutrition, let's also remember to nourish our souls. Along with wholesome food, let's make time for daily introspection and prayerful contemplation.

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23 (331). *"All these evils come from within and they defile."*

**Thursday, Feb 13, 2025****Love without borders**

Syro-Phoenicians, who were enemies of Israel and didn't share in the same faith, were, in the minds of Jesus' disciples, unworthy of God's help. But Jesus turned that attitude on its head by teaching that all human life has sacred dignity and is beloved by God, even the lives of our enemies. Christians have struggled with this teaching, and at various times in history found it easier to condemn and shun rather than love those who are different. Reflect on those you might find unworthy of God's love and strive to show them compassion.

Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30 (332). *"Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps."*

**Friday, Feb 14, 2025****Savor wisdom**

"Knowledge is power," said Ben Franklin. The serpent said the same thing to Eve, and she bought it. Although knowledge often does give us access to the corridors of power, it doesn't guarantee us wisdom. Wisdom, an attribute of God, is acquired only through the indwelling Holy Spirit. In the Bible, knowledge is imagined sometimes as tantalizing fruit dangling from a forbidden tree. Wisdom, however, sets a lavish table at which her guests may dine by accepting her invitation. When faced with the choice, take the opportunity to savor the meal that lasts to eternity.

Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37 (333). *"God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods."*

**Saturday, Feb 15, 2025****Don't fill up on junk**

Some people will always set out food when you visit their homes no matter what time of day it is. If you're smart you learn to drop by when you're good and hungry! Jesus never let anyone walk away hungry either—even if it meant setting the table for 5,000. His mother foretold that fact in her great song, the Magnificat: "He has filled the hungry with good things." When tired of the empty offerings of the world, pray Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:47-55) in faith that God will fill you with what truly satisfies.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10 (334). *"If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will collapse on the way."*

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



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