

A photograph of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church building, featuring a prominent steeple with a cross and a blue roof. The church is constructed of light-colored stone or brick with arched windows. The background is a clear blue sky.

# St. John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Fr. Robert Kitsmiller,**  
*Administrator*

**Reverend Joseph Klee,**  
*Priest in Residence*

*(National Italian Parish ~  
Est. 1896)*

## **MASSES/MESSE:**

**Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist

## **WEEKDAYS AND HOLY DAYS:**

(See Mass Schedule inside Bulletin)

## **PARISH OFFICE/STAFF:**

**Aggie Howard,** Bookkeeper, [ahoward@sjbitaliana.org](mailto:ahoward@sjbitaliana.org)

**Victoria Gammell,** Secretary, St. John the Baptist

Office Hours, St. John the Baptist:

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  
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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).

## **BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

Announcements must be submitted  
in writing by Tuesday at noon.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY:**

**Gina M. Bishop,** Music Director; **John C. Huffman,** Organist

## **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.



## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin **Holy Week**, I want to encourage you to take part in the liturgies that celebrate the mystery of the redemption of our souls and a new birth to the great hope of eternal life through our faith in **Christ Jesus**. Today, this **Palm Sunday**, we celebrate **Jesus'** triumphal entry into **Jerusalem** but also His Passion and death. **Jesus** did not come to take on worldly power but to forgive us our sins and to give His very life to us so that we might share the life of **God** for eternity. This was accomplished by **Jesus' death** on the cross and **His Resurrection**. This we celebrate at every **Mass**. In a specific way, we commemorate the institution of the **Mass** on **Holy Thursday**, the **Mass of the Lord's Supper**. We will have **Mass** at **7:00 p.m.** at **St. John the Baptist**, followed by a procession of the **Blessed Sacrament**, our **Lord's body**, out of the Church and to an altar of repose, set up in the chapel. The chapel will be open until **9:30 p.m.** for Adoration.

On **Good Friday**, we commemorate our **Lord's Passion and death** at **1:00 p.m.** at **St. John the Baptist** and at **6:00 p.m.** at **Sacred Heart**. The **Passion** account from **John's Gospel** will be read, followed by the veneration of the cross and distribution of **Holy Communion**. All leave in silence after the **Good Friday** liturgy.

The **Easter Vigil** will be celebrated on **Holy Saturday** at **8:30 p.m.** at **Sacred Heart**. There is **no 4:00 p.m. Mass** that day. The **Easter Vigil** is the celebration of **God's** plan of salvation for all of humanity beginning with the creation of this world, following the patriarchs and prophets of the **Old Testament** and fulfilled in **Jesus Christ**. The readings that are proclaimed reflect this reality. The **Easter fire** is lit and from it the **Paschal candle** is blessed, the symbol of the **risen Christ**. The liturgy begins in darkness but ends in light, symbolic of **Jesus** overcoming the darkness of death and sin.

**Easter Sunday Masses** will be held at the normal times for both parishes. During these **Masses** we renew our baptismal promises – our response to the great gift of eternal life won by our Savior and given to us at Baptism.

**No Masses** are celebrated on **Holy Thursday**, **Good Friday** or **Holy Saturday** except the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** and the **Easter Vigil**. No sacraments may be celebrated these days except the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** or the **Anointing of the Sick**. During these days, known as the **Sacred Triduum**, the Church is commemorating **Jesus'** suffering, His dying, His descent to the dead and His Resurrection. As **Jesus** was **three days** in the **tomb**, the Church keeps a memorial with Him, realizing that our **Savior** is united with us in both life and death. On **Good Friday**, the Church observes a day of **Fast and Abstinence**. All those age **14** and over abstain from meat. **Everyone ages 18 to 59** fasts. The fast means just one meal. Food may be taken at other times during the day provided it is less than the amount of one meal. The paschal fast is also encouraged for **Good Friday**.

I pray that you will have a blessed Holy Week and I encourage you to take part in as many of the liturgies as possible.

Fr. Kitsmiller  
Administrator

## MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 4/14	9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday	Laura Giammarco Cua by Michael Cua
Mon. 4/15	5:30 p.m.	Jane Cenci by Chris Soteriades
Thurs. 4/18	7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday	Sean McCreary by Patty Weimer
Sun. 4/21	9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday	Cesidio Capoccia by Maria Capoccia & Family
Mon. 4/22	5:30 p.m.	John Capparuccini by Marie Gray

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

Marian Lights:	Laura Giammarco Cua by Michael Cua
Blessed Sacrament:	Danny Ristucci by Sos & LeAnn Codispoti

**EASTER TRIDUUM****April 18 – Thursday of Holy Week**

7:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

**April 19 – Good Friday**

6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart  
1:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**April 20 – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil**

8:30 p.m. Sacred Heart

**April 21 – Easter Sunday Mass**

9:30 a.m. St. John the Baptist  
11:00 a.m. Sacred Heart

**Divine Mercy Sunday at Sacred Heart**

April 28th	1:30 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	1:30 p.m.	Confessions
	2:00 p.m.	Rosary
	2:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Benediction
	3:00 p.m.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	3:30 p.m.	Mass

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Gabe Bishop, Ed Pagnanelli
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sharon D'Alberto, Pat Rossetti, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli, Anne Marie Pastore
<b>Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Margi Baker, Pat Rossetti, Sharon D'Alberto, Pete Tamburro
<b>Good Friday, April 19, 2019, 1:00 p.m., Lord's Passion</b>	
<b>Lector:</b>	Gabe Bishop, Landa Brunetto
<b>Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lector:</b>	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Margi Baker, Ed Pagnanelli, Sharon D'Alberto, Judy Pishitelli, Andrea Myers

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun. 4/14	11:00 a.m. Altar Guild After Mass (Marrapese) 3:30 p.m. San Giovanni Dancers Practice (Marrapese Hall)
Mon. 4/15	6:00 p.m. Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group, Men and Women (Marrapese Hall) (We will not meet on Monday, April 22, 2019, the day after Easter)

**Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival Meeting: April 29th, Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. and General at 7:00 p.m.**

**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. Pray for Diamond Boggs, sister of Linda McCreary.**


**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 the **Men's Faith Sharing** group. Leaders for **April** are:

- April 14** Carl Tisone
- April 21** Vincent Davis
- April 28** Gary Bosco

Anyone interested in leading the Rosary on Sundays, please contact Bob Contino at 614-833-0371. Thank you!

**2019 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings**  
**April 14 – Palm Sunday of The Passion Of The Lord**  
 Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14–23:56 or 23:1-49  
**April 15 – Monday of Holy Week**  
 Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11  
**April 16 – Tuesday of Holy Week**  
 Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
**April 17 – Wednesday of Holy Week**  
 Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25  
**April 18 – Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)**  
 Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21  
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/  
 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15  
**April 19 – Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**  
 Is 52:13–53:12/Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9/Jn 18:1–19:42  
**April 20 – Holy Saturday**  
 Vigil: Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a,  
 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15–15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15,  
 32–4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12  
**April 21 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
 Act 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 (42) or  
 Lk 24:1-12 (41) or at an **afternoon** or **Evening Mass**,  
 Lk 24:13-35 (46)

\*Pray for our Priest and seminarians



**Office Hours:** The Parish office hours are **Monday through Friday** from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The office will be closed on **Good Friday, April 19th** and **Monday, April 22, 2019.**

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of April, 2019: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.**

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 15, 2019**

Nick Perschetti & Gus Gastaldo

**SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

Darlene Rauch & Maruja Paule

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**

April 7, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 61

In Envelopes: \$3,175.00      Loose Money \$ 378.00

Total Collection	\$ 3,553.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (213.18)
	<b>\$ 3,339.82</b>
 Votive	 \$ 45.00
Central Eastern Europe	\$ 10.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 134.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 537.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 816.00</b>

**??\$?HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? \$???**

**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (07/01/18 – 06/30/19)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
<b>This Week:</b>	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 3,553.00	\$ 668.00	23%
<b>FYTD:</b>	\$118,285.00	\$114,757.55	-(\$3,527.45)	-3%

**Guild #16 Annual Easter Raffle** is very excited about their big annual **Easter** raffle and Bake Sale on **April 14th (Palm Sunday)** The biggest raffle ever – **first prize** is **\$300.00 cash** – **2nd prize** is **two \$50.00 gift cards for Kroger** – **Third prize** is **two chocolate Easter baskets** from **Anthony Thomas Candies**. Plus many other gift items. There are usually **12** items raffled off (**handmade wreath, wine basket, crystal candlestick and more**). Raffle tickets are **one dollar** each. You may purchase raffle tickets from any **Guild #16** member. All profits go to **St. John Church**. Donated baked items are very much appreciated. For more information, call **Greta** at **614-888-0619**.

**AROUND US**

**Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday** is the final **Sunday** of **Lent** and the beginning of **Holy Week**. It commemorates the triumphant arrival of **Christ** in **Jerusalem**, days before He was crucified. In the **Gospels**, **Jesus** entered **Jerusalem** riding a young donkey, to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, palms or small branches, in front of Him as a sign of homage. Palm branches are widely recognized as a symbol of peace and victory.

**Holy Thursday: Lenten Prayer for Holy Thursday: Jesus, in these last few days leading up to Easter, as I recall Your Passion and death, let me remember that, above all, I am called to feed Your sheep. You have given me a model of how to live; may I strive to be all that You created me for, spreading the love of God and the truth of our Catholic faith wherever I am able. You are the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.**

**Good Friday: Lenten Prayer for Good Friday: Jesus, no one knows change better than You. You died on the cross, and three days later You rose from the dead. Forty days later You ascended into heaven and left the world transformed for the rest of time. Help me to transform my soul, to die to sin and death and be reborn in Your love and eternal life. Amen.**

**Easter Vigil: Lenten Prayer for Holy Saturday: Jesus, You are courage incarnate. As You hung on the cross for my sins and the sins of the world, You showed me that all things are possible. You knew that life did not end on the cross. It was only the beginning of a new and glorious eternal life. Amen.**

**Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross – April 19, 2019:**

Many facets of faith and justice will be the focus of the annual **Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross**. The walk begins with opening prayer at **St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus, at 8:00 a.m., Friday, April 19, 2019.**



“So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

**John 12:13**



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