

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.

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

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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
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or email info@sjbitaliana.org.

Please notify the Parish Office of any changes,
such as address or telephone, etc., by calling
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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,

This year's **Holy Week** and this past **Easter** were particularly tragic in some parts of the world. **Holy Week** opened with the burning of the ancient **Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris**. The loss of a **Cathedral**, which had seen centuries of **Catholic** worship, would indeed be tragic. More so is the loss of **Catholics** in the pews and from the faith. We also heard of the killing of several hundred **Christians** in **Sri Lanka** on **Easter Sunday**, many at **Easter Sunday Mass**, the very day we celebrated our **Lord's** victory over sin and death. For some of our fellow **Catholics**, worshipping in their parish churches is such a danger and risk. Yet, they cling to their faith as we must do. Today is called the **Sunday of Divine Mercy**. In the **Gospel**, **Jesus** makes His appearance to **10** of the **Apostles**, minus **Judas**, the traitor, and **Thomas**, whose whereabouts are not known. **Jesus** shows the **Apostles** His wounds, wanting them to appreciate what He went through for them but also for them to realize that He is with them in the flesh, not just the spirit. **Jesus** makes this point abundantly clear to **Thomas**, who doubts the claims of his fellow **Apostles**. The **Lord** is merciful to **Thomas** by appearing to him and allowing him to touch His wounds and realize that He is real. The **Lord** is real for us as well. We do not get to touch His wounds but we do receive His flesh and blood in the **Eucharist**, **Jesus'** real presence. This indeed is mercy. So also is the power that **Jesus** gives to the **Apostles** through the **Holy Spirit**: "whose sins you forgive are forgiven; whose sins you retain are retained." To know the **Lord's forgiveness** is something special. We can receive that especially in the **Sacrament of Confession**.

Divine Mercy celebrations are going on throughout the **Diocese** and especially at **Sacred Heart** from **1:30-3:20 p.m.**, followed by **Mass**. Confessions will also be heard from **1:30-2:30 p.m.** The Chaplet will be prayed at **3:00 p.m.**

Next week, we begin the **2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal**. The theme is "**God Makes Every Grace Abundant**." **Bishop Brennan** states that this theme "speaks to the promise of our **Lord** that our work in **His** name shall not be in vain...I see His abundant grace in your sacrifices and efforts to proclaim His word, celebrate the **Sacraments**, and extend **God's** loving concern across our diocese." I will speak more about the **Appeal** next week.

Please keep in your prayers those killed in **Sri Lanka**. Let us pray for peace in the world and justice for all those who experience oppression, both near and far.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 4/28	9:30 a.m.	Petrina Agriesti by Luisa Stefanelli & Tony Caradonna
Mon., 4/29	5:30 p.m.	Luigino Camperchioli by Dave Ross
Tues., 4/30	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	George Paesano by Joanne Paesano
Sun., 5/5	9:30 a.m.	Leona DiCesare by Frank DiCesare
Mon., 5/6	5:30 p.m.	Louie Nobile, Sr. by Antonio, Sharon D'Alberto family

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: **Antoinette Carfagna**
by Roger & Andrea Myers

Blessed Sacrament: **John Mauer**
by Chris Soteriades

**Office Hours:**

The Parish office hours are **Monday** through **Friday** from **9:00 a.m.** to **2:00 p.m.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, April 28, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Ed Pagnanelli, John Snoad
Eucharistic Ministers	Marge Contino, Pat Rossetti, Pete Tamburro, Bob Contino, Margaret Panico-Harn
Sunday May 5, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	John Snoad, Bob Contino
Eucharistic Ministers:	Margaret Panico-Harn, Andrea Myers, Marge Contino, Anne Marie Pastore, Pete Tamburro

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 4/28	LeDonne Group Meeting after Mass (Sala or Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 4/29	6:00 p.m. Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group, Men & Women (Marrapese Hall) Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival Meeting: Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. and General at 7:00 p.m. Sala Hall
Tues., 4/30	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary & Intentions – 12:30 p.m. Mass at 1:00 p.m. (Chapel)

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** and **May** are:

April 28 Gary Bosco
May 5 Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo
May 12 Margaret Contino, OFS

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

2019 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

April 28 – Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

April 29 – Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

April 30 – Easter Weekday – Saint Pius V, Pope

Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

May 1 – Easter Weekday – Saint Joseph the Worker

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21/Gn 1:26-2:3 or/Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58

May 2 – Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

May 3 – Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

May 4 – Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

May 5 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-31, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 29, 2019

Maria Lucchin & Rose Ann Graf

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 6, 2019

Louise Masdea & Mary Spellacy

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

April 21, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 56

In Envelopes: \$615.00 Loose Money \$900.25

Holy Day	\$ 3,919.00
Total Collection	\$ 5,434.25
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (326.06)
	\$ 5,108.19
Votive	\$ 40.00
Good Friday	\$ 150.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 344.00
Easter Flower	\$ 25.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 569.00

?? ? ? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? ? ? ? ?

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/18-6/30/19)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 5,434.25	\$ 2,549.25	88%
FYTD:	\$124,055.00	\$123,453.80	(\$ 601.20)	0%

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

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Sunday following Easter is popularly known as Mercy of God Sunday. Between 1930 and 1938, Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonized on April 30, 2000, the Sunday after Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested that Blessed Faustina make a special Novena before the Feast of Mercy, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. Jesus also asked that a picture be painted according to the vision of Himself as the fountain of mercy. He gave her a chaplet to be recited and said that it was appropriate to pray the chaplet at 3:00 each afternoon (the Hour of Great Mercy). Please consider participating in this devotion at Sacred Heart on April 28, starting at 1:30 p.m.

BAA Announcement: The theme of the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal, "God Makes Every Grace Abundant," inspires us, as people of the Faith, to place our trust in God and bring hope to those who most need to feel His love. Works of kindness and assistance, sometimes in the smallest way, can bring about a profound change in a person's life. Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we have an opportunity to bring about a positive change in the lives of many of God's people. Through your generosity, you are supporting the various ministries and programs that are vital in spreading His Love. Next week is Commitment Weekend for the Appeal, at which time you can make your gift or pledge.

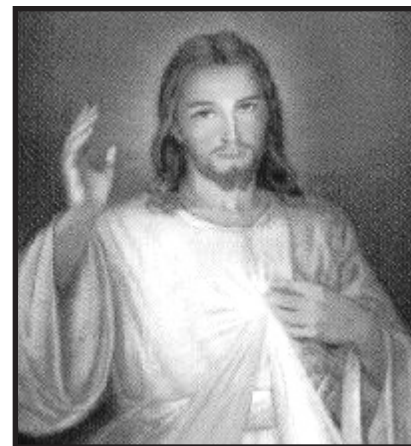
The Piave Club 100th Year Anniversary: Friday May 10th, 2019, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Valley Dale Ballroom. All ticket prices are \$40.00 per person. Visit www.ColumbusPiaveClub.com/anniversary or email laurawilliams2035@gmail.com.

AROUND US

St. Margaret of Cortona Catholic Church Pilgrimage to Italy: Father Jeff Rimelspach of St. Margaret of Cortona Church, will lead a pilgrimage to Rome, Pompeii, Naples, Capri Italy and Sicily, September 16-27, 2019. We have several parishes in our Diocese participating in this small group pilgrimage of 25-30. If you would like more information, please contact Father Jeff at St. Margaret (614-279-1690) or Deborah O'Neill at doneill06@gmail.com or 614-578-2226. I will be happy to email or mail the itinerary and details to you.

RED MASS CHANGE: The 2019 Red Mass is rescheduled to Thursday, May 2 at 5:15 p.m. The Thomas More Society of the Diocese and Bishop Robert Brennan invite all clergy to the annual Red Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Brennan will be the principal celebrant and homilist. All priests are invited to concelebrate the Mass. Deacons are invited to vest and sit as a body at the Mass. Clergy attending should be sure to bring an alb and a red stole. After, refreshments will be served in the Cathedral undercroft. If you plan to attend, RSVP at 614-224-2251 or jgreer@columbuscatholic.org, so we can arrange sufficient seating for clergy.

May Catholic Men's Luncheon Club: In May, the Luncheon will feature a talk by Joseph Zaino, president of the Young Catholic Professionals Columbus Chapter. Please join us on Friday, May 3, at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch and Joe's talk about YCP Columbus. The May Luncheon is sponsored by Anzelmo Law. Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Joseph Zaino's talk. Free parking available in Columbus State Grant Avenue parking lot across the street from St. Patrick. No reservations are necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc or contact Craig Heppner, CMLC President, at craigkofc@gmail.com.



Prayer

*Eternal God,
 in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion –
 inexhaustible,
 look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us,
 that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become
 despondent,
 but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will,
 which is Love and Mercy itself.
 Amen.*

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