

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 sky is clear and blue.

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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

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
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.

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 **Fifth Sunday** of **Lent** gives us an opportunity to prepare ourselves for **Holy Week** and **Easter**. In the **Gospel**, we see the forgiveness that **Jesus** shows the woman caught in adultery. While the scribes and **Pharisees** want to stone her, **Jesus** wants to forgive her and give her a new start: "neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more." What refreshing words for us to hear. Not only does the **Lord** want to forgive but He also wants us to have a fresh start, a life, not of sin but of holiness. As we press forward toward **Easter**, we leave behind our old life of sin and look for the new life of holiness.

Next **Sunday** is **Palm Sunday** and the start of **Holy Week**. **Palms** will be blessed and we will have procession into the Church beginning in **Marrapese Hall** and going outside around the Church, weather permitting. Please review the bulletin for our **Holy Week** and **Triduum** schedule.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Kitsmiller
Administrator

MASSSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 4/7	9:30 a.m.	Rina Tiberi by Patty Clifford
Mon., 4/8	5:30 p.m.	Armando "Steve" Gastaldo by Lisska Bar & Grill, Mark Lisska, Patty Daily & Seth Ann Prunto
Sun., 4/14	9:30 a.m.	Laura Giammarco Cua by Michael Cua
Mon., 4/15	5:30 p.m.	Jane Cenci by Chris Soteriades

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Virginia & Dominick Finissi
by Norma Jean & Bill Finissi, Sr.
Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo
by Mariano & Valeria Romanelli

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

Sunday, April 7, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Bob Contino, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pete Tamburro, Ed Pagnanelli, Andrea Myers, Marge Contino, Antonio D'Alberto
Sunday, April 14, 2019, 9:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday	
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop, Ed Pagnanelli
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sharon D'Alberto, Pat Rossetti, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli, Anne Marie Pastore
Lector/ Narrator:	John Snoad

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 4/7	3:30 p.m. San Giovanni Dancers Practice (Marrapese Hall)
Mon. 4/8	6:00 p.m. Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group, Men & Women (Marrapese Hall)

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 7 Robert Contino OFS
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 7 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 or, from Year A,
Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,
20-27, 33b-45

April 8 – Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20

April 9 – Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

April 10 – Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

April 11 – Lenten Weekday

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

April 12 – Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

April 13 – Lenten Weekday

Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

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

*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.**

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 8, 2019

Mary Spellacy and Louise Masdea

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 15, 2019

Nick Perschetti & Gus Gastaldo

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

March 31, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 52

In Envelopes: \$2,719.00 Loose Money \$112.00

Total Collection	\$ 2,831.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (169.86)
	\$ 2,661.14
Votive	\$ 45.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 165.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 55.00
Total	\$ 265.00

\$\$\$ 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	\$ 2,831.00	(\$ 54.00)	-2%
FYTD:	\$115,400.00	\$111,204.55	(\$4,195.45)	-4%

The Piave Club 100th-Year Anniversary:
Friday Evening, May 10th, 2019, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
At the Valley Dale Ballroom
Berwick Buffet

Entertainment by Sommer & Johnny DiLoretto,
 with the San Giovanni Band.

\$40.00 per person if purchased before March 30th, 2019.
 After March 30th, tickets purchased in advance are \$48.00.
 Tickets \$60.00 at the door.

www.ColumbusPiave.Club.com/anniversary
 or email laurawilliams2035@gmail.com

This is not a dance.

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 – second 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**.

Abruzzi Club Spring Gnocchi Dinner: Saturday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 Contact Pat Rossetti at 614-882-3900.

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **April** is dedicated to **The Holy Spirit**. The end of **Lent**, the **Sacred Triduum**, and the beginning of the **Easter** fall in April this year. During the first twenty days we are in **Lent**, which is represented by the liturgical color purple – a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. Then we enter into the **Easter** in which the color changes to white, the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity, and innocence.

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.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent: Previously called "**Passion Sunday**," this **Sunday** marks the beginning of **Passiontide**, a deeper time of **Lent**. This is the **third Sunday** of the **Scrutinies** for the preparation of adult converts, and the final **Sunday** of **Lent** before the beginning of **Holy Week**. The **Liturgy** of the **Word** of this day speaks of re-creation, resurrection, and new life.

Church Regulations Regarding Fasting and Abstinence during Lent:

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics **fourteen years** and older on **Ash Wednesday** and on all **Fridays** of **Lent**. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all Catholics from age 18 through age 59.

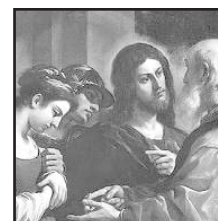
When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Those who are ill or pregnant may be dispensed from their obligation.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday: **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.

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**. Hundreds of participants from across the diocese will process to locations throughout downtown **Columbus** to recognize **Jesus Christ's** suffering and crucifixion as well as to reflect on current areas of social concern. Open to all ages. For more information, contact the diocesan Office for **Social Concerns** at (614) 241-2540 or the **Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry** at (614) 241-2565.

"The **Lord** asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope! It is thrilling to experience the joy of spreading this good news, sharing the treasure entrusted to us consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness."

~ *Pope Francis*



"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

John 8:7

Prayer

Lord, please help us to look favorably upon our neighbors and to be charitable. We will be judged by the same standard we judge others; please help us to refrain from every rash judgement. Thank You, Lord, for hearing my prayer.
 Amen

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