

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](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  
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).

## **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,**

The second reading from the **Book of Revelation** looks at the end of the world and the **second** coming of **Jesus Christ**. **John** sees a new heaven and new earth and the former heaven and earth passing away. He sees a holy city coming down from heaven and uniting with earth. In this very mysterious passage, the culmination of human history and the redemption of all creation, not just humanity, is symbolized. We often think about heaven, after this world but not a new earth. Yet, it is also part of our faith that universe will also be renewed at the end of time. **Vatican II's** constitution, **Lumen Gentium**, says: "at that time, together with the human race, the universe itself, which is closely related to man and which attains its destiny through him, will be perfectly reestablished in **Christ**" (48). This teaching shouldn't lessen our concern for the current earth, rather it should spur us on to more care for our earth which is where the human family continues to grow and flourish. Our care for our environment is a concern of the kingdom of **God**, ushered in by **Jesus**, which foreshadows the new heavens and the new earth in the age to come. We might ask ourselves how well and careful do we use the resources of the earth that **God** has entrusted to us.

We continue with the **Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2019**. Again, I appreciate your sacrifices as we strive to make our parish **God**.

**Have a blessed week!**

**Fr. Kitsmiller**  
**Administrator**

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun. 5/19	9:30 a.m.	<b>Danny Ristucci</b> by Pat Rossetti
Mon. 5/20	5:30 p.m.	<b>Richard and Rose Potenza</b> by Barbara Potenza & Family
Tues. 5/21	1:00 p.m. <b>Padre Pio</b>	<b>Joyce Tisone</b> by Carl Tisone
Sun. 5/26	9:30 a.m.	<b>Pietro &amp; Giovanna Giuliani</b> by Joanne Paesano
Mon. 5/27	5:30 p.m.	<b>No Mass</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:** **Patricia Chandler**  
by Bonnie Agriesti  
**Blessed Sacrament:** **Tony Solazzo**  
by Mrs. Rose Peg

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Sunday, May 19, 2019, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Gabe Bishop, Ed Pagnanelli
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Margi Baker, Pat Rossetti, Pete Tamburro, Margaret Panico-Harn, Anne Marie Pastore
<b>Sunday, May 26, 2019, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Landa Brunetto, John Snoad
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Marge Contino, Andrea Myers, Sharon D'Alberto, Judy Pishitelli, Antonio D'Alberto



**Office Hours:** The Parish office will be closed, **Monday, May 27th, 2019, Memorial Day**. Office hours will resume **Tuesday** through **Friday** from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun. 5/19	<b>Blessed Mother Sodality After Mass</b> (Marrapese Hall)
Mon. 5/20	<b>6:00 p.m. Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group, Men &amp; Women</b> (Marrapese Hall) <b>6:30 p.m. Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival</b> (Board Meeting) <b>Sala Hall</b>
Tues. 5/21	<b>Padre Pio Prayer Group- Rosary &amp; Intentions – 12:30 p.m. Mass at 1:00 p.m.</b> (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 **May** and **June** are:

**May 19** Vincent Davis  
**May 26** Norma Jean Finissi  
**June 2** Carl Tisone  
**June 9** Robert 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**

**May 19 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Act** 14:21-27/**Rv** 21:1-5a/**Jn** 13:31-33a, 24-35  
**May 20 – Easter Weekday**  
**Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest**  
**Acts** 14:5-18/**Jn** 14:21-26  
**May 21 – Easter Weekday**  
**Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs**  
**Acts** 14:19-28/**Jn** 14:27-31a  
**May 22 – Easter Weekday**  
**Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious**  
**Acts** 15:1-6/**Jn** 15:1-8  
**May 23 – Easter Weekday**  
**Acts** 15:7-21/**Jn** 15:9-11  
**May 24 – Easter Weekday**  
**Acts** 15:22-31/**Jn** 15:12-17  
**May 25 – Easter Weekday**  
**Saint Bede the Venerable Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope, Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin**  
**Acts** 16:1-10/**Jn** 15:18-21  
**May 26 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Acts** 15:1-2, 22-29/**Rv** 21:10-14, 22-23/**Jn** 14:23-29

\*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 20, 2019**

Maruja Paule & Darlene Rauch

**SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

Gus Gastaldo & Nick Perschetti

**50/50 Drawing:** Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paule**, winners of **St. John's April 50/50** drawing. Thanks to **all** for supporting **St. John's 50/50** each month.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

May 12, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 64

In Envelopes: \$3,177.00 Loose Money \$218.00

Total Collection	\$ 3,395.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (203.70)
	\$ 3,191.30
Votive	\$ 68.00
Catholic Community Campaign	\$ 10.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 10.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 25.00
Grounds Beautification	\$ 95.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 10.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 248.00

??\$? 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	\$ 3,395.00	\$510.00	18%
FYTD:	\$132,710.00	\$131,962.65	(\$747.35)	-1%

**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. **Our parish goal is \$18,400.83, which comes to approximately \$100.00 per family.** Pledge envelopes are in the pews and can also be obtained by calling our parish office. Thank you for your generosity to our parish and the diocese.

AROUND US

**The 42nd Annual Diocesan Senior Citizens Celebration** is Tuesday, June 18th, 2019, at St. Mary Church, 61 S. Paint Street, Chillicothe. Bishop Robert J. Brennan will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by a luncheon. This annual event is a great opportunity of prayer, food, and fellowship with senior citizens from the 23-county Catholic Diocese of Columbus. Registration for the celebration is \$15.00. To register, please send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For more information call 614-241-2540 or email us at [socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org). Registrations are requested by June 13.

**Jubilee of Anniversaries 2019:** Jubilee of Anniversaries 2019 will take place on Sunday, June 23, at St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin. Bishop Brennan will celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m., and an informal reception will follow. Please notify and encourage your parishioners who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries (25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, and every year thereafter) to attend. If you would like to concelebrate or assist at Mass, please notify Stephanie Rapp at [srapp@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:srapp@columbuscatholic.org) or 614-241-2560 (ext. 1) no later than Friday, May 31.

**The Holy Father's Intention for the Month of May, 2019:** You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intention: **That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.**

**St. Anthony Circle #1:** The annual St. Anthony of Padua Mass sponsored by Circle #1, will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Avenue, 43212. Fr. David Poliafico and Msgr. John Cody will concelebrate. Blessed bread will be distributed after the Mass. **Two \$500.00 scholarships** will be awarded to **two 8th grade students** continuing on with a **Catholic** education. All are invited to march in the procession which will form at 5:45 p.m. at the school. There will be food and refreshments available immediately following the Mass in the school cafeteria, on the 2nd floor. It is **accessible by elevator**. For more information, contact Patricia Brown at 614-488-5893 or 614-440-5893.

**Women's Mission Retreat:** The Dominican Sisters of Peace are sponsoring a five-day service and retreat opportunity for **single Catholic women, between the ages of 18 to 45, who are discerning a possible call to religious life or lay ministry in the church.** This experience is scheduled for June 1-5, 2019 in Columbus, OH, and includes prayer, service, community, and fun! Participants will live together in a small community houses and serve at an ecology Center (Shepherd's Corner) and at a local soup kitchen and visit with retired sisters. There will be group prayer and reflection time on these service experiences to explore the connection between service and justice. Space is limited, so register now! Free room and board provided. Visit our website at <https://oppeace.org/mission-immersion-retreat-june-1-5-columbus-oh/> to register or for more information contact Sr. June Fitzgerald, O.P., by phone or text at 570-336-3991 or email at [jf Fitzgerald@oppeace.org](mailto:jf Fitzgerald@oppeace.org).

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of May is dedicated to **The Blessed Virgin Mary**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of **Easter**, which is represented by the liturgical color white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. All of nature rejoices with the **Queen of Heaven** at the Resurrection of the Son she was worthy to bear. During the remainder of **Easter** time, be encouraged through the prayers of the **Holy Liturgy** and the **Holy Rosary** to deepen your gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in **Christ**.

"God wants us all to see one another as brothers and to live as such, forming a great human family that is harmonious in its diversity."  
 ~ Pope Francis



**Prayer**

*Father,*  
 Help us love each other as we love ourselves. May the Holy Spirit, who has poured Your love into our hearts, give us Your selfless love, for our love falls far short of the mark.  
 May we as a family be united in love.  
 May we submit ourselves to one another – considering others more important than ourselves, putting the others' interests ahead of our own. Help us to treat each other the way we would want to be treated in every circumstance.  
 May our relationships be built on these principles – for if they are, what could ever come between us? You always know what is best!  
 In Jesus' name,  
 Amen.



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