

A photograph of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church building, featuring a prominent steeple with a cross and a brick facade with arched windows. The text is overlaid on the image.

# 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  
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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,

I hope you all have a blessed **Memorial Day**. Let us especially remember those **American** men and women who gave their lives in service to our country to protect our shores and our freedoms. May their sacrifices inspire us to build a more just and peaceful society and world. Our office will be closed for **Memorial Day**. There also will be no **Mass** on **Monday**.

**Memorial Day** ushers in the summer season. Many of you will be gone through vacations and travel. I hope it is a relaxing and refreshing time for you and your families. Don't forget about the **Church** during these months and, of course, **Mass** in which **God** renews us through the body and blood of His **Son, Jesus**.

I want to call your attention to our annual **St. Anthony's Day** celebration. This year, we will celebrate it on **Sunday, June 16th**. Our **Mass** time will be moved from **9:30-10:30 a.m.** for this week **only**. We will have a procession around the church beginning at **10:15**. This is **Trinity Sunday**, as well as **Father's Day**. I hope that many of you fathers will join us. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

The **Bishop's Annual Appeal** has been underway for a few weeks now. This annual fundraiser is meant to supplement the budget of the **Diocese**, the local church, of which we are a member. Funds raised supplement education programs, such pre-marital preparation, our charitable outreach to the poor and needy, assistances to Catholic schools, education for future priests and deacons and other offices and programs that support the mission of the local church. Our parish has a goal to raise **\$18,400.83**. That equates to roughly **\$100.00 per family**. To date, **\$6,580.00** has been raised toward our parish goal with just **sixteen families** participating, so far. If you have not given, then I encourage you to do so. No gift is too small. If we all participate, we should make our parish goal. As always, I appreciate your generosity.

Have a blessed week!  
Fr. Kitsmiller  
Administrator

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun. 5/26	9:30 a.m.	Pietro & Giovanna Giuliani by Joanne Paesano
Mon. 5/27	5:30 p.m.	No Mass Memorial Day
Sun. 6/02	9:30 a.m.	Leona DiCesare by Frank DiCesare
Mon. 6/03	5:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. John's & Sacred Heart

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone  
by Carl Tisone  
Blessed Sacrament: Danny Ristucci  
by Felix & Bianaco Milano

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Sunday, May 26, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Landa Brunetto, John Snoad
Eucharistic Ministers	Marge Contino, Andrea Myers, Sharon D'Alberto, Judy Pishitelli, Antonio D'Alberto
Sunday, June 2, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sharon D'Alberto, Ed Pagnanelli, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli, Pat Rossetti

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun. 5/26	LeDonne Group Meeting After Mass (Marrapese Hall)
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**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 26	Norma Jean Finissi
June 2	Carl Tisone
June 9	Robert Contino, OFS
June 16	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**

May 26 – Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29  
May 27 – Easter Weekday  
*Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*  
Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26–16:4a  
May 28 – Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11  
May 29 – Easter Weekday  
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1/Jn 16:12-15  
May 30 – Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20  
May 31 – *The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56  
June 1 – *Saint Justin, Martyr*  
Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28  
June 2 – *The Ascension of the Lord*  
Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,11-13/  
Mk 16:15-20  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

\*Pray for our Priest and seminarians



**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.**

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

Maria Lucchin & Rose Ann Graf

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, June 3, 2019**

Maruja Paule & Maria Lucchin

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

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,556.00	(\$ 329.00)	-11%
FYTD:	\$135,595.00	\$134,518.65	(\$1,076.35)	-1%

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

May 19, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 49

In Envelopes: \$2,267.00 Loose Money \$289.00

Total Collection	\$ 2,556.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (153.36)
	\$ 2,402.64
Votive	\$ 48.00
Catholic Community Campaign	\$ 70.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 20.00
Grounds Beautification	\$ 15.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 209.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 382.00

**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.

**St. Anthony of Padua Celebration:** Our annual St. Anthony of Padua celebration will be held Sunday, June 16th at 10:30 a.m. Please note that the Mass time is changed for June 16, only. We will begin at 10:15 a.m., with the band leading the procession carrying the statue of St. Anthony. We encourage all parishioner, friends and their children to participate in the procession. Anyone wishing to dress their child in a monk's costume, please be at Marrapese Hall by 10:00 a.m. Mass will follow at 10:30 a.m., concluding with the blessing and distribution of St. Anthony's bread. A reception will follow in Sala Hall.

## AROUND US

**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 [jfitzgerald@oppeace.org](mailto:jfitzgerald@oppeace.org).

**Why do Catholics do That? Stained Glass Windows?** In the days of the early Church, most church goers couldn't read, so the images were teaching tools. They told stories of Christ's life or of the saints. Today, these beautiful windows inspire us to reflect on our own faith. Stained glass windows also remind us that we are in no ordinary building. Here, "the truth and the harmony of the signs ... should show Christ to be present and active in this place" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1181).

**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.

**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.**

**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.

## One Minute Meditation

Take the long view. Our nature urges us toward satisfaction now, but we often learn the necessity of taking the long view. For example, saving means financial security later in life. Our faithfulness to God now will lead us to great reward later.

*"For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1).*

"Peace is a gift of god but requires our efforts. Let us be people of peace in prayer and deed."

~ Pope Francis

PEACE I LEAVE  
WITH YOU; MY  
PEACE I GIVE YOU.  
I DO NOT GIVE TO  
YOU AS THE  
WORLD GIVES. DO  
NOT LET YOUR  
HEARTS BE  
TROUBLED AND DO  
NOT BE AFRAID.  
JOHN 14:27

## Prayer

**Heavenly Father,** please grant me peace of mind and calm my troubled heart. My soul is like a turbulent sea. I can't seem to find my balance so I stumble and worry constantly. Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path You've laid out for me. I trust Your Love God, and know that You will heal this stress. Just as the sun rises each day against the dark of night. Please bring me clarity with the light of God. In Your name I pray. Amen.

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