

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  
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 first reading and the Gospel relate stories of the ancient Middle East virtue of hospitality. To host and serve a guest in one's home was a privilege and seen as a divine blessing. In the Gospel of Matthew, in the Parable of the Last Judgment, we remember that one of the virtuous acts of the righteous is that they welcomed Christ in the stranger who was in their midst. Abraham is quick to see God in these three mysterious strangers. So is Mary who sits at the feet of Jesus. We, too, are accustomed to treating our guests with respect. Often when we host a party, we clean the house, prepare the dinner, offer a drink and place to sit. Sometimes, however, in our day-to-day life, we can be consumed with the worries and anxieties of life and miss the other persons around us. This certainly can be the case when we are driving. Sometimes, we can be so concerned with where we are going that we cut people off, or worse, cause an accident. The remedy for anxiety and busyness is to choose the better part which is to spend time with the Lord, particularly in prayer. In prayer, the Lord gives to us – peace of mind, consolation, a focused attention to our work but not in a way that is self-absorbed. Martha missed the opportunity to spend time with the gracious Savior because she was concerned about the little details of her day. Sometimes that is the case with us. But time with the Lord is the way that God helps us organize our day that is pleasing to Him and even productive for ourselves and others. The great television evangelist of the 20th century, Bishop Fulton Sheen, used to begin his day with a holy hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This, he knew, was necessary for his daily work and health of mind, body and soul. He even said that when he was really busy, he needed two holy hours. There may be some days when we cannot pray like we should, but these should be few. In fact, if we give ourselves in prayer, the Lord will give himself to us and strengthen us throughout our day.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Kitsmiller  
Administrator

### MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 7/21	9:30 a.m.	Charlie Agriesti by Bonnie Agriesti, Teresa & Maria
Mon. 7/22	5:30 p.m.	Armando "Steve" Gastaldo by Tony Caradonna & Luisa Stefanelli
Tues. 7/23	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Viola DelGreco by Jim & Judy Rowland
Sun. 7/28	9:30 a.m.	Cesidia Cugini by Cesidio Cugini & Family
Mon. 7/29	5:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. John the Baptist & Sacred Heart

#### **Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:** Joyce Tisone  
by Carl Tisone  
**Blessed Sacrament:** Ventresca & Damato Families  
by Carol Ventresca



#### **Office Hours:**

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

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<b>Sunday, July 21, 2019, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Marge Contino, Sharon D'Alberto, Margi Baker, Pete Tamburro, & Margaret Panico-Harn
<b>Sunday, July 28, 2019, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Landa Brunetto
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Andrea Myers, Anne Marie Pastore, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli & Pat Rossetti

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 7/21	San Giovanni Dancers Practice 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)
Mon. 7/22	Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group Men & Women, 6:00 p.m. (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 **July** are:

**July 21** Robert Contino, OFS  
**July 28** Vincent Davis

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

### 2019 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

**July 21 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

**July 22 – Saint Mary Magdalene**

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**July 23 – Weekday**

**Saint Bridget, Religious**

Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50

**July 24 – Weekday**

**Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest**

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9

**July 25 – Saint James, Apostle**

2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

**July 26 – Saints Joachim and Anne,  
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23

**July 27 – Weekday – BVM**

Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30

**July 28 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

\*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, July 22, 2019**

Rose Ann Graf & Maria Lucchin

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, July 29, 2019**

Darlene Rauch & Louise Masdea

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

July 14, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 54

In Envelopes: \$2,432.00 Loose Money \$213.00

Total Collection	\$ 2,645.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (158.70)
	\$ 2,486.30
Votive	\$ 21.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 560.00
Total	\$ 581.00

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

## Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/19-6/30/20)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$2,885.00	\$2,645.00	(-\$240.00)	-8%
FYTD:	\$5,770.00	\$5,397.00	(-\$373.00)	-6%

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

**Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers a wonderful opportunity to experience God's mercy on a very personal level. The Sacrament of Penance is a beautiful Sacrament through which we are reconciled to God, ourselves and our neighbors. Remember the words of St. Paul, "God is rich in mercy; because of His great love for us, He brought us to life with Christ when we were dead in sin" (Eph 2:4). Father is available for Confession prior to Mass, and by calling the office for an appointment.

**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. **Our parish goal is \$18,400.83, which comes to approximately \$100.00 per family.** As of July 14th, 2019, 40 families have pledged and we have received \$15,850.00 towards our goal. 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

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of July is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Jesus. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

**The Holy Father's Intention for the Month of July 2019:** That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world many not have the last word.

**Holy Family Soup Kitchen Volunteers needed:** Looking for something to do this summer (maybe even with your teenagers)? Why not volunteer at the Holy Family Soup Kitchen? Workers are needed in the pantry (serving groceries, etc.) as well as in the kitchen (serving hot food). No food prep experience is required. Only a few hours a day (Monday-Friday, anytime between 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.). Holy Family Soup Kitchen provides food to the homeless and the needy at no charge. This "Corporal work of Mercy" can be very personally rewarding, knowing that you are helping serve more than several hundred each day. For more info contact Dana Krull at 614-461-9444.

**The Columbus Diocese Information and Response Network: The Office for Social Concerns** monitors developing public policy issues at the local, state, national, and international levels and coordinates responses to be sent to key policymakers. The office will send action alerts when a priority issue develops. If you would like to be informed by email, please contact the Office for Social Concerns at <https://columbuscatholic.org/join-the-network>.

**Celebrate God's gift of married love! "Love, Naturally!"** is the theme of this year's Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 21-27, which celebrates God's vision for marriage and promotes Natural Family Planning. Engaged and married couples are invited to learn about NFP by visiting <http://www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning> or contacting the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560.

**Why do Catholics pause at the end of the Lord's Prayer for the priest to add his part and then finish?** What the priest says at the end of the Lord's Prayer is not an interruption but a prayer continuing the final sentiment of the Our Father. The doxology, which follows that second prayer – "For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever" – was never part of the Lord's Prayer. Through a mistranslation of the Missal after the Reformation in England, the "Deliver us O Lord..." prayer was omitted, and the doxology was put adjacent to the Lord's Prayer. Over the course of time, it morphed into being part of the prayer, and is the common usage in many of the Protestant and Evangelical churches.

"A guest must be listened to. Certainly, the answer Jesus gives Martha – when he tells her that only one thing is necessary – finds its full meaning in reference to hearing the word of Jesus himself, this word that enlightens and sustains all that we are and all that we do. If we are going to pray, for example, before a crucifix, and we talk and talk and talk and then we leave, we don't listen to Jesus. We don't allow him to speak to our hearts."

~ Pope Francis



The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Luke 10:41-42

**Prayer: An Act of Love**

O my God,  
I love You above all things,  
with my whole heart and soul,  
because You are all-good and worthy of all love.  
I love my neighbor as myself for the love of You.  
I forgive all who have injured me,  
and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.  
**Amen**



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