

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  
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,

I write my last bulletin column to you as **Administrator** of **St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church**. I do so with sadness, because I have grown close to you and have enjoyed my two years here. I thank you for sharing your faith with me and especially your **Italian** culture, which has enriched my experience as priest. **Grazie mille!** I am sorry that it wasn't longer, but I know our paths will cross in the future and I will not be far away as I take up my position of **rector** at **St. Joseph Cathedral**. I also will continue working with the **Italian Festival Board** as our **40th Festival** draws near. It should be an exciting event for our parish and it is only **two** months away. I hope I will see you there.

I am thankful that **Deacon Frank Iannarino** has agreed to be the **Administrator** of the parish, as I think he will bring enthusiasm and effort to both the pastoral and administrative work of the parish. I also want to thank the priests who have agreed to say the **Sunday Mass** at **St. John**, especially **Fr. Tony Missimi** and **Msgr. John Cody**. As I mentioned, the parish staff continues to be the same and will work for both **St. John** and **Sacred Heart** parish. I appreciate their dedication during this time of transition.

**Che Dio ti benedica tutti i giorni della tua vita! (May God bless you all the days of your life!)**

**Ci vediamo presto,**

**Fr. Kitsmiller**

**Administrator**

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun. 8/4	9:30 a.m.	<b>Toby Derek</b> by Luisa Stefanelli
Mon. 8/5	5:30 p.m.	<b>Bruno Masdea</b> by Lucian Susi
Sun. 8/11	9:30 a.m.	<b>Sean McCreary</b> by Ruth Davanzo
Mon. 8/12	5:30 p.m.	<b>John Arata</b> by Donna Arata

*Celebrant for Sunday Mass,  
August 11, is Msgr. Missimi*

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:** Virginia & Dominick Finissi  
by Norma Jean & Bill Finissi, Sr.  
**Blessed Sacrament:** Tony Solazzo  
by Debra & Eric Showe

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Sunday, August 4, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Bob Contino
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sharon D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto, Marge Contino, Judy Pishitelli & Andrea Myers
Sunday, August 11, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Gabe Bishop, John Snoad
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Marge Contino, Pat Rossetti, Pete Tamburro, Judy Pishitelli & Ed Pagnanelli

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Mon. 8/5	<b>Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group Men &amp; Women, 6:00 p.m.</b> (Marrapese Hall)
Tues. 8/6	<b>Piave Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.</b> (Marrapese Hall)
Wed. 8/7	<b>San Giovanni Dancers Emergency Practice, 6:30 p.m.</b> (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 **August** are:

<b>August 4</b>	<b>Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo</b>
<b>August 11</b>	<b>Vincent Davis</b>
<b>August 18</b>	<b>Margaret Contino, OFS</b>
<b>August 25</b>	<b>Norma Jean Finissi</b>

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

**2019 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings**

**August 4 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21**

**August 5 – Weekday**

**The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**

**Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21**

**August 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36**

**August 7 – Weekday**

**Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest**

**Nm 13:1-2, 25-14.; 26-29a, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28**

**August 8 – Saint Dominic, Priest**

**Nm 20:1-13 Mt 16:13-23**

**August 9 – Weekday**

**Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr**

**Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28**

**August 10 – Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**

**2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26**

**August 11 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/**

**Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40**

\*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.**

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**

July 28, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 53

In Envelopes: \$1,894.00 Loose Money \$339.00

Holy Day	\$	10.00
Total Collection	\$	2,243.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$	(134.58)
	\$	2,108.42

Votive	\$	25.00
Church of America	\$	10.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$	10.00
Capital Improvements	\$	10.00
Total	\$	55.00

**SJB Collection Counters**  
**for Monday, August 5, 2019**

Nick Perschetti & Gus Gastaldo

**SJB Collection Counters**  
**for Monday, August 12, 2019**

Darlene Rauch & Maruja Paule

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

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

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference (\$)</u>	<u>(%)</u>
<b>This Week:</b>	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,243.00	(\$642.00)	-22%
<b>FYTD:</b>	\$11,540.00	\$11,387.00	(\$153.00)	-1%

**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 28th 2019, 41 families** have pledged and we have received **\$15,950.00** 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 August is dedicated to **The Immaculate Heart of Mary**. 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. It is used in the offices and **Masses of Ordinary Time**. The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven.

**The Holy Father's Intention for August 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 families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."***

**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**.

**What Are the Rules of Fasting Before Communion and Why Is It Done?:** The **Eucharistic** fast is intended to focus our minds on the solemnity of what we are doing in receiving **Communion**. Originally, the fast was from midnight before receiving **Communion**, later that was reduced to **three** hours for food, and now it is one hour from food and liquids other than water and medicine. This applies to everyone who is of age to receive Communion. In case of severe hardship or very advanced age or illness, even the one hour can be dispensed.

**Catholic Social Services; Breakfast with the Bishop:** Join **Bishop Brennan** on **Friday, September 6, 2019, from 7:00-9:00 a.m. at the Renaissance Columbus**. Featured speaker is Sister **Norma Pimentel, M.J.**, one of **Fortune's 50 World's Greatest Leaders**. **Catholic Social Services** helps poor and vulnerable seniors and families reach their potential. Catholic Social Services envisions a world in which all who are in need are able to meet their potential to live with dignity, hope, and purpose. There are numerous opportunities for you to help in this mission! Registration is now open. For registration and sponsorship information, visit [www. www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

**What is the purpose of the cover the priest has over the Chalice during the Eucharistic Prayer?** The "cover" is called the **Pall**. It has been used for centuries. The purpose for it was to prevent dust or other foreign objects from falling in the **Chalice**. Until after the reforms following the **Second Vatican Council**, it was a liturgical requirement that the **Pall** be kept on the **Chalice** except during the **Consecration and Communion**. That requirement was abolished. So, it is now a practical decision for the priest to make. Some priests like to adopt the older practice.

**The Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady: The Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio,** invites you to come and pray during the **Novena of Our Lady, August 6-14 at 8:00 p.m. (Sunday, 2:30 p.m.)**. **Fr. Steven McMichael** will be the **Novena** preacher. Join us on this journey of faith, hope and healing. For more information, call **419-396-7107** or look us up at [www. www.olcshrine.com](http://www.olcshrine.com).

"The cross does not speak to us about defeat and failure; paradoxically, it speaks to us about a death which is life."

~ **Pope Francis**



But **God** said to him, "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?" Thus, will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to **God**.

**Luke 12:20-21**

**Prayer**

*Lord, grant me tenacious winsome courage as I go through this day. When I am tempted to give up, help me to keep going. Grant me a cheerful spirit when things don't go my way. And give me courage to do whatever needs to be done.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen.*

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline." ~ 2 Timothy 1:7

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