

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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Parish Administrator

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Weekend Assistants

*(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.

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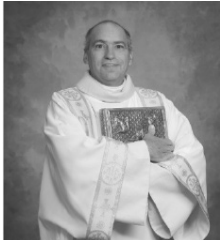
Arrangements should be made at least six or more months in
advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

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.



From the Deacon's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,

Today, we are going to have a special collection to help **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** aid the people in the **Bahamas** that have been devastated by **Hurricane Dorian**. Watching the news and looking at the destruction of lives, families and homes

is heartbreaking. A deacon is called to preside over the charity of the **Church**, so I am pleading with all of you to do what you can to help these people. If you cannot give of your treasure today, you can always send it to the parish through the week and we will make sure the money gets into the right hands at the **Catholic Diocesan Office of Social Concerns**.

In this weekend's **Gospel** reading, **Jesus** tells **three** stories to the **Pharisees** – and to us – so that they – and we – might better understand **God's** forgiveness.

The **first** is a shortened version of the parable of the lost sheep. A shepherd with one hundred sheep loses one and searches and searches until it is found. So, too, **God** searches for the lost sheep and rejoices in the sinner who returns to the fold.

The **second** parable is about a woman who searches by lamplight for a lost coin. Though we may feel insignificant – like a single lost coin – **God**, like the woman, celebrates when we are found.

The **third** story is the famous parable of the **Prodigal Son**. The prodigal asks for forgiveness and is forgiven. When his brother, the other son, is stunned and appalled, the father invites him to the celebration and asks that all be forgiven.

All the readings this weekend asks us to recognize our sins, give them up, and return to **God**. There we will find forgiveness and joy. No matter where we go or how we are lost, we can always come home.

Have a good week!

Good Saint John the Baptist, pray for us!

Sincerely in Christ,

Deacon Frank

Administrator

MASSSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 9/15	9:30 a.m.	Lorenzo & Francesca Gastaldo by Adolfo & Roberta Gastaldo
		Ralph Bernard II by Antonio, Sharon D'Alberto & Family
Sun. 9/22	9:30 a.m.	Viola DelGreco by Joe & Dina Milano
Mon. 9/23	5:30 p.m.	Norma Jean & Bill Finissi, Sr. Anniversary & Virginia Finissi by Norma Jean & Bill Finissi, Sr.

**Celebrant for Sunday Mass,
September 22, Msgr. Cody**

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Margaret Moro
by Chris Soteriades
Blessed Sacrament: Danny Ristucci
by Florence & Egeo Frissora

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, September 15, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Bob Contino, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers	Margaret Panico-Harn, Anne Marie Pastore, Margi Baker, Marge Contino, Ed Pagnanelli
Sunday, September 22, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop, Jon Snoad
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pete Tamburro, Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli & Pat Rossetti

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon. 9/16	Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group Men & Women, 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)
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****If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D'Alberto, who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village.**

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 **September** are:


September 15 Gary Bosco
September 22 Norma Jean Finissi
September 29 Adolfo "Gus" Gastaldo

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

2019 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

September 15 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-27/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
September 16 – Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 2:1-18/Lk 7:1-10
September 17 – Weekday
Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
September 18 – Weekday
1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 6:31-35
September 19 – Weekday
Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
September 20 – Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
September 21 – The Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
September 22 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

***Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life.**



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

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, September 16, 2019

Rose Ann Graf & Maruja Paule

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, September 23, 2019

Darlene Rauch & Louise Masdea

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN
September 8, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 60

In Envelopes: \$3,089.00 Loose Money \$258.00

Total	\$ 3,347.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (200.82)
	\$ 3,146.18
Votive	\$ 36.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 45.00
50/50	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 91.00

??\$? 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	\$ 3,347.00	\$ 462.00	16%
FYTD:	\$28,850.00	\$27,803.00	(\$1,047.00)	-4%

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.**

Italian Festival News
Festival dates – October 11, 12, 13
Taste of Italy – Monday, October 7, 2019

Taste of Italy
Monday, October 7, 2019
Cost Per Ticket: \$35.00 before September 30th
\$40.00 after September 30th
Margaret Panico-Harn & Carol Ristucci
will be selling tickets after Mass.
Tickets also available in Parish Office.

Pizzelle and Biscotti Cookie Bakers!: Time to bake for the Festival. All cookie makers are to bake them at home and let **Marge Contino** know the total made. Deliver cookies to back kitchen area in **Sala Hall**. Sign-up sheet and total number made. There are cookie containers available in **Sala Hall** on the **back table** if needed. If you have any questions, please contact **Marge Contino** at 614-833-0371 or **Carol Ristucci** at 614-271-1007.

Time to Volunteer for the **Columbus Italian Festival**. Please contact **Carol Ristucci** at 614-271-1007 or email cristucci06@yahoo.com.

Counters needed for St. John. Please contact the office for more information at 614-294-5319.

AROUND US

Holy Father's Intention for September 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 politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.**

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **September** is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial the Church celebrates on **September 15**. **September** falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green.

Bimonthly Mass and Healing Service on September 16, 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral: Following the **Mass of the Day**, a **Healing Service** will begin with **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** and **Veneration of relics of the True Cross**. Each person will then have an opportunity to speak individually with one of several priests and receive a prayer of healing. The **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** will also be available for **Catholics** who are seriously ill. The **Healing Service** will conclude with **Benediction**. All persons who seek **Christ's** healing are invited, especially those who suffer with addictions, mental health issues, physical illness and infirmities in addition to those who seek emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are invited as well.

October is Respect Life Month: During **October**, parishes around the diocese engage in prayer, education, pastoral outreach, and advocacy as they implement the U.S. conference of **Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities**. **Respect Life Month** is a great opportunity to promote the **USCCB's Respect Life Program**.

"What is **God's** love? It is not something vague, some generic feeling. **God's** love has a name and a face: **Jesus Christ, Jesus**. Love for **God** is made manifest in **Jesus**."
~ Pope Francis



"There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
Luke 15:10

Prayer

Dear God,
Thank You that You see us right where we are, in the midst of our pain and struggle, in the middle of our desert land. Thank You that You have not forgotten us and never will. Forgive us for not trusting You, for doubting Your goodness, or not believing You're really there. We choose to set our eyes on You today. We choose joy and peace when the whispered lies come and say that we should have no joy or peace.

Amen.

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