

A photograph of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church building, a large, light-colored stone structure with a prominent steeple topped with a cross. The building is set against a clear blue sky. The church's name is written in large, white, serif font across the top of the image, with 'St. John' and 'Baptist' underlined. Below the main title, 'CATHOLIC CHURCH' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

St. John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*(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:

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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.

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.



From the Deacon's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,

There are **three** great biblical figures during the **Season of Advent**. First and foremost is **Mary, Our Blessed Mother**, and her great act of faith by accepting **God's** will to carry His **Son** and bring **Emmanuel – God with us – into our midst**. Next is **Joseph**, whose continued faith in the messages of the **Angels** by accepting **Mary** and protecting Jesus in His

young age by simply saying nothing but showing great trust in **God's** will. No wonder he is the patron saint of the **Universal Church**. The **third** great biblical character is our own patron saint, **John the Baptist**, who becomes the last of the great prophets and bridges the **Old Testament** with the **New**.

Advent is a time of hope, but it is also a time for the blessings for which we hope. This is where **John the Baptist** comes in. If we want to prepare ourselves, we must listen to **John**. We can't just take for granted that getting to heaven is an entitlement any more than the **Jews** could presume that they had it made just because they were **Jews**. **John** tells them in this week's gospel, "...do not presume to say to yourselves, 'we have Abraham for our father.'" **John** said **God** is looking for good fruits. Several times in **Scripture**, **Jesus** clarified what it means by "**good fruits**" by loving **God** and loving our neighbor.

The **Church** now takes up the cry of **John the Baptist** during the season of **Advent** and calls us "...to prepare the way of the **Lord**." There are lots of preparations for gatherings with family and friends, preparations for giving gifts, preparations for parties, dinners, etc. Let's not forget the most important preparation of all, to prepare your heart to receive **Our Lord and Savior** with greater **faith, hope, love** and devotion than ever this **Christmas**.

Good Saint John the Baptist pray for us!
Have a good week,
Deacon Frank

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

12/8	9:30 a.m.	Diamond Jaconetti Boggs by Anita Santilli
Sun. 12/8	9:30 a.m.	Joe Agriesti by Bill & Rosalyn DiSabato
Sun. 12/15	9:30 a.m.	Lucertina, Agriesti & West Families By the Family/Bonnie Agriesti
Sun. 12/15	9:30 a.m.	Gaetana Capoccia by Friends & Family

**Celebrant for Sunday Mass,
 December 15, Msgr. Missimi**

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
 by Carl Tisone
 Blessed Sacrament: Giovanni Leggieri & Helen Leggieri
 by Robert & Marge Contino, OFS

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 12/8	Altar Guild Breakfast After Mass (Sala or Marrapese)
Mon. 12/9	Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group Men & Women, 6:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, December 8, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Gabe Bishop, Bob Contino
Eucharistic Ministers:	Anne Marie Pastore, Antonio D'Alberto, Pat Rossetti, Judy Pishitelli, Marge Contino
Sunday, December 15, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Chrissy Ciacchi, Ed Pagnanelli
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sharon D'Alberto, Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn, Pete Tamburro & Margi Baker

2019 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

- December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent**
 Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
- December 9 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)**
 Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- December 10 – Advent Weekday**
 Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
- December 11 – Advent Weekday**
Saint Damasus I, Pope
 Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
- December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe**
 Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- December 13 – Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**
 Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
- December 14 – Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent**
 Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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

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. 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 **December** are:
December 8 Robert Contino, OFS ~ The Joyful Mysteries
December 15 Vincent Davis ~ The Joyful Mysteries
December 22 Margaret Contino, OFS ~ The Joyful Mysteries

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

Office Hours:



The Parish office hours are **Monday-Friday** from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The office will be closed for **Christmas Eve, Christmas Day** and the **day after, December 24, 25 & 26th**, and resume **December 27th**. The office will also be closed for **New Year's Eve, December 31st** and **New Year's Day, January 1st**, and resume **January 2, 2020**.

SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, December 9, 2019
 Maruja Paule & Rose Ann Graf

SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, December 16, 2019
 Louise Masdea & Darlene Rauch

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

December 1, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 47

In Envelopes:	\$ 2,042.00
Loose Money	\$ 123.00
Total	\$ 2,165.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (129.90)
	\$ 2,035.10
Votive	\$ 34.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 88.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 360.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 522.00

? ? ? ? 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>
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$2,165.00	(\$720.00)	-25%
FYTD:	\$63,470.00	\$60,107.95	(\$3,362.05)	-5%

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EVE/
 DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2019

Sacred Heart Church	Vigil	5:30 p.m.
St. John the Baptist		4:00 p.m.
St. Joseph's Cathedral	4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & Midnight Mass	
St. Patrick's Church	4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. & Midnight Mass	

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Sacred Heart Church	Day	9:00 a.m.
St. John the Baptist		NO MASS
St. Joseph's Cathedral	10:00 a.m., 5:15 p.m.	
St. Patrick's Church	7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Sacred Heart Church	Vigil	5:00 p.m.
St. Joseph's Cathedral		4:00 p.m.
St. Patrick's Church	5:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. Holy Hour & Midnight	

New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2020

St. Joseph's Cathedral	Day	10:00 a.m.
St. Patrick's Church	7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	

Waffle Breakfast: Sunday, December 8th, 2019, there will be a Waffle Breakfast, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit, orange juice and coffee, hosted by the Altar Guild from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Children under 12 are free.

Cheese Raffle and Pizza Sale: Today by Vince Militello. Cheese Raffle tickets two for \$5.00 and Whole Pizzas while they last for \$20.00.

Christmas Flowers: Christmas poinsettias are available again this year. Flowers may be requested in memory of a loved one and will be placed on the altar throughout the **Christmas Season**. An envelope for **Christmas** poinsettias is included in the **December** offertory envelopes. You may also put your donation and memorial request in a regular envelope and place it in the collection basket. **There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 per poinsettia.**

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **December** is dedicated to the **Immaculate Conception**. The first **24** days of **December** fall during the liturgical season known as **Advent** and are represented by the liturgical color purple – a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remaining days of **December** mark the beginning of the **Christmas season**. The liturgical color changes to white or gold – a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.

Holy Father's Intention for December 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 every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.**

Second Sunday of Advent: As the journey of **Advent** continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of **Christ, John the Baptist's** call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the **Son of God** who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest.

The Beauty of the Advent Wreath: The **Advent Wreath** is a long-standing **Christmas** tradition, adding beauty and light to the season. The wreath is a circle, without beginning or end, and symbolizes our participation in **God's** plan of salvation, and our hope to share eternal life in the **Kingdom of Heaven**. The traditional wreath is made from fresh, natural materials, because **Christ** came to give us new life through **His** passion, death and resurrection. There are three purple or white candles, symbolizing penance, preparation and sacrifice. The pink or rose-colored candle highlights the third **Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)**, when we rejoice because our preparation is now halfway finished. The light itself represents **Christ**. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet our **Lord**.



*I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,
 but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.
 I am not worthy to carry his sandals.
 He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
 Matthew 3:11*

Prayer

*May our thoughtful and courageous living,
 Our attention to an active, laboring love,
 Our belief in the basic good of every living being,
 Reflect your way, O God.
 To all who strive to turn from evil,
 To all who seek the truth of God,
 Be quiet wholeness, Be calm speaking,
 Be wisdom, Be strength, Be open-handedness and healing
 generosity, Be the transformation into the ways of God.
 Lord God, teach us gentle wisdom, Strengthen us for building
 peace, Accompany us on our journey, And let us say: Amen*

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