

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 overlaid on the image in large, white, 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:

Aggie Howard, Executive Assistant, ahoward@sjbitaliana.org
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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/CONFESSION:

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/INFIRMI:

**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,

A bedraggled little man once walked the streets of an **Italian** town **100 years** ago. Many of the townspeople saw his pallid face, often tearful, as he stumbled along the cobblestone streets and narrow alleys. One day a kind soul, witnessing the man's misery, came up to him, hoping to lift his sad spirits. "Hello" the kind person began. "You know what you need? I have a ticket to the circus that arrived this week. I want you to take it and go see a clown named **Grimaldi**. I don't know just how sad you are – but no matter what, **Grimaldi** puts everyone in a jolly mood. "The sad stranger replied, "Thanks. But, you see, I am **Grimaldi**."

In today's **Gospel**, we hear **John the Baptist** clarifying what he meant when he told the priests and **Levites**, "...there is one among you whom you do not recognize." Lo and behold, the very next day **Jesus** Himself walks up to the **Baptist** and his followers. **John** cries out in recognition, "**Here comes the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.**" The **Gospel** reveals **John the Baptist** bearing witness to **Jesus**, helping all around him recognize that He is the **Chosen** one of **God**, He is eternal, He is the **Messiah**. Later, **John** would sum up his own recognition of **Jesus** in these humble words, "...**He (Jesus) must increase and I must decrease.**"

The first commandment is to love **God**. Seeing "the **Lamb of God**" – as **John the Baptist** did – can take our love of **God** to a whole new level. We will receive this martyred **Lamb** when we go to communion at this weekend's **Mass** even though we declare we are not worthy to enter under his roof. Yet blessed – very blessed – are we who are called to the supper of the **Lamb**. Will you recognize him?

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

MASSSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 1/19	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Masdea by The Carfagna Family
Sun. 1/19	9:30 a.m.	Kathryn Squeo by Jeffrey Squeo
Sun. 1/26	9:30 a.m.	John Capparuccini by Jo Anna & Dennis Lyberger
Sun. 1/26	9:30 a.m.	Joe Agriesti by The Solazzo Family

**Celebrant for Sunday Mass,
January 26th, Fr. Hilary Ike**

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Jimmy Salvatore
by Chris Soteriades

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 1/19	Franciscans Meeting, 12:00-5:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)
Mon. 1/20	Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group Men & Women, 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, January 19, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Ed Pagnanelli, Bob Contino
Eucharistic Ministers:	Marge Contino, Andrea Myers, Pat Rossetti, Sharon D'Alberto, Margi Baker
Sunday, January 26, 2020, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Krissy Ciacchi, Gabe Bishop
Eucharistic Ministers:	Antonio D'Alberto, Pete Tamburro, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli, AnneMarie Pastore

2020 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

January 19 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

January 20 – Weekday

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 21 – Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

January 22 –

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

January 23 – Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin USA:

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

January 24 – Saint Francis de Sales,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

January 25 – Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

January 26 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3/Mt 4:12-23

**Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and 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 **January** and **February** are:

January 19 Norma Jean Finissi ~ The Joyful Mysteries
January 26 Robert Contino, OFS ~ The Joyful Mysteries
February 2 Gary Bosco ~ The Joyful Mysteries



Office Hours:

The Parish office will be closed **Monday, January 20, 2020, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** and resume on **Tuesday**. Hours of operation are **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Maruja Paule & Louise Masdea

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 27, 2020

Nick Perschetti & Kenneth Lucchin

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

January 12, 2020

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 53

In Envelopes:	\$ 2,237.00
Loose Money:	\$ 135.25
Holy Day:	\$ 50.00
Total:	\$ 2,422.25
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (145.34)
	\$ 2,276.91
Votive:	\$ 21.00
Propagation of the Faith:	\$ 5.00
St. Anthony Bread:	\$ 10.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 56.00

?? ? 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	\$ 2,422.25	(\$462.75)	-16%
FYTD:	\$80,780.00	\$80,227.20	(\$552.80)	-1%

50/50 Winner: Congratulations to **Carol Ristucci** winner of December 2019, 50/50 drawing.

Thank You!

A big "Thank-You" to all who stayed after Mass last Sunday and helped take down the Christmas decorations. The two hour and 20-minute task were accomplished with cooperation, purpose and efficiency. It takes a village and you stepped up! God Bless all of you. Ed Pagnanelli

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **January** is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**. The first twelve days of **January** fall during the liturgical season known as **Christmas**, which is represented by the liturgical color white. The remaining days of **January** are the beginning of **Ordinary Time**.

Holy Father's Intention for January 2020: You are invited to answer the **Holy Father's** request and join with people worldwide in praying for the following intention: *We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.*

Respect Life Mass: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: The annual Respect Life Mass will be **Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 10:30 a.m.** at St. Joseph Cathedral. On this day of the anniversary of the **U.S. Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade**, our diocese will join all dioceses of the **United States** in observing a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. All are invited. For more information contact the diocesan **Office for Social Concerns** at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2540.

January is Poverty Awareness Month: For resources about what Catholics can do to address poverty in the United States, visit USCCB's Poverty USA website at www.povertyusa.org.

Catholic Men of God 2020 Conference: Building Virtue is **February 22, 2020** at the **Columbus Expo Center, Kasich Hall, Saturday, from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**; Adoration, **6:00 a.m.** and Registration is **7:00 a.m.**. The **Conference** will feature **Bishop Robert Brennan, Jason Evert and Luke Fickell**. Register Online Now! CatholicMensMinistry.com.

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Columbus Catholic Women's Conference
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 + Ask your parish about getting a bus.
 + Talk to your pastor to learn the name of your women's conference parish representative.
 + Invite someone to attend with you!

Trinity Catholic School Open House: For those interested in a **Catholic** education, please join us at **Trinity Catholic Elementary School (1440 Grandview Avenue)** for an **Open House** on **Thursday, January 30, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** There will be a special kindergarten presentation starting at **7:00 p.m.** Applications for the **2020-2021** school year for students entering grades **K-8** are now being accepted. **EdChoice Scholarships** may be available based on your home school and/or income. Please contact **Kimber Moehrman** for additional information. (kmoehrma@cducation.org or 614-488-7650)

Bethesda Healing Ministry-Post Abortion Healing: Do you feel that your life or emotions are out of control? Do you have feelings of depression, frustration and sadness? These feelings are not uncommon to those who have been wounded by an abortion experience. If you or someone you know are having these feelings, please call **Bethesda Healing Ministry** to speak to someone who has been there and can help. Confidential phone number 614-309-0157 or visit our website at www.bethesdahealing.org.



John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."
 John 1:29

Prayer to St. John the Baptist

*O God,
 You raised up **St. John the Baptist** to prepare a perfect people for **Christ**.
 Fill **Your** people with the joy of possessing **His** grace,
 and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation.
 Grant that as **St. John** was martyred for truth and justice,
 So we may energetically profess our **Faith in You**,
 And lead others to the **Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life**.
Amen.*

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