

A photograph of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church building, featuring a prominent steeple with a cross on top. The building is made of light-colored stone or brick with arched windows. The sky is clear and blue.

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
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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,

I love the rich symbolism of the **Christmas crèche** that adorns our beautiful church here at **Saint John the Baptist**. I understand that it was donated over the years by parishioners and has a wonderful tradition which has been a part of this church for many, many years. With today's feast, once again our **crèche** is complete with all the characters now in place. As many of you know, **Christmas** is not simply one day but rather a season that we celebrate for almost **three** weeks.

The feast of the **Epiphany of the Lord** is a key part of the **Christmas** season and has much to teach us. One of the lessons of **Epiphany** (a word that means "showing") is that **God** does not discriminate among people. **Jesus** became present in our midst not only for the chosen people in biblical times but also for all humanity - for all our blessed earth. The gospel message challenges us to examine how we think, and to see the world and the **Church** as **God** does. In the gospel heard today, **King Herod** represents fear. The **three kings** represent **faith, truth, and life**. Grace and peace always win out for over fear.

Let the image of the **three kings** lead you through the remaining part of this **Christmas** season and into the new year with peace, healing, and goodness.

Happy New Year!
Deacon Frank

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 1/5	9:30 a.m.	Giovanni and Antonia Capoccia by Maria Capoccia & family
Sun. 1/5	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Quaranto by Linda McCreary
Sun. 1/12	9:30 a.m.	Rosemary Guiloni by Lucian A. Susi
Sun. 1/12	9:30 a.m.	Joe Agriesti by Rosemary Colak

**Celebrant for Sunday Mass,
January 12th, Msgr. Cody**

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Virginia & Dominick Finissi
by Norma Jean & Bill Finissi, Sr.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, January 5, 2020, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pat Rossetti, Ed Pagnanelli, Sharon D'Alberto, Marge Contino, Andrea Myers
Sunday, January 12, 2020, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	John Snoad, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Judy Pishitelli, Pete Tamburro, AnneMarie Pastore, Margaret Panico-Harn, Antonio D'Alberto

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 1/5	LeBafanna Celebration after Mass (Marrapese Hall)
Tues. 1/7	Piave Club Meeting (Marrapese Hall) 7:00 p.m.

2020 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

January 5 – Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

January 6 – Christmas Weekday
Saint Andre Bessette, Religious
1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

January 7 – Christmas Weekday
Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest
1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

January 8 – Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

January 9 – Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19- 5:4/Lk 4:14-22

January 10 – Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-6

January 11 – Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-2/Jn 3:22-30

January 12 – Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-3/Mt 3:13-17

**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.*

Requiescat: Please remember in your prayers **Michael Leggieri** whom passed away **December 18th**. He was the brother of **Raffaella "Rachel" Leggieri** and **Margaret Contino**. **May he rest in peace!**

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** are:

January 5 Carl Tisone ~ The Joyful Mysteries
January 12 Vincent Davis ~ The Joyful Mysteries



Office Hours:

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

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, January 6, 2020

Linda McCreary & Paula Pesce

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, January 13, 2020

Darlene Rauch & Louise Masdea

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

The LaBefanna Celebration is today, **January 5, 2020**; sponsored by the **Le Donne** members after **Mass** in **Marrapese Hall**. Please bring children, grandchildren and enjoy this beautiful tradition.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

December 22, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 60

In Envelopes:	\$ 2,289.00
Loose Money	\$ 141.00
Holy Day	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 2,460.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (147.60)
	\$ 2,312.40
Votive	\$ 51.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 50.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 131.00

?? ? 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	\$ 2,460.00	(\$425.00)	-15%
FYTD:	\$72,125.00	\$69,380.95	(\$2,744.05)	- 4%

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

December 29, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 33

In Envelopes:	\$ 2,080.00
Loose Money	\$ 1923.00
Christmas	\$ 1,657.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 5,685.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (341.10)
	\$ 5,343.90
Votive	\$ 48.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 230.00
Diocesan Charities	\$ 55.00
Total	\$ 333.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This WEEK:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 5,685.00	\$2,800.00	97%
FYTD:	\$75,010.00	\$75,065.95	\$ 55.95	0%

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**.

Epiphany of the Lord: Today the **Church** celebrates the **Solemnity of the Epiphany**. "The **Lord** and ruler are coming; kingship is His, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of **Advent**. **Epiphany**, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the **Advent Christmas Season**. Three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the **Christ Child by the Magi**, the **Baptism of Christ** and the wedding feast at **Cana**.

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.

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.**

2020 Engaged Encounter Schedule

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a marriage preparation program that provides an opportunity for engaged couples to take a weekend away to concentrate, without distraction, exclusively on their relationship and important topics for their future married life. The emphasis of the weekend is the engaged couple's personal reflection with each other on the subjects presented by married couples. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes **Sunday** afternoon with mass. Meals and lodging are included in the cost of registration, which can be reduced by recommendation of the clergy member preparing the couple for marriage. Dates: **January 10-12, February 21-23, March 27-29, June 12-14 and October 23-25. Cost: \$225.00.** All weekends are hosted at **St. Therese's Retreat Center** in **Columbus**. **Register Online: www.engaged.org.**

**2020 Diocesan Pre-Cana Schedule
Joy-Filled Marriage Program**

January 11, 2020: St. Elizabeth, Columbus
February 8, 2020: St. Elizabeth, Columbus*
February 29, 2020: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City
March 28, 2020: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City
April 25, 2020: St. Elizabeth, Columbus
May 30, 2020: St. Patrick, Columbus
June 20, 2020: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City*
July 18, 2020: St. Elizabeth, Columbus
September 12, 2020: Immaculate Conception, Columbus
October 24, 2020: St. Agatha, Upper Arlington
November 21, 2020: St. Elizabeth, Columbus*
Cost: \$175.00

***A Remarriage Preparation session is offered as an optional workshop from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on these dates.**

The diocesan Pre-Cana program seeks to present the fullness of God's plan for love in the Sacrament of Marriage, helping couples to understand the commitments they make in their exchange of vows. Learning how to live out these vows is a lifelong process, but couples will have time at Pre-Cana to begin charting a path toward a joy-filled marriage together. Also included in the day is the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession and an introduction to Natural Family Planning. If cost is a barrier, **contact the Office of Marriage and Family for a reduced rate. Register Online: www.columbuscatholic.org/precana.**



Prayer

*O God, our Creator,
 all life is in Your hands from conception until death.
 Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality.*

Amen

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