

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:

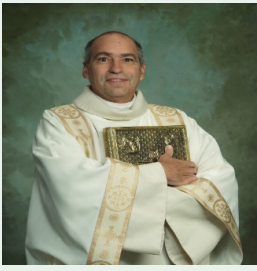
Preparation is required for the reception of the sacrament.
Parents are encouraged to call the Rectory and
set up an appointment before the birth of their child.

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,

Today, **February 2nd**, the Church takes a break from **Ordinary Time** and celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**. Believe it or not, it has been **40 days** after **Christmas**. In some traditions today marks the end of **Christmastide**:

indeed, the continental custom of leaving up the manger scene in the church – or home – until this feast day is becoming more widespread. In fact, as **Chaplain at Bishop Watterson High School**, I always wait until this feast to take down the **Christmas** crib that is displayed outside the chapel.

At one time, this feast was called **Candlemas Day**. Long before the invention of electricity, the church would provide blessed candles for the people to use throughout the year to help light their homes. As you will hear in our readings, the theme of light has always been at the heart of today's feast, which is why from time immemorial **Christians** have celebrated this day by coming to church to receive the candles. It is also interesting that **February 3rd** is the **Feast of Saint Blaise**. Tradition had it that **Blaise**, a **Bishop and Martyr**, cured a young boy who was choking. Over the years, the tradition spread where people would come to church the day after **Candlemas Day** to have their throats blessed. Since there were leftover candles from the day before, a bishop, priest or deacon would conveniently pick up two candles and, in the form of a cross, tie it with a red ribbon (the color of a martyr) and place the candles near a person's neck and offer a blessing.

At our Baptism either we or our parents and godparents are entrusted with a candle and the hope that we would: "...keep the flame of faith alive...". What better way for us to celebrate this feast than by reflecting on the fact that Jesus not only declared Himself to be the light of the world but reminded us, His followers, that we too are to be the light of the world? This does not require anything dramatic. It will be sufficient if you and I can, like **Simeon** and **Anna** in today's **Gospel**, be attentive to the promptings of the **Holy Spirit**, recognizing the signs of **God's** abiding presence and gently pointing these signs out to others.

Saint John the Baptist and Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, pray for us!

Have a good week,
Deacon Frank

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 2/2	9:30 a.m.	Rina Tiberi by Joe Tiberi
Sun. 2/2	9:30 a.m.	Don Gentile by Isabella Fuell
Sun. 2/9	9:30 a.m.	Sean McCreary by Lynn Mara
Sun. 2/9	9:30 a.m.	Gerarado Cugini by Giuseppina (Pina Cugini)

**Celebrant for Sunday Mass,
February 9, Fr. Klingler**



Office Hours:

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

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, February 2, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

Lectors:	Landa Brunetto, John Snoad
Eucharistic Ministers:	AnnMarie Pastore, Pat Rossetti, Sharon D'Alberto, Marge Contino, Ed Pagnanelli

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

Lectors:	Davide Cugini, Krissy Ciacchi
Eucharistic Ministers:	Ed Pagnanelli, Antonio D'Alberto, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli, Pete Tamburro

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon. 2/3	Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group Men & Women, 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)
Tues. 2/4	Piave Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)

2020 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

February 3 – Weekday (Fourth Week in Ordinary Time)

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

February 4 – Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30–19:3/Mk 35:21-43

February 5 – Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

February 6 – Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

February 7 – Weekday

Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

February 8 – Weekday

Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM

1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34

February 9 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

**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 **February** are:

- February 2** Gary Bosco ~ The Joyful Mysteries
- February 9** Robert Contino, OFS ~ The Joyful Mysteries
- February 16** Margaret Contino, OFS ~ The Joyful Mysteries
- February 23** Vincent Davis ~ The Joyful Mysteries

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

January 26, 2020

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 49

In Envelopes:	\$ 1,817.00
Loose Money:	\$ 589.00
Total:	\$ 2,406.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (144.36)
	\$ 2,261.64
Votive:	\$ 44.00
Propagation of the Faith:	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvements:	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 104.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference(\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,406.00	(\$ 479.00)	-17%
FYTD:	\$86,550.00	\$84,896.20	(\$1,653.80)	-2%

**SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, February 3, 2020**

Maruja Paule & Darlene Rauch

**SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, February 10, 2020**

Ed Pagnanelli & Nick Perschetti

Renovation in Sala Hall

Starting February 9th, 2020, Sala Hall will be closed for renovation of the bathrooms. Coffee and donuts after Mass and meetings will be held in Marrapese Hall. All ENTRY to Sala Hall will be closed until further notice.

Year-end statements were mailed out this past week.

Abruzzi Club Carnevale: Lasagna Dinner, Friday, February 21, 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13.00. Contact Pat Rossetti at 614-329-3900.

Abruzzi Club Banquet: Saturday, February 29, at Villa Milano. Music by Ray Massa's Eurorythms. Tickets are \$45.00. Contact Scott Humphrey at 614-562-3652.

Catholic Times: This week, our parish collection begins for the **Catholic Times** weekly newspaper. Donation envelopes for this collection are included in your **February** packet. For a minimum donation of **ONLY \$17.00** per year (less than **39¢** per issue), readers receive a **Catholic** perspective on the world around us. Use your envelope to sign up for the **Catholic Times**, the newspaper of our diocese, or to renew your subscription. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "**Catholic Times**" with your Name and drop it into the **Sunday** collection basket during **February**. Thank you for your support!

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed to pick up **Panera** bread on **Saturday** night **8:30 p.m.** and bring it to church before **Mass Sunday** morning. You are only doing it once every **6 to 8 weeks**. Without volunteers we cannot continue with the **Panera bread and pastries**. Volunteers get first dibs on bread and pastries" Please contact **Greta** at **614-888-0619**. Thank you!

St. Charles Preparatory School and **St. John the Baptist** parishioners congratulates **Nicholas D'Alberto**, who made the **Honor Roll** for his outstanding academic achievement of a **4.0+GPA!**

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **February** is dedicated to the **Holy Family**. This year the first 25 days of **February** fall during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. The remaining days of **February** are the beginning of **Lent**. The liturgical color changes to purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

Holy Father's Intention for February 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 the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.**

Catholic Men of God 2020 Conference: Building Virture is **February 22, 2020** at the **Columbus Expo Center, Kasich Hall, Saturday from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**; Adoration at **6:00 a.m.** and Registration is at **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!



Prayer

*Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor You with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

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