

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 text is overlaid on the image.

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:

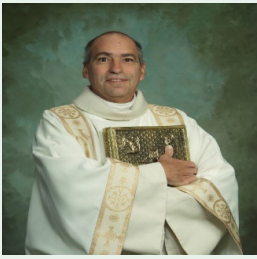
Preparation is required for the reception of the sacrament.
Parents are encouraged to call the Rectory and
set up an appointment before the birth of their child.

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,

On **Monday**, our country will celebrate **Presidents' Day**. Some of you may remember years ago a columnist interviewed former **President Jimmy Carter** during a book tour. At the time, a political candidate was under fire for

her unfortunate comments taken from scripture on sexuality. For the columnist it brought back memories of **Mr. Carter's** notorious confession in a magazine interview in **1976**. "While he had always been faithful to his wife, **Rosalyn**," the columnist wrote that **Mr. Carter** acknowledged that he had committed adultery "in his heart," a frank and humble admission with this **Sunday's** gospel in mind.

Mr. Carter might have been naive in answering the interviewer's question so honestly using terms of his own **Christian** faith. His candor about sinning in his heart earned a flurry of late-night television jokes on the one hand and the disdain of the sanctimonious on the other. "I dropped **15 percentage points**," **Mr. Carter** said, "and I almost lost the election." **Pointing to President Carter's** continuing frankness even today, the columnist remarked, "It's not easy being **Jimmy**."

But then it's not easy for anyone to be a **Christian**, and it shouldn't be. **Jesus'** words, as we continue to read in **Matthew's** gospel from the **Sermon on the Mount**, about the gravity of anger and adultery are meant to take us more deeply into our own hearts to examine not only how well we keep rules and laws but to be sure that we understand that merely "looking good" to others is not the same as being good or doing good – and it is the latter that matters to **God**.

As we hear today's readings and reflect on our country's elected leadership – not just of our present **President** but **ALL** our government representatives – may we continue to pray for them to represent us with **INTEGRITY, CHARACTER** and **COURAGE** to do the right thing by being good and faithful servants to **God** and to those they are elected to serve.

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 2/16	9:30 a.m.	Frank DiCesare by Sam & Linda McCreary
Sun. 2/16	9:30 a.m.	Cecilia Carfagna by Joseph and Judy Pishitelli
Sun. 2/23	9:30 a.m.	David M. Spellacy by a Grateful Nation
Sun. 2/23	9:30 a.m.	Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone

*Celebrant for Sunday Mass,
February 23, Fr. Cotton*

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Joe Agriesti
by Andrea & Roger Myers

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, February 16, 2019, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Antonio D'Alberto, Nick D'Alberto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pat Rossetti, Sharon D'Alberto, Albert Iosue, AnnMarie Pastore, Margi Baker
Sunday, February 23, 2020, 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Ed Pagnanelli, Gabe Bishop
Eucharistic Ministers:	Albert Iosue, Pete Tamburro, Marge Contino, Judy Pishitelli, Margaret Panico-Harn

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 2/16	Secular Franciscan Meeting (Marrapese Hall) 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Mon. 2/17	Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group, Men & Women (No Meeting for President's Day) Next Meeting will be February 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (Library)

2020 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

February 16 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

February 17 – Weekday
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

February 18 – Weekday
Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

February 19 – Weekday
Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26

February 20 – Weekday
Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33

February 21 –
Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34-9:1

February 22 – The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4/Mk 16:13-19

February 23 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

**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 **February** and **March** are:

February 16 Margaret Contino, OFS ~ The Joyful Mysteries
February 23 Vincent Davis ~ The Joyful Mysteries
March 1 Carl Tisone ~ The Sorrowful Mysteries
March 8 Robert Contino, OFS ~ The Sorrowful Mysteries



Office Hours:

The Parish office will be closed **Presidents' Day, Monday, February 17th** and will resume on **Tuesday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

February 09, 2020

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 48

In Envelopes:	\$ 2,484.00
Loose Money:	\$ 288.00
Total:	\$ 2,772.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (166.32)
	\$ 2,605.68
Votive:	\$ 29.00
Catholic Times:	\$ 153.00
St. Anthony Bread:	\$ 25.00
50/50 Drawing:	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 227.00

\$? \$? 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	\$ 2,772.00	(\$ 113.00)	-4%
FYTD:	\$92,320.00	\$90,193.20	(\$2,126.80)	-2%

SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Louise Masdea and Darlene Rauch

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, February 24, 2020

Maruja Paule and Paula Pesce

50/50 Winner: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Contino, whom won the 50/50 for the month of January.

Ash Wednesday Services at Neighboring Parishes

	Day	Evening
St. John the Baptist Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes There will be NO MASS at St. John	1:00 p.m.	
Sacred Heart Church	10:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
St. Patrick Church	7:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	6:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	7:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	12:05 p.m. 5:15 p.m.
St. Mary German Village	8:30 a.m.	6:30 p.m.

Renovation in Sala Hall

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.

Catholic Times: IT'S NOT TOO LATE to sign up for *The Catholic Times*. For a minimum donation of only \$17.00 (less than 39 cents per issue), Catholic news from the diocese will be delivered right to your mailbox. Use the envelope provided in your February packet, or simply write your name and "Catholic Times" on a plain envelope, make your check payable to the parish, and drop it into the collection basket. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Brennan encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Times*. You need the *The Catholic Times* to keep up on all the news throughout the diocese and the Catholic world.

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 Eurorhythms. Tickets are \$45.00. Contact Scott Humphrey at 614-562-3652.

St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church announces the 2020 Father Casto Marrapese Scholarship Program. If you are a high school senior student of Italian descent, attending a Central Ohio High School, and accepted to an accredited two or four-year College or University in the U.S. for the 2020-2021 academic years, you are encouraged to apply for this scholarship opportunity. Application information has been sent to Central Ohio High School guidance counseling offices. Application information has been posted on Saint John's website www.info@sjbitaliana.com. All application materials (application form, activity listing, personal recommendation letter, school recommendation and transcript, and personal essay) must be received at St. John no later than 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 6, 2020. For information, call St. John the Baptist Catholic Italian Church at 614-294-5319.

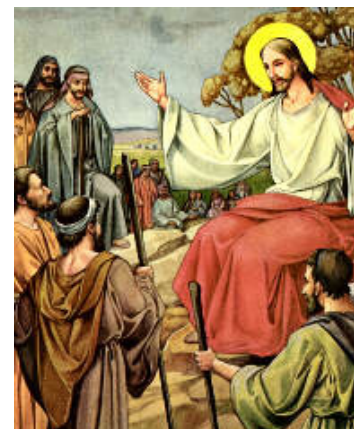
St. Joseph's Breakfast: Sunday, March 15th, in Marrapese Hall after Mass. See Margaret Panico-Harn for \$10.00 Tickets. Children 7 and under are free. Before Mass please bring a dessert item to the St. Joseph table in Marrapese Hall to be shared after breakfast.

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.*

Spring Clean Up: St. Joseph, Resurrection, Holy Cross and Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemeteries will begin removing wintertime decorations beginning March 2nd, weather permitting. Families are advised to remove any personal keepsakes they wish to retain as soon as possible.



"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'"
Matthew 5:37

Prayer

O God, who teach us that You abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by Your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to You. 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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