

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 woman was shopping for a new dress and found the most stunning creation she had ever seen. But it was very expensive: **\$750.00**. She knew she couldn't afford it, but she had to at least see how she looked in it. So, she tried it on, and she looked beautiful. She knew someone else would see it and buy

it before she could save up for it and she knew she had to have it, so she bought it. That evening as she showed her husband how beautiful it was and how stunning she looked with it on. He asked the inevitable question: "how much did it cost?" When she told him, he had a fit. She explained the temptation was more than she could resist. He told her that when she is tempted, she needs to tell the devil: "get behind me, **Satan!**" She pleaded, "that's what I did, and the devil told me it looks fantastic from the back too."

Temptations always attract us to something that looks good, even though it will not be good for us in the long run – that is the nature of temptation. And we are all tempted, even **Jesus** who was perfect, for He was also human like us in every way except sin.

The familiar story of **Jesus'** temptation in the desert is always put before us on this first **Sunday** of **Lent** to encourage us to follow **Jesus'** example, to set aside time for prayer and self-sacrifice so we can have the strength to overpower the temptations that come to all of us. In all **three** of our readings this weekend, we are told that evil finds its source in our decision to give in to temptation, in our attempt to make our own rules, and to use our free will to say "no" to **God**. As we begin this season of **Lent** may we look to **Jesus**, who has come to save us from evil and has shown us how to resist temptation.

Saint John the Baptist pray for us!  
Happy Lent!  
Deacon Frank

### MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

|             |           |   |
|-------------|-----------|---|
| Sun.<br>3/1 | 9:30 a.m. | Edward & Cecilia Carfagna<br>by Friends & Relatives |
| Sun.<br>3/1 | 9:30 a.m. | Fr. Romano Ciotola<br>by Grazia Luca                |
| Sun.<br>3/8 | 9:30 a.m. | Joe Agriesti<br>by Sam & Linda McCreary             |
| Sun.<br>3/8 | 9:30 a.m. | Rina Tiberi<br>by Joe Frissora                      |

**Celebrant for Sunday Mass, March 8, Fr. Klinger**

### Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Tony Solazzo

by Rose Tavella

Blessed Sacrament: Virginia and Dominick Finissi

by Norma Jean and Bill Finissi, Sr.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b>                 | <b>March 1, 2020, 9:30 a.m.</b>   |
| <b>Lectors:</b>               | John Snoad, Davide Cugini   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> | Marge Contino, Pat Rossetti, AnnMarie Pastore, Sharon, D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto |
| <b>Sunday</b>                 | <b>March 8, 2020, 9:30 a.m.</b>   |
| <b>Lectors:</b>               | Krissy Ciacchi, Gabe Bishop   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> | Judy Pishitelli, Pete Tamburro, Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn, Albert Iosue    |

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>Mon.<br/>3/2</b>  | <b>Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group Men &amp; Women (Marrapese Hall) 6:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>Tues.<br/>3/3</b> | <b>Piave Club Meeting (Marrapese Hall) 7:00 p.m.</b>   |

### 2020 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

**March 1 – First Sunday of Lent**

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11

**March 2 – Lenten Weekday**

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46

**March 3 – Lenten Weekday**

Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Is 55:10-11

**March 4 – Lenten Weekday**

Saint Casimir

Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32

**March 5 – Lenten Weekday**

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12

**March 6 – Lenten Weekday**

Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26

**March 7 – Lenten Weekday**

Saints Perpetua and felicity, Martyrs

Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

**March 8 – Second Sunday of Lent**

Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

*\*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:

Mar. 1 Carl Tisone ~ The Sorrowful Mysteries  
Mar. 8 Robert Contino OFS ~ The Sorrowful Mysteries  
Mar. 15 Vincent Davis ~ The Sorrowful Mysteries  
Mar. 22 Margaret Contino OFS ~The Sorrowful Mysteries



### Office Hours:

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

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**

February 23, 2020

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 43

|                                      |    |           |
|--------------------------------------|----|-----------|
| In Envelopes: \$1,805.00 Loose Money | \$ | 381.25    |
| Total                                | \$ | 2,186.25  |
| Less Diocesan 6% Assessment          | \$ | -(131.18) |
|                                      | \$ | 2,055.07  |
|                                      |    |           |
| Votive                               | \$ | 27.00     |
| Catholic Times                       | \$ | 17.00     |
| JOIN (Ash Wed)                       | \$ | 5.00      |
| Catholic Improvements                | \$ | 10.00     |
| 50/50 Drawing                        | \$ | 10.00     |
| Total                                | \$ | 69.00     |

**\$ ? \$ ? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? \$ ? \$ ?**

**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (07/01/19-06/30/20)**

|            | Budgeted     | Actual       | Difference (\$) | (%)  |
|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------|
| This Week: | \$ 2,885.00  | \$ 2,186.25  | (\$698.75)      | -24% |
| FYTD:      | \$ 98,090.00 | \$ 94,133.71 | (\$3,956.29)    | -4%  |

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 2, 2020**

Ed Pagnanelli & Nick Perschetti

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 09, 2020**

Linda McCreary & Rose Ann Graf

**St. John the Baptist Church  
Stations of the Cross  
Sunday, March 1, 2020 after Mass**



**St. Joseph's Celebration Breakfast  
After 9:30 a.m. Mass  
March 15, 2020**



Please join us in celebrating **St. Joseph's Celebration Breakfast** after **Mass, Sunday, March 15th** in **Marrapese Hall**. Before **Mass**, please bring a dessert item to the **St. Joseph** table in **Marrapese Hall** to be shared after breakfast. See **Margaret Panico-Harn** for tickets. Tickets are **\$10.00 per person** and **children 7 and under are free**. **St. Joseph's Breakfast** also, invites the members of **St. John's** to bring needed items for **Holy Family Soup Kitchen**. Please bring items on **Sunday, March 15th, 2020**, there will be a table to place all items. This list of items needed: Gloves, socks, male and female under garments, white-T-shirts, hand and foot warmers, ear muffs, chapstick, mouthwash, toothpaste and toothbrushes, combs, baby wipes, sunscreen, hand lotion, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, soap, liquid soap, knit hats and scarfs, sunglasses, rain gear, toilet paper, water bottles, mints and chewing gum. Small sizes of everything for a homeless person to carry with them.

**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.

**AROUND US**

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of **March** is dedicated to **St. Joseph**. The entire month falls during the liturgical season of **Lent** which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

**Holy Father's Intention for March 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 Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.**

**US Church Regulations Regarding Fasting and Abstinence during Lent:** Abstinence from meat (**beast or fowl**) is to be observed by all **Catholics fourteen years and older** on **Ash Wednesday** and on all **Fridays** of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. **The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and good Friday applies to all Catholics from age 18 through age 59.** When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Those who are ill or pregnant may be dispensed from their obligation.



**It's Fish Fry Time:** One of the great parts of Lent is the return of that wonderful Catholic Institution, the Friday Fish Fry. The Fish Fry is a chance to not only make a personal sacrifice, but also strengthen your bond with your spiritual community by joining other Catholics at these weekly gatherings.

Please go to [columbuscatholic.org](http://columbuscatholic.org) for a complete schedule of the Fish Fry's being offered throughout the Columbus area during Lent.

**Lenten Journey for Families:** The diocesan offices for **Social Concerns and Marriage and Family Life** have teamed up to provide a **Lenten** journey for families: **three** ways to grow together – **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. More details can be found on the diocesan website: <https://columbuscatholic.org/family-ministry-enrichment>.



**Prayer**

*Grant, we pray, almighty **God**, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is 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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