

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.

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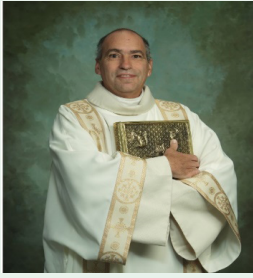
Preparation is required for the reception of the sacrament.
Parents are encouraged to call the Rectory and
set up an appointment before the birth of their child.

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,

As many of you are aware, the **Catholic Bishops of Ohio** have asked that **Roman Catholic** parishes throughout **Ohio** cancel all **Masses, meetings and activities** until further notice. However, even though we will not be gathering for **Mass this Sunday** (until possibly

Easter Sunday) I am still having our bulletin placed on our website each week so I can keep a connection with all of you. Hopefully, you are checking our web page for any news that we can post. I, personally, do not have a **Facebook** page or **Twitter** account but I have asked some of the young people in our parish to help me and my staff continue to spread the news going on at **Saint John the Baptist**. They are going to help establish a **Facebook** page and **Twitter** account for **Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church**.

Two of our parishioners, **Bob and Margie Contino**, sent me this wonderful excerpt from **Franciscan Media** that I have placed below my letter. I thought it would be a nice thought to share with all of you this week. As we reflect on our readings for this **Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**, especially the courage of the **Blind Man** who encounters **Jesus** in today's **Gospel**, please be assured of my prayers and the prayers of all of us on my staff at **Saint John the Baptist** for your continued courage, patience and good health.

Have a good week,
Deacon Frank

"Let us remember; no one of us is on this journey alone. Many of us have been mentally ticking off moments in our lifetime when our world changed. Personal mostly; births, weddings, deaths. And times when our world tilted. Kennedy assassination, 9/11, Katrina (and others). The power here, is that this moment is truly collective. We are, literally, in the same boat. Yes, I know that we won't be congregating for some time. But we pay a price if we don't have these sit-downs. Even if virtual. It's essential to do our part to slow fear and mute voices of alarm and panic.

*Here's the deal: When life is upside down, we easily forget the fundamental truth that we live from sufficiency, not scarcity. Even in times of distress. **Church** was cancelled. **March madness** was cancelled. **Public** gatherings have been cancelled. There is more to come.*

*But **Hope** will not be cancelled.*

***Conversations** will not be cancelled.*

***Friendship** will not be cancelled.*

***Gardening** will not be cancelled.*

***Watching** the moonlight filter through the trees will not be cancelled.*

***Love** will not be cancelled."*

(excerpt from Terry Hershey's *Sabbath Moments* - Franciscan Media, 2020)

**ALL EVENTS/MEETINGS
CANCELLED UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE**



Office Hours:

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

2020 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

March 22 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9-1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

March 23 – Lenten Weekday

Saint Tunibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43:54

March 24 – Lenten Weekday

St. Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14, 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

March 26 – Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

March 27 – Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

March 28 – Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

March 29 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**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.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

March 15, 2020

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 28

In Envelopes:	\$ 1,930.00
Loose Money:	\$ 111.00
Total:	\$ 2,041.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (122.46)
	\$ 1,918.54
Votive:	\$ 13.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 5.00
JOIN (Ash Wed.):	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvements:	\$ 105.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 30.00
Total:	\$ 208.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/01/19-6/30/20)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,041.00	(\$ 844.00)	-29%
FYTD:	\$ 106,745.00	\$ 101,310.71	(\$ 5,434.29)	-5%

Renovation in Sala Hall: Sala Hall will be closed for renovation of the bathrooms. **All ENTRY to Sala Hall** will be closed until further notice.

Confessions at Sacred Heart
will be Thursday, March 19th

CANCELLED TILL FURTHER NOTICE
Friday, April 8th all from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
893 Hamlet Street, Columbus, Ohio

AROUND US

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 Fridays applies to all Catholics from age 18 through age 59.**

Mass Times by Live Streaming If You Can't Receive Communion. Make a Spiritual Communion: There have been many questions raised about making a "spiritual communion" and what this entails. Go to <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/armstrong/if-you-cant-receive-communion-make-a-spiritual-communion>. There is an article that is excellent in addressing these questions. Also, Go to **CatholicTV.org**, **EWTN.com** and **Bishop Brennan's radio broadcast daily on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM) at 12:05 p.m.**

LETTER FROM CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

RE: Catholic Bishops of Ohio Suspend All Publicly Celebrated Masses/Liturgies

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After serious consideration of the grave health risk involved in public gatherings and in order to curb the spread of the **Coronavirus**, the Bishops of **Ohio** have decided, **effective immediately**, to suspend temporarily all publicly celebrated **Masses/liturgies**, at least through the celebrations of **Holy Week** and **Easter**. The Bishops of **Ohio** dispense the **Catholic** faithful who reside in their respective dioceses and all other **Catholics** currently in **Ohio** the obligation of attending **Sunday Mass** through **Easter Sunday**.

This decision is not taken lightly and, as your bishops, causes us great sadness. However, after consultation with the governor and health officials we are convinced that this the most prudent and necessary action.

Science has proven that participation in public gatherings significantly increases the risk of contagion. This poses a serious danger to those especially most vulnerable.

As **Catholics**, in every **Sunday Mass** we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of our **Lord**. The **Holy Eucharist** is the source and summit of our faith. In this moment, we are experiencing in a unique way the passion of our **Lord** as this pandemic prevents us from gathering for the **Sunday Eucharist**. In this very difficult time, we encourage the faithful to turn to the **Church's** treasury of prayer. **Sunday** remains a **holy day**, and we encourage the faithful to pray using the rich resources of our faith, including praying as a family or individually the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, the **Liturgy of the Hours**, Stations of the cross, etc. We also urge you to participate in prayer by way of radio broadcast or televised or live-streamed **Mass** and make a spiritual communion.

Please Join us in praying for all who are suffering from illness or disease of any kind, for all health care workers and for an easing of the anxiety and tension caused by this situation. Relying on the **Motherly** care of **Our Lady**, we unite our sufferings to those of **Our Lord Jesus Christ**, who is our healing and our hope.

Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan,
Bishop of Columbus

USCCB President Offers Prayer in this time of the Coronavirus:

Acknowledging the fragility of human life because of the Coronavirus, **Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez**, president of the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**, shared a prayer for people who are ill with **COVID-19**, the disease caused by the virus, and those responding to the pandemic:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



Jesus said to him,
"You have seen him, and
the one speaking with you is he."
He said,
"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.
John 9:41

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today
our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

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