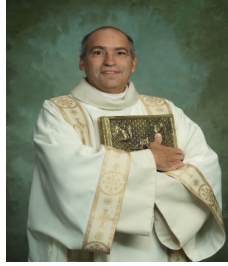
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THEREFORE, STAY
AWAKE
FOR YOU KNOW
NEITHER THE DAY
NOR THE HOUR.

MATTHEW 25:13

NOVEMBER 8, 2020
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

*From the Deacon's Desk**Dear friends in Christ,*

The end of the world has always been a great “moneymaker,” at least in the hands of fiery preachers, novelists, and screenwriters. The event itself will probably be considerably less lucrative, because even the well-to-do will not be able to buy their way out of what lies in store for all of us. But for the time being, anyone with sufficient imagination to cobble together the required elements for an end-times scenario – apocalyptic disasters, four dark horsemen, a mesmerizing Beast, and plenty of I-told-you-so’s – can start a franchise of books, movies, or congregations based on the frightening idea that everything we know and everyone we love is coming to an end. The concept sells, certainly, but the question thoughtful Christians will be asking is: **What am I to believe about the last things? What does scripture and the church have to say about the end of the world?**

In this weekend’s Gospel, the parable of the 10 virgins, Jesus offers a story compatible with the “already/not yet” vision of realized afterlife. This story of the coming of the Bridegroom is most certainly an event for the future, and yet the implications of his coming are urgent for the present. Being prepared now means admittance to the banquet later. Time may be linear, but past, present, and future flow together in cause and effect.

When I was growing up on the east side of Columbus in Saint Catharine Parish my pastor, Good Ol’ Msgr. Joe Casey, used to say, “Don’t wait till you die to go to heaven,” This is the spirit of end-times that won’t stay put at the end of the line. Purgation is something we consciously choose now, just as we might also choose the way of justice, peace, joy, gratefulness, humility, and love. We don’t have to worry about the so-called Rapture, salvation and damnation, heaven, and hell, and what’s going to happen after we die. What rightfully concerns us is the choice we’re making in the present hour, the oil we have in our lamps today, and whether we carry the Bridegroom in our hearts or some other fleeting goal.

If we’re in Christ today, we’re in Christ for keeps

Saint John the Baptist pray for us!

**Have a good week,
Deacon Frank**

Dear St. John Parishioners join me periodically on **St. Brigid of Kildare Parish** livestream. If you missed it, the videos are available at **St. Brigid YouTube channel** and **St. Brigid of Kildare Facebook page**.

**Celebrant for Sunday Mass,
November 15, Msgr. Cody**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, November 8, 2020, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector:	Nick D’Alberto
Eucharistic Min.:	Pat Rossetti
Sunday, November 15, 2020, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector:	Antonio D’Alberto
Eucharistic Min.:	Sharon D’Alberto

**Confessions Heard before Mass
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

PARISH INFORMATION

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Mr. John Huffman – Organist and Musical consultant

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
Sacrament of Penance – 9:00 a.m. (before Sunday Mass or by appointment)
Sacrament of Baptism and Baptism preparation (by appointment)
Sacrament of Matrimony (you must be registered at **Saint John** at least 6 months prior to scheduling your wedding by Deacon or Priest)
Sacrament of Confirmation and Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (please make an appointment with Parish Administrator)
Saint John Italian Festival (please visit our website for more information)
Sala Hall and Marrapese Hall (scheduled with approval of Parish Administrator)
Bulletin Deadline: Announcements must be submitted in writing by Tuesday at noon.

**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 November are:
November 8 Vincent Davis
November 15 Robert Contino, OFS
November 22 Gary Bosco

If you would like to volunteer to lead the Rosary contact the office at 614-294-5319 for more information.

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: **Joyce Tisone**
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: **Damon Brogan**
by Chris Soteriades

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 11/08	9:30 a.m.	Giovanna Giuliani by Joann Paesano
Sun. 11/08	9:30 a.m.	Carolyn Panzera by Sam & Donna Troiano
Sun. 11/15	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Masdea by Patricia Pellerite
Sun. 11/15	9:30 a.m.	Sean McCreary by Lynn Mara

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Catholic Churches	Saturday	Sunday
St. Patrick's	7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church	4:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	5:15 pm	8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:15 pm
St. Mary Mother of God GV	4:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Assisi	No Mass	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 11/08	KCC Mass – Fr. Kim, 12:00 p.m. Meeting (Sala Hall), 1:00-2:30 p.m. The Catholic Record Society Fall Quarterly Meeting (Marrapese Hall), 12:30-5:30 p.m.
Fri. 11/13	KCC Mass – Fr. Kim, 7:00 p.m.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

November 1, 2020

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 35

Env.:	\$ 1,186.00
Loose:	\$ 135.00
Holy Day:	\$ 200.00
Total:	\$ 1,521.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (91.26)
	\$ 1,429.74

Votive:	\$ 61.00
St. Anthony Bread:	\$ 17.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 30.00
Total:	\$ 108.00

?? ? ? 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	\$ 1,521.00	(\$1,364.00)	-47%
FYTD:	\$51,930.00	\$48,317.42	(\$3,612.58)	-7%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, November 9, 2020

Victoria Gammell and Nick Perschetti

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, November 16, 2020

Aggie Howard and Ed Pagnanelli

2020 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

November 8 – *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

November 9 – *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

November 10 – *Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10

November 11 – *Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop*
Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19

November 12 – *Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*
Phim 7-20/Lk 17:20-25

November 13 – *Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*
2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37

November 14 – *Weekday*
2 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8

November 15 – *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6 30/ Mt 25:13-or 25:15-14

**Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life.*

Book of Remembrance of the Dead

Each Year, we begin the month of November by celebrating the Feast of All Saints and All Souls. Traditionally, we place the Book of the Remembrance of the Dead in our church. I have placed the names of all those who have been buried here from our parish at Saint John the Baptist since last year in our book that is now located in front of the beautiful Madonna Mosaic as you enter the Baptismal Chapel. Please feel free to inscribe the names of anyone you wish to remember and light a small vigil candle in their memory. If you are not attending Mass due to the pandemic restriction, you may call the parish office at 614-294-5319 and we will inscribe the name and light a candle for you. You can also email Vicky at vgammell@sjbitaliana.org or Aggie at ahoward@sjbitaliana.org to let us know the names you would like written in the book.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: The theme of the **Bishop's Annual Appeal**, "Living the Joy of the Gospel," inspires us, as people of faith, to share joyfully the **Good News of Christ** to those who most need to feel **His** love as we continue **His** work on earth as faithful disciples. The **Appeal** makes possible the many good works facilitated by the **Office of Social Concerns** and the **Office of Marriage and Family Life**, contributes to the education of our future priests and deacons, and supports the education of our young people in their faith. **We have reached our BAA parish goal for \$18,752.04.** Thank you for your generosity to our parish and the diocese.

The Byron Saunders Foundation: What's **Thanksgiving** dinner without mashed potatoes?? **St. John the Baptist** helps the **Byron Saunders Foundation** headed by our own parishioner, **Brian Wollenberg**, obtain dollars to purchase **5 lb. bags** of fresh potatoes for the families in need. We request a minimum of **\$2.00 per person**. The more money we receive the more families receive fresh potatoes for **Thanksgiving** dinner. Last year, we served homemade mashed potatoes to **785** families for **Thanksgiving** out of over **5000** families we are striving to serve. **Eradicate Thanksgiving Boxed Mashed Potatoes! Please give after Mass, through November 22.**

PAVERS: The front **Pavilion** of **St. John's church** is covered with **Pavers**. These **Pavers** are available for purchase and engraving in remembrance of family members and loved ones. For more information please call the office of **St. John** at **614-294-5319**.

Taste of Tour with Berwick Party House: The **Italian Catholic Community** is having a **Taste of Italy Tour** with **Berwick Party House** on **Sunday, November 22**. **Order Online at Berwick Party House**. Pickup times are **10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.** See flyer on the website: www.sjbitaliana.com.



Kroger Plus Cards Earn for St. John the Baptist – You could be earning money for St. John the Baptist just by using your **Kroger Plus Card**. Simply link your **Kroger Plus Card** to **St. John the Baptist** through **Kroger's** website at www.kroger.com. Once your card is linked, a portion of your purchase price will be donated to **St. John's**. Participation in this program **WILL NOT** have any effect on earning fuel perks. The process takes just a few minutes and is an easy way to help our **parish**. **Thank you for your support!**

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **November** is dedicated to the **Souls in Purgatory**, whose feast is celebrated on **November 2**. With exception of the last **two** days, the entire month of **November** falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color **green**.

Holy Father's Intention for November 2020: *We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.*

Sunday Mass Dispensation Extended Indefinitely: The dispensation from the **Sunday Mass** obligation granted by **Bishop Robert Brennan**, which was to last at least through **Sunday, September 13**, has been **extended indefinitely**, in keeping with the indefinite dispensation throughout the rest of the **Catholic Conference of Ohio**.

Local Funds for Hunger Programs: Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl grants are still available for pantries and schools providing food during the **COVID-19** pandemic. During the pandemic, Social Concerns distributed more than **\$70,000.00** in local **CRS Rice Bowl** funds to help those in need in the **Diocese**. For the application, visit <https://columbuscatholic.org/catholic-relief-services>. Ignore the deadline date and amount restrictions. For more information, contact **Erin Cordle** at **614-570-2950** or email her. Applications should be sent to ecordle@columbuscatholic.org.

AVOW – A Discernment group for young women: **AVOW** is a spiritual discernment group that helps high school and college-aged women consider a vocation to the **Religious Life**, which is based on the book **Discerning Religious Life** by **Sr. Clare Matthiass, CFR**. All participants will receive the book free. Led by the **Polish Dominican Sisters** (but discerning among all the religious orders) and hosted at **St. Brendan Church, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard**. This is open to young women, ages **16** through mid-**20s**. The group meets the **first Thursday of each month, 6:30-7:30 p.m., which began November 5**. The gathering includes supper and discussion and will be in the new **Davidson Road** meeting **Room A**. Park in the main parking lot and head toward the doors by the statue of **St. Brendan** – you cannot miss him – he is eight feet tall! Inside the doors, greeters to show you the way. **Please call 614-221-5565 or email whahn@columbuscatholic.org to RSVP or for more information.**

Four Angles for Preaching on Vocations on All Saints Day

Who will you bring to heaven? Every vocation is focused on loving other souls. Discovering your vocation is answering the question: Who does **God** want me to bring with me to heaven? "Each one of you must be holy also in order to help your brothers pursue their vocation to sanctity."

~ St. John Paul II

Vocation as the path to holiness. "Be the best version of yourself." "Become who you were meant to be." Long before these self-help mantras became popular, the Church already had a concept for seeking your "best self." We call it "discerning your vocation."

What would the saints say? Imagine ten thousand saints in heaven enjoying all eternity. If you were to interview them, they would all tell you that their most important decision, aside from following **Jesus**, was finding and living their vocation.

The goal of life. "The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint." ~The famous last line in **Leon Bloy's The Woman Who Was Poor**

ONE LINK: Find links to everything in this resource at vianneyvocations.com/nvaw. **Password GODCALLS2020.**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection is November 21-22: Help break the cycle of poverty and protect the dignity of all human life. For more information about how **CCHD** is working on the margins, visit www.usccb.org/cchd or contact the diocesan **Office for Social Concerns** at **614-241-2540** or socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org. The **World Day of the Poor is November 15**. Read **Pope Francis' World Day of the Poor message** "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" at <http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri>.



'**Lord, Lord**, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour (**Matt 25:10-13**).

Prayer

*Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity, so that,
unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are Yours.
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*

Sunday, Nov 08, 2020

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prudence is my co-pilot

Some of us can still recite the four Cardinal Virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. They're good not just to recite but also to practice. Virtues are good habits; i.e., things we *don't* have to surrender for Lent. *Cardinal*, meanwhile, means "hinge." Put together, the four hinge virtues swing open the door to a life well lived. Prudence is called the pilot of the virtues because it enables us to discern the good and how best to accomplish it. When a decision is important, reflect on it through the lens of scripture. How is God inviting you to proceed?

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 (154). "*Wisdom 'is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her.'*"

Monday, Nov 09, 2020

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Open the door and look at all the people

Why would there be a feast day for a church? Because it's the "mother of all churches," one that all Catholics can call their own, and so we all celebrate its dedication in the year 324. Christianity had only recently been legalized in the Roman Empire, and the Lateran Basilica—full name: Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist in the Lateran—was the first church in Rome and, to this day, remains the pope's church as the bishop of Rome. Keep passing on the faith of the Mother Church that has been passed down to you through the centuries.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). "*His disciples recalled the words of scripture, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'*"

Tuesday, Nov 10, 2020

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

The great pope who did good things

Leo the Great was the first pope to be called "Great." His diplomacy kept Attila the Hun from attacking Rome. His authoritative teaching solidified the role of the bishop of Rome as Saint Peter's successor. And his eloquent prose—detailing the two natures of Jesus Christ, both human and divine—was key to defeating heresy at the Council of Chalcedon. "Peter has spoken through Leo," marveled the bishops of Chalcedon. "The infancy of the Babe is exhibited by the humiliation of swaddling clothes," wrote Leo, while "the greatness of the Highest is declared by the voices of angels."

TODAY'S READINGS: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10 (492). "*We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.*"

Wednesday, Nov 11, 2020

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

Half of what I have is yours

Fourth-century Bishop Martin of Tours was not born to the faith but chose it for himself as a young man. He followed his father into the Roman army but found that he could not remain a soldier; Martin is one of the earliest documented conscientious objectors. Yet it was while serving as a soldier that perhaps the most famous episode of Martin's life occurred. Coming upon a naked beggar, Martin took out his sword, cut his own cloak in two, and shared it with the poor soul. Martin was a founder of

monasteries, a popularly acclaimed bishop, destroyer of pagan shrines and builder of churches, and most of all, he inspires us to share what we have with those most in need.

TODAY'S READINGS: Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19 (493). "*Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.*"

Thursday, Nov 12, 2020

MEMORIAL OF JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR

Draw courage from Josaphat

Books of saints have long been filled with the gore of martyrs, but the story of Josaphat is shocking even in that bloody context. Josaphat, a Polish Byzantine priest and archbishop, was embroiled in controversy for much of his life because of his emphasis on reforming lax practices within the church and striving for unity among Christians. After years of wrangling, his enemies mobbed him, killed him, and tossed his beaten body into a river in 1623. With Josaphat's courage as a model, take a step today to support the ongoing reform efforts in the church, including efforts to end sexual abuse in the church we love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25 (494). "*No one will announce, 'Look, here it is,' or, 'There it is.' For behold, the kingdom of God is among you.*"

Friday, Nov 13, 2020

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN

Do likewise

What would we do if a saint of God rose in our midst today and instructed us in the proper care of people who are immigrants and refugees at our borders? Would that saint's halo give us any more certitude to stand behind every effort to protect the lives of women, men, and children seeking a safe home? Just over 100 years ago we had such a saint showing us the way. Frances Xavier Cabrini was called by Pope Leo XIII to tend to the many immigrants landing on the shores of the United States in the late 1800s. She built schools, orphanages, and hospitals to tend to them. Though she met resistance, she persisted, and her legacy lives on in each of us and our ancestors, for the most part immigrants. How do we honor this legacy in our own treatment of immigrants and refugees today?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495). "*Look to yourselves that you do not lose what we worked for.*"

Saturday, Nov 14, 2020

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Let your soul proclaim greatness

Take an opportunity today to celebrate Mary, who found her voice in difficult circumstances so that we might follow her voice and find our own in these difficult times. Read her "Magnificat" (Luke 1:46-56) for a canticle to the power of trust. Imagine how she waited years to understand her son's calling, grieved his inconceivable death, and then, in the many years of her grief, nurtured the early Christian community. That's greatness!

TODAY'S READINGS: 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8 (496). "*Will [God] be slow to answer them?*"

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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