



O, HOLY NIGHT

FOR A CHILD IS BORN TO US,
A SON IS GIVEN TO US;
UPON HIS SHOULDER
DOMINION RESTS.

ISAIAH 9:5 — CHRISTMAS 2020

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH



On behalf of Msgr. John Cody, Fr. Charles Klinger, Fr. Charles Cotton, Fr. Antonio Kim and the Korean Catholic Community, Aggie Howard, Victoria Gammell, Gina Bishop, John Huffman, Deacon Frank Iannarino and his family, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed Happy New Year!



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 9:30 a.m. Mass,
January 3, 2021
Feast of Epiphany
Msgr. Cody**

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

PARISH INFORMATION

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*Livestream our 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on our
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website www.sjbitaliana.com*

*Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Office will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day,
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4, 2021. Website: info@sjbitaliana.org*

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Father Charles Cotton – Weekend Assistant
Father Antonio Kim – Chaplain,
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*Ms. Aggie Howard – Executive Assistant
Ms. Victoria Gammell – Secretary and Bulletin Editor
Mrs. Gina Bishop – Director of Liturgy
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*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.*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Thursday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020, 5:30 p.m.	
Lector:	Landa Brunetto
Euch. Min.:	Andrea Myers
Sunday, December 27, 2020, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector:	Nick D'Alberto
Euch. Min.:	Sharon D'Alberto

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Thurs. 12/24	5:30 p.m.	Joe Agriesti by Mr. & Mrs. James Filichia
Thurs. 12/24	5:30 p.m.	Bruno Quaranto by Angie Carfagna
Sun. 12/27	9:30 a.m.	Rina Tiberi by Steve & Geneva Dennison
Sun. 12/27	9:30 a.m.	Lucian Susi by Frank & Rita Blateri
Sun. 1/3	9:30 a.m.	Carolyn Panzera by Sam & Donna Troiano
Sun. 1/3	9:30 a.m.	Cesidio & Gaetana Capoccia by Family & Friends

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:
Marian Lights: *Joyce Tisone*
 by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: *Frank Guarasci*
 by Chris Soteriades

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH REGULAR 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 p.m.	8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
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. 12/27	KCC Mass – Fr. Kim 12:00 p.m. 1:00-2:30 p.m., Meeting in Sala Hall
Tues. 12/29	Padre Pio Prayer Group 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Church
Fri. 1/1	KCC New Year's Day Mass, Fr. Kim 10:30 a.m. at SJB Church

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Catholic Churches	New Year's Eve December 31, 2020	New Year's Day January 1, 2021
Sacred Heart	No Mass	10:00 a.m.
St. John's	No Mass	No Mass
Korean Catholic Community	No Mass	10:30 a.m.
St. Francis of Assisi	No Mass	10:00 a.m.
St. Patrick	6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass 11:00 p.m. Holy Hour 12:00 a.m. Mass	7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon
St. Joseph Cathedral	4:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m.

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. Also, keep in your prayers Maria Lucchin, Laura Williams, and James Graf.

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 December are: December 27 Margaret Contino, OFS

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

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's at 614-294-5319.

2020-20121 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings
December 27 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 or, in Year B, Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
December 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
December 29 – Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
December 30 – Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40
December 31 – Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
January 1 – The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
January 2 – Saint Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
January 3 – Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, December 28, 2020

Aggie Howard and Maruja Paule

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 4, 2021

Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

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 • Thank you!
 • Thank you to Tony Tiberi and Maeder Quint Funeral Home
 • for donating our 2021 calendars both in Italian and English.
 • Please pick up your calendar after Mass each week or
 • contact the office (614-294-5319) to have one sent by mail.
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AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which is celebrated on January 3. The first ten days of January fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas, which is represented by the liturgical color white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remaining days of January are the beginning of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2021: *May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.*

World Day of Peace: Pope Francis will deliver the annual World Day of Peace Message on January 1. The message will be posted at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/world-day-of-peace.cfm.

St. Vincent Family Center Foster Child Program needs foster parents: Foster a child. Change a life. Nearly **16,000** children across the state of **Ohio** are living in the custody of child welfare and looking for a safe place to call home. **St. Vincent Family Center** connects children in **Ohio** who need a place of respite and stability with foster parents who provide loving, nurturing temporary homes. Founded as an orphanage on the **Near East Side of Columbus 150** years ago, **St. Vincent Family Center** remains deeply rooted in its mission of supporting the safety and wellbeing of children and their families across **Ohio**. We offer an intimate, family-centered approach to supporting foster parents, providing expert training, personalized coaching, and expert behavioral healthcare services to ensure the support you need to foster a child. If you know of parents in your parish who may be interested in becoming a foster parent, please ask them to call **614-400-1657** or visit <https://www.svfc.org/supporting-foster-families/>.

Catholic Charities Christmas Help 2020 is a listing of items needed to help clients of our diocesan sponsored **Catholic** charities. The people who they serve need the basics: food, clothing, personal hygiene products, and household items. They also need volunteers. To access the bulletin insert list visit www.columbuscatholic.org/social-concerns-office.

The Annual Christmas Catholic Charities Collection helps the **Diocese** meet a variety of basic needs directly and through our agencies and organizations, including **J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs)**, **St. Stephen's Community House**, **Catholic Social Services**, **St. Francis Center**, **St. Lawrence Haven**, **St. Vincent Family Center**, and the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the **Catholic Charities** collection this year.

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, the **Office for Social Concerns** distributed more than **\$90,000.00** in local **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** (cell) or email her. Applications should be sent to ecordle@columbuscatholic.org.

Season of Hope Monthly Themes: **Seek Direct Service and Patience** in order to overcome what **Bishop Brennan** calls a poverty of hope that is now experienced by many of our brothers and sisters, the **Diocesan HOPE Task Force** has developed a **bulletin insert** and **homily helps** on the themes of seeking direct service and patience. The homily helps has a special focus on addiction. For additional resources, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/season-of-hope.

January 22, 2021: Respect Life Mass: The annual **Respect Life Mass** will be **Friday, January 22, 2021, 10:30 a.m.** at **St. Joseph Cathedral**. On this day of the anniversary of the **U.S. Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade**, our diocese will join all dioceses of the **United States** in observing a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. The **Mass** will be livestreamed on the **Diocese of Columbus YouTube Channel**. For more information contact the **Diocesan Office for Social Concerns** at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or **614-241-2540**.

Roe Remembrance at the Ohio Statehouse: **Greater Columbus Right to Life** will sponsor this annual event on **Friday, January 22, 2021**, from noon to **1:00 p.m.**, following the **10:30 a.m. Respect Life Mass** at **St. Joseph Cathedral**. Note: The location of the **Statehouse** event is currently to be determined. Space limitations may exist, but the event will be livestreamed. For updates, visit www.gcrtl.org/roe.

Feast of the Holy Family: Today, we honor the **Holy Family**. The devotion to the **Holy Family** was born in **Bethlehem**, together with the **Baby Jesus**. The shepherds went to adore the **Child**, and, at the same time, they gave honor to **His** family. Later, **the three wise men came from the East** to adore and give honor to the newborn **King** with gifts of **gold, frankincense, and myrrh** that would be safeguarded by **His** family.



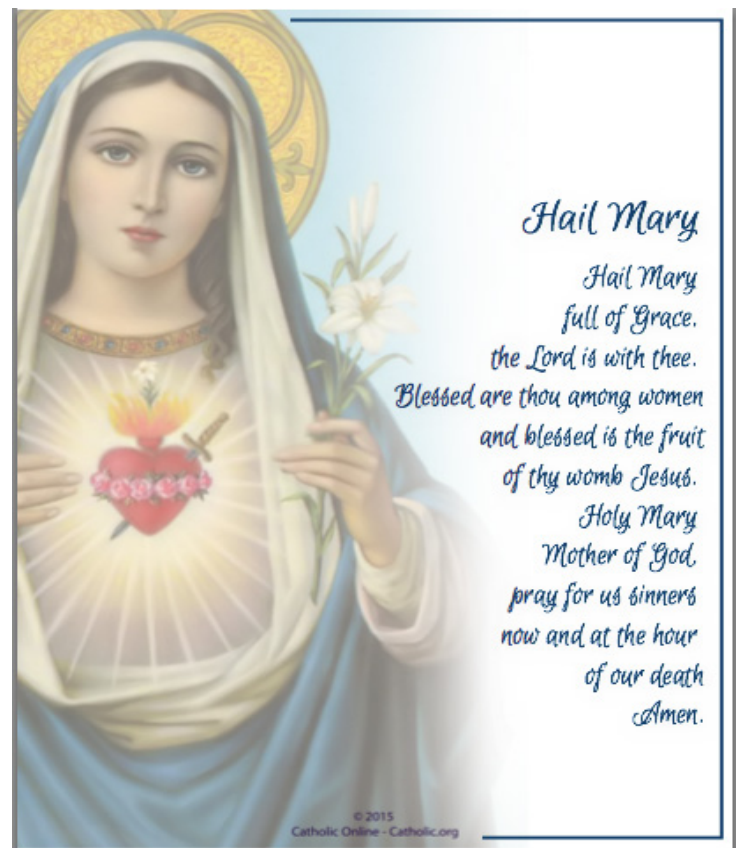
When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.
Luke 2: 39-40

Prayer

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of Your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: This feast is the celebration of **Mary's** motherhood of **Jesus**. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the **Blessed Virgin** played in the plan of our salvation. Calling **Mary "Mother of God"** is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as **Christmas** honors **Jesus** as the "**Prince of Peace**," the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** honors **Mary** as the "**Queen of Peace**." **New Year's Day** is also designated as the **World Day of Peace**, further acknowledging the role of **Mary** in our hearts and in our world.



Hail Mary

*Hail Mary
full of Grace.
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou among women
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour
of our death
Amen.*

Sunday, Dec 27, 2020

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

The measure of success

Fruitfulness is a sign that we're doing something right. Plant a seed, water it, give it light, and it brings forth a shoot. Neglect it, and get nothing. We measure success in terms of fruitfulness: schooling completed, jobs held, relationships that endure, children raised, financial security, years lived, virtues practiced. God blessed Abram with wealth and years, but to that old man, the only true measure of success was a child. By what standard do you evaluate your life's worth? What's required for you to say in the end: "Lord, now you let your servant go in peace"?

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40; or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40 (17). "But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless?'"

Monday, Dec 28, 2020

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Suffer little children

On the heels of the joyful celebration of the birth of our Savior, we remember the Holy Innocents—all the baby boys who were murdered by Herod in his attempt to kill the child Jesus. Remember too all those innocents who die today at the hands of their governments and who are victims of institutional and structural violence. About the Holy Innocents, Matthew quotes Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children . . ." Console today's mourning mothers by fighting for children's rights and protections.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 (698). "My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin."

Tuesday, Dec 29, 2020

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; MEMORIAL OF THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR

Choosing right vs. might

Thomas Becket found himself having to choose between an earthly king and Christ the King. The cleric Thomas befriended England's Henry II—leading Henry to appoint him chancellor. Later, when Henry spotted a chance to wield power over church affairs, he named his friend the archbishop of Canterbury. But Thomas would not go along with Henry's plans. Repercussions followed, and in 1170 Thomas was brutally murdered—in Canterbury Cathedral—by the king's men. Though perhaps with less dramatic outcomes, standing up for your convictions may cost you, too. Are you willing to pay the price?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202). "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many."

Wednesday, Dec 30, 2020

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The party never ends

On this sixth day of the Octave, the Christmas celebration continues. Or it can—even if the culture around us has moved on. Especially in pandemic days, you may feel challenged to find hope and joy in the promise that God is with us. So celebrate by sharing that Divine Love, however you feel able to. Bake and share cookies, make a call to someone you may have overlooked this busy season, write a note of gratitude to someone who

challenges you, or contribute to an organization that cares for mothers and children in this season of the Holy Family. Take time in prayer to recollect and give thanks for any awareness of God's presence in recent days. *Loving God, help me remember that Christmas is not a day but rather a season that invites me to see you at work in my life every day.*

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 (203). "And coming forward at that very time, [Anna] gave thanks to God and spoke about the child."

Thursday, Dec 31, 2020

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The light still shines

We might well ring out a difficult year with the words of today's psalmist: "Let the heavens be glad and the Earth rejoice!" Rejoicing implies an expectation of better things to come, placing us firmly within the Christian virtue of hope. Christians are hopeful for many reasons, starting with the fact that Jesus's death led to resurrection. The church teaches, too, that hope lies in building the kingdom of God on Earth, "as it is in heaven." Lift up your hopes for 2021 to God, and be ready to work for them with God's grace.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204). "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Friday, Jan 01, 2021

WORLD DAY OF PEACE; OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Renew the face of the Earth

We have longed for the year 2020 to be over, to move away from the pandemics that have wounded us collectively and individually. With 2021 on the calendar now, it feels like maybe, just maybe we can start anew at some point. Given the chance, we, along with all of creation, have the capacity to renew, that is, to be "new again"—not only each year but each moment. An essential ingredient to renewal is peace. The church calls us to follow Christ the Way of Peace, as Pope Benedict said on this day in 2007, "with hearts full of hope, notwithstanding the dangers and difficulties that surround us." Let us pray for *and choose* peace for ourselves and for the world in all that we renew this year.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

Saturday, Jan 02, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

Spiritual friendship lasts for ages

Spiritual friendship is one of the greatest gifts of life in a faith community. Basil and Gregory, fourth-century patriarchs of the Eastern Church, had such a friendship and spurred each other on to great accomplishments and service in their spiritual lives. We all need community and spiritual support as we work through the mysteries of our own personal lives and the challenges presented by a suffering world. Who can you count on for support and encouragement in these hard times? Do your resolutions for this new year include cultivation of spiritual community and friendships?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205). "All the ends of the Earth have seen the salvation by our God."

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



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