

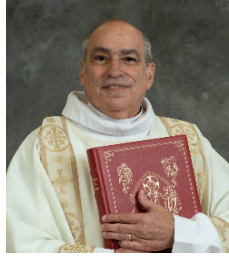


THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD • JANUARY 10, 2021

YOU ARE MY
**BELOVED
SON**, WITH YOU
I AM WELL
PLEASED.

MK 1:11

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

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

There is a wonderful story about a nervous mother who telephoned her parish priest just a week before the scheduled **Baptism** of her baby. She had heard that when he baptized babies, he immersed them in the water of the font. Not understanding what that meant, she was very concerned and requested that he simply pour a few drops of water on her child's head.

The priest patiently explained to her that he indeed celebrated the sacrament by immersing the child in the water. But then he described the difference between **immersion** and **submersion**. The child would not be going under the water and would not be held down in the font as the mother feared. The priest tried to explain how simply pouring a drop or two of water diminishes the marvelous symbolism of the sacrament. Placing the baby in the water reveals how powerful and dynamic a symbol it is. The priest assured the mother that her baby would be safe and secure.

After the ceremony, the mother and the family thanked the priest for the beauty of what had just unfolded. They began to understand the meaning of some of the wonderful symbols of the sacrament.

The Baptism of Jesus provides us with a paradigm. Both reassuring and challenging, it should frighten us, at least a little, hearing **God's** voice and all. But it should also reassure us that **God** is with us. And **God** will do things **God's** way and not ours. So, we need to trust **God**. In **God's** hands we are always safe and secure.

Saint John the Baptist pray for us!
Have a blessed 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 9:30 a.m. Mass,
 January 17, 2021
 Msgr. Cody**

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, January 10, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector:	Davide Cugini
Euch. Min.:	Pat Rossetti
Sunday, January 17, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector:	Antonio D'Alberto
Euch. Min.:	Sharon D'Alberto

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 1/10	KCC Mass, Fr. Kim, 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Meeting in Sala Hall
Fri. 1/15	KCC Mass, Fr. Kim 7:00 p.m. SJB – Church

PARISH INFORMATION

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*Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
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Father Charles Klinger – Weekend Assistant
Father Charles Cotton – Weekend Assistant
Father Antonio Kim – Chaplain,
Korean Catholic Community
Ms. Aggie Howard – Executive Assistant
Ms. Victoria Gammell – Secretary and Bulletin Editor
Mrs. Gina Bishop – Director of Liturgy
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**.

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 1/10	9:30 a.m.	Joe Agriesti by Marie Spada Johnson
Sun. 1/10	9:30 a.m.	Gerardo Cugini by Marilena Cugini & Family
Sun. 1/17	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Quaranto by Mafailda Rotolo
Sun. 1/17	9:30 a.m.	Maria "Mary" McDonald by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dinova

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:
Marian Lights: **Joyce Tisone**
 by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: **Mary Lou Walker**
 by Chris Soteriades

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**.

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.	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Assisi	No Mass	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

2021 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

January 10 – *Baptism of the Lord*
Is 55:1-11/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
January 11 – *Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)*
Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
January 12 – *Weekday*
Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
January 13 – *Weekday*
Saint Hiliary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
January 14 – *Weekday*
Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
January 15 – *Weekday*
Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
January 16 – *Weekday*
Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
January 17 – *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

January 3, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 49

Env.:	\$ 1,500.00
Loose:	\$ \$64.00
Holy Day:	\$ 418.00
Total:	\$ 1,982.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (118.92)
	\$ 1,863.08
Votive:	\$ 33.00
Diocesan Charities:	\$ 20.00
St. Anthony Bread:	\$ 52.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 40.00
Religious Retirement Fund:	\$ 10.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 165.00

\$\$\$? HOW IS ST. JOHN DOING? \$\$\$?

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/20-6/30/21)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 1,982.00	(\$903.00)	-31%
FYTD:	\$ 77,895.00	\$ 74,775.08	(\$3,119.92)	-4%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 11, 2021

Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 18, 2021

Linda McCreary and Aggie Howard

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. We need a volunteer to help schedule the Rosary for each month. At the present time no one has signed up to lead the Rosary. If you would like to volunteer to lead the Rosary, please contact the office at 614-294-5319 for more information so we can put a schedule together and post in the bulletin. Thank you!



Saint John the Baptist ~ Christmas Flowers ~ 2020

Name:	In Memory/In Honor of:
Mrs. Amalee Soteriades	James A. Soteriades and Calvin Beaver Families
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Contino	Robert W. Contino, Jr., Mary Watkins, Michael Leggieri, Cesidio & Agata Mastroguiseppe, Anthony J. Contino, Sr., Anna Contino-Prosser, Anthony J. Contino, Jr.



Requiescat in pace! In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of:

• **Robert W. "Bob" Contino, Sr., O.S.F.**, long time devoted member of **St. John the Baptist Church**, who died and was buried this past week.

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS – ANSWERING PARISHIONER CONCERNS:

In this week's bulletin is an insert article regarding **COVID-19 Vaccines** and answering **Parishioner concerns**. For more information regarding these topics, please go to the following website links:

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
<https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>.

The National Catholic Bioethics Center <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e3ada1a6a2e8d6a131d1dcd/t/5fd3ce39e679895094dd1e49/1607716409962/NCBCVaccineStatementFINAL.pdf>,

The Ohio Catholic Conference <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/Portals/1/Bishop%20Statements/Ohio-Bishops-vaccine.pdf?ver=y7OHNpTaGQcG9qd-MaKqhQ%3d%3d>,

Making Sense of Bioethics <https://columbuscatholic.org/making-sense-out-of-bionetics>.

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.*

Season of Hope Monthly Themes: Be in Christ's Comfort. In order to overcome what **Bishop Brennan** calls a poverty of hope that is experienced by many of our brothers and sisters during these times, the **Diocesan HOPE Task Force** has developed a **bulletin insert** on the theme of "Be in Christ's Comfort." For the bulletin insert and other resources, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/season-of-hope.

World Day of Peace Message: In addition to the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, the Church commemorates **January 1st** as the **World Day of Peace** each year with a message from the **Holy Father**. To read **Pope Francis' 2021** message **A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace**, and visit the **USCCB World Day of Peace webpage** for additional resources.

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.

For a 9 Days for Life leaders' resource that includes the printed Novena. For the **USCCB January Action Guide** with sample intercessions and homily helps, visit <https://www.respectlife.org/action-guides>.

9 Days for Life: will take place **Thursday, January 21-Friday, January 29**. **USCCB's 9 Days for Life** is a multi-faceted Novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Sign up to receive the Novena by email, text, message, or an app at www.9daysforlife.com.

Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service. In **September**, **Bishop Brennan** asked pastors and administrators to join him in supporting the **USCCB's** nationwide initiative "**Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service**." In order to move the program forward in our diocese, champions need to be identified. Orientation training for champions begins this month. To identify your parish champions or for additional information, contact **Erin Cordle**, the **WWMIN** coordinator, at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or 614-570-2950 (cell).

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 **\$100,000.00** in local **CRS Rice Bowl** funds to help those in need in the Diocese. For the application, go to <https://columbuscatholic.org/catholic-relief-services> and 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.

January is Poverty Awareness Month: More than **38 million Americans** live in poverty. Encounter, learn, and act. For resources about what **Catholics** can do to address poverty in the **United States**, visit **USCCB's Poverty USA** website at www.povertyusa.org.

Marriage and Family Life Office:

World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week 2021. What a special time to share **God's** beautiful plan for marriage, celebrate married couples in your parish, and encourage them to strive for holiness in their vocation! We have prepared a **Toolkit** with **three** simple yet powerful (and **COVID-safe**) ideas to mark this occasion, including **Sacrament of Marriage Sunday**, **Marriage Tip Jar**, and a **Date Night** In. To find all that you need to build up the marriages in your parish. Email FamilyLife@columbuscatholic.org with any questions or comments.



importance of a second creation in which the entire **Trinity** intervenes.

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

Today ends the season of **Christmas**. The **Church** recalls **Our Lord's** second manifestation or epiphany which occurred upon **His** baptism in the **Jordan River**. **Jesus** descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of **God**. The event takes on the

"Because of their Baptism, all members of The People of God have become missionary disciples."

~ Pope Francis



*And a voice came from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
Mark 1:11*

Prayer

*Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, solemnly declared Him Your beloved Son, grant that Your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well 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, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Sunday, Jan 10, 2021

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Do justice

We sometimes imagine it's about collecting sacraments. Or stockpiling mountains of prayers. Writing fat checks to charities. Or being nice to people we don't like. But the prophets relentlessly insist that what God desires from us is a just world. Where there's a privileged class, abominable wage gaps, racist systems, and deeply disproportionate outcomes for a nation's citizens, the peaceable reign of God can't gain a foothold. Contemplate categories of injustice—education, health care, employment opportunities, criminal justice—to name a few. Make one your special cause, learn all you can, and educate others about it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:1-11 or Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; 1 John 5:1-9 or Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11 (21). *"A smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth."*

Monday, Jan 11, 2021

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Nothing ordinary about the reign of God

Today is the first weekday of Ordinary Time—that period in the church's liturgical year after the close of the Christmas season that stretches until Ash Wednesday (and then picks up after Pentecost until Advent begins again). This time after the holidays can indeed seem "ordinary," when all the commotion dies down and all the decorations are put away. Some people, especially those who live with long, cold winters, might even feel a little blue. But while sacred seasons are important, getting down to business is too. After all, there's a reign of God to help build. Think about everything Jesus did between the bookends of his life that we celebrate—and roll up your sleeves for some extraordinary work.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20 (305). *"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

Tuesday, Jan 12, 2021

The power of a name

The Holy Name of Jesus is a devotion that was championed by Saint Bernardino of Siena in the 1400s—with the Holy Name Society dating to the 1200s. As a feast day, it's been celebrated during the first week of January by various Christian denominations and by Catholic religious orders, most notably the Jesuits, who use a monogram of the name (IHS) as their emblem. For Catholics, the entire month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. Pray the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus today, recalling how even the unclean spirits of Jesus' day recognized his name.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28 (306). *"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"*

Wednesday, Jan 13, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Be gracious in your disagreements

Catholics of the 21st century profess the belief that Jesus is both human and divine every time we recite the Nicene Creed at Mass. However, that profession of faith was challenged mightily in the fourth century when followers of Arius argued that Jesus was a great man—but not God. The conflict involved bishops and

emperors on both sides and it went on for years. Hilary of Poitiers converted to Christianity at the age of 35 and was elected a bishop three years later. Hilary was a friendly and courteous man who persistently championed belief in Jesus' divinity. Even exile did not silence his voice. In our own times of conflict and division, Saint Hilary, guide us to God's grace.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39 (307). *"For this purpose have I come."*

Thursday, Jan 14, 2021

Reach out and touch an outcast

Jesus heals a leper in today's gospel. Leprosy is relatively rare now in most regions of the world, so it's hard to understand the fear and revulsion that people with this disease triggered at one time. Even someone as close to God as Saint Francis struggled to be comfortable with touching a leper. Every age has its outcasts, and the Christian challenge has always been to learn to accept those others find unacceptable, love those others find unlovable. Prisoners, poor people, those with dark skin or foreign accents, the homeless—the list of modern lepers is long. Who do you avoid? Acknowledging your aversion is a step toward acceptance.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45 (308). *"He . . . touched the leper, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'"*

Friday, Jan 15, 2021

Color blind no more

Today in Guatemala, a major religious procession honors an image of Christ on the cross carved from dark wood and renowned throughout the region as the "Black Christ of Esquipulas." The statue was commissioned by Spanish colonial leaders looking to convert the indigenous people who worshipped a dark-skinned deity. Today the image affirms the fact that in Latin America there has been a certain "fluidity between races through inter-marriage and more blending of cultures and religions when compared to the experience of Native Americans and African Americans," as El Paso Bishop Mark J. Seitz wrote in a remarkable pastoral letter on the history of racism, *Night Will Be No More*. Today would be a good day to dip into this document for insights into the history and persistence of racism, regionwide. May the Black Christ be a symbol of hope!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12 (309). *"They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this.'"*

Saturday, Jan 16, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Be present to the Presence

The great paradox of God's kingdom is often expressed in the teachings of Jesus: The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the last are first, the dead live. The first and most profound paradox is that the Virgin conceives. Our Blessed Mother experienced the coming Kingdom in her own body. She shares that experience with us in our communion with the Lord. We carry the Real Presence of the Savior in our own bodies. The ongoing paradox is that the Lord calls us, who are sinners, to be the vessels of his presence in the world. Express that presence today by lifting up the lowly.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17 (310). *"I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."*

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



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