

BEHOLD, THE  
**Lamb**  
OF GOD.

JN 1:36



January 17, 2021 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

There is a good chance you have received the call from someone wanting to talk with you about your car warranty. Or offering you a government grant. Or saying that you owe money to the **IRS**. Or even speaking to you in a language you do not speak. All these calls are unexpected, and many are annoying or even malicious. In fact, over half the calls **Americans** now receive are the unsolicited messages called "spam."

In this week's first reading, **God's** calling of the prophet **Samuel** occurs in a funny and mixed-up way, one that will make perfect sense to a parent or grandparent who has had to repeatedly instruct a child to go back to bed. As the story begins, everyone is napping. **Eli** is lying down in his room and **Samuel** is lying down in the temple of the **LORD**, near the ark of **God**. Suddenly the **LORD** calls "**Samuel! Samuel!**" and he says, "**Here I am!**" Thinking that **Eli** has called him, **Samuel** runs to the priest and says, "**Here I am, for you called me.**" But **Eli**, just barely awake, says, "**I did not call; lie down again.**" (... or... "**go back to bed!**").

What can we learn from this unexpected call from **God**? First, notice that it comes when people are not prepared for it, at naptime. It doesn't come in a worship service, on a high holy day or during a **Christian** service project. It comes while everyone is snoozing. Of course, we should be aware that **God** loves to place surprise calls:

- **God** called **Rebekah** while she was drawing water at a city well
- **Amos** while he was picking fruit, **Paul** while he was on the road to **Damascus**
- **Martin Luther (not King)** while he was in the bathroom (yes, really, the bathroom)
- **John Wesley** while he was listening to a lay person read the **Scriptures**
- **T.S. Eliot** while he was working in a bank
- **C.S. Lewis** while he was riding in the sidecar of his brother's bike.

**God** could speak to you while you are doing any of these things, or any other thing that you do daily. So be prepared to listen.

We just finished a year that included a difficult pandemic and a divisive presidential campaign, and through it all we were bombarded by messages and images from television and the internet. In the face of so much stress and upheaval, it is certainly good to think and pray and seek **God's** guidance. But it is equally important that we share insights with each other, through open and honest conversations, so that we can receive the help we need to plot a faithful **Christian** course in the world. **Samuel** listens when **God** calls and then shares what he hears with **Eli**.

**We should do the same.**

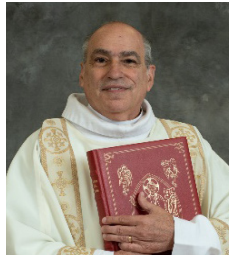
**Saint John the Baptist pray for us!**  
**Have a blessed week,**

**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 24, 2021  
Fr. Cotton**

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Sunday, January 17, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lector:</b>	Antonio D'Alberto
<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	Sharon D'Alberto
Sunday, January 24, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lector:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli
<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	Andrea Myers

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Livestream our 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on our**  
**St. John the Baptist Facebook page or by visiting our**  
**website [www.sjbitaliana.com](http://www.sjbitaliana.com).**

**Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.**  
**Website: [info@sjbitaliana.org](mailto:info@sjbitaliana.org)**  
**Offices will be closed January 18, MLK Day**

**Deacon Frank Iannarino** – Administrator  
**Msgr. John Cody** – Weekend Assistant  
**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. 1/17	9:30 a.m.	<b>Bruno Quaranto</b> by Mafalda Rotolo
Sun. 1/17	9:30 a.m.	<b>Maria "Mary" McDonald</b> by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dinova
Sun. 1/24	9:30 a.m.	<b>Rina Tiberi</b> by Armando & Liliana Tempesta
Sun. 1/24	9:30 a.m.	<b>Edward &amp; Cecilia Carfagna</b> by Relatives & Friends



**New Daily Mass and Confession opportunity:** Starting **January 4, Sacred Heart Parish**, located at **893 Hamlet Street, Columbus**, a daily **Mass** will be offered at **8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday** each week. **Exposition and Adoration** of the **Blessed Sacrament** with the **Sacrament of Confession** available will precede the daily **Mass at 7:00 p.m.**

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

Marian Lights: *Joyce Tisone*  
by Carl Tisone  
Blessed Sacrament: *Lora Brunetto*  
by Chris Soteriades

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun. 1/17	KCC Mass – Fr. Kim, 12:00 p.m. 1:00-2:30 p.m., Meeting in Sala Hall Secular Franciscan Meeting, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Marrapese Hall
Fri. 1/22	KCC Mass – Fr. Kim 7:00 p.m., SJB – Church

**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 17 – *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
January 18 – *Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)*  
Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22  
January 19 – *Weekday*  
Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28  
January 20 – *Weekday*  
*Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr, Saint Sebastian, Martyr*  
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6  
January 21 – *Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*  
Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12  
January 22 – *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*  
*Mass for Peace and Justice 887-891*  
Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19  
January 23 – *Weekday*  
*Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin, Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr*  
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21  
January 24 – *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

*\*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. 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!

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**

January 10, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 25

Env.:	\$ 1,130.00
Loose:	\$ 230.00
Total:	\$ 1,560.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (93.60)
	\$ 1,466.40
Votive:	\$ 81.00
St. Anthony Bread:	\$ 5.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 30.00
Total:	\$ 116.00

**?? ? ? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? ? ? ? ?**  
**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/20-6/30/21)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 1,560.00	(\$1,325.00)	-46%
FYTD:	\$80,780.00	\$76,335.08	(\$4,444.92)	-6%

**SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

Linda McCreary and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 25, 2021**

Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

**50/50 Drawing:** Congratulations to Mr. Carl Tisone, winner of the December 50/50 Drawing. Thanks to all for your support!

**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.

**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**

**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](http://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](mailto: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.gctrl.org/roe](http://www.gctrl.org/roe).

**January 16/17: Join the Worldwide Mission of Jesus:**

As disciples of **Jesus**, we are to share the **"Good News"** of **Christ**. Through the **Propagation of Faith**, we can reach those working at "the ends of the earth," offering our prayers and financial assistance as we support the **Church's** evangelizing efforts worldwide. To enroll, use the parish collection envelope for **Membership Sunday**. Society members receive the graces of **15,000 Masses celebrated each day by missionaries for its members – living or deceased**. **Mass is also celebrated daily for Society members at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.**

**Foster Care Virtual Info Session at St. Vincent Family Center:**

As **Christians**, we are encouraged to open our lives to the most vulnerable, and there is no better way to embody the **Lord's** love and grace than caring for those who have no one else to care for them. If you've ever considered becoming a foster parent, now is a great time to learn more. Join one of these brief **Virtual Info Session** to learn more about the process of fostering a child with **St. Vincent Family Center**:

- **Tuesday, January 19, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87085330490>
- **Thursday, January 21, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.**  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87991034439>

For more information, reach out to **St. Vincent Family Center's Foster Care Team** at [fostercare@svfc.org](mailto:fostercare@svfc.org).

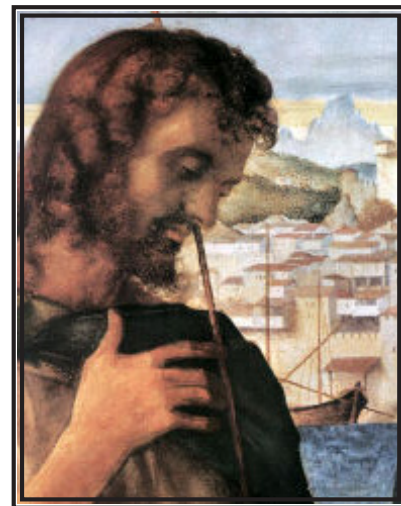
**Marriage and Family Life Office:**

**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](mailto:FamilyLife@columbuscatholic.org) with any questions or comments.

**Bereavement Ministry: Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry**, sponsored by the **North High Deanery**, will take place via **Zoom** on six consecutive **Sundays**, from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** The dates for this **six-week session** will be **January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, and 28**. Visit <https://www.northhighdeanery.org/seasons-of-hope> or <https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/15206/documents/2020/12/Seasons%20of%20Hope%202021.pdf> for more details and contact information for the ministry. **Seasons of Hope** is centered on **Jesus Christ** and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions, and practices of the **Catholic Church**. All are welcome!

**What is Ordinary Time?** With the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**, we have entered the liturgical time that we call **"ordinary."**

The **Sundays** and weeks of **Ordinary Time**, on the other hand, take us through the life of **Christ**. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of **Christ**. According to The **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**: **"Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and King of the Universe."**

**Prayer**

*Almighty ever-living God,  
who govern all things,  
both in heaven and on earth,  
mercifully hear the pleading of Your people and bestow Your  
peace on our times.  
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, Jan 17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Lifestyles of the brave and mobile

Media coverage is thick concerning the lifestyles of the rich and famous. The lives of the truly heroic, on the other hand—faithful spouses, conscientious parents, the working poor, folks who turn their lives around after addiction or costly misdirection—are mostly hidden from view. Faithful discipleship requires effort, quiet persistence, and most of all, movement in the spirit. Followers don't stand still, unchangeable in opinions or behaviors. Growth is required. The terms of the deal are as follows: "Come—and see."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42 (65). "*'Rabbi . . . where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and you will see.'*"

## Monday, Jan 18, 2021

### Abide your time this week

For more than 100 years, Christians around the world have been observing annually the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25). For Catholics, this week is an opportunity to also ponder the Decree on Ecumenism from Vatican II. Is your diocese or parish participating in this healing effort? For resources, visit the World Council of Churches at Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As you pray, call to mind this year's theme: "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit."

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22 (311). "*Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?*"

## Tuesday, Jan 19, 2021

### Pray the pope's prayer for peace

Exactly 60 years ago tomorrow, John F. Kennedy gave an inaugural address that quoted Romans 12:12, reminding citizens to be "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation." One year later, Pope John XXIII became a secret intermediary between Kennedy and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, speaking a message of peace to the entire world during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Haunted by the experience, he penned his final encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*, stressing the church's Christian duty to address international issues of peace and human rights—speaking to all persons "of good will," not only Catholics. Pray for peace and the perseverance of hope.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28 (312). "*Hold fast to the hope that lies before us.*"

## Wednesday, Jan 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF FABIAN, POPE, MARTYR

### Be open to the Spirit of surprise

In the year 236, Fabian left his farm and headed to Rome. He wanted to be in town for the election of a new pope. The furthest thing from his mind, or anyone's mind, was that he would be elected. Legend holds that as clergy discussed worthy candidates, a dove landed on the head of bystander Fabian. Thinking it was a sign from the Holy Spirit, the crowd elected Fabian by acclamation. A kind and capable administrator, he had the respect of both the faith community and three different emperors

in a period of rare peace. Although that peace eventually ended and persecution cost him his life, Fabian's legacy endures. Be open to unexpected visitations of the Holy Spirit!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6 (313). "*Come up here before us.*"

## Thursday, Jan 21, 2021

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR

### Draw inspiration from women of faith

Today we honor both Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr, and, in some places, Our Lady of Altagracia, protectress of the Dominican Republic. The devotion to both grew from grassroots popularity; that is, ordinary Christians were moved by their stories and lifted them up for veneration. Saint Agnes was executed for her faith in the fourth century. Our Lady of Altagracia is an image of Mary in the Dominican Republic that, according to legend, kept mysteriously moving to an orange grove until a church was built there. Centuries later memories of both women continue to inspire the faithful. Take a moment to reflect on women of faith who inspire you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12 (314). "*Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him.*"

## Friday, Jan 22, 2021

### Embracing your inner apostle

How many apostles did Jesus call? If you said 12, well, you are sort of correct. Indeed, Jesus appointed 12 followers to be his close companions, to learn from him, and to preach the Good News. But it doesn't stop at 12. Jesus continues to call forth apostles in the church. We have bishops who continue the mission via the tradition of apostolic succession. We also have every single person in the church, including you! "The whole church is apostolic, in that she remains . . . in communion of faith and life with her origin: and in that she is 'sent out' into the whole world," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. How will you respond to your call to apostleship?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19 (315). "*Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him.*"

## Saturday, Jan 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, RELIGIOUS

### Remarkable, two times over

Imagine leaving all that is familiar to minister in a far-off land. Now imagine doing it twice! German-born Marianne Cope came to the United States as a young woman and, as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse, New York, became a founding leader of St. Joseph's Hospital in the city, one of the first general hospitals in the country. Then in 1883 she relocated with six other sisters to Hawai'i to care for persons suffering leprosy and to help develop the medical infrastructure of the island chain. Pray today for an ounce of the courage and sacrifice she modeled for us all.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21 (316). "*Jesus came with his disciples into the house.*"

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



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