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BE MADE

# Clean.

MARK 1:41

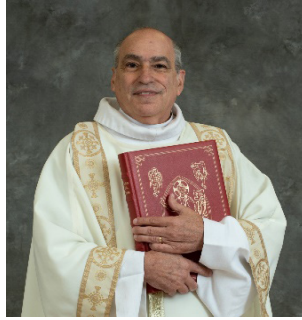
FEBRUARY 14, 2021 • SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

What's the first thing you're going to do when the "all clear" signal is sounded after the pandemic? **Travel?** Take the postponed vacation? Take a walk along a crowded city sidewalk? Invite friends over to your house for dinner? Maybe, have a "mask burning"? Answers to this question, of course, are myriad. But I suspect one action will be involved in much of whatever it is you're going to do first. That one thing? Touch – hugging, handshaking, arm around the shoulder, kissing, forgetting about the "stay six-feet apart" rule. We **need** that touch!



When **Jesus** healed the leper in our scripture today a remarkable thing happened. **Jesus** gave the man stern instructions to tell no one anything about who had healed him, instructions that the man promptly disregarded. He told his good news to anyone who would listen. As we look at this account, the man with leprosy, who was restricted in where he could go, now went wherever he wished. And **Jesus**, who had been able to move freely about, now could no longer go into a town openly. In this sense, **Jesus** and the man who was healed traded places. And a few short years later, **Jesus** would willingly trade places with all humankind, as He went to the cross to bring healing and salvation for all of us. A great gift for all at a great cost for Him.

This week, we begin the **Lenten** season ushered in by the traditional celebration of **Ash Wednesday**. Unfortunately, the church has recommended that due to the pandemic and for the safety of all, ashes be distributed by **sprinkling** them lightly on the person's crown of their head and not actually placing the mark of the cross on a person's forehead. No matter how we begin this **Lent**, we embrace the journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to help us reflect on the Passion, death, and greatest gift of all – **The Resurrection** to eternal life on **Easter Sunday**.

We have so much to pray for, not the least of which is the healing touch of **Jesus** on us all. **Thanks be to God!**

**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,  
February 21, 2021  
Stations of the Cross at 10:45 a.m.  
Msgr. Cody**

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

**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.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Sunday, February 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lector:</b>	Krissy Ciacchi
<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	Pat Rossetti
<b>Sunday, February 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lector:</b>	Davide Cugini
<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	Albert Iosue

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Livestream our 9:30 Sunday Mass on our St. John the Baptist Facebook page 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)**

**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.**

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone  
by Carl Tisone  
Blessed Sacrament: Mary Jo Zimmerman  
by Chris Soteriades**

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

<b>Sun. 2/14</b>	<b>KCC Mass, Fr. Kim, 12:00 Noon – Meeting after Mass in Sala Hall</b>
<b>2/17</b>	<b>KCC Mass, Fr. Kim – Ash Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. SJB – Church</b>
<b>Fri. 2/19</b>	<b>KCC, Mass, Fr. Kim 7:00 p.m.</b>

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun. 2/14	9:30 a.m.	Carolyn Panzera by Nick Panzera
Sun. 2/14	9:30 a.m.	Gerardo Cugini by the Cugini Family
Sun. 2/14	9:30 a.m.	Judy Mullen by The Iannarino Family
Sun. 2/21	9:30 a.m.	Joe Pishitelli by Sos & Lee Ann Codispoti
Sun. 2/21	9:30 a.m.	Capt. David Spellacy by Mary Spellacy & Family

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH MASS SCHEDULE  
ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

Catholic Churches	Time	Confessions
St. John the Baptist	NO MASS	
Sacred Heart Church	10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	7:30 a.m. 12:05 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	
St. Mary, Mother of God GV	8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Heard 45 minutes before 6:30 p.m. Mass
St. John the Baptist	NO MASS	
St. Patrick's	7:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	12:15 p.m.
Korean Catholic Community at St. John the Baptist	7:00 p.m.	
St. Francis of Assisi	7:00 p.m.	

**2021 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings**

- February 14 – *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45
- February 15 – *Weekday*  
Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
- February 16 – *Weekday*  
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
- February 17 – *Ash Wednesday*  
Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- February 18 – *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*  
Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
- February 19 – *Friday after Ash Wednesday*  
Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
- February 20 – *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*  
Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
- February 21 – *First Sunday of Lent*  
Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

*\*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 it in the bulletin. Thank you!



**New Daily Mass and Confession opportunity at Sacred Heart Parish,** located at 893 Hamlet Street, Columbus, a daily Mass is 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.

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**

February 7, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 29

Env.:	\$ 1,760.00
Loose:	\$ 250.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,010.00</b>
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (120.60)
	<b>\$ 1,889.40</b>
Votive:	\$ 72.00
St. Anthony Bread:	\$ 10.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 30.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 112.00</b>

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

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$2,010.00	(\$ 875.00)	30%
FYTD:	\$92,320.00	\$84,786.65	(\$7,533.35)	8%

**SJB Collection Counters  
for Monday, February 15, 2021  
Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard**

**SJB Collection Counters  
for Monday, February 22, 2021  
Linda McCreary and Aggie Howard**

**Answering COVID Vaccine Concerns: The Catholic Perspective:** There are many questions regarding the COVID vaccine. The Columbus Diocese recommends the following websites for guidance:

- 1. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):** <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>
- 2. The National Catholic Bioethics Center:** <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e3ada1a6a2e8d6a131d1dcd/t/5fd3ce39e679895094dd1e49/1607716409962/NCBCVaccineStatementFINAL.pdf>
- 3. 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>

**The Catholic Times:** It's not too late to sign up for ***The Catholic Times***. For a minimum donation of **\$17.00** for a **one-year** subscription, **Catholic** news from the diocese will be delivered right to your mailbox. Sign up online at [columbuscatholic.org.catholictimes](http://columbuscatholic.org.catholictimes) under the subscription payments tab. You may also use the envelope provided in your **February** packet, or simply write your name and ***The Catholic Times*** on a plain envelope, make your check payable to the **Diocese of Columbus – Catholic Times** and drop it into the collection basket. Another option is to mail your **\$17.00** check payable to **Diocese of Columbus – Catholic Times** to our office at **197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215**. You need ***The Catholic Times*** to keep up on all of the news throughout the diocese and the **Catholic** world.

## **AROUND US**



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of **February** is dedicated to the **Holy Family**. This year, the first **16 days** of **February** fall during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. **Green**, the 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. The remaining days of **February** are the beginning of **Lent**. The liturgical color changes to purple – a symbol of penance, mortification, and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of February 2021:** We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

**Diocese to begin 40 Days of Adoration on Ash Wednesday:** Bishop Robert Brennan calls upon the **Diocese of Columbus** to celebrate **Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist** in a special way this **Lent**. Starting on **Ash Wednesday, February 17**, the diocese will launch **40 Days of Adoration**. Every day for **40 days**, a different parish throughout the diocese will host **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration** throughout the day. Please see bulletin insert on the schedule of host parishes or visit the website: [columbuscatholic.org/40days](http://columbuscatholic.org/40days).

**Safe Distribution of Ashes:** This year, due to **COVID-19**, parishioners may receive ashes in a different way; by having them sprinkled on the crown of their heads. Sprinkling ashes on the crown of the head recalls the **biblical** method of putting on sackcloth and ashes as a sign of penance: ***"Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth upon their heads"*** (Neh 9:1). Here are some helpful tips for receiving ashes this way: First, when receiving ashes, simply bow your head. Second, since ashes may fall off your head, it may be best to wear something that will not show the dark ashes. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your parish or the **Diocesan Office for Divine Worship**.

**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 **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** applies to all **Catholics** from age 18 through age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Those who are ill or pregnant may be dispensed from their obligation.

**Sharing Our Story: A Virtual Event: The Diocese of Columbus** invites you to join this virtual event every **Saturday in February at 4:00 p.m.**, for an in-depth educational experience for **Black History Month**. Each session will strive to inspire the **Christian** faithful through the witness of **Catholic** candidates for sainthood. The presentations will celebrate how each candidate triumphed over tragedies and how we can learn to do the same. Virtual doors open at **3:45 p.m. EST**. Admission is free! Go to [eventbrite.com/e/134671105903](https://eventbrite.com/e/134671105903) to join the event. For more details, visit <https://columbuscatholic.org/sharing-our-story>.

**Missions Office:** The weekend of **February 20-21** is the **Black and Indian Missions Collection**. This collection helps impoverished communities among the **Black, Indian, Inuit, and Aleut** peoples in our country. These communities exist in almost every archdiocese and diocese in the **United States**. **Missionary** priests, religious brothers and sisters, catechists, and devoted lay people work tirelessly in parishes, missions, and reservations to bring the light of **Christ** to these communities.

**Marriage and Family Life Office:** Engaged and married couples do not have to go far to find **NFP** classes from certified teachers. **NFP** education is accessible anywhere in the **Diocese** from local teachers trained in several different **NFP** models who offer classes via internet and/or safely on-site. Women and couples seeking fertility education will find a list of instructors on the **Diocesan NFP pages**. **NFP** Coordinator **Jennifer Fullin** is also available to provide an overview of **NFP** for engaged and married couples by **video chat** or phone **614-241-2560**.



**Peace Prayer of St. Francis:** The **Social Concerns Office** is encouraging the faithful to pray the **Prayer of St. Francis** during these turbulent times:

***Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.***

***O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.***

## Sunday, Feb 14, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Staying the course

Quarantine is hard on relationships: both with the people you can't yet risk seeing in person, as well as those with whom you happen to be locked down. Families that have survived a long year of "acute togetherness" might congratulate each other on their success. Spouses, too, might reward each other for going the distance, without much distance, since last spring. On this World Marriage Day, take some time to reflect together on ways your vital relationships have been tested in a long period of crisis. Ask for forgiveness where necessary. Offer yours freely.

TODAY'S READINGS: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1; Mark 1:40-45 (77). *"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."*

## Monday, Feb 15, 2021

### Lead by example

Presidents' Day—celebrated every February between Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays—is an occasion to remember all the presidents of the United States. Certainly some of them have been better than others. Our job is not to sit on the sidelines and criticize and complain. The church wisely instructs us on our duty as citizens "to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom." That goes for participation in any community—get involved and raise it up!

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13 (335). *"Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."*

## Tuesday, Feb 16, 2021

### Enjoy the feast before the fast

Today is Fat Tuesday. Whether you call it Mardi Gras, Carnival, or Shrove Tuesday, the popular practice of one last big, sumptuous feast—right before the asceticism of Lent—actually had a very practical motivation. In the days before refrigeration, people couldn't preserve certain foods (like eggs, cream, and butter) during the time of prolonged fasting. They had to use them up. Nowadays, that's not the case for most of us. So it's worth considering: What does the feasting of this day signify, in contrast to the great fast that's approaching? Perhaps it's gratitude—for God's generous abundance.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21 (336). *"Do you not remember, when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand?"*

## Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

### Invitation to love

We enter the Lenten journey with the intention to draw closer to God by means of prayer, generosity, and fasting. Talk to God and share what is on your mind, read the daily scripture, practice the prayer of meditation. Find ways to be generous with time or treasure: write a card, heal a broken relationship, bake bread to share, donate to a group that cares for the underserved. And admit that some fasting—whether from gaming, social media, or worrying—could improve your connection to God. This Lent is an

opportunity, not a burden. Embrace it with hope. Live it with love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (219). *"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart."*

## Thursday, Feb 18, 2021

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

### Choose life

Today's readings focus on the urgency of choosing life. Moses tells his people to choose life over death; Jesus says we save our life by losing it in him. Meanwhile, events nationwide and worldwide keep reminding us that black lives matter and, as Catholic bishops put it, "everyone belongs." The disproportionate death of people of color from poor healthcare, poverty, abortion, crime and violence, judicial bias, and more cries out for major reform. Support life in all its diversity by learning more about racial injustice as a prolife issue.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25 (220). *"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."*

## Friday, Feb 19, 2021

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

### Make abstinence a healthy habit

The wisdom of making Lenten Fridays meatless has endured for centuries. We now understand that meat consumption at current levels is not only unhealthy, but unsustainable. Ever more Amazonian rain forests are cleared for grazing. Hundreds of activists have been gunned down trying to protect this biodiverse land and its poor settlers against the interests of powerful ranchers and loggers. Among the martyrs is Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, whose death 15 years ago brought new attention to the plight of the farmers and the devastation of the Amazon for the sake of beef. Why not extend your meat abstinence beyond Lenten Fridays?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 (221). *"Would that today you might fast so as to make your voice heard on high!"*

## Saturday, Feb 20, 2021

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

### Off to a good start?

This is only the fourth day of Lent, and already we had a day of fasting and abstinence on Wednesday and another day of abstinence yesterday. During Lent back in the Middle Ages, Catholics weren't supposed to eat anything before 3 p.m. In the monasteries, that was the hour the "Nones" prayers were recited. So no eating until after Nones. But the monks would move the Nones hour up to 12 o'clock so they could eat earlier. That's how the 12 o'clock hour got the name "noon." While we can eat at any hour today, every day is a good day to control our appetites. What hunger stands between you and a peaceful heart? Can you put it on pause at least for a day?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 (222). *"I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."*

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



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