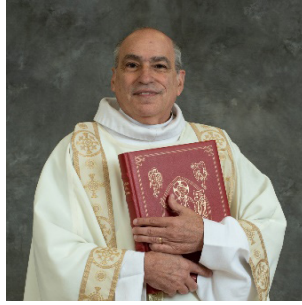


**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 14, 2021**

**FOR GOD SO LOVED
THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY SON SO THAT
EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN
HIM MIGHT NOT PERISH BUT
MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.**

JOHN 3:16

**THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

With this **Sunday's** milestone of the **4th Sunday of Lent** – and later next week with the celebration of **Saint Patrick's Day** on **March 17th** – there is a funny story about an elderly **Irishman** who slipped into the confessional one **Saturday** afternoon. He humbly confessed his sins, but before he got up to leave the confessional, he somehow gave the impression that there was something more to say. **"Is there anything else?"** the priest gently inquired. **"As a matter of fact,"** the man replied, "there is. You see, I normally have a lot of whiskey before I go to bed. This **Lent**, I decided I'd give up the drink till **Easter Sunday**. And I have kept my promise up until now." "Well, that's a wonderful effort," said the priest. "Tomorrow is **Laetare Sunday**, and it means that we are already halfway through **Lent**; it'll soon be **Easter**. You must be very pleased. However, you only have a little more time to go. Why are you celebrating now?" "I don't know, **Father**," came the reply. "You see, if I go without me whiskey much longer, I'm afraid I might lose my taste for the stuff altogether."

Whatever we think about that, our reason for rejoicing today is not that we have made it to the halfway mark of **Lent**, but rather that today we hear readings that bring us the most incredible news we could ever hear. It's as if the **Church** is asking us to raise our eyes and look to the future; to think of the extraordinary events that we'll soon be celebrating, events that from the climax of the **Church's** liturgical year, the suffering, death and Resurrection of our beloved **Lord Jesus' crucifixion** was foreshadowed when **Moses** lifted the serpent on a pole to cure the **Israelites** of poisonous snake bites. So, too, the cross will save us from the venom of evil.

The scene on **Calvary** speaks eloquently of how much **God** loves us. In the simple, yet powerful, words of **John**, the **Gospel** writer, **"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but will have eternal life."** **Calvary** is the supreme proof that our **God** is a **God** of love, a **God** who in the person of **God's** Son came into this world not to condemn but to save. Let us raise our eyes this weekend before the **Eucharist** to our **Lord Jesus** and prepare ourselves to receive Him – **Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity** – **Laetare** – **REJOICE!**

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,
March 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** at **614-294-5319**.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, March 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Lector: | Nick D'Alberto |
| Euch. Min.: | Antonio D'Alberto |
| Sunday, March 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m. | |
| Lector: | Krissy Ciacchi |
| Euch. Min.: | Ed Pagnanelli |

PARISH INFORMATION

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Website: info@sjbitaliana.org*

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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
Mrs. 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

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| Sun. 3/14 | 9:30 a.m. | Joe Agriesti by Jo & Blaise Marcucci |
| Sun. 3/14 | 9:30 a.m. | Gaetana & Mariano Capoccia by Maria Capoccia & Family |
| Sun. 3/21 | 9:30 a.m. | Rina Tiberi by Mario & Phyllis Ventresca |
| Sun. 3/21 | 9:30 a.m. | Carolyn Panzera by Nick Panzera |

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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|-----------|---|
| Sun. 3/14 | KCC, Mass – Fr. Kim 12:00 Noon – Meeting after Mass in Sala Hall |
| Fri. 3/19 | KCC, Mass – Fr. Kim 7:00 p.m., SJB Church |

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:
 Marian Lights: *Joyce Tisone*
 by Carl Tisone
 Blessed Sacrament: *Robert W. Contino, Sr.*
 Anonymous

2021 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings
March 14 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
March 15 – Lenten Weekday
 Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
March 16 – Lenten Weekday
 Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
March 17 – Lenten Weekday – Saint Patrick, Bishop
 Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
March 18 – Lenten Weekday
Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
March 19 – Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or/Lk 2:41-51a
March 20 – Lenten Weekday
 Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
March 21 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

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

**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. |

**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!

Piave Club will meet on Tuesday, April 6th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Marrapese Hall. Be a service of the Italian Community and join the Piave Club. Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact the parish office at 614-294-5319.

**Neighboring Parishes
 Easter Triduum Mass Schedule**

April 1st, Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

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|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Sacred Heart Church | 7:00 p.m. | |
| St. Joseph Cathedral | 7:30 p.m. | |
| Holy Family Church | 7:00 p.m. | |
| Korean Catholic Community | 8:00 p.m. | |
| | 9:00-11:00 p.m. | Devotion to Blessed Sacrament |

April 2nd, Good Friday, Passion of the Lord

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|---------------------------|------------|--|
| Sacred Heart Church | 3:00 p.m. | |
| St. Joseph Cathedral | 12:00 p.m. | |
| Holy Family Church | 3:00 p.m. | Veneration of The Cross |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Easter Vigil with Our Lady of Sorrows, Stations of the Cross & Confessions |
| Korean Catholic Community | 8:00 p.m. | |

April 3rd, Holy Saturday

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| Sacred Heart Church | 8:00 p.m. | Easter Vigil |
| St. John the Baptist | | No Mass |
| St. Joseph Cathedral | 8:00 p.m. | Easter Vigil |
| Holy Family Church | 8:30 p.m. | Easter Vigil |
| Korean Catholic Community | 8:00 p.m. | |

April 4th, Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord

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|---------------------------|---|--|
| Sacred Heart Church | 11:00 a.m. | |
| St. John the Baptist | 9:30 a.m. | |
| St. Joseph Cathedral | 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m. | |
| Holy Family | 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. | |
| Korean Catholic Community | 12:00 p.m. | |

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN
 March 7, 2021**

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday 45

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| Env.: | \$ 2,075.00 |
| EFT: | \$ 1,923.33 |
| Loose: | \$ 60.00 |
| Holy Day: | \$ 100.00 |
| Total: | \$ 4,158.33 |
| Less Diocesan 6% Assessment: | \$ (249.50) |
| | \$ 3,908.83 |

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| Votive: | \$ 57.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services: | \$ 10.00 |
| St. Anthony Bread: | \$ 77.00 |
| Easter Flowers: | \$ 40.00 |
| 50/50 Drawing: | \$ 30.00 |
| Total: | \$ 214.00 |

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

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

| | Budgeted | Actual | Difference (\$) | (%) |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|-----|
| This Week.: | \$ 2,885.00 | \$ 4,158.33 | \$1,273.33 | 44% |
| FYTD: | \$103,860.00 | \$94,405.98 | (\$9,454.02) | -9% |

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 15, 2021
Marjua Paule and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 22, 2021
Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard



New Daily Mass and Confession opportunity: Sacred Heart Parish, located at 893 Hamlet Street, Columbus, is offering daily **Mass, Monday through Thursday at 8:00 p.m.** 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.** **Stations of the Cross on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during Lent.** There will be **NO MASS or ADORATION on March 29, 2021 at Sacred Heart.**

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of March is dedicated to **St. Joseph.** The entire month falls during the liturgical season of **Lent**, which is represented by the liturgical color purple – a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2021: Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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>

SAVE THE DATE

The Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference
April 17th, 2021 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church
in Sunbury, Ohio.

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Our mission is to empower young adults to transform their communities through their identity in Christ

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.

It's Fish Fry Time: One of the great parts of **Lent** is the return of that wonderful **Catholic** institution, the **Friday Fish Fry.** **COVID** has allowed many parishes to move to carry-out only. But the fish is still excellent, and you do not have to cook! Please go to columbuscatholic.org for a complete list of the **Fish Fries** being offered throughout the **Columbus** area during **Lent.**

40 Days of Adoration: **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.** **40 Days of Adoration** started **February 17, Ash Wednesday.** 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 the schedule on our website www.sjbitaliana.com – **40 Days of Adoration.**

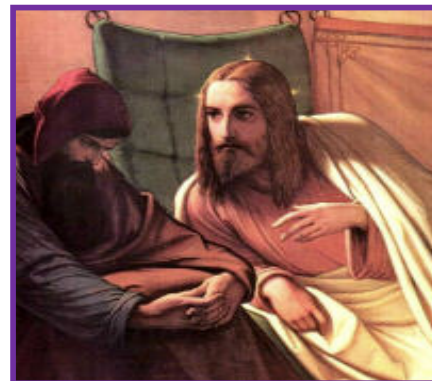
Resources for Lent and Adoration: Check out some suggested resources for use with your family to enhance the **40 Days of Adoration Campaign**, as well as a variety of resources to enhance your experience of **Lent.** Please see the complete list at: <https://columbuscatholic.org/resources-9>.

Reconciliation Monday

On **Monday of Holy Week, March 29th**, priests will be available in every church of the diocese between **4:00-7:00 p.m.** for the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. Some parishes will make the sacrament available for a longer time that day. Churches, where the sacrament is available, will have a special notice outside to promote the event. **The special time for Confession is in addition to the parish's normal Lenten Confession times.**

Season of Hope Monthly Theme – Patience: To overcome a poverty of hope experienced by many during these times, the **Diocesan HOPE Task Force** has developed helpful guidance and strategies on the theme of **patience.** For complete resources, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/season-of-hope.

Holy Week 2021: How to Obtain a Plenary Indulgence: A **plenary indulgence** can be obtained during **Holy Week** for oneself or for a deceased person if certain works established by the **Church** are performed. Please visit <https://columbuscatholic.org/liturgical-guidelines-resources> for details.



Prayer

Jesus, You share our humanity.

Open our eyes this Lent to see where we tend to push God aside.

Inflame our hearts with the strength of feeling,

that will help us rearrange our lives,

to put God first.

Amen

Sunday, Mar 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Don't look at me

During Lent, it's easy to imagine we're scoring points with heaven by all this fasting, praying, and almsgiving. Giving up binge-watching for a season, spending 15 minutes daily in contemplation, or funding a different cause each Friday are all worthy activities that may deepen our commitment to faithful living. None of these practices will actually buy us a ticket to paradise, however. Grace is free and unearned, so we can't boast about it. Our Lenten practices are simply our way of saying "Thank You" to the Giver of all good gifts.

TODAY'S READINGS: Year B: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21 (32). *"It is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast."*

Monday, Mar 15, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Engender cooperation

There have been some famous male/female teams in the history of Catholic religious orders. Benedict and Scholastica, Francis and Clare, Teresa of Ávila and John of the Cross. Another team included Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac, whose feast day is today. While Vincent founded the Vincentians, together he and Louise cofounded the Daughters of Charity. Today, there are 14,000 Daughters of Charity serving the poor all over the world. Commit to improving gender relations in your daily interactions. When woman and men feel free to make their unique contributions, great things can happen.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 (244). *"Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe."*

Tuesday, Mar 16, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Healing water everywhere

The custom of dipping a finger into holy water and making the sign of the cross upon entering a church serves to remind us of our Baptism, whereby we first entered the Catholic Church. But the waters of Baptism do much more, altering our metaphysical makeup in a profound way. Christians adopted the ritual from John the Baptist, but the practice has even more ancient roots. It's tied to the Jewish use of *mikvahs*, purifying pools—including those mentioned in the Bible, like Bethesda and Siloam—that believers visited to cleanse themselves of sickness and sin. Let your own bathing rituals remind you of your baptismal promises.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245). *"They shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary."*

Wednesday, Mar 17, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF PATRICK, BISHOP, MISSIONARY

Offer an Irish-inspired blessing

As the church and the Irish, and all who are "Irish for the day," celebrate the feast of Saint Patrick, let's also celebrate what we know of this remarkable fifth-century saint who brought the message of Christ to Ireland. Patrick writes in his *Confession* of his homeland (Roman Britain), his youthful captivity by pirates, his conversion, and his deepening desire to proclaim God's presence. There is no mention of snakes or shamrocks, but there is strong testament to Patrick's missionary zeal: *"That is why I cannot be silent . . . about such great blessings and such a gift that the Lord*

so kindly bestowed in the land of my captivity." Look for God's presence in this day and share your own good news.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 (246). *"I cannot do anything on my own; . . . because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me."*

Thursday, Mar 18, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Explore the roots of your faith

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem was a scholar and catechist at heart, but he spent years embroiled in the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. He spent 16 of his 35 years as Jerusalem's archbishop in exile over Arianism and political wrangling. Although he died in 386, it took until 1882 for him to be declared a doctor of the church for his significant theological contributions, many written for adults joining the church. In keeping with Saint Cyril's dedication to catechesis, devote some time today to learning more about your faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 (247). *"The works that the Father gave me to accomplish . . . testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me."*

Friday, Mar 19, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Try a little tenderness

When God's plans collided with his, Joseph attended to a calling beyond the law or custom of his day. He must have felt angry, betrayed, confused. But he also knew something greater was at stake than simply following rigid Mosaic code, which would have demanded stoning a woman found to be "with child" before marriage. Instead, he trusted Mary and trusted the dream that brought him angelic counsel. As Pope Francis said in his homily on this feast day in 2013, "in [Joseph's] heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength." Practice tenderness—the sign of a strong heart!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543). *"He did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."*

Saturday, Mar 20, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Lie low to be raised high

In 1812, six young women joined to devote their lives to providing care and education for Catholic families living in Kentucky. Nineteen-year-old Catherine Spaulding from Maryland was chosen to lead the group that became the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (S.C.N.). Mother Catherine guided the congregation for 45 years, until her death on March 20, 1858. Today 550 S.C.N. sisters serve in 20 states and four foreign countries. Find your own quiet path of humility so that you, too, can be exalted.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 (249). *"Never before has anyone spoken like this man."*

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



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