



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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 21, 2021**

Unless a
Grain of Wheat

falls to the
ground and dies,
it remains just a
grain of wheat.

JOHN 12:24

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

Have you ever tried a new restaurant at someone's suggestion? Or have you bought something based on a recommendation? How about watching a movie after hearing someone talk about how good the movie was?

During these days of social media, blogs, social review sites, and social media influencers, we are bombarded with suggestions to try something new or give something another chance. Most of these messages are met with skepticism and ignored. However, when the recommendation is shared within our own personal network, people we have a close relationship with, we are much more likely to accept the recommendation. Why? We trust our personal relationships over that of a stranger.

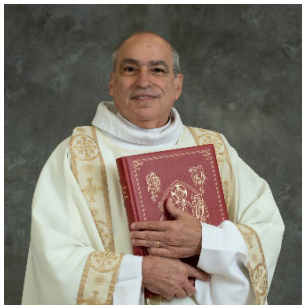
God continuously comes to us through covenants, attempting to form a relationship with us. While we cannot save ourselves or anyone else, we can form relationships with others that will help them to know, love and serve **Jesus Christ**. As we celebrate this fifth **Sunday of Lent** and begin to prepare for **Holy Week**, what in us must die – like the grain of wheat we will hear **Jesus** talk about today in the gospel reading – so that we can bring others to **Jesus Christ**?

As we gather around this altar with grains of wheat and grapes that have died and been transformed into bread and wine. This bread and wine will become the bread of life and our spiritual drink. So, we, too, must die to ourselves and be transformed by **God's** mercy, compassion, and steadfast love so that we can bring others to **Christ**.

Saint John the Baptist pray for us.

Have a good 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 28, 2021, Palm Sunday
Fr. Cotton**

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, March 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Lector: Krissy Ciacchi

Euch. Min.: Ed Pagnanelli

Sunday, March 28, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Lector: Antonio D'Alberto,

Lector Passion: Ed Pagnanelli

Euch. Min.: Sharon D'Alberto

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: **Joyce Tisone**
by Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament: **Geno Buzzelli**
by Andrea & Roger Myers

PARISH INFORMATION

**The Italian Catholic Community at St. John the Baptist
Corner of E. Lincoln and Hamlet Streets
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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**

**Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
Website: 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.

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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
Sun. 3/28	9:30 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory by John Violand
Sun. 3/28	9:30 a.m.	Robert W. Contino, Sr. by Mary Yannon

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 3/21	KCC Mass – Fr. Kim 12:00 Noon – Meeting after Mass in Sala Hall Secular Franciscan Meeting 12:00-5:00 p.m., Marrapese Hall
Tues. 3/23	Italian Festival Steering Committee Meeting 1:00-2:00 p.m., Italian Cultural Room
Fri. 3/26	KCC – Mass Fr. Kim 7:00 p.m., SJB Church
Sat. 3/27	Diaconal Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Italian Cultural Room

2021 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

March 21 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33

March 22 – Lenten Weekday
 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

March 23 – Lenten Weekday
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
 Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

March 24 – Lenten Wednesday
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord
 Is 7:10-14, 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

March 26 – Lenten Weekday
 Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

March 27 – Lenten Weekday
 Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

March 28 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
 Mk 14:1-15, 47 or 15:1-39

**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!



New Daily Mass and Confession opportunity: Sacred Heart Parish, located at 893 Hamlet St. 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 30, 2021 at Sacred Heart.

50/50 Winner: Congratulations to Mrs. Robert Contino winner of the February 50/50 Drawing. Thank you 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.

Baptism: Congratulations to Carmine and Allyn Carfagna parents, of Desi Rock Carfagna and to Salvatore and Abigail Carfagna, parents of Giovanni Michael Carfagna who were baptized on Saturday, March 20th, 2021. May the Holy Spirit be with them!

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.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

March 14, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 30

Env.:	\$ 2,420.00
Loose:	\$ 110.00
Total:	\$ 2,530.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (151.80)
	\$ 2,378.20
 Votive:	 \$ 41.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 55.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 50.00
50/50 Drawing:	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 156.00

?? ?? ?HOW IS ST. JOHN DOING? ?? ?? ?

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,530.00	(\$ 355.00)	-12%
FYTD:	\$106,745.00	\$96,935.98	(\$9,809.02)	-9%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 22, 2021

Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 29, 2021

Aggie Howard

Neighboring Parishes

Easter Triduum Mass Schedule

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

40 Days of Adoration: Bishop Robert Brennan calls upon the Diocese of Columbus to celebrate Jesus Christ's Real Presence in 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.

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.

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.

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.**

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Previously called "Passion Sunday", this Sunday marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent. This is the third Sunday of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts, and the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of re-creation, resurrection, and new life.

Virtual Walking Stations of the Cross: Considering the pandemic, the annual diocesan Walking Stations of the Cross will not be offered in-person on Good Friday. However, the offices of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Social Concerns are working with local parishes and the Diocesan Youth Council to provide video and audio reflections for small groups, families, and individuals. There also will be a guide provided with a map of the Walking Stations route for those interested in making a self-guided pilgrimage in downtown Columbus. For details, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/walking-stations.

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan will introduce the 2021 Catholic Man of the Year on Friday, May 7, 2021 during a virtual ceremony: The Catholic Man of the Year is awarded to one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." The recipient will have the opportunity to share his personal testimony during the ceremony. **Nominations will be accepted through March 31, 2021.** For details, nomination instructions and the required online nomination form, go to catholicmensministry.com/lunchclub.



Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus (John 12:20-22).

Prayer

O God,

*You are the light of the minds that know You,
the life of the souls that love You
and the strength of the hearts that serve You.
Help us to know you, that we may truly love You,
so to love You, that we may fully serve You
through Jesus Christ our lord.
Amen.*

Sunday, Mar 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

See inside for more information

Sometimes your reputation precedes you. The prophet Jeremiah is famous for lamentations, but he is less known for the centerpiece of his message: that everything we need to know about how to live is already planted in our hearts. On this International Forest Day, let's not miss the forest for the trees on another great truth rooted deeply in our midst. Trees are friends: bearing fruit, shade, and beauty wherever they're planted. They are also necessary allies in achieving planetary sustainability, food security, and poverty eradication. Play your part in protecting God's greenery.

TODAY'S READINGS: Year B: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33 (35). *"I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts."*

Monday, Mar 22, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Tap into the virtues of water

As part of its observance of the 2020 World Water Day, the Vatican published *Aqua fons vitae. Orientations on water: symbol of the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth*. The document, meant to support the human right to clean water, reminds us that "by means of the water made holy by the Spirit," God gives us life and renews us. The way we respect water is an indicator of how we are "taking care of the early garden" entrusted to us. In observance of World Water Day, educate yourself and others about the challenges the world faces in ensuring access to clean water: the holy source of all life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11 (251). *"Go, and from now on do not sin any more."*

Tuesday, Mar 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

To reveal Christ, go the distance

In 2018, Pope Francis met with the bishops of Peru, invoking the patron saint of Latin American bishops—Turibius of Mogrovejo. "This holy bishop is frequently portrayed as a 'new Moses,'" said the pope. "The Vatican has a picture in which Saint Turibius appears crossing a great river whose waters open before him like the Red Sea, so that he could get to the other shore, where numerous native peoples awaited him." Turibius cast aside life in Spain to live among native Peruvians. What can you cast aside so others might see Christ in you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252). *"Their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses."*

Wednesday, Mar 24, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Be transformed by justice

This is an anniversary of martyrdom. The archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Romero, was murdered on this day in 1980 as he presided at Mass in the chapel of a church-run hospital for cancer patients and the terminally ill. Romero, an unassuming man who in earlier years had ministered to the country's elite, experienced a late-in-life transformation that took him from quiet acceptance of the status quo to courageous critic of his government's repression of the poor. His weekly sermons championed justice, challenged the government, and eventually cost him his life: "It is not the will of God for some to have everything and for others to have nothing," he said. "It is not enough to attend Mass on Sunday . . . God wants the garment of justice. God wants his Christians dressed in love." Begin to dress the part by questioning the "way we always do things."

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 (253). *"If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

Thursday, Mar 25, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Prepare to say yes

Today we celebrate the Annunciation, that famous conversation between the angel Gabriel and Mary, in which Mary embraced what must have been the frightening prospect of bearing the Son of God. Mary's yes is seen as the model for all Christians in response to our individual callings, and in response to everyday choices to do what is most loving, moral, and just. Perhaps today you will be called to make a choice for faithfulness; prepare yourself now to say yes to God, as did Mary.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). *"Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'"*

Friday, Mar 26, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Meet violence with hope

Violence has made an all-too-comfortable home in our lives. It's in our TV shows and movies, our politics, our streets, and even our own hearts. In a pastoral message on violence in 1994, the U.S. Catholic Bishops wrote, "Hostility, hatred, despair, and indifference are at the heart of a growing culture of violence." How do we meet these experiences with compassion and offer a safe place for peace? "The path to a more peaceful future is found in a rediscovery of personal responsibility, respect for human life and human dignity, and a recommitment to social justice. The best antidote to violence is hope."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 (255). *"[They] picked up rocks to stone Jesus."*

Saturday, Mar 27, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

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



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