

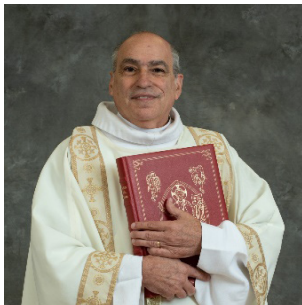


THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 7, 2021

DESTROY THIS
TEMPLE
AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL
RAISE IT UP.

JOHN 2:19

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

At this time of year, some households get turned upside down for the annual ritual of spring cleaning. More zealous housekeepers go all the way. Bedding is taken outside and aired – or to the cleaners – mattress springs rinsed of the year's dust. Floors are waxed, rugs and furniture vacuumed, windows washed, nooks and crannies dusted. When everything has been aired, cleaned, and put back together, the house will be fresh and neat, ready for the year ahead.

During **Lent** we do spiritual “**spring cleaning.**” Reviewing the **Ten Commandments** is a good place to start. Based on natural law, they make sense: give **God** and neighbor what is due to them. But **Jesus** wants more radical cleansing – beyond the letter of the **Law**, beyond human wisdom, beyond what makes sense. **Jesus** invites us into what **St. Paul** calls in our second reading the foolishness of **God**, the folly of the cross. The **Church** asks us each year to do spring cleaning. We are called to go again to the center of our faith: our share in **Christ's** death and resurrection. We are asked to examine how our convictions and practice may have gathered dust during the past year.

We celebrate the foolishness of **God's Wisdom** at every **Mass**. We proclaim the death of the **Lord**. We say “**amen**” to letting that death penetrate our lives. We feed upon the sacrificed **Body of Christ**. May we get the message right this year, this Lent. May we be fools for the sake of **Jesus** and know the renewal and life that only such foolishness can bring.

Saint John the Baptist pray for us.

Happy 3rd Sunday of Lent and 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 14, 2021, Stations of the Cross
at 10:45 a.m., Fr. Klingner**

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS**Sunday, March 7, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

Lector:	Landa Brunetto
Euch. Min.:	Pat Rossetti

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

Lector:	Nick D'Alberto
Euch. Min.:	Antonio D'Alberto

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**.

PARISH INFORMATION

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www.sjbitaliana.com**

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

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**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. 3/7	9:30 a.m.	Gerardo Cugini by the Cugini Family
Sun. 3/7	9:30 a.m.	Cesidia Cugini by the Cugini Family
Sun. 3/14	9:30 a.m.	Joe Agriesti by Jo & Blaise Marcucci
Sun. 3/14	9:30 a.m.	Gaetana & Mariano by Maria Capoccia & Family

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

**Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Danny LaPenna
by Andrea & Roger Myers**

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 3/7	KCC Mass, Fr. Kim 12:00 Noon – Meeting after Mass in Sala Hall
Fri. 3/12	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

- March 7 – *Third Sunday of Lent*
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25
- March 8 – *Lenten Weekday – Saint John of God, Religious*
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
- March 9 – *Lenten Weekday*
Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
- March 10 – *Lenten Wednesday*
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- March 11 – *Lenten Weekday*
Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
- March 12 – *Lenten Weekday*
Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
- March 13 – *Lenten Weekday*
Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
- March 14 – *Fourth Sunday of Lent*
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

**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 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.



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

- **Mark Zimmer**, long time devoted member of **St. John the Baptist**, who died and was buried this past week.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

February 28, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 25

Env.:	\$ 1,372.00
Loose:	\$ 300.00
Total:	\$ 1,672.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (100.32)
	\$ 1,571.68
Votive:	\$ 6.00
Black & Indian Missions:	\$ 10.00
50/50 Drawing:	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 26.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 1,672.00	(\$ 1,213.00)	-42%
FYTD:	\$100,975.00	\$90,247.65	(\$10,727.35)	-11%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 8, 2021

Darlene Rauch and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 15, 2021

Marjua Paule 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>

St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church announces the **2021 Father Casto Marrapese Scholarship Program**. If you are a high school senior student of Italian descent, attending **Central Ohio High School**, and accepted to an accredited **two or four-year College or University** in the **U.S.** for the **2021-2022** academic years, you are encouraged to apply for this scholarship opportunity. Application information has been sent to central Ohio high school guidance counseling offices. Application information has been posted on **Saint John's website** www.info@sjbitaliana.com. All application materials (application form, activity listing, personal recommendation letter, school recommendation and transcript, and personal essay) must be received at **St. John** no later than **2:00 p.m., Monday, April 5, 2021**. For information, call **St. John the Baptist Catholic Italian Church** at **614-294-5319**.

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**.

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**.

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 will be 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.**

Columbus Frassati Society is hosting a faith talk at **Gressos Bar (961 South High Street) 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11th**. Fr. Norbert Keliher will present on the topic "**The Spirit and the Flesh: Growing in Virtue by the Exercise of Faith.**" **Adults** in their **20's** and **30's** are invited to attend. **RSVP** appreciated but not required to **Sarah Spaulding** at columbusfrassatisociety@gmail.com or **937-212-1614**.

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**.

Lenten Reflection: Our **Christian** hope begins with inspiration. **Jesus** awakens us spiritually and plants within us the desire to live out of love, faith, wisdom, and justice. Gradually the vision of our destiny comes into focus. We begin to see what is truly important; we can almost picture what the "**kingdom of God**" is and how we are part of it. But we must practice our hope. Some days the vision fades, and we must return to the basics: **God** loves us passionately, and we are invited to participate in **God's** life. We practice hope with every prayer, every instance of gratitude, and every phrase of **Scripture**. We practice by gathering together and retelling the **Jesus** story through liturgy and song.

– Excerpted from "**Hope Is an Art**" by Vinita Hampton Wright



Prayer

O God,

*who have commanded us to listen to Your beloved Son,
 be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by Your word,
 that, with spiritual sight made pure,
 we may rejoice to behold Your glory.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
 who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.*

Amen



Sunday, Mar 07, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Balancing act

Saint Paul lived in that perilous posture you see in cartoon characters whose feet are on opposite supports that are swiftly gliding apart. As a privileged Roman citizen of Cilicia (modern Turkey), Paul had one foot firmly planted in the reality of Greco-Roman culture. Yet the other was just as securely fixed in his Jewish faith. It was a tough posture to maintain. Then Paul encountered the Risen Lord and understood in the gospel the most excellent way to unite Jews and Greeks in an elegantly reconciling Christian message. Christianity is for uniting, not dividing.

TODAY'S READINGS: Year B: Exodus 20:1-17; I Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25 (29). *"Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified."*

Monday, Mar 08, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Sisters act

How fitting that the first day of Catholic Sisters Week is also International Women's Day, celebrating achievements of women in politics, culture, and society. Catholic sisters have been making the world a better place for centuries! By teaching children, healing the sick, fighting injustice, promoting peace, defending the planet, creating community, and empowering other women, Catholic sisters are a powerful gospel witness—and many of us have been on the receiving end of their work and prayers. Celebrate sisters this week—find information and resources at catholicsistersweek.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30 (237). *"Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place."*

Tuesday, Mar 09, 2021

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

A religious life for all

During a week that celebrates Catholic sisters, women religious, we remember an Italian saint who found a way to work and pray like a nun while staying committed to her immediate family. In fact, Frances of Rome—who nursed her sick husband and children, as well as the poor, during a plague in the 1400s—is commonly called a Benedictine oblate. An oblate is anyone who wants to share in the common vision and prayer of a religious community without officially entering religious life. Explore religious communities at VocationNetwork.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 (238). *"Let our sacrifice be in your presence today as we follow you unreservedly."*

Wednesday, Mar 10, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Love will change the world

"Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." This quote belongs to Harriet Tubman, who died on this day in 1913. This courageous woman, who escaped the chains of slavery and then led hundreds of slaves to freedom, reminds us that no matter the odds, no matter the restrictions, God gives us strength to reach for the stars and become the Love we were created to be. On this mid-March day, in the third week of Lent, perhaps we could use a

little encouragement to keep reaching for the stars as we respond to our Lenten call to love as God loves. Take one courageous step toward racial healing today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239).

"But whoever obey and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Thursday, Mar 11, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Stretch your heart

One year ago this week, COVID-19 began to seriously disrupt lives in North America. During this tumultuous year, everyone has suffered, whether from isolation, illness, unemployment, or another pandemic problem. Pope Francis has urged us to grow from these experiences: "If we are to come out of this crisis less selfish than when we went in, we have to let ourselves be touched by others' pain," he wrote. Has COVID-19 stretched your heart? Whether you give to a food pantry or call a shut-in, act on your compassion today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 (240). *"Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house."*

Friday, Mar 12, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Abstinence makes the heart grow fonder

As we practice Lenten abstinence today, we might keep in mind these words from fourth-century Saint Basil the Great: "True fast is the estrangement from evil, temperance of tongue, abstinence from anger, separation from desires, slander, falsehood, and perjury. Privation of these is true fasting." Being mindful of what goes into our mouths is important today, but being mindful of what comes out of them, even more so. Strive to abstain from the unkind, false, or hostile word today. And if you find you have broken the fast, make amends as best you can. Let this be your spiritual discipline today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 (241). *"You are not far from the kingdom of God."*

Saturday, Mar 13, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Pray the mercy mantra

Gregory Palamas, a saint of the Eastern Orthodox, Melkite, and Ukrainian Catholic Churches, taught that the use of the Jesus Prayer—"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner"—prepares one to receive the grace-filled light of the Lord. This short, formulaic prayer has its roots in today's parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. Saint John Paul II repeatedly cited Palamas as one of the great spiritual writers of history. Today, join with John Paul II and Palamas in heaven and the multitude of Catholics throughout the world who recite this spiritual mantra over and over again seeking the Lord's mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 (242). *"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

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



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