



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • MAY 2, 2021

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

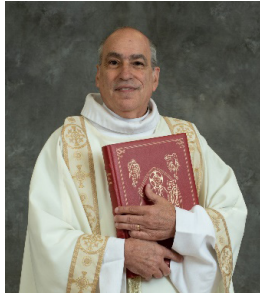
I AM THE
vine
YOU ARE THE
branches

WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM WILL BEAR MUCH
FRUIT, BECAUSE WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.

- JOHN 15:5

From the Deacon's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,



As we begin this month of **May**, the **Diocese of Columbus** continues to move forward with the **Real Presence/Real Future** planning that so many of you who took part in last month by filling out the survey either online or in the bulletin can be apprised of the results. The next phase of the planning is to have our parish's leadership team, made up of parishioners **Blaise** and **Joanne Marcucci**, **Antonio** and **Sharon D'Alberto**, **Ed Pagnanelli**, **Gina Bishop**, and **Aggie Howard** view a series of webinars and consult with me and the **Catholic Leadership Institute** on the various outcomes to be recommended to **Bishop Brennan** in the **Fall**. I ask that you keep all of us in your prayers and we look forward to sharing our discussions with you later this year.

This weekend, also officially kicks off the **Bishop's Annual Appeal**. The theme this year is "**Joy of the Gospel**." You should have received my letter encouraging you to do your best in helping **Saint John the Baptist** reach its goal set by the diocese of over **\$16,000.00**. As always, give whatever you can to help our **twenty-three-county** diocese in the many wonderful programs offered.

The **Columbus Italian Festival's Executive Board** continues to meet monthly in planning this year's **41st Italian Festival** here at **Saint John the Baptist** scheduled for **October 8-10**. Continue to keep them and all the volunteers in your prayers that we can have a safe and wonderful time once again, celebrating our **Italian** heritage. The festival was truly missed by all last year. The board will continue to keep you updated on how the plans progress.

You will begin to see some nice additions to our campus. We will be adding cameras and a very sophisticated control booth in the choir loft to livestream our weekend **Mass** to those who cannot attend. The **Mass** will have a better sound quality and picture. It will continue to be broadcast live and then posted on a **YouTube** and **Facebook** page for later viewing if you cannot tune in live. It will be a nice touch for those who are homebound due to health reasons or cannot attend **Mass** regularly. We also plan to have the woodwork and doors around the church and **The Italian Cultural Center** painted. There will be a new roof put on the rectory and some needed stonework repairs to various areas. Our building and campus are in excellent shape due to the care of so many over the years.

Plans are also being made by the selection committee in choosing this year's **Marrapese Scholarship** recipients. We have some wonderful young people of **Italian** descent who have applied, and it is our hope to help them continue their education beyond high school to the next level in college. We will be announcing the winners of the **\$2,000.00** scholarship in the next few weeks.

During this month of **May**, let's continue to ask **Our Blessed Mother, Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint John the Baptist** and all those past parishioners who have gone before us and now belong to the **Communion of Saints** to intercede for all of us. As we approach the table of the **Lord**, may we always give thanks as we receive the one bread of life that nourishes us. May **the Christ** we receive lead us to become what we have received.

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**.

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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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**.

Celebrant for Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass,
May 9, 2021 – Msgr. Cody

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 5/2	9:30 a.m.	Joe Agriesti by Jim & Roseann Graf
Sun. 5/2	9:30 a.m.	Joe Pishitelli by Pesce Family
Sun. 5/9	9:30 a.m.	Dominic Julian by Elda Ciamelli
Sun. 5/9	9:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of D'Alberto Family by Dr. Maria Coccia

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



- **Ida Frissora**, long-time devoted member of **St. John the Baptist**, member of the **Le Donne Ladies Club**, **Amici D'Oro** and volunteer of the **Columbus Italian Festival** who died and was buried this past week.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, May 2, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector 1:	Davide Cugini
Lector 2:	Nick D'Alberto
Euch. Min.:	Sharon D'Alberto
Sunday, May 9, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector 1:	Krissy Ciacchi
Lector 2:	Ed Pagnanelli
Euch. Min.:	Andrea Myers

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 5/2	KCC, Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim 12:00 Noon – Meeting after Mass in Sala Hall
Mon. 5/3	Executive Board Meeting – Marrapese Hall 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Tues. 5/4	Piave Club Meeting – Marrapese Hall 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Fri. 5/7	KCC, Mass – Fr. Kim 7:00 p.m., SJB Church

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!

Bishop's Annual Appeal: This weekend is the start of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The theme of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, "Living the Joy of the Gospel," inspires us, as people of faith, to share joyfully the Good News of Christ to those who most need to feel His love as we continue His work on earth as faithful disciples. The Appeal makes possible the many good works facilitated by the Office of Social Concerns and the Office of Marriage and Family Life, contributes to the education of our future priests and deacons, and supports the education of our young people in their faith. These are just a few examples of the many ministries and programs supported by your gift to the Appeal. Together, we can bring hope that can change lives. Our parish goal for 2021 is \$16,108.91.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

April 25, 2021

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 26

Reg. Collection:	\$ 1,545.00
Loose:	\$ 810.00
EFT Collection:	\$ 1,833.33
Total:	\$ 4,188.33
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (251.30)
	\$ 3,937.03
Votive:	\$ 37.00
Central Eastern Europe:	\$ 20.00
St. Anthony Bread:	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvements:	\$ 12.00
Total:	\$ 119.00

???? 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	\$ 4,188.33	\$1,303.33	45%
FYTD:	\$124,055.00	\$117,350.64	(\$6,704.36)	-5%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 3, 2021

Aggie Howard and Victoria Gammell

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 10, 2021

Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

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.

2021 Columbus Italian Festival sponsored by the Italian Catholic Community at Saint John the Baptist: The Executive Board of the Columbus Italian Festival is in the process of planning the 2021 Festival. At the current time, we do not know exactly what it might look like, but stay tuned, as we will be giving you updates soon.



BANNS of MARRIAGE
 Pat Elfein and Emily Lachey
 May 15, 2021



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.

AROUND US

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of May 2021: *Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.*

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **May** is dedicated to **The Blessed Virgin Mary**. The first 23 days fall within the liturgical season of **Easter**, which is represented by the liturgical color white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remainder of the month (beginning the **Monday** after **Pentecost**) is in **Ordinary Time** which is represented by the liturgical color green. This 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.



Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Daily Masses at Sacred Heart will be offered at 8:00 p.m. on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**. Exposition and Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament**, starting at 7:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard during the time of Adoration.

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>

Laudato Si' Resources: Earth Day: During the **Vatican's Laudato Si' Special Anniversary Year**, we are called to renew our commitment to care for our common home. **Pope Francis** will soon launch a **Laudato Si' Action Plan**. For more information and **Earth Day** resources, offered by **Catholic Climate Covenant**, please go to: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/earth-day>.

Parish Coordinators for Walking with Moms in Need – A Year of Service: Please support the **USCCB's Walking With Moms In Need: A Year of Service initiative**. Please identify and send the name of your parish **WWMIN** coordinator to **Erin Cordle**, the **WWMIN** coordinator, at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or **614-570-2950**.

=Devotion to Mary Question: One question frequently asked of **Catholics** is, "Why do you worship **Mary**?" In fact, we do not worship **Mary**. Worship is the Adoration we give to **God** where we acknowledge him as **Creator, Savior, and Lord**. **Mary** is a creature like us. **She** is not divine, so we cannot worship her. However, we can honor **her**. **She** is the **Mother of God**, since **Jesus is God**. On the **Cross**, **Jesus** gave her to us as our mother and entrusted us to her care. We honor her for the good she did and still does for us, and for her holiness. **God** is not jealous of our devotion to **Mary**, just as an artist would not be jealous if his greatest masterpieces were praised. Turning to **Mary** for her intercession is not a problem, either. **Mary's** role (and ours) is to help get us to Heaven, which is exactly what **God** wants, too. **Mary** always leads us to her Son, **Jesus**.

=Bereavement Ministry: Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry, sponsored by the **North High Deanery**, will take place via **Zoom** on six consecutive **Sundays, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** The spring session will begin in **April**. Go to: <https://www.northhighdeanery.org/seasons-of-hope> for more details, including contact information for the ministry.

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



Saint's Corner: Among many diplomatic achievements, **St. Catherine** is known for effecting a reconciliation between the **Florentine** people and the **Papacy**. This emblem refers to her faith and charitableness.



You are all beautiful, O Mary!
You are the glory,
You are the joy,
You are the honor of our people!

"The fullness of life and of joy is found by giving of oneself for the Gospel and for our brothers and sisters, with openness, welcoming, and goodness."

~ From the Twitter Account of Pope Francis



I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire, and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want, and it will be done for you (**John 15:5-7**).

Prayer

*Embracing Father,
You grace each of us with equal measure in Your love.
Let us learn to love our neighbors more deeply,
so that we can create
peaceful and just communities.
Inspire us to use our creative energies,
to build the structures we need
to overcome the obstacles
of intolerance and indifference.
May Jesus provide us the example needed,
and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the journey.
Amen*

Sunday, May 02, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Search for the truth

We've entered an age when discovering the truth feels more complicated than ever. Some of us are leery of "facts," knowing how easily they can be manufactured, massaged, or politicized. Traditional sources of truth—government, news media, even organized religion—have proven to be subject to the same failures to which we ourselves are prone. How do we sort out truth from all the political noise that distorts what we hear? John says the Spirit's been given to us for precisely this task. Pray for the gift of holy discernment.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8 (53).
"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

Monday, May 03, 2021

FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

Don't think less of others

Poor James the Lesser. The other apostle named James—the Greater—got the better nickname. We don't even know anything about James the Lesser, other than his name and that Jesus picked him to be one of the 12—but that alone speaks volumes about this James. We've all experienced what it feels like to have labels attached to us that make us feel less in the eyes of others, if we even feel seen or known at all. But God looks past those labels to the truth of our identity. That's where you'll find your value and dignity, even if others don't seem to. Remember that, like James, you are God's chosen.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 (561). *"Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?"*

Tuesday, May 04, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

May their force be with us

Today is Teacher Appreciation Day, recognizing teachers as a force for good—especially in this pandemic year. Through John Baptist de La Salle, patron saint of all teachers, we might say the best educators naturally follow a "Lasallian" philosophy of education. "The Lasallian tradition emphasizes the fact that all people, especially the young, have an inherent dignity which comes from their being created in the image of God," explains St. Mary's College of Winona. "Education is a means of developing this dignity for the well-being of each student as well as for the well-being of our society." Thank a teacher today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286). *"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."*

Wednesday, May 05, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Celebrate the dignity of diversity

Though today's "Cinco de Mayo" celebrations commemorate but a single Mexican victory over France at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, in the United States it has become an opportunity to honor the heritage and culture of Mexican people. As folks revel in parades and festivals, enjoying Mexican cuisine and music, we recall these words from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Human interdependence is increasing and spreading through the world . . . embracing people who enjoy equal natural dignity."

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a prayer of gratitude for the richness of human diversity.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287). *"I am the vine and you are the branches."*

Thursday, May 06, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Focus on the essentials

One of the earliest conflicts in the church had to do with whether Gentiles should have to follow the laws and customs of Judaism. Because Christianity grew out of Judaism, early church leaders had a hard time sorting out what was essential to the emerging Christian faith and what was simply the "way we've always done it." This question continues to vex church leaders to this day and has gone through many iterations—from questions about ritual practices, to prayers and social norms. What is essential to the faith? That we love God with our whole heart, mind, and soul, and love our neighbor as ourselves. Everything else may well be a matter of custom. When it comes to faith, take time today to get back to the basics.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:7-21, John 15:9-11 (288). *"It is my judgment, therefore, that we ought to stop troubling the Gentiles who turn to God."*

Friday, May 07, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Connect with creation and Creator

If you have a garden, you might be checking the forecast these days to see if conditions are right for planting. Gardens play an outside role in the Christian imagination. From the Garden of Eden to the Garden of Gethsemane, key events happen in gardens. For centuries communities of sisters, brothers, and priests have cultivated gardens for food, edification, and connection to a major metaphor for spiritual development. Seek out a patch of green, and whether you plant a seed or enjoy a bloom, connecting with creation will connect you with the Creator.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289). *"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."*

Saturday, May 08, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Elevate your spiritual gaze

Blessed Teresa Demjanovich (1901-27) has been called America's "Little Flower." Like Thérèse from Lisieux, France, Teresa from Bayonne, New Jersey was a spiritual writer of great insight who also died young. Because of her virtue, her writings, and a miracle healing attributed to her intercession, she was beatified in the Newark cathedral in 2014, the first-ever such ceremony held in the United States. Her elevation to sainthood awaits confirmation of a second miracle. Teresa's mother died in the 1918 pandemic, which killed well over 500,000 Americans. Sound sadly familiar? Ask Blessed Teresa's intercession for all who have suffered because of COVID-19.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290). *"You do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world."*

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



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