

MAY 16, 2021 • THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

GO INTO THE WHOLE WORLD AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL  
TO EVERY CREATURE. ~ MARK 16:15



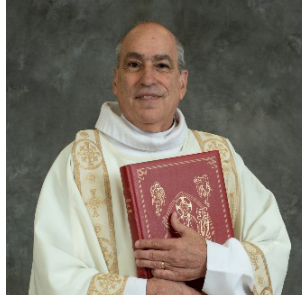
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**From the Deacon's Desk**

**Dear friends in Christ**

The **Feast of the Ascension** is the culminating event of **Jesus'** life, death, and Resurrection. Now, He is again united with His **Father** in heaven. It is left to His disciples - including **all of us** in the here and now - to carry on His mission to "... **proclaim the Gospel to every creature.**" Furthermore, the **Holy Spirit** will come upon the disciples to bestow power for their mission.



This is a good day to reflect on the words of **Saint Teresa of Avila**, a doctor of the Church:

**"Christ has no body but yours.  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet.  
Yours are the body; you are his body.  
Christ has no body but yours."**

As we prepare to share in the **Body and Blood of Christ**, let us open our hearts and minds so we can better be **Christ's** body here on earth.

**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,  
May 23, 2021 – Fr. Cotton**

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

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun. 5/16	9:30 a.m.	Joyce Tisone Carl Tisone
Sun. 5/16	9:30 a.m.	Carolyn Kiss by Kevin Koesters
Sun. 5/23	9:30 a.m.	Robert W. Contino, Sr. by The Militello's
Sun. 5/23	9:30 a.m.	Ida Frissora, Diana Whitsel, Mary Teresa Molina by the Le Donne Group

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Sunday, May 16, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lector 1:</b>	John Snoad
<b>Lector 2:</b>	Antonio D'Alberto
<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	Albert Iosue
Sunday, May 23, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lector 1:</b>	Nick Sciarretti
<b>Lector 2:</b>	Landa Brunetto
<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	Pat Rossetti

**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:** Chris Damopoulos  
by Chris Soteriades

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun. 5/16	KCC Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim 12:00 Noon – Meeting after Mass in Sala Hall Secular Franciscan Meeting 12:00-5:00 p.m. Marrapese Hall
Fri. 5/21	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, James Graf and Rick Brunetto.**

**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!

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

May 9, 2021

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 41

Reg. Collection:	\$ 1,240.00
Loose:	\$ 105.00
Holy Day:	\$ 30.00
Total:	\$ 1,375.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (82.50)
	\$ 1,292.50
Votive:	\$ 90.00
Catholic Community Campaign:	\$ 10.00
St. Anthony Bread:	\$ 30.00
Grounds Beautification:	\$ 10.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 160.00

### \$\$\$ 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	\$ 1,375.00	(\$1,510.00)	-52%
FYTD:	\$129,825.00	\$120,816.64	(\$9,008.36)	-7%

#### SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 17, 2021

Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

#### SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 24, 2021

Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

**50/50 Drawing:** Congratulations to Marge Contino, winner of the April 2021, 50/50 Drawing. Thanks to all for your support!

**Low-Gluten Host:** Anyone wanting to receive Low-Gluten Host due to health reasons, please go into Deacon Frank's line to receive Holy Communion.



#### CONGRATULATIONS!

To Pat Efllein and Emily Lachey who entered in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on May 15, 2021.

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, we will be giving you updates soon.

**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.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Your gift to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal is vital to the success of this diocesan-wide campaign. As of May 10th, St. John's has received pledges of \$8,125.00 towards our goal of \$16,108.91, which brings our new parish goal to \$7,983.91. Thank you to all those families that have made a gift or pledge. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift will help to continue the vital work of the various ministries and services that reach so many in need. Please pray for the success of the Appeal and remember no amount of giving is too small. Together we can bring hope that can change lives.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Chester & Anne DeBellis	William & Sally Finissi
Elinda Gastaldo	Raffaella Leggeri
Roger & Andrea Myers	Darlene Rauch
Dale Romick	David & Michelina Ross
Patrick Rossetti	Irene Solazzo
Jeffrey Squeo	Patricia Weimer
Guy & Laura Williams	H. James & Yancey Zimmer
Deacon Frank and Peggy Iannarino	

#### 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

**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.

**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.*



**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.



#### Saints of May: St. Philip:

It was to St. Philip that Christ addressed His remark concerning the feeding of the multitude. The roundels represent two loaves of bread.

**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>

**May is National Foster Care Month!** As Christians, we are encouraged to open our lives to the most vulnerable, and there is no better way to embody the Lord's love and grace than caring for those who have no one else to care for them. If you've ever considered becoming a foster parent, now is a great time to learn more. Join one of these brief **Virtual Info Session** to learn more about the process of fostering a child with **St. Vincent Family Center**:

- **Wednesday, May 26th at 6:00 p.m.** – Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87177483092>

For more information, connect with St. Vincent Family Center at [fostercare@svfc.org](mailto:fostercare@svfc.org).

**St. Vincent Family Center's 2021 Corcoran Awards:**

Each year, **St. Vincent Family Center** honors the work and mission of **Monsignor Lawrence Corcoran** by celebrating community members who contribute to the well-being of the children and families they serve. Just as **Monsignor Corcoran** was known for working tirelessly to improve conditions for the underserved and emphasizing dignity for all humans, **St. Vincent Family Center** recognizes extraordinary individuals who are passionate about making a difference in the lives of others. This year, **St. Vincent Family Center** is honoring a new class of **Corcoran Award** winners and hosting a free, livestreamed Virtual Round Table – a conversation with **SVFC's behavioral health** experts, addressing the mental wellness of parents, families and professionals and the social-emotional health of the children they care for.

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**Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass: Jubilee of Anniversaries 2021 will take place on Sunday, June 27 at St. Joan of Arc, Powell. Bishop Brennan will celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m.** There will be a gift provided rather than a reception due to the pandemic. Parishioners who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries (25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, and every year thereafter) are encouraged to register! All registered couples, whether attending or not, will receive a bookmark and personalized certificate in the mail. We will also livestream the Mass for family members and couples who prefer to attend virtually. This year's flyer (including details surrounding precautions) and registration can be found at <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-enrichment>.

**Feast of the Ascension:** In today's **Feast of the Ascension**, the Church celebrates the end of **Jesus'** earthly appearances after **His Resurrection**. This begins a new phase in **God's** plan for salvation. **Jesus** told **His** disciples to wait for the **Holy Spirit** to come to them on the **Feast of Pentecost**. From now on, our **Lord Jesus** works through **His Church** in a different way through the power of the **Holy Spirit**.

**"Everything we would like others to do for us, let us do for them instead. Do we want to be heard? Let us first listen. Do we need encouragement? Let us give encouragement. Do we want someone to care for us? Let us care for those who are alone and abandoned."**

**~ From the Twitter Account of Pope Francis**



**For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God.**

**I came from the Father and have come into the world.**

**Now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.**

**John 16:27**

**Prayer**

*Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ Your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen*

**HAIL MARY**

**Hail Mary**, full of grace, the **Lord** is with thee. **Blessed** art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, **Jesus**. **Holy Mary**, mother of **God**, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. **Amen**.



## Sunday, May 16, 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Good things come from unlikely places

It may bring a smile to our lips to hear the argument for why we're obliged to love others: because God loves us first. And if God can love us (be honest here!) then clearly love need not be earned. This World Communications Day, Pope Francis invites us to consider how future-apostle Nathaniel once dismissed Jesus because of his origins: "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" To really love people, we have to begin by not categorizing them: by gender or race, nationality or religion, native language or political party. Even Nazareth holds surprises!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19 (60). *"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another."*

## Monday, May 17, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

### Solitude and solidarity

Many have experienced more solitude than they care for during the pandemic, but it'd be a shame to lose the lessons of the experience once it's over. Catholics have a strong tradition of finding the sacred in solitude. The monastic life, for example, is all about withdrawing from society to draw closer to God and ultimately to each other. Turning inward is an opportunity for growth. Ritualizing the routines of life—in the midst of grief and stress and fear—helps to maintain inner stability and clarity. At the same time, far too many haven't had the luxury of solitude to remove themselves from danger—let this fact light a fire in all of us to fight for justice for those who have risked all to serve society this past year.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297). *"I am not alone, because the Father is with me."*

## Tuesday, May 18, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR

### Define your terms

In 2011, the Nicene Creed in English changed from the poetic-but-imprecise "one in being"—recited at Mass for more than 40 years—back to a seemingly unusual, clunky Latin word: *consubstantial*. We learned that *consubstantial* was a critical distinction hammered out at various church councils to clarify that Jesus was divinely co-eternal with God. It was a pronouncement specifically designed to refute the Arian heresy that denied Christ's divinity. The struggle against Arianism cost Pope John I his life in 526. Words matter. Take time to choose the right ones.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298). *"Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began."*

## Wednesday, May 19, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

### Going home

Final farewells are difficult. While there can be grace in the chance to express love and gratitude, there also can be great pain at the thought of never again seeing a face, touching a hand, hearing a voice. There is true heartache in accepting that there will be no more shared meals, meaningful discussions, shared futures planned together as we surrender the companionship of a loved one. It is a bittersweet time because the grief of anticipated loss is

proof of an equally deep love. Yet it is not the end—faith promises us more. On this Easter Wednesday, with trust in the promise of new life, give thanks to God for someone whose love and faithfulness has enriched your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). *"They were all weeping loudly . . . for they were deeply distressed that (Paul) had said that they would never see his face again."*

## Thursday, May 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY

### History will be our judge

Church history is filled with admirable figures who stand out for their tender love and compassion. Bernardine of Siena was not that kind of saint. A fire-and-brimstone preacher with a moralizing temperament, he encouraged "bonfires of the vanities" where townsfolk pitched household items suggestive of luxury or leisure—mirrors, perfumes, games—into the fire. Seen from our vantage point, many of his sermons had antisemitic, misogynistic, and homophobic overtones. Though a commanding preacher who lived a life of devotion, Bernardine—like all of us—was a product of his times, limited by the pastoral and theological perspectives handed down to him. His innovations in vernacular preaching continue to inspire, yet his limitations in compassion and inclusion serve as a cautionary tale. None of us has a monopoly on moral purity. Kindness and compassion, however, never go out of style.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). *"And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one."*

## Friday, May 21, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

### Live fully

Each of us is called to give our lives fully on behalf of our love for and commitment to God. Most of us will not die a martyr's death, but some of us will. Christopher Magallanes was one such person. Christopher's call to be a martyr was lived every day through his prayer and ministry as a priest: founding schools, providing work opportunities, and even constructing a dam to help the people. He was killed because of his love for the people, a love emanating from his deep faith. How does our faith inspire us to give of ourselves fully?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). *"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'*"

## Saturday, May 22, 2021

MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

### Hope is a perennial

We all could use a friend like Saint Rita of Cascia. Wed against her will at the tender age of 12, she somehow survived abuse and family feuds to become a reconciling force in a violent region of 15th-century Italy. She has acquired a following, along with Saint Jude, as the patron of hopeless causes. On her deathbed, it is said she asked for a rose from her garden. Though it was winter, we are told a single blooming rose was found and brought to her. Never lose hope—no cause is hopeless!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302). *"There are also many other things that Jesus did."*

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



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