

JUNE 13, 2021  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

BUT  
ONCE IT  
IS SOWN, IT  
SPRINGS UP  
AND BECOMES  
THE LARGEST  
OF PLANTS AND  
PUTS FORTH LARGE  
BRANCHES SO THAT THE  
BIRDS OF THE SKY CAN  
DWELL IN ITS SHADE.

MARK 4:32



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

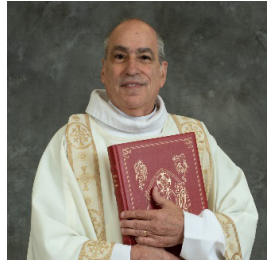
Since long before the ascension, humans have grappled with explaining and imagining the kingdom of **God**. The **New Testament** is riddled with figurative language about the kingdom of **God**, and our gospel writers highlight many parables of **Jesus** that are meant to explain this divine mystery with a bit more simplicity. We hear stories of mustard seeds, pearls, and great places that are to be prepared by **Jesus** himself for each of us. These parables reveal many things, but one constant, proverbial truth is that **God** brings about the kingdom through unexpected and unordinary means.

As we celebrate the **Eucharist** today, I invite you to consider the unexpected people in your life who have contributed to your faith journey. And, as we go out into the world and continue our liturgy in our daily lives, let us commit ourselves to being agents of growing **God's** kingdom, one small interaction, one small seed at a time.

**Saint John the Baptist and Saint Anthony pray for us!**

**Have a blessed week,  
Deacon Frank**

Dear **St. John Parishioner**, 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  
June 20, 2021 – Msgr. Cody**

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

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun. 6/13	9:30 a.m.	<b>Lucian Susi</b> by Carol & Vince Thompson
Sun. 6/13	9:30 a.m.	<b>Tony Solazzo</b> by Irene Solazzo and Family
Sun. 6/20	9:30 a.m.	<b>Cesidio Capoccia</b> by Maria Capoccia & family
Sun. 6/20	9:30 a.m.	<b>Phyllis N. Militello</b> by Angie Carfagna

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Sunday, June 13, 2021, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lector 1:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli
<b>Lector 2:</b>	Nick Sciarretti
<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	Andrea Myers
<b>Sunday, June 20, 2021, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lector 1:</b>	Krissy Ciacchi
<b>Lector 2:</b>	Landa Brunetto
<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	Albert Iosue

**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**.

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**The Italian Catholic Community at St. John the Baptist**  
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**Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
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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.**

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights: Sandy Menduni**  
by Chris Soteriades

**Blessed Sacrament: Deceased Members of Solazzo Family**  
by Irene Solazzo

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun. 6/13	<b>KCC Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim</b> 12:00 Noon – Meeting after Mass in Sala Hall <b>SJB – St. Anthony Celebration – Small Reception in Sala Hall after 9:30 a.m. Mass</b>
Fri. 6/18	<b>KCC – Mass – Fr. Kim</b> 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**

June 6, 2021

Number of Envelopes used Sunday 64

Reg. Env:	\$ 1,725.00
Loose:	\$ 218.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,943.00</b>
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	<u>\$ (116.58)</u>
	\$ 1,826.42
Votive:	\$ 49.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$ 65.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence):	\$ 10.00
St. Anthony Bread:	\$ 64.00
50/50 Drawing	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 228.00</b>

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

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year 07/1/20-6/30/21)

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference (\$)</u>	<u>(%)</u>
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 1,943.00	(\$ 942.00)	-33%
FYTD:	\$141,365.00	\$129,760.22	(\$11,604.78)	-8%

**SJB Collection Counters**  
**for Monday, June 14, 2021**  
Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters**  
**for Monday, June 21, 2021**  
Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

**St. Anthony Celebration**

**St. Anthony Celebration** to be held **Sunday, June 13, 2021** at 9:30 a.m. Mass with small reception to follow in **Sala Hall**. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have a procession this year but look forward to a normal celebration next year.

**2021 Columbus Italian Festival**  
sponsored by Catholic Church News:

Deacon Frank Iannarino and the Executive Board of The Columbus Italian Festival have been meeting every month to insure a safe and successful Festival happens this year. We are excited to share an update with all. Considering current State guidelines, as well as optimistically anticipated City of Columbus permit approval, the Board is enthusiastically formulating the 2021 Festival look. We are additionally requesting all Committee Chairs to attend our June 28th meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Church Hall. Please stay tuned for our progress. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Festival!!!! We thank everyone for their past and continued support in this wonderful event.

**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 June 8, St. John has received pledges of \$15,260.00 towards our goal of \$16,108.91, which brings our new parish goal to \$848.91.** 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**

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- William & Sally Finissi
- Elinda Gastaldo
- Mr. and Mrs. James Graf
- Deacon Frank and Peggy Iannarino
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- Raffaella Leggieri
- Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McCreary
- Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Molino
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- Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pagnanelli
- Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Persichetti
- Darlene Rauch
- Brian and Donna Rigg
- Mr. Al Roehrenbeck
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- David & Michelina Ross
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- Irene Solazzo
- Amalee Soteriades
- Jeffrey Squeo
- Mr. and Mrs. Mike Susi
- Mr. Carl Tisone
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- Patricia Weimer
- Mr. and Mrs. David West
- Guy & Laura Williams
- H. James & Yancey Zimmer

**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.

**Passionist Mission Vietnam: The Passionist Mission Vietnam** began in 2005, with three Passionist missionaries, quietly, nervously, arriving in a war-torn country run by the communists, hoping to be of service to the brave local church, the church of martyrs. Around the world, the Passionists sit by the Cross of Jesus, and in their spiritual mission bring hope and joy to many suffering people, the crucified of today. Few places on earth have known persecution, war, and oppression like Vietnam, surely the land of the Cross.

The mission is most grateful to **Bishop Robert Brennan**, **Sister Zephрина** in the **Columbus Mission Office of the Propagation of the Faith** and **Pastor, Father Adam Streitenberger** and **Deacon Frank Iannarino**, **Administrator at St. John the Baptist**.

**Fr Jeff Foale CP** is working in **Communist Vietnam** training native missionaries under the very eyes of officials, in difficult conditions. They bravely go out to uplift the poor in remote regions of the country. Wonderful things are happening and worth supporting. He has trained **13 native priests** and is caring for **35 seminarians**.

**Vietnamese Catholics**, young and old, rise above their hostile environment with courage and generosity. **Passionist** missionary **Fr. Jeff Foale** has a story to tell of how **God's** call to love and life inspired them as they build beautiful communities of compassion and hope.

The first weekend in **July** there will be a special collection taken up at our **9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass** and the **4:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart for The Passionist Mission Vietnam**.

## AROUND US

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of June 2021:** *Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience.*



**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.

**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 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>.

**Quo Vadis Retreat:** Attention all Catholic young men entering 9th-12th grade. Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the **Quo Vadis Retreat**, spending time with other young men discerning God's call. **Quo Vadis** is led by priests and seminarians of the **Diocese of Columbus** and is supported by the **Diocesan Office of Vocations**. **Quo Vadis** will be held **July 25-28**. The cost of the retreat is **\$40.00**. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.seekholiness.com/quo-vadis/> or contact **Michael Haemmerle** at [columbusquovadis@gmail.com](mailto:columbusquovadis@gmail.com).

**Religious Freedom Week 2021: Solidarity in Freedom takes place June 22 to 29.** The **USCCB Pray-Reflect-Act** series aims to help Catholics build solidarity with people of faith who are persecuted abroad and find strength to carry out the mission of the Church here in the **United States**. The prayer intention for each day of **Religious Freedom Week** are available for download at [www.usccb.org/religiousfreedomweek](http://www.usccb.org/religiousfreedomweek).

**June Highlights:** As we begin to feel the warmth of summer, we can reflect that we celebrate the feasts of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** and the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. **God is Love and the Sacred Heart of Jesus** – present on earth in the **Blessed Sacrament** – is the human manifestation of **God's Love** for men. Appropriately, **June** is considered the month for weddings where human hearts join and cooperate with the **Creator** in bringing forth new life. The family they create is a human reflection of the **Blessed Trinity**.

~ From [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

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*Dear God, help me to enter into a time of quiet each day with you. Let me hear your voice every morning in the silence of my heart. Refresh me with your word and renew my spirit that I may zealously do everything for your glory. Amen.*

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"We cannot break bread on **Sunday** if our hearts are closed to our brothers and sisters. We cannot partake of the **Bread** if we do not give bread to the hungry. We cannot share the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in need."

~ Pope Francis



"To what shall we compare the kingdom of **God**, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

**Mark 4:30-32**

## Prayer

*O God, strength of those who hope in You, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without You mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of Your grace, that in following Your commands we may please You by our resolve and our deeds. Through our **Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son**, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the **Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen***



## Sunday, Jun 13, 2021

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Surprising yields ahead

Many have been glad to shake off the past year with good riddance. We're quick to write off difficult situations as sinkholes of our personal efforts, with nothing to show for our suffering. Every plague, war, and famine of history has caused its multitude of lost lives, endless grief, and economic devastation. Yet Jesus promises us that underneath the soil of human experience, the kingdom of God is always at work, pushing new life and fresh hope into existence. Many are working hard right this moment to promote a new vision for humanity. Commit to the new seed of Kingdom Coming.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34 (92). *"And through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how."*

## Monday, Jun 14, 2021

### Make an offering

It is fitting that today is both Flag Day in the United States and World Blood Donor Day. Many have shed their blood for the ideals a flag represents, and while most of us are not called to make the ultimate sacrifice for our country, many of us can make the small sacrifice of donating blood to save the lives of others. In some areas, the blood supply has become low because of fewer blood donations during the pandemic, and blood donation remains essential everywhere. If you are able to donate, or be supportive of someone who can, it will contribute to our much-needed healing in these hurting times.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). *"Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow."*

## Tuesday, Jun 15, 2021

### With respect to elders

It's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Pope Francis marked the observance last year by describing a shameful and painfully obvious truth: "The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that our societies are not organized well enough to make room for the elderly, with proper respect for their dignity and frailty. When the elderly are not cared for, there is no future for the young." Eighty percent of COVID deaths have been people 65 or older. What does your parish or local community do to support and engage seniors? If programs are not in place, can you help initiate them?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48 (366). *"I say this not by way of command, but to test the genuineness of your love by your concern for others."*

## Wednesday, Jun 16, 2021

### Be well intentioned

Jesus' admonition to perform good deeds in private and pray alone in our rooms can be difficult to figure out when we belong to a church that calls the community's public gathering for Mass the "source and summit of faith." So here's the deal: Jesus isn't telling us to hide our faith but instead to check out *why* we do what we do. He frowns on giving alms to get attention or making a big public display of our prayer, as if to prove we are closer to God

than our neighbor. Instead, we are called to pray, fast, and give alms simply to draw closer to our Lord. In public or private, let's pray with the best of intentions.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367). *"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites."*

## Thursday, Jun 17, 2021

### Time to move beyond temptation

The Lord's Prayer, introduced in today's gospel, is the best-known Christian prayer the world over. Two years ago, a change in the way French Catholics say the prayer made headlines. The new translation avoids "lead us not into temptation" in favor of "do not let us fall into temptation." The point is that God doesn't lead us to sin. Rather, God gives us the strength to resist it, overcome it, learn from it, move beyond it. The next time you pray the great prayer, picture the Creator extending a hand to pull you away from sin into grace and light.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). *"This is how you are to pray: 'Our Father who art in heaven . . .'"*

## Friday, Jun 18, 2021

### Get some rest

Saint Augustine of Hippo captures the human condition perfectly when he says in his *Confessions*: "Lord, . . . our heart is restless until it rests in you." Christian prayer practices are designed to protect us from spirit-dulling anxiety and bring us to the peace of Christ. Try meditating on these words from Saint Francis de Sales for starters: "The same Eternal Father who cares for you today will take good care of you tomorrow and every day of your life. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you the unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all useless thoughts, vain dreads, and anxious imaginations."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23 (369). *"Store up treasures in heaven."*

## Saturday, Jun 19, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ROMUALD, ABBOT

### A simple practice for inner peace

Romuald was a 10th-century Italian monk and teacher. He started life as a wealthy aristocrat but soon found his life of pursuing comfort and pleasure unsatisfying. He sought refuge in a monastery and discovered peace as a monk. Wishing to help others achieve fulfillment, he founded the Camaldolese Order of monks and established several monasteries, instructing the monks to practice intellectual stillness and interior receptivity in meditation. "Take every opportunity you can to sing the Psalms in your heart," he wrote in his rule, "and to understand them with your mind." Take a moment today and give it a try.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34 (370). *"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself."*

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



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