A serene landscape of a lake with a forest in the background and a boat in the foreground. The water is calm, reflecting the sky and the trees. The boat is in the lower right corner, and the forest is in the middle ground. The sky is a clear, light blue.

JULY 18, 2021  
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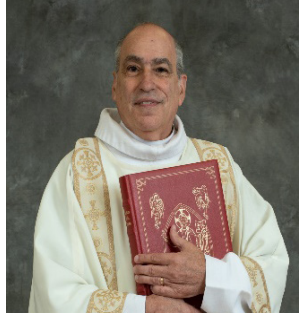
**COME AWAY BY  
YOURSELVES TO A  
DESERTED PLACE  
AND REST A WHILE.**

MARK 6:31

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT  
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**From the Deacon's Desk****Dear friends in Christ,**

In last week's gospel, **Jesus** sent His apostles out to teach, heal, cast out demons and to call people to repentance. In this week's gospel, we are told of their return, excited over their experience but they were tired and needed to rest. **Jesus** wanted some time off, too, but He couldn't. The mission of **Jesus** and His apostles was apparently so successful that a great crowd caught up with them. The gospel says: "...His heart was moved with deep sympathy for them. He saw them as sheep without a shepherd..." – people without leadership – and He continued to teach them.



One of the important messages in the gospel, as well as all our readings this weekend, is that in love **Our Lord** leads us by teaching us and appointing others to teach us. We'll never be finished listening and learning as long as our world and country suffers from many divisions, injustice, poverty, hunger, discrimination, racism, war, hatred and killing of innocent people. **Christ** would be put to death before He would stop teaching. It is one of the reasons we gather week by week for **Mass** to listen and to learn...and then be sent. Whatever unites us needs to be stronger than what divides us. **Christ** came to unite us in peace through the saving power of the cross and the gift of His very self in the **Eucharist**.

As we approach the Altar this weekend to receive **Christ** in the **Eucharist**, may we realize that in our diversity and struggles, we are united in the **Body of Christ**.

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

**Enjoy your week,  
Deacon Frank**

**Dear St. John Parishioners,** join me periodically on **St. John the Baptist Parish** livestream. If you missed it, the videos are available at **St. John YouTube channel** and **St. John's Facebook page**.

**Celebrant for Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass,  
July 25, 2021, Fr. Cotton and Deacon Frank**

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Sunday, July 18, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Landa Brunetto
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Albert Iosue, Antonio D'Alberto
Sunday, July 25, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Davide Cugini, Krissy Ciacchi
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Marge Contino, Andrea Myers

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun. 7/18	9:30 a.m.	<b>Joyce Tisone</b> by Carl Tisone
Sun. 7/18	9:30 a.m.	<b>Ronald Cua</b> by Sos & Lee Ann Codispoti
Sun. 7/18	9:30 a.m.	<b>Joyce Capoccia Regan</b> by The Kay Iannarino Family
Sun. 7/25	9:30 a.m.	<b>Edward and Cecilia Carfagna</b> by Friends & Relatives
Sun. 7/25	9:30 a.m.	<b>Cesidio Capoccia</b> by Family and Friends

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**  
**Marian Lights:**

**Ida Frissora**

by Fiorenza Frissora

**Blessed Sacrament:**

**Ted Norris, Jr.**

by Chris Soteriades

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Website: [info@sjbitaliana.org](mailto: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.**

**PAVERS:** The front **Pavilion** of **St. John 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**.



**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.**

**ROSARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Have you been challenged with finding volunteer opportunities? What about finding a few extra minutes a week to pray? To give yourself to God. We tend to find time for the things we love. How much do you love God? Would you consider serving your parish with this all-in-one opportunity to pray the Rosary before Mass? Please sign at the back of the church or contact **Kevin Koesters (k.koesters32@gmail.com or 937-902-7446)** at your convenience.

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun. 7/18	<b>KCC Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim</b> 12:00 Noon – Meeting after Mass in Sala Hall <b>Secular Franciscan Meeting</b> 12:00-5:00 p.m. <b>San Giovanni Dancers Practice – Sala Hall</b> 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Fri. 7/23	<b>KCC – Mass – Fr. Kim</b> 7:00 p.m., SJB Church

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**

July 11, 2021

Number of Envelopes used Sunday 37

Reg. Env:	\$ 1,295.00
Loose:	\$ 113.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,408.00</b>
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (84.48)
	\$ 1,323.52
Votive:	\$ 44.00
50/50:	\$ 30.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 5.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 79.00</b>

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

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/21-6/30/22)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$2,885.00	\$1,408.00	(\$1,477.00)	-51%
FYTD:	\$5,770.00	\$3,323.00	(\$2,447.00)	-42%

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, July 19, 2021**

Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, July 26, 2021**

Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard



**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.

**St. John's Altar Guild UPDATE: 2021 Football OSU Football Pool** – Please see Gary Bosco after Mass to reserve your squares on this year's OSU football pool. Cost per square is \$60.00, which covers all 12 season games and provides 48 chances to win up to \$100.00 per quarter (\$400.00 paid out per game)! Proceeds go to the Altar Guild whose focus is on purchasing the needs of everything on the Altar at St. John. **Altar Guild Membership – Interested in becoming a member of the Altar Guild? Join us on the second Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in Marrapese Hall. Cost to join is \$15.00 for an annual membership. We would LOVE to have some new members that could help us raise funds to support all needs on the Altar. See Margaret Panico-Harn or Patty Weimer.**



**BANNS of MARRIAGE**  
Vincent Milano and Valerie Vernon  
July 23, 2021



**2021 Columbus Italian Festival**  
sponsored by Catholic Church News  
**GREAT NEWS:** The 2021 Columbus Italian Festival is a go. With no city or state restrictions we are moving forward. Please go to the website for updates and volunteer opportunities. We have a form to complete if you want to volunteer. The next general meeting for Chair persons will be July 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. 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.

There will be No Mass or Adoration at Sacred Heart during the week starting July 15, through July 22nd.

**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**

**Ordinary Time is Anything but Ordinary:** The Sundays of Ordinary Time take us through the life of Christ. Green is the liturgical color of Ordinary Time. It is the color of life and hope. Ordinary Time is divided into two time periods. Following the Baptism of our Lord is the first period, which continues until Ash Wednesday. Pentecost Sunday starts the second period of Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, as it continues until the Advent season begins again. This is a time of conversion, maturation, and quiet growth. It comprises the longest time on the liturgical calendar when the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and miracles while on this earth. One symbol often found in Ordinary Time is comprised of two fish and a basket of bread – symbolizing Jesus' "Loaves and the Fishes" miracle.

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of July 2021:** We pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**Real Presence, Real Future – Summer Q&A Sessions:** Join **CLI** and **Diocesan** leaders to learn more about the **Real Presence, Real Future** initiative at Information **Sessions** throughout the summer. Each session will be similar consisting of an overview of the **Real Presence, Real Future** initiative, and the opportunity for your questions and comments. We want to hear from you! What are you hearing about **RPRF**? What is it? Why are we doing this?

**Virtual Sessions from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

- Monday, July 19
- Wednesday, July 21
- Wednesday, July 28
- Wednesday, August 4
- Wednesday, August 11

Registration is required for each session, so sign up today at [www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org](http://www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org).

**Holy Rosary-St. John Church** is hiring a secretary and a bookkeeper. If someone has the qualifications for both and wants to combine the positions, that is also a possibility. Go to [columbuscatholic.org/job-openings-diocese-parish-school](http://columbuscatholic.org/job-openings-diocese-parish-school) for job descriptions. Email résumé to [hrrsjevents@gmail.com](mailto:hrrsjevents@gmail.com) if interested.

**Volunteer Opportunities: Catholic Social Services** helps poor and vulnerable seniors and families reach their potential. **Catholic Social Services** envisions a world in which all who are in need can meet their potential to live with dignity, hope, and purpose. There are numerous opportunities for you to help in this mission! Please visit [www.colscss.org](http://www.colscss.org), for more information.

**Summer Parish Festivals Are Back:** It is that wonderful time of year! The weather is warmer, and the sun is shining. Consider spending some time celebrating local **Catholic** communities by attending a **Local Parish Festival!** The food will be delicious and the company divine!! Visit [www.columbuscatholic.org/festivals](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/festivals) for a schedule of area Festivals.

**Bereavement Ministry: Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry**, sponsored by the **North High Deanery**, will take place **IN-PERSON** on six consecutive **Sundays** from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** The summer session will begin in **July**.

**Walking with Moms in Need:** An emerging strategy for **WWMIN** is to work in parish clusters to identify resources in the local community. To connect your parish champion to a group, send the contact information to **Erin Cordle** at **Social Concerns** at **614-241-2540** or [socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org).

**Marriage and Family Life Office: Prepare Now for Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 25-31!** This year's theme, **"To Have, to Hold, To Honor,"** brings to mind the vows exchanged by couples as they begin their vocation to marriage. The theme highlights the beauty of love that is free, total, faithful, and fruitful. Find everything you need to promote **NFP** in your parish – including prayer and liturgy resources, bulletin insert, and social media announcements – on our **Diocesan** web page of **NFP Resources for Parishes**. Physical materials will also be sent to all parishes. Email **NFP Coordinator, Jennifer Fullin**, for additional information and resources.



**Saints and Symbols for July: St. Mary Magdalene:** The feast of **St. Mary Magdalene** is considered one of the most mystical of feasts, and it is said that of all the songs of the saints, that of **Mary Magdalene** is the sweetest and strongest because her love was so great. Precisely since she was an eyewitness to the **Risen Christ**, she was also the first to testify before the apostles. She fulfills the mandate the **Risen Christ** gives her: go to my brothers and say to them ... **Mary Magdalene** went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord."



Let us pray for all the sick that may no one be left alone, that everyone receives the anointing of listening, closeness and care."

~ Pope Francis



And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Now many saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things (**Mk 6:32-34**).

#### Prayer

Show favor, **O Lord**, to Your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of Your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith, and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping Your commands. 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, Jul 18, 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Help others find their way

What makes you sad? For Jesus, the ignorance that governs so many lives is the saddest sight there is. Even when he was personally exhausted, shepherd-less masses awakened in Jesus the desire to offer guidance. Today, our Jewish friends memorialize their saddest day, Tisha B'av, the day when the Jerusalem Temple was destroyed not just once, but twice in history. The despair of being without moorings is acute for any displaced people. Consider offering aid to today's refugees to help them find their way.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34 (107). *"When [Jesus] disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them."*

## Monday, Jul 19, 2021

### Read deeply

Sacred scripture is the living word of God, and the ancient monastic practice of *lectio divina* (Latin for "divine reading") is a contemplative way of "conversing" with it. It involves four basic steps: *lectio* ("reading"), *meditatio* ("meditation"), *oratio* ("prayer"), and *contemplatio* ("contemplation"). By narrowing in on certain passages, reading them slowly and repeatedly, noticing what stirs you, and reflecting prayerfully on it, you can grow closer in personal relationship with God. To learn more about *lectio divina*, read *Open Heart, Open Mind* by Trappist monk Father Thomas Keating, O.C.S.O.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42 (395). *"Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."*

## Tuesday, Jul 20, 2021

### Special needs evoke special support

On this day in 1968, the first Special Olympics took place in Chicago. The brainchild of Eunice Kennedy Shriver—devout Catholic, sister of President John F. Kennedy, and tireless advocate for people with intellectual disabilities. Shriver's husband, Sargent Shriver—as a Knight of Columbus—encouraged the Knights to support the cause, not only of Special Olympics but of what's become the Knights' annual Tootsie Roll Drive to raise funds for people with intellectual disabilities. Visit the National Catholic Partnership on Disability to become a better advocate for people with disabilities and their families.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 14:21—15:1; Matthew 12:46-50 (396). *"Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."*

## Wednesday, Jul 21, 2021

### Choose wisely and well

Good preachers know that if they tell a story as part of a sermon, their people are more likely to remember the message. Such preachers take their lead from the master storyteller. Jesus used stories, often parables with a lesson, to help listeners then and now understand what really matters in his Father's kingdom. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "the simple images of the parables . . . confront the hearer with a radical choice (about) entering the kingdom of God." Do not get lost in the

details, but rather see the choice the stories provide. Will you be the seed that grows in good earth? Or will you die among the thorns? Choose love and bear much fruit.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9 (397). *"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit."*

## Thursday, Jul 22, 2021

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE

### Grace under pressure

Mary Magdalene is often referred to as "Apostle to the Apostles." The gospels attest to the fact that she did not abandon Christ on the cross, and in several gospel accounts she is the first witness to the Resurrection, bringing the news to the other apostles. Despite her loyalty and stature, ironically she is not mentioned in the Holy Week liturgies. However, the church in 2016 set a feast day in her honor. On that feast today, reflect on your own loyalty to Christ: Can you be unwavering even under pressure, as was Mary Magdalene?

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18 (603). *"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord.'"*

## Friday, Jul 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS

### Love, embodied

It's great to have a deep connection with another person no matter what kind of relationship it may be. Birgitta Petersson (later known as Saint Bridget of Sweden) found this in Ulf Gudmarsson, whom she married while both were very young. Early on in their relationship they were focused on raising a family of eight with each maintaining a job outside the home. Their relationship and love grew over time with each other and with God. A major bonding experience came when together they made a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, a popular religious destination in northwestern Spain. Years later when Ulf died, Birgitta reportedly said that she had "loved him like my own body." Take time to strengthen the bonds of your own loving relationships.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23 (399). *"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit."*

## Saturday, Jul 24, 2021

MEMORIAL OF SHARBEL MAKHLÜF, PRIEST

### A quiet mystic speaks to our age

Saint Sharbel Makhlüf (1828-98) was a Maronite monk and priest in Lebanon, renowned for his quiet holiness. On the occasion of his beatification in 1965, the Eastern Catholic hermit was described by Saint Pope Paul VI as "a new, eminent member of monastic sanctity," who "through his example and his intercession is enriching the entire Christian people." In the midst of busy, noisy life, make some time to hear the still, quiet voice. Recite the Jesus Prayer revered by the Eastern Church for centuries, now gaining adherents in the West, including Saint Pope John Paul II, who compared the meditative quality of the Jesus Prayer to the Rosary: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:24-30 (400). *"If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest."*

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



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