

IT IS THE SPIRIT THAT GIVES LIFE,
WHILE THE FLESH IS OF NO AVAIL. JOHN 6:63

AUGUST 22, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Prevue Event: "A Taste of Italy"

To all of our patrons of The Taste of Italy – we have decided to cancel the 2021 Taste of Italy to provide our participating restaurateurs a chance to re-coup from the difficulties endured during the covid pandemic. Look for this wonderful event to return in 2022! Thank you for understanding! Please patronize our local restaurants!

Adam Montemarano – Executive Director



COLUMBUS ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Friday, **October 8**, 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Saturday, **October 9**, 12:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Sunday, **October 10**, 12:00 noon-7:00 p.m.

Website: www.columbusitalianfestival.com

Festival Information: 614-BY ITALY (614-294-8259)

ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2021

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

We can learn much from comedies. Take the 1993 comedy **Groundhog Day** starring **Bill Murray** and **Andie MacDowell**. **Murray's** character, **Phil Connors**, finds himself reliving the same day over and over again. He realizes that he has the freedom to do anything he wants and not have to face the consequences. What follows is a string of hilarious scenes of **Phil** taking advantage of his newly found freedom. Yet, by the mid-point of the movie, we find **Phil** in a pit of despair. The freedom he thought he had was bust. What went wrong?

There are many people like **Phil**. Just look at the debate about the "freedom" to get the vaccine or wearing a mask during this continued struggle with the **Covid-19** pandemic and variant. Many people believe that freedom alone can bring them happiness. The truth is that while freedom is essential for happiness, it is merely an initial condition for us to begin to pursue what can truly bring us happiness. What brings true happiness is relationships. We humans are made for relationships and today's readings from **Scripture** bear this out. All **three** readings involve free choice.

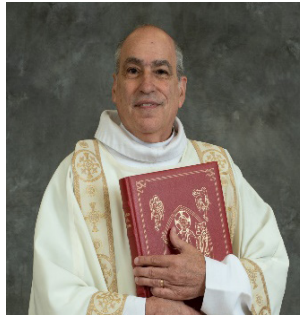
As we listen to the end of the **Bread of Life** discourse in today's gospel and many people walk away from **Jesus**, we hear that they want nothing to do with him and therefore they end any kind of relationship with him. He says to his disciples, "...will you leave me too?". It is **Peter** who asks, "...to whom else shall we go...you have the words of eternal life?"

In the movie **Groundhog Day**, **Phil Connors** eventually learns how to use his freedom well. He uses it to help others rather than himself. As we continue to reflect on our connection and relationship to the **Real Presence of the true God** in the **Eucharist**, let us pray that the **Eucharist** we will receive – **God** who lives among us and acts in our lives – may empower us to be **God's agents** for peace and happiness in the world.

Saint John the Baptist pray for us.

**Have a blessed 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**.

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun. 08/22	9:30 a.m.	Rina Tiberi by Loreta Martindal
Sun. 08/22	9:30 a.m.	Phyllis N. Militello by Angie Carfagna
Sun. 08/29	9:30 a.m.	Sally Byrne Long & Mary E. Pishitelli by Judy and Phillip Pishitelli
Sun. 08/29	9:30 a.m.	Diamond Jaconette Boggs by Sam & Linda McCreary

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: **Joyce Tisone**
by Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament: **Robert Carter**
by Chris Soteriades

PARISH INFORMATION

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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**.

**Mass celebrant for August 29th,
is Fr. Charles Klinger assisted by Deacon Frank**

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, August 22, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector 1 & 2:	Davide Cugini, Ed Pagnanelli
Euch. Min 1 & 2:	Sharon D'Alberto, Pat Rossetti
Sunday, August 29, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector 1 & 2:	Antonio D'Alberto, Nick Sciarretti
Euch. Min 1 & 2:	Andrea Myers, Albert Iosue

**There will be No Mass or Adoration at
Sacred Heart, Thursday, August 26, 2021.**

**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 Linda McCreary.**

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. 08/22	KCC Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim 12:00 Noon – Meeting after Mass in Sala Hall
Mon. 08/23	Italian Festival Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Marrapese Hall
Fri. 08/27	KCC – Mass – Fr. Kim 7:00 p.m. SJB Church

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

August 15, 2021

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 45

Reg. Env:	\$ 1,315.00
Loose:	\$ 275.00
Holy Day:	\$ 460.00
Total:	\$ 2,050.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (123.00)
	\$ 1,927.00
 Votives:	 \$ 54.00
Latin America:	\$ 10.00
St. Anthony Bread (J.O.I.N.):	\$ 30.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 40.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 154.00

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

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,050.00	(\$ 835.00)	-29%
FYTD:	\$20,195.00	\$15,170.33	(\$5,024.67)	-25%

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, August 23, 2021

Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for

Monday, August 30, 2021

Ed Pagnanelli 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.

Baptism: Congratulations to the family of **Erik and Angelina Fulton's** whose daughter, **Giovanna Marilena Fulton** is being baptized today. May the **Holy Spirit** be with them!



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Alexander Zigbuo and Caroline Terlecky
who entered the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony
on August 21, 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.

St. John's Altar Guild UPDATE – OSU Football: The 2021 season is now sold out. Scores for all participants were drawn after **Mass** on **Sunday, August 15th**. The first game is at Minnesota on **Thursday night, September 2nd**. You can pick up your score sheet which contains the numbers for all your **12 games**. Sheets will be available after every **Sunday Mass in Sala Hall (see Gary Bosco)**. A copy will also be posted on the hall bulletin board. Good luck to all who signed up and thank you for supporting this **Guild fundraiser** whose focus is on purchasing the **Altar** needs for everything at our beloved **St. John's church**.

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**.

**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. **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.

AROUND US

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of August 2021: Let us pray for the **Church**, that she may receive from the **Holy Spirit** the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the **Gospel**.

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **August** is dedicated to **The Immaculate Heart of Mary**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of **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. It is used in the offices and **Masses of Ordinary Time**.

4 Conversations About Fertility: Join the conversation about fertility topics important to you! Whether you are learning about fertility awareness to plan your family, seeking ideas on how to prepare your daughter for her first period, hoping to know yourself better through fertility charting, or considering adding fertility education to your professional health services – you'll find answers to your questions in this FREE webinar series on **Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.**

- **August 24: Mystery of Woman – How Cycle Charting Leads to Self and God.**

Register now to receive a **Zoom** invitation prior to each webinar. Questions? **Contact Jennifer Fullin, NFP Coordinator, at jfullin@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2560.**

Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference 2021:

Save the date for **Saturday, October 23, 2021.** Doors open at **8:30 a.m.** at **St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Sunbury, Ohio.** Register Online: www.ccyar.org/register. Connect with us! Website: www.ccyac.org; Email: info@ccyac.org; Instagram: [@ccyacohio](https://www.instagram.com/ccyacohio); Twitter: [@ccyacohio](https://twitter.com/ccyacohio); www.facebook.com/colscatholicyoungadultconf/.

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 for a schedule of area Festivals.

Real Presence, Real Future Eucharistic Gathering: This special event is part of the **Real Presence, Real Future** initiative and seeks to provide an opportunity for encounter with our **Lord**, engage Catholics as they reflect upon the real presence of **Jesus Christ** in their lives, and encourage them to share that presence within their circles of influence. Please pray for this event, **RSVP**, and spread the word! You will find details including the schedule, registration, promotional materials, etc. at RPRFGathering.com.



**Real Presence
Real Future
Gathering**

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Friday, August 27 St. Joseph Cathedral Livestream begins at 6pm	Saturday, August 28 St. Charles Preparatory School Doors Open 7am Livestream begins at 8am
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Register at realpresencerealfuture.org

Breakfast with the Bishop – Catholic Social Services: This event will be held on **Friday, September 10, 2021, from 7:00-9:00 a.m. at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel.** The keynote speaker is **Fr. Michael Rozier, SJ, Ph.D., assistant professor at Saint Louis University.** He will speak on the topic of **"Health, Poverty, and Human Dignity: Deepening our Moral Imagination."** Sponsorship opportunities and individual tickets are available online at <https://colscss.org/upcoming-events>. Please contact **Julie Naporano** at jnaporano@colscss.org with any questions.

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, for more information.

Bethesda Healing Ministry: This is a **Catholic Christian** ministry in the **Diocese of Columbus** since **1993** that provides healing and hope for women and men who are struggling from past abortion experiences. Through a community of love and acceptance, women and men share a rich healing journey through fellowship, prayer, the **Sacraments**, a structured scriptural/experiential manual, retreats, and days of recollection. For more information about how to help, call 614-309-0157 or visit <https://bethesdahealing.org>.

Shepherd's Corner Farm and Ecology Center: The center, run by the **Dominican Sisters of Peace**, offers a small corner of creation for people of all backgrounds to learn to reconnect with the natural environment, themselves, one another, and the **Creator** who made them all. **The Center's Meditation Trail is open to the public on Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Take advantage of the beautiful weather this summer by walking the 13 reflective stations in the trail. Each station offers something for the mind, body, and spirit. **Shepherd's Corner Farm is located at 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick, OH 43004-9505.** For more information, please visit shepherds corner@sbcglobal.net.

The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours; The world and all it contains; You have founded them.

"God does not come in extraordinary events but works amid the apparent monotony of our daily life, in the frequently dull rhythm of our activities, in the little things that, working with tenacity and humility, we achieve in our efforts to do His will."

~From the Twitter account of Pope Francis



Jesus then said to the **Twelve**, "Do you also want to leave?" **Simon Peter** answered him, "**Master**, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the **Holy One of God (John 6:67-69).**"

Prayer:

O **God**, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant Your people to love what You command and to desire what You promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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, Aug 22, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Who do you serve?

Songwriter Bob Dylan had a come-to-Jesus moment in 1978 in a hotel room in Tucson, Arizona. More accurately, it seemed like Jesus came to him, as he felt “a presence in the room that couldn’t have been anybody but Jesus.” For four years, Dylan wrote songs critics panned as “God-awful gospel,” and fans mourned the loss of what they’d come to expect from him. By 1981, Dylan had returned to his Jewish and folk-rock roots. Yet he never retracted his vision: “Well, it may be the devil, or it may be the Lord, but you gotta serve somebody.” The choice remains ours.

TODAY’S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69 (122). *“If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve.”*

Monday, Aug 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

Family finesse

Parents have expectations of their kids, and kids want to make their own choices—it’s part of the painful growing-up process. Rose of Lima was like a lot of teenagers who clashed with her parents about her future, and she was like a lot of saints who rankled family by refusing to marry. They never let her join a convent, but they didn’t force her to wed either, finally relenting to her choice of chastity. She lived out her brief life as she had wished, in prayer and penance. She is the patron saint of family problems. Everyone has them, so ask Rose for help.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22 (425). *“One who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God.”*

Tuesday, Aug 24, 2021

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Play a stirring role

Bartholomew, also called Nathanael, was one of the original 12 apostles and later, a traveling missionary. He embodied what it means to become a missionary disciple—one who, upon being led to Jesus, wishes to lead others to him, too. As the U.S. bishops say in *Go and Make Disciples*, Jesus “gave the Church the unending task of evangelizing as a restless power, to stir and to stimulate.” Where can you stir interest in Jesus today?

TODAY’S READINGS: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 (629). *“Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.”*

Wednesday, Aug 25, 2021

The past is present

Today, we are becoming aware of the deep truth that wrongs committed in the past, even generations ago, can still perpetuate evil. Such is the sin of racism, which the U.S. Catholic Bishops have repeatedly called “an evil which endures in our society and in our Church” (*Brothers and Sisters to Us*). Each of us is called to help dismantle racism, to reject profiting from the oppression of others, and to listen to the voices of those who have been silenced too long—for the sake of our past, present, and future.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32 (427). *“You are like whitewashed tombs.”*

Thursday, Aug 26, 2021

Be alert!

Wakefulness is a term often used in spiritual writing. In today’s gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, “Stay awake! You do not know on which day your Lord will come.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church contains at least 20 references to being awake, usually in regard to “awakening faith.” The church wants its members to be vigilant and tells us in the catechism that the “Holy Spirit constantly seeks to awaken us to keep watch!” Ask the Holy Spirit to help you awaken to God’s presence today.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). *“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Stay awake!’”*

Friday, Aug 27, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MONICA

Hang in there

Sometimes it feels like all of our small choices and actions will never amount to anything. Go big or go home, we’re told. Yet the stuff of transformation, healing, and love is knitted together one small thing at a time. Our call is to have faith and persist. Take a look at Saint Monica, a laywoman from North Africa, who day in and day out offered “small” acts of kindness, love, and care for her beloved yet wayward son Augustine. She never tired of believing in him, even storming heaven on his behalf. Persisting in the small things that are good, beautiful, and true can make a big difference. What small things are you called to persist in?

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13 (429). *“Stay awake.”*

Saturday, Aug 28, 2021

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Let happiness be your song

Like all larger-than-life historical figures, Saint Augustine and his legacy are subject to debate. Some find in his vast work reason to take a pessimistic view of humanity. But he was quite life-affirming in his conviction that the happiness found in following God is indeed the only worthy and lasting happiness. “Happy is [the one] who has God,” he succinctly put it. To “have” God for Augustine meant to love God, citing Psalm 72: “For me it is good to cling to God.” Or, as Pharrell Williams put it in his blockbuster song “Happy” a few years back, “Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth.”

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30 (430). *“You yourselves have been taught by God to love one another.”*

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



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