

AUGUST 29, 2021
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTHING THAT ENTERS
ONE FROM OUTSIDE CAN
DEFILE THAT PERSON;
BUT THE THINGS
THAT COME OUT

from within
ARE WHAT DEFILE.
MARK 7:15



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

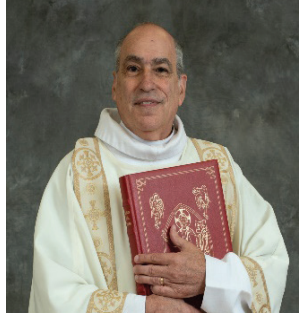
Festival Information: 614-BY ITALY (614-294-8259)

ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2021

From the Deacon's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,

There is nothing subtle about this weekend's readings. They are straightforward and blunt, especially the Gospel. The religious leaders of **Jesus'** day were accusing him of ignoring their laws and traditions. **Jesus** turns the tables on them and told them they were missing the main point of what religion is all about.



Besides contradicting some of **God's** laws, **Jesus** condemned them because they stressed only external observance. **Jesus** reminds them (**and us**) that true religion is about a **change of heart**.

In our society, we encounter an overwhelming number of rules, laws, recommendations, and guidelines, some from **God**, some from our religious leaders, and many from government and civil authority. Without all these, civilizations cannot survive. Without law, there is chaos and anarchy. We live in a society where too many people think freedom means doing whatever they want without having to answer to any authority. No question, we must balance the restrictions that laws and rules place upon us with the freedom we want to enjoy. However, this requires maturity to be able to keep that balance and most of us manage to do a fairly good job at that.

Jesus instructs us in this weekend's Gospel to live freely under the law of love. We should not delude ourselves or judge others but instead live as those who both hear the word of **God** and keep it. As we approach the altar of the **Lord**, let us open our whole selves to the One who can create a pure heart and a steadfast spirit within us.

Saint John the Baptist pray for us!

**Have a good 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**.

**Mass celebrant for September 5th,
is Msgr. John Cody assisted by Deacon Frank**

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday August 29, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector 1 & 2:	Antonio D'Alberto, Nick Sciarretti
Euch. Min 1 & 2.:	Andrea Myers, Albert Iosue
Sunday, September 5, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector 1 & 2:	Ed Pagnanelli, Davide Cugini
Euch. Min 1 & 2.:	Judy Pishitelli, Albert Iosue

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:
Marian Lights: *Joyce Tisone*
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: *John Alateri, Jr.*
by Chris Soteriades

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 8/29	9:30 a.m.	Sally Byrne Long & Mary E. Pishitelli by Judy and Phillip Pishitelli
Sun. 8/29	9:30 a.m.	Diamond Jaconette Boggs by Sam & Linda McCreary
Sun. 9/5	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Quaranto by Patty Weimer
Sun. 9/5	9:30 a.m.	Laura Giammarco Cua by Michael Cua
Sun. 9/5	9:30 a.m.	Deacon Tom Johnston

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*

*Office Hours are Monday through Friday
 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 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*
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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.*

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.



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.

There will be No Mass or Adoration at Sacred Heart on Monday, September 6, 2021

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 8/29	KCC Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim 12:00 Noon – Meeting after Mass in Sala Hall San Giovanni Dancers 4:30-6:00 p.m., Sala Hall
Mon. 8/30	Italian Festival Board Meeting 5:30-8:00 p.m. Marrapese Hall Italian General Meeting 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Marrapese Hall
Fri. 9/3	KCC – Mass – Fr. Kim 7:00 p.m., SJB Church

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.**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

August 22, 2021

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 21

Reg. Env:	\$ 1,420.00
Loose:	\$ 254.00
Holy Day:	\$ 100.00
Total:	\$ 1,774.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (106.44)
	\$ 1,667.56

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.

Votives	\$ 54.00
Total	\$ 54.00

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

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/21-06/30/22)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 1,774.00	(\$1,111.00)	-39%
FYTD:	\$23,080.00	\$16,944.33	(\$6,135.67)	-27%

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.**

Italian Festival News Festival dates: October 8, 9, 10. Taste of Italy is cancelled this year – 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 recoup 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!

Pizzelle and Biscotti Cookie Bakers: Time to bake for the **Festival.** All cookie makers are to bake them at home and let **Jennifer Marinello** at 614-292-1432 know the total made. Deliver cookies to back kitchen area in **Sala Hall**, sign-up sheet and total number made. There are cookie containers available in **Sala Hall** on the back table if needed. If you have any questions, please contact **Jennifer Marinello** at 614-292-1432 or **Carol Ristucci** at 614-271-1007.

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, August 30, 2021
Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

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

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.

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

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www.facebook.com/colscatholicyoungadultconf/

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.

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 shepherdscorner@sbcglobal.net.

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

*Start by doing what
is necessary,
then what is possible,
and suddenly you
are doing the
impossible.
- St. Francis of Assisi*

Catholic Social Services Needs your Help: A massive 7.2-magnitude earthquake hit Haiti, killing nearly **1,300 people**, with death toll numbers increasing. The shock leveled homes, leaving thousands without shelter. Countless others are injured, and hospitals are already overwhelmed. Many in **Haiti** are already facing widespread hunger due to drought and economic instability. **Your gift is critical for the families in Haiti. Please donate at <https://support.crs.org> Thank you!**

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**.

Saints’ Corner: St. Bartholomew (Feast Day August 24): **St. Bartholomew**, a doctor in **Jewish law**, was a dear friend of **St. Philip the Apostle**. **Bartholomew** was a man **“in whom there was no guile,”** his mind was open to the truth. He went with **Philip** to see **Christ** and recognized the **Savior** immediately as the **Son of God**. After having received the gifts of the **Holy Spirit** on the first **Pentecost**, **Bartholomew** evangelized **Asia Minor, northwestern India, and Greater Armenia**. In the latter country, while preaching to idolaters, he was arrested and condemned to death.

“Vaccination is a simple way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable.”

**~ From the Twitter account of Pope Francis
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For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a man (**Mark 7:14-15, 21-23**).”

Prayer:

*God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of Your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, You may nurture in us what is good and, by Your watchful care, keep safe what You have nurtured. 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 29, 2021

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Purity is not an abstinence test

Many of us who grew up in a moralizing culture were taught to imagine purity as having mainly to do with chastity. In which case, our aim was higher than the almost-but-not-quite perfection you might get from Ivory Soap, which years ago advertised itself as 99 and 44/100 percent pure. We may therefore be astonished that, according to the apostle James, purity in religion has something to do with how we respond to the abandoned in this world. Think charity, not chastity, to bump up your purity percentile.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125). *"Religion that is pure . . . is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction."*

Monday, Aug 30, 2021

Remember your name

After being baptized with water, Catholics are anointed with oil and these words are said over them, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body . . ." That means we share in those offices of Christ. Those are big roles—how to live up to them? Priests worship and make offerings to God, prophets speak the truth and live the gospel, royalty leads and takes care of others. If you remind yourself regularly of the sacred titles you were given at Baptism, how might that help you fulfill your promise?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30 (431). *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

Tuesday, Aug 31, 2021

Hope works

Today, in Poland, it's the Day of Solidarity and Freedom—a modern Independence Day celebration after years of oppressive Soviet rule. In the 1980s, labor activist Lech Walesa helped stoke the flames of democratic social change. But it was Poland's favorite son, Pope John Paul II, who provided the spark. In his 1979 papal visit, John Paul II gave the people an electric hope that change was possible. "Let the Spirit descend and renew the face of the Earth. This Earth," he said. With Labor Day nearly here, remember how solidarity and workers' rights are cornerstones of Catholic Social Teaching.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 (432). *"They were all amazed and said to one another, 'What is there about his word?'"*

Wednesday, Sep 01, 2021

Living waters run deep

The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation celebrated today "offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation," says Pope Francis, who elevated this day in 2015 with the publication of his encyclical on the care of creation, *Laudato Si'*. As we move past August, Water Quality Month, be particularly mindful of your stewardship over the precious resource of clean drinking water. May all of us "come to the water" together as we care for our common home.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 (433). *"I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent."*

Thursday, Sep 02, 2021

Get unstuck

In today's gospel Simon Peter is so overcome by his own sinfulness, he tells Jesus to go away from him. What exactly is "sinfulness"? Lots of actions and inactions fall into that category, but the essence of Catholic teaching on sin is that it separates us from God. Selfishness, violence, and other sins drive a wedge between us and God. Peter knew that instinctively. Remove that wedge by asking God for forgiveness, and ponder what you can do to free yourself to reconcile a relationship that has become estranged.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11 (434). *"Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.'"*

Friday, Sep 03, 2021

MEMORIAL OF GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Keep it all in balance

It's never easy to find the right balance between sitting quietly and attentively on the sidelines and joining in the scrum of life's adventures. Our life of prayer helps us to discern how best to hold these together and to respond with love for ourselves and the common good. Gregory was a Benedictine monk of the late sixth century and loved his life as a contemplative. Yet, when called upon to take the helm of a church suffering from the fall of Rome and the plague, he stepped up and found his calling expressed in new ways through prayer, caring for those in need, and leading compassionately. Find the right balance between action and contemplation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39 (435). *"In him all the fullness was pleased to dwell."*

Saturday, Sep 04, 2021

The fruits of creation for all of creation

It's interesting to note that in the story of Jesus' hungry disciples eating the grain from a farmer's field, the objection raised by the Pharisees is not that they took the grain, but that they did so on the Sabbath. In fact, eating grain or produce from a neighbor's farm while passing through was permitted by Jewish law (Deuteronomy 23:25-26), provided one did not carry off any surplus. It was considered a common courtesy and obligation of charity to share the abundance of creation with one's neighbor. Perhaps we can embrace that same ethic in our own stewardship of the abundance God has entrusted to us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5 (436). *"While Jesus was going through a field of grain on a sabbath, his disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating them."*

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



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