

Prevue Event: "A Taste of Italy"

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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

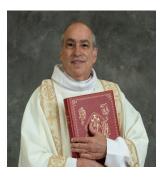
Festival Information: 614-BY ITALY (614-294-8259)

ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2021

From the Deacon's Desk

Dear friends in Christ.

This weekend, I want to thank Deacon Jim Morris from Saint Brendan Parish as the "Deacon of the Month." I am grateful to Deacon Jim for joining us and I know you will make him feel welcome. Deacon Jim gives me a nice chance to take a little time off as we stand on the threshold of the 41st Columbus Italian Festival the



weekend of **October 8, 9, and 10.** I look forward to a wonderful event and I hope you will be an integral part of making our parish Festival another success. I hope you will be one of our many volunteers that will continue to make this favorite **Central Ohio** event go so well.

Our **Catholic** faith is a community effort requiring so many ways to minister to one another. For example, we do this as **Worship Leaders**, **Eucharistic Ministers**, **Lectors**, **Ushers**, **Sacristans**, **Teachers**, and, yes, **Festival Volunteers**. As you know, no one <u>runs</u> anything alone. Our **Church** is a delicate family, run by generous hearts. **No one can do it alone**.

As we enjoy autumn's changes of color and temperature, may the **Word of God** we hear today at **Mass** help us to recommit ourselves to the ongoing themes of our annual **Italian Festival**. Ponder well what you hold in the palm of your hands as we share **Communion** with one another. May we all be beacons of hope and goodness to one another and to all who will join us soon on our beautiful campus for another enjoyable weekend of **Faith, Family and Friends**.

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**.

Mass celebrant for October 3 is Msgr. Cody, assisted by Deacon Frank

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, September 26, 2021, 9:30 a.m.		
Lector 1 & 2:	& 2: Ed Pagnanelli, Antonio D'Alberto	
Euch. Min 1 & 2.:	Andrea Myers, Pat Rossetti	
Sunday, October 3, 2021, 9:30 a.m.		
Lector 1 & 2:	Nick Sciarretti, Nick D'Alberto	
Euch. Min 1 & 2.:	Margaret Panico-Harn, Sharon D'Alberto	

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Mary Lou Walker

by Patty Clifford

Blessed Sacrament: Charlie and Bonnie Agriesti

by Teresa Metcalf and Maria O'Connell

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 9/26	9:30 a.m.	Mary McDonald by Mike and Kerree Susi	
Sun. 9/26	9:30 a.m.	Bonnie Agriesti by Betty Jo LaPenna	
Sun. 10/03	9:30 a.m.	Ronald Cua by Joe and Jean Capparauccini	
Sun. 10/03	9:30 a.m.	Charlie and Bonnie Agriesti by Teresa Metcalf & Maria O'Connell	

PARISH INFORMATION

The Italian Catholic Community at St. John the Baptist
Corner of E. Lincoln and Hamlet Streets
Church Mailing Address: 168 E. Lincoln Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 294-5319 or Fax: (614) 294-4303
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 lannarino – *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**.

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, Linda McCreary, Raffaela Leggieri and Guy Williams.

Remember in your prayers: The family and friends of Paul Joon Choi of the Korean Catholic Community, who passed away this past week. May he rest in peace!

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.	KCC Religious Education - 11:00 a.m.	
9/26	KCC Sunday Mass - Fr. Kim	
	12:00 Noon – Meeting after Mass in Sala Hall	
	Catholic Records Society - Marrapese Hall	
	1:30-4:30 p.m.	
	San Giovanni Dancers – Sala Hall	
	4:30-6:00 p.m.	
Mon.	Italian Festival Board Meeting	
9/27	5:30 p.m., Marrapese Hall	
	Italian Festival General Meeting	
	6:30 p.m., Marrapese Hall	
Fri.	KCC - Mass - Fr. Kim	
10/1	7:00 p.m., SJB Church	

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

September 19, 2021 Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 31

Reg. Env:	\$ 2,260.00
Loose:	\$ 1,187.00
Total:	\$ 3,447.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (206.82)
	\$ 3,240.18
Capital Improvements:	\$ 5.00
<u>Votives:</u>	\$ 28.00
Total:	\$ 33.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 3,447.00	\$ 562.00	19%
FYTD:	\$34,620.00	\$27,878.66	(\$6,741.34)	-19%

50/50 Drawing: Congratulations to Carl Tisone, winner of the August 2021 50/50. Thank you for your support!

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, September 27, 2021 Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, October 4, 2021 Darlene Rauch 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.

There will be No Mass or Adoration at Sacred Heart on September 27-30, 2021 Starting in October, Mass and Holy Hours will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursday. See bulletin for details!

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 our patrons of The Taste of Italy – we have decided to cancel the 2021 Taste of Italy to provide our participating restauranteurs 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 614-906-4866 know the total made. Deliver cookies to back kitchen area in Sala Hall. Sign-up sheet and total number made. The sign-up to work shifts in the cookie booth is in Sala Hall or at bit.ly/cookieshifts. There are cookie containers available in Sala Hall on the back table if needed. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Marinello (614-906-4866) or Carol Ristucci (614-271-1007).

Time to Volunteer for the Columbus Italian Festival. Please contact Carol Ristucci at 614-271-1007 or email cristucci06@yahoo: The Columbus Italian Festival is about three weeks away. Volunteers are always welcome for the many booths and activities at the Festival. This celebration of the Italian culture is a fun way to meet your fellow parishioners and a way to financially support your parish. I encourage you to participate. We need your cooperation with parking. Because of the severe limitations on parking around the Festival grounds, we need you to park at Columbus State. The parking is free, and a free shuttle bus will take you to the parish grounds. Please refer to our Festival website for a detailed map and more information: www.columbusitalianFestival.com. It is very important for us parishioners to use the lot and to tell your friends about it as well. This will aid the traffic congestion greatly. I appreciate your cooperation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Italian Festival Board Meeting: September 27th at 5:30 p.m. Italian Festival Chair Meeting: September 27th at 6:30 p.m. Marrapese Hall

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. 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.

Come and Learn Italian!! Join us on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., starting Saturday, October 23. This is an 8-week program that will introduce you to the beautiful language and culture of Italy. You do not need any prior knowledge of the language. The cost will be \$100.00 per person for the entire 8 weeks and all materials will be provided. The class will be held at Saint John's in the Italian Cultural Room. All you need is a desire to learn and a love for all things Italian! For more information and to sign up for the class, contact Maria Milano at milano727@sbcglobal.net or 614-205-1156.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Catholic Churches	Saturday	Sunday
St. Patrick's	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
	5:00 p.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.

Letter to the Faithful - COVID-19

Dear friends,

The recent surge of the Delta variant of the COVID-19 Coronavirus is showing its effects throughout the twenty-three counties of the diocese. I don't need to recite these effects as they are well reported. The good news is that we have learned how to live with this virus and mitigate its effects. As always, I join with the Holy Father in urging all those who are eligible for the vaccine to consult with their physician to consider getting the vaccine. I also urge anyone not feeling well, even if they are not sure if they have the Coronavirus, to please stay home until you can be certain that you do not have it. I remind you that while there is no longer a dispensation from the Sunday obligation, anyone not feeling well or concerned about their own health or that of other family or household members is already exempt from that obligation.

I understand that there are strong feelings, even convictions, about the different protocols for mitigating the virus and frustration about the changing guidance. These feelings often put individuals at odds with one another. Last year, Churches were included in a statewide mandate regarding masks. That is not the case this year. What I ask at this point is that we exercise prudence and charity in these weeks in which we are dealing with this surge. In that spirit, I am asking that we wear masks at Mass and at indoor parish activities for the time being, continue to practice good measures of hygiene such as the use of hand sanitizers, and that we exercise extra patience with one another during this tense time. The Office of Catholic Schools will continue to work with particular schools to meet the differing needs and regulations in the various communities. The people of this diocese overwhelmingly have been extraordinary in showing that charity and patience – I am proud to be associated with you and deeply grateful for your

In the meantime, let's pray for all those suffering with illness of any kind, for those who have died, their families, care takers and all those who serve in healthcare.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Bishop Brennan

<u>PAVERS:</u> The front <u>Pavilion</u> of <u>St. John's Church</u> is covered with <u>Pavers</u>. These <u>Pavers</u> are available for purchase and engraving in remembrance of family members and loved ones. For more information, please call the office of <u>St. John's</u> at 614-294-5319.

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: September falls during the liturgical season known as 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.

Red Mass: Wednesday, October 13 at 5:15 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral: Be sure to mark your calendars for this special Mass for the justice and safety professions.

Save the date for St. Stephen's Community House 30th Annual Bravo event: It will be held at a new location (the North 4th Corridor, Smith Brother's Hardware Building in downtown Columbus) on October 8. More details including registration/sponsorship options are to come.

WE'RE BACK!!! CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB RETURNS —FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021: Bishop Robert Brennan will address Catholic Men's Luncheon Club on Friday, October 1, 2021. As is our custom each October, the Bishop of Columbus addresses the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club. Please join us Friday, October 1 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch and comments from The Most Reverend Robert Brennan, Bishop of Columbus. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Bishop Brennan's remarks. Free parking available in the Columbus State Grant Avenue parking lot (25-S) across the street from St. Patrick. No reservations are necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc.



October 4: Feast of St. Francis Program: Every October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis celebrates the saint who saw all created beings as his brother or sister. Inspired by this example, Catholic Climate Covenant

produces a free educational program to help explore how you can better care for creation and the poor. To learn more, visit https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/feast-st-francis.



"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

(Mk. 9:42-43)."

Prayer:

O God, who manifest Your almighty power above all by pardoning and

showing mercy, bestow, we pray, Your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain Your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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, Sep 26, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Well done, good and faithful servants

Mother's and Father's Days aren't occasions for parents to toot their own horns about how fabulously they fulfilled the tasks of child-rearing. These dates are for their children to recall and celebrate the special people who made their lives possible. Similarly, today's Priesthood Sunday isn't meant for priests to beat the drum about their vocation. It's an opportunity for the rest of us, who benefit from their fidelity, to thank the men who were present to the first moments of our life in faith and will be there at the last—plus countless moments in between.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (137). "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!"

Monday, Sep 27, 2021

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

God works with us as we are

Saint Vincent de Paul is known for founding two religious orders, reforming the church, and serving the poor to such an extent that he is the patron of all works of charity. Many schools and parishes bear his name. But in his lifetime, he was also known for being irritable and quick-tempered—which his friends confirmed and he himself admitted. He said it was only God's grace that made him compassionate, humble, and generous. He's a perfect example that we don't have to be perfect to do saintly work—if we let God soften our hard-heartedness, what great things we might do.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50 (455). "For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest."

Tuesday, Sep 28, 2021

MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

A faith that runs in the family

Good King Wenceslaus is, of course, best known for his care of the poor and the concern he showed his servant, as immortalized in the famous Christmas carol. Indeed, it was young Wenceslaus' habit to sneak out in the middle of the night and—with his servant assisting—roam the countryside looking for poor or imprisoned people he could anonymously help with his almsgiving. But Wenceslaus and his grandmother, Saint Ludmila, could also be patron saints for grandchildren who are raised in the Catholic Christian faith primarily by their grandparents. Pray for all modern grandparents who assume this role.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). "Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord."

Wednesday, Sep 29, 2021

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

God's special care for migrants

Every minute of the day 20 people in the world leave everything behind to escape war, persecution, or terror. The archangels of the Bible represent God's special care for these migrants. Michael was the guardian of Israel during their captivity in the foreign land of Babylon. Gabriel is the patron saint of diplomats and ambassadors living in foreign countries. Raphael is featured in the Book of Tobit accompanying the story's hero, Tobias, on his journey to a foreign land to find a wife. The church recognized

World Day of Migrants and Refugees last Sunday. Pray that the archangels guide and protect migrants and refugees making perilous journeys everywhere.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51 (647). "You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Thursday, Sep 30, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Translating the faith for the ages

Where would the church be without the word? If you have ever read a verse from the Bible, thank Saint Jerome (347-419). His translation of the Bible from Greek and Hebrew into Latin set the standard until the mid-20th century, paving the way for scholarship that affects our contemporary translations of scripture. His pivotal writing and translating earned him the rare title of "doctor of the church." Give a nod to Saint Jerome by reading a favorite scripture passage today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12 (458). "Say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you."

Friday, Oct 01, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Graceful glances

Glances are totally underrated. They seem trivial, hurried and fleeting, even stolen! They are the smallest of gestures, barely registering a flick of the eye. It is surprising then that a glance can also be a prayer. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux wrote, "For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally, it is something." Our prayerful "glances" are significant. They register with God. A glance can communicate everything to God, especially when life leaves us wordless. Pause now for a moment and glance at God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 (459). "Justice is with the Lord, our God."

Saturday, Oct 02, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

All night and all day

Years back, in perhaps what were more innocent times (or at least appear so to us now), Catholic schoolchildren were encouraged to leave a little space on their chairs for their guardian angels. This charming bit of nostalgia reveals a deeper article of faith. From biblical times to the present, the testimony on angels guiding us has been consistent. Saint Augustine said, "Go where we will, our angels are always with us," while Saint Bernard encouraged Christians to "Make the holy angels your friends . . . we have nothing to fear under the protection of these guardians." Perhaps the larger truth is that although suffering and even tragedy may come our way, if we leave our hearts open, we will not be left alone. God will be at our side. Scoot over a bit!

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 (460); Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (650). "Their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

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



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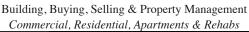
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