

OCTOBER 24, 2021 | THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

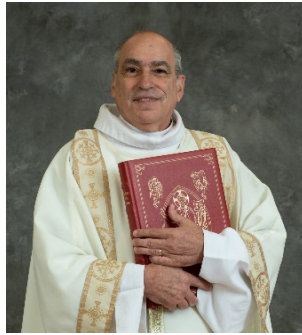
WHAT DO YOU  
WANT ME TO  
DO FOR YOU?

MARK 10:51

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

**From the Deacon's Desk**

*Dear friends in Christ,*



When **Jesus** asks blind **Bartimaeus** in today's gospel, "What do you want me to do for you?" some people might be thinking, "Duh! What do you think?" Yet in an interview a few years before he died, the blind musician, **Ray Charles** insisted that if **God** offered him his sight back, he wouldn't take it. Why not? Because, he said, sometimes beautiful people "are not packaged very beautifully. But you don't know this when you are blind. When one of my children crawls into my lap . . . if I could see, I would probably see dirt on his clothes or shoes. And I would probably say: 'Go clean your clothes before you crawl into my lap,' but I don't see that child as cleaned up or not cleaned up. I only feel that child as 90 pounds of love."

**Bartimaeus** did, of course, want to see again, and is healed, and **Jesus** says to him, "Your faith has healed you." He doesn't say "I healed you," or even "God healed you." It was the man's faith, which is not merely belief but trust, confidence. Trust is all the blind man came to **Jesus** with: He had no righteousness (like the Pharisees) to make a claim on **God**; he had nothing to show for himself (like a rich man). He had nothing—except for that trust. In that deep well we've all been in at some time or other, the place that seems so very dark, **Jesus** caused a possibility to leap up. **Bartimaeus** trusted it and went for the light he couldn't see with his eyes.

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 31st  
is Fr. Klinger assisted by Deacon Frank**

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Sunday, October 24, 2021, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2.:</b>	Judy Pishitelli, Sharon D'Alberto
<b>Sunday, October 31, 2021, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Davide Cugini
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2.:</b>	Margaret Panico-Harn, Pat Rossetti

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

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

<b>Sun. 10/24</b>	<b><u>KCC Religious Education</u></b> 11:00 a.m. <b><u>KCC Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim</u></b> 12:00 Noon – Meeting in Sala Hall after Mass
<b>Fri. 10/29</b>	<b><u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</u></b> 7:00 p.m.
<b>Sat 10/30</b>	<b><u>Italian Language Class – Cultural Room</u></b> 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
	<b><u>Altar Guild Reminder</u></b> – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month 10:45 a.m. – Marrapese Hall
<b>Mon. 11/8</b>	<b><u>Italian Festival General Committee Chair Meeting</u></b> 6:30 p.m. – Marrapese Hall

**In October, Mass and Holy Hours will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at Sacred Heart church.**

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun. 10/24	9:30 a.m.	Joe Agriesti by Patricia Clifford
Sun. 10/24	9:30 a.m.	Joe Pishitelli by Louise Masdea
Sun. 10/24	9:30 a.m.	Katherine Marie Fedele Iannarino by Victoria Gammell & family
Sun. 10/31	9:30 a.m.	John Cua by Michael Cua
Sun. 10/31	9:30 a.m.	Donna Veri by Jeff and Margi Baker

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:** *Phyllis Militello*  
by Andrea & Roger Myers

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

**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, Raffaella Leggieri and Guy Williams.**

**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.

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**

October 17, 2021

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 43

Reg. Env:	\$ 2,983.00
Loose:	\$ 198.00
Holy Day:	\$ 9.00
Total	\$ 3,190.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (191.40)
	\$ 2,998.60
St. Anthony's Bread	\$ 44.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 20.00
Votives	\$ 54.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 168.00

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

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (07/01/21 – 06/30/22)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$2,885.00	\$3,190.00	\$305.00	11%
FYTD:	\$46,160.00	\$38,601.99	(\$7,558.01)	-16%

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, October 25, 2021**  
Ed Pagnanelli and Victoria Gammell

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, November 1, 2021**  
Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard



At Sacred Heart in November, there will be a Mass on November 1, All Saints Day and November 2, All Souls' Day at 8:00 PM. Thereafter, there will be no more weekday Mass or Adoration.

**Learn Italian!!** Join us on **Saturday** mornings at **10:00-11:30 a.m.** Class started **October 23**. This is an **eight-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**.

**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 Church**.

**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**.

**BYRON SAUNDERS FOUNDATION OPERATION THANKSGIVING DINNERS**

This year: **BOXED POTATOES** are requested  
Please donate **CASH** or **BOXED POTATOES**  
Deadline: **November 14, 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.

## AROUND US

**Liturgical Calendar:** October falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of hope. The liturgical color green is worn during the praying of **Offices** and celebration of **Masses of Ordinary Time**.

**The Holy Father's Intention for the Month of October 2021:** *We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.*



The month of **October** is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on **October 7**.

**Sacred Heart Congress** is celebrating their 10th Anniversary November 6, 2021, from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 313 North State Street, Westerville, Ohio. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and is \$10.00 for Individuals and \$20.00 for Families. Online streaming available: [www.WelcomeHisHeart.com](http://www.WelcomeHisHeart.com). Featuring fabulous presenters and Holy Mass with Bishop Brennan. Presenters include: Emcee Bill Messerly, Fr. Joseph Laramie, SJ, Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP and Emily Jaminet.

**Catholic Men's Luncheon Club:** Friday, November 5, 2021. Father Michael Hartge will address Catholic Men's Luncheon Club on Friday, November 5, 2021. Please join us Friday, November 5 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch and to hear Father Michael Hartge, Moderator of the Curia, speak about the Columbus Diocese's *Real Presence, Real Future* initiative. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Father Hartge'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](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc). Our December luncheon will feature newly ordained Fr. Stephen Ondrey.

**Save the New Date:** St. Stephen's Community House has made the decision to postpone its in-person **Bravo! Fundraising Event** until **Thursday, May 19, 2022**. St. Stephen's Community House is still holding the virtual fundraising portion of the event: **Bravo: via their blog: Bravo! Stories of Impact - Saint Stephens Community House** ([saintstephensch.org](http://saintstephensch.org)).

**CRS still is collecting for relief effort in Haiti following the August 14th earthquake:** To donate by card or PayPal, go to: <https://support.crs.org/>. Checks made out to: **Catholic Diocese of Columbus** with "Haitian earthquake" in the memo line should be sent to the diocesan Finance Office, 197 East Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215. For updates, contact Erin Cordle at: [socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org).

**Confraternity of Christian Mothers Conference** will be at Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio. The Christian Mothers will host a "Moms Morning" on Saturday, October 30th at Holy Family Church. Confessions will be offered at 8:00 a.m. by Father Joe Tuscan, National Director of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild. Father Joe will then offer Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by a conference with several speakers regarding **Christian Mothers** and women of the **Church**. **Christian Mothers** will provide breakfast and beverages. Homeschool Moms or women who would like to join are welcome. The **Confraternity** is not only for mothers. Any adult woman is invited to attend and join. Please join us for Confession, Mass, breakfast, and speakers who will discuss how the **Christian Mothers** have helped them and how we can help our families by becoming a **Christian Mother**. Learn about our history, mission statement and what we mean to families, communities, and our parish! **RSVP to holyfamilyccm@gmail.com**.

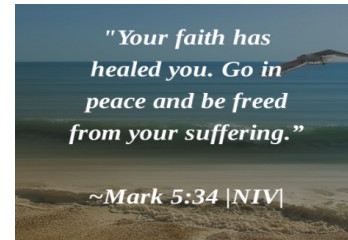
**Open House at St. Charles Preparatory School:** Sunday, November 7 for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and their parents. **St. Charles**, the diocese's college preparatory school for boys, is located at **2010 E. Broad Street**. Go to the school website [www.stcharlesprep.org](http://www.stcharlesprep.org) for more information.

**Family Tours of St. Charles:** Individual family tours can be scheduled by going to <https://www.st.charlesprep.org/prospective-students/tour-request/>. These tours are by appointment only.

**November 2: Election Day.** "In the **Catholic** tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation." **U.S. Catholic Bishops, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**. Visit <https://columbuscatholic.org/faithful-citizenship> for more information. Please vote. Let your voice be heard!

**The 2021 Respect Life Month:** Statement and additional resources are available at: [www.usccb.org/resources/2021-respect-life-month-statement](http://www.usccb.org/resources/2021-respect-life-month-statement). Resources for activities throughout the year are at: [www.respectlife.org/action-guides](http://www.respectlife.org/action-guides).

**Walking with Moms in Need Update:** Every Life is Worth Living monthly prayer focus is at [www.usccb.org/every-life-worth-living](http://www.usccb.org/every-life-worth-living). Help connecting with neighboring parishes still is available. Send your parish champion's contact information to **Erin Cordle** at [socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org).



"May we be open to the **Holy Spirit's** surprises, the grace of encounter, reciprocal listening and discernment, joyfully convinced that, even as we seek the **Lord**, He always comes with **His** love to meet up first."

~From the **Twitter** account of **Pope Francis (@Pontifex)**



And they came to Jericho; and as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mk 10:46-52).

### Prayer:

*Dear Lord, Thank You for fearfully and wonderfully creating each of us. Thank You for giving us worth in Your eyes.*

*Help us live as the one You uniquely intended us to be.*

*Help us abide instead of striving, living peacefully and joyfully as heirs to Your Kingdom and co-heirs with Christ. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

### Prayer to Saint Michael

*Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

## Sunday, Oct 24, 2021

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Adopt an attitude of gratitude

Here's an intriguing take on a familiar commission: Thankful people become missionaries. "To be 'in a state of mission' is a reflection of gratitude," Pope Francis declares on this World Mission Sunday. Yet this "state of mission" belongs to the whole church, not just to those brave souls who pack up and go off to foreign lands. Jesus commissions his friends to take the Good News wherever we go. Grateful folks do this cheerfully. How can we keep from singing, when a song's been placed in our hearts? Pray the Rosary's Glorious Mysteries and live the mission of gratitude.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52 (149). *"Immediately [the blind man] received his sight, and followed Jesus on the way."*

## Monday, Oct 25, 2021

### Good for what ails you

Research suggests that regular meditation may help reduce blood pressure, digestive problems, anxiety and depression, and insomnia, among other ailments. Prayerful meditation also heals your soul. Catholics have a lot of help at their disposal here—from the Rosary to *Lectio Divina*. "There are as many and varied methods of meditation as there are spiritual masters. Christians owe it to themselves to develop the desire to meditate regularly," says the catechism. "But a method is only a guide; the important thing is to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus." Take the best medicine of all!

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17 (479). *"Woman, you are set free of your infirmity."*

## Tuesday, Oct 26, 2021

### Care for the caregivers, too

In November 2017 European members of the World Medical Association convened at the Vatican for a conversation on ethical issues surrounding palliative care. Nearby, the International Confederation of Catholic Health Care Institutions was meeting to discuss inequalities in health care. Pope Francis addressed them all: "The categorical imperative is to never abandon the sick." No matter the graveness of the medical condition, "we are called to show love and closeness." Recognizing that "visit the sick" is one of the seven corporal works of mercy, how can you show or send care today—perhaps by supporting Catholic chaplains during this Pastoral Care Week?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21 (480). *"Sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us."*

## Wednesday, Oct 27, 2021

### Gentle reminder: Pray today

Benedictine monk Father Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., a pillar of the liturgical movement of the last century, tells the story of picking watercress one day on his monastery's grounds and landing in a swamp. Try as he might he couldn't extricate himself. He was eventually rescued by his fellow monks. He wrote of the incident: "What now bothers me is that during the entire ordeal of about 25 minutes I didn't have a single pious thought! What does that say of my more than 50 years of monastic life? Do I have to start all over

again?" Forgetting to pray happens to the best of us. But it is never too late to start. A simple prayer of blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, or praise will suffice. Better yet, start with *Veni, Sancte Spiritus!*, "Come, Holy Spirit!"

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30 (481). *"The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought."*

## Thursday, Oct 28, 2021

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

### Strive for decreasing returns

Saints Simon and Jude have countless images and namesakes, yet we know almost nothing about these apostles whose feast day is today. They were among the 12 apostles, and tradition has it they spread the Good News in Persia. We honor their memory anyway, knowing that for the faithful, "He must increase, and I must decrease," as John the Baptist put it. To be remembered after death as a faithful apostle is not a bad legacy for any Christian! Do one small act today that makes you recognizable as a faithful apostle.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666). *"Jesus went up to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God."*

## Friday, Oct 29, 2021

### Tender mercies

Depression, anxiety, profound sadness, or grief—these can sometimes make us feel like we're no good or God has abandoned us. But it is at these times especially when God tenderly draws close to us. Though it may be difficult to lift our hearts in prayer when we are suffering, we can pray this prayer for ourselves and one another (attributed to Saint Augustine): "Watch, O Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And all for love's sake." Amen!

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6 (483). *"I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart."*

## Saturday, Oct 30, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Room to grow

We've all heard that the "humble will be exalted." Sounds nice, but where can we look for examples, for a role model? Look no further than Mary, Mother of God. Saturday is the traditional day of the week to recall Mary's example of exalted humility. Mary was humble enough to "make room" for God—literally, in her womb. She was willing to trust God with everything—her reputation, her envisioned marriage, her very body. Do you trust enough to make room so that God can be born in you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11 (484). *"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

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



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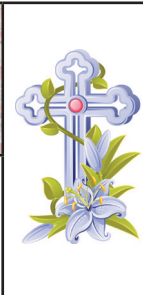
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