

February 13, 2022  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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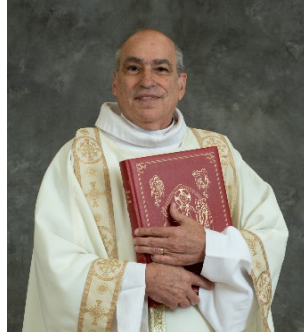
are you Luke 6:20-23



The Italian Catholic Community at  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

Adventure films love to place their heroes in impossible situations where they are doomed to fail and die, only for them to overcome all odds and win the day. As a **Messiah, Jesus** was nothing like what His followers initially expected. There was no kingly power, no overthrowing of his enemies, no worldly triumph over evil.



When the **Gospels** eventually emerged from the faith communities, they sought to give voice through **Jesus'** teaching to the difference between a **God's-eye** view of human affairs and human perspective. This weekend we hear **Luke's Beatitudes**, from the "**Sermon on the Plain.**" They are far more concrete and starker than those of **Matthew** where the **Beatitudes** are from the "**Sermon on the Mount.**"

**Matthew's** version allows for spiritual interpretation, while **Luke** looks at the lived reality of the first followers of **Jesus**. They are mostly poor, outcast and without security. Faith in **Jesus** does not save them from persecution or death. It does not make them rich, powerful, or successful. However much we know this, we are often still tempted to think of **Christianity** as something safe and respectable. We try to tame the message of the **Gospel** and cut it down to fit our size.

The **Gospel** this weekend contains a strong challenge. **Luke's Beatitudes** are tough, as faith itself is tough. The life of faith stands in radical contrast to the values of this world. Reliance on the world's values – whether of strength, security, wealth, or reputation – is shown to be pointless and ultimately empty. Faith, hope, and love are not easy virtues, but they are the foundational graces offered to any followers of **Christ**. If we take the risk of faith, hope, and love, we can we can find something greater than we can ever imagine. This is **God's** free gift, but it is our own choice whether we accept it.

**Saint John the Baptist, pray for us.**  
**Happy Valentine's Day,**  
**Deacon Frank**

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

**Mass celebrant for February 20, 2022,  
is Fr. Klinger assisted by Deacon Frank.**

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Sunday, February 13, 2022, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Antonio D'Alberto, Nick D'Alberto
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Al Iosue, Sharon D'Alberto
Sunday, February 20, 2022, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Valerie Milano
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Margaret Panico-Harn, Pat Rossetti

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**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

<b>Sun. 2/13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Tony Solazzo</b> by Irene Solazzo & Family
<b>Sun. 2/13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Janet DiLoreto Ward</b> by Sam and Jackie Barry
<b>Sun. 2/20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Bonnie Agriesti</b> by Patty Clifford
<b>Sun. 2/20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Capt. David Spellacy</b> by Mary Spellacy & Family
<b>Sun. 2/20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Joseph Pishitelli</b> by Judy Pishitelli

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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Livestream our 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on our  
St. John the Baptist Facebook page by visiting  
our website [www.sjbitaliana.com](http://www.sjbitaliana.com).*

*Office Hours are from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.,  
Monday through Friday  
The Office will be closed in Observance of  
Presidents' Day, Monday, February 21, 2022.  
Website: [info@sjbitaliana.org](mailto:info@sjbitaliana.org)*

*Deacon Frank Iannarino – Administrator/Rector  
Msgr. John Cody – Retired/Holy Service on weekends  
Father Charles Klinger – Retired/Holy Service on weekends  
Father Charles Cotton – Retired/Holy Service on weekends  
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'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**.



**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

Marian Lights: *Tina Concetta Tarantelli*  
by *Chris Soteriades*

Blessed Sacrament: *Jeff Stefanopoulos*  
by *Chris Soteriades*

**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*, and *Mary Spellacy*, who is residing at *Friendship Village in Dublin*. Also, keep in your prayers, *Laura Williams, James Graf, Linda McCreary, Guy Williams, John Contino, and Msgr. John Cody*.

**The Rosary before Mass on Sunday:** We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact *Kevin Koesters* at 937-902-7446 or via email at *k.koesters32@gmail.com*. Leaders for February are:

February 13, 2022 *Carl Tisone*  
February 20, 2022 *Gary Bosco*  
February 27, 2022 *Kevin Koesters*

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

2/13 Sun.	<b>KCC Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim</b> 12:00 Noon; Due to Covid, No Meeting in Sala Hall after Mass until further notice <b>SJB Altar Guild Meeting – After Mass</b> 10:45 a.m. – Marrapese Hall
2/14 Mon.	<b>Rotary Club Luncheon</b> 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
2/18 Fri.	<b>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</b> 6:00-6:30 p.m.
2/19 Sat.	<b>Italian Language Class – Cultural Room</b> 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
	<b>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.</b>

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHNS**

February 6, 2022

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 31

Reg. Env:	\$ 1,555.00
Loose:	\$ 128.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,683.00</b>
<b>Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:</b>	<b>\$ (100.98)</b>
	<b>\$ 1,582.02</b>
<b>Votives:</b>	<b>\$ 38.00</b>
<b>St. Anthony Bread:</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
<b>50/50 Drawing</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 103.00</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	\$ 1,683.00	(\$1,202.00)	-42%
FYTD:	\$92,320.00	\$84,197.31	(\$8,122.69)	-9%

**SJB Collection Counters for  
Monday, February 14, 2022**  
Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard**SJB Collection Counters for  
Tuesday, February 22, 2022**  
Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

**The Altar Guild:** Super Bowl pool is now sold out. The square numbers will be drawn after Mass in **Sala Hall on Sunday, January 30**, for anyone who would like to observe the process. Photocopies will be reproduced later that day and will be available after Mass on **Sunday: February 6 and 13** for everyone who purchased an entry (see *Gary Bosco* in Sala Hall). If you would prefer an email with your scores prior to **February 6** (instead of, or along with a hard copy), give *Gary* your address and he will send your scores to you starting **Monday, January 31st**. The **Super Bowl** itself is one week later this year (**Sunday evening, February 13th**). Thanks to everyone who signed up and good luck with your entry.

**SACRED HEART****ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at **Sacred Heart Church on April 2, 2022, from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the **Sala Hall on the back table** for those who are interested in **half-hour or 1-hour slots**.

**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.

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE FATHER CASTO****MARRAPESE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM –****DEADLINE MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022**

*St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church* announces the **2022 Father Casto Marrapese Scholarship Program**. If you are a high school senior student of **Italian** descent, attending a central **Ohio** high school, and accepted to an accredited two or four-year **College** or university in the **U.S.** for the **2021-2022** academic years, you are encouraged to apply for this scholarship opportunity. Application information has been posted on **Saint John's website** [www.info@sjbitaliana.com](http://www.info@sjbitaliana.com) and has also been sent to central **Ohio** high school guidance counseling offices. All application materials (application form, activity listing, personal recommendation letter, school recommendation and transcript, and personal essay) must be received at **St. John** no later than **2:00 p.m., Monday, April 4, 2022**. For information, call **St. John the Baptist Catholic Italian Church** at **614-294-5319**.

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## AROUND US

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of February 2022:** *We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.*

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of **February** is dedicated to the **Holy Family**. The entire month of **February** falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is the symbol of hope and the color of sprouting seeds, reminding the faithful of the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

**Women's and Men's Conferences 2022:** The **Women's Conference** will be on **Saturday, February 19**, and the **Men's Conference** on the following **Saturday, February 26, 2022**, both at the **Ohio Expo Center**. The invitations for conferees will be mailed.

**The 25th Annual Men's Conference returns to an in-person format for 2022, and we need your help to spread the word and bring men to Christ!** The **Conference Planning Team** (and the entire **Leadership Team**) of **Catholic Men's Ministry** is requesting your assistance to inform and engage men from your parish – or within your sphere of influence – by providing information about the **2022 Catholic Men's Conference**. The health and well-being of attendees is a priority, and the **Ministry** wants to be certain that this information is sent along with details about the **Conference** – it will truly be an amazing day of faith, incredible speakers, food, and fellowship – and we don't want our men to miss it!

*We are closely following news and updates as we implement best practices regarding masks, sanitation, and social distancing. Please encourage the men who are comfortable attending this in-person event, to register for and attend the Conference. There will be ample room to spread out in the seating and eating areas of the Conference. Come join us!*

**The Legacy:** Enhance our children's learning experience by supporting our **Home and School Association**. Supporting the teachers, administrators, and staff, providing expanded hands-on learning experiences, and creating community building activities for the families of **Trinity Catholic**. Please join us for an evening of dinner, drinks, live music, and fundraising. **February 26th, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory 1559 Roxbury Road. Tickets available at <https://trinitycatholiclegacyinvitation.eventbrite.com>.**

**Bottoms Up Diaper Bank:** Did you know that **1 in 3 families** struggle with diaper need? Diaper need is not having a sufficient supply of diapers for one's baby. You can help alleviate diaper need in **Central Ohio** by getting involved in **The World's Largest Diaper Drive**. Go to [www.worldslargestdiaperdrive.org](http://www.worldslargestdiaperdrive.org) to learn more about becoming a volunteer, donating, or holding a diaper drive.

**February is Black History Month:** Go beyond trauma and struggle to examine the liberation, civic engagement, creativity, and intersecting identities of **Black** people. Resources can be found at: [www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/black-history-month-teaching-the-complete-history](http://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/black-history-month-teaching-the-complete-history). Learn about the leaders of **African** descent on the road to sainthood at: [www.usccb.org/committees/african-american-affairs/road-sainthood-leaders-african-descent](http://www.usccb.org/committees/african-american-affairs/road-sainthood-leaders-african-descent).

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Change a life, inspire your own...Become a tutor! Tutors are needed for adults seeking ESL (English as a Second Language), GED preparation, and Basic Education skills. Please contact Annette Cohn at the Dominican Learning Center, (614) 444-7330, ext. 2 or [Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org](mailto:Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org) for more information on this rewarding opportunity.

**February 14: St. Valentine's Day:** **St. Valentine** aided the **Christian** martyrs during the **Claudian** persecution during which **Claudius** issued a decree forbidding marriage. **Valentine** defied this decree and urged couples to come to him in secret so that he could join them in the **Sacrament of Matrimony**. He was discovered and condemned to death. While in prison, **Valentine** miraculously restored the sight of the jailer's blind daughter. The night before his execution, the priest wrote a farewell message to the girl and signed it affectionately "**From Your Valentine**," a phrase that lives on even to today. The valentine has become the universal symbol of friendship and affection shared each anniversary of the priest's execution – **St. Valentine's Day**. **Valentine** has also become the patron of engaged couples.

**"Promote the culture of generosity and of gift, which is indispensable for overcoming the culture of profit and waste."**

~ Pope Francis @Pontifex on Twitter



**Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,  
whose hope is the LORD.**

**He is like a tree planted beside the waters  
that stretches out its roots to the stream:  
it fears not the heat when it comes;  
its leaves stay green;  
in the year of drought it shows no distress,  
but still bears fruit.**

**Jeremiah 17:7-8**

**Prayer:**

**Keep Your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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, Feb 13, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Courage under fire

They called him the "Scourge of Apartheid" and "Guardian of the Light." Was he a Marvel superhero? Would you believe an archbishop? An Oblate of Mary Immaculate, Denis Hurley of Durban (1915-2004) opposed the racist regime of South Africa for 50 years, calling it "blasphemy" and "intrinsically evil" as first the world's youngest bishop and later as the youngest archbishop. Hurley joined Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and three others on the South African government's "most wanted" list. Standing up for the truth may put us on a hit list. It also makes us blessed in God's eyes.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26 (78). "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, . . . on account of the Son of Man."

## Monday, Feb 14, 2022

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP

### Courting faith

Today may be the feast day of Saint Valentine, but Saints Cyril and Methodius get higher billing by the church with a memorial today. These brothers who were missionaries shared the love of Christ, not by penning endearing notes to loved ones, but by translating the Bible into a local language. In fact, they invented an alphabet so they could do it! The best way to reach people is to meet them where they are. If someone is in a different place on their spiritual journey, do you insist they "catch up" to you? Or do you run up to greet them and speak of God's love in terms they understand? Maybe you'll end up walking arm in arm in the same direction.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13 (335). "The Pharisees came forward and began to argue with Jesus, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him."

## Tuesday, Feb 15, 2022

### Faith and facts fit together

Galileo, father of the scientific method, was born on this day in 1564. Famously, the Catholic Inquisition condemned him for insisting the Earth revolved around the sun—an unpopular position made twice as controversial for seeming to defy the pope. Ever since, Galileo remains the poster child for "faith versus reason," which feeds the unjustified stereotype that Catholicism is "anti-science." It's not. In fact, practicing Catholics, including priests and nuns, are found among notable scientists, past and present. And when Pope John Paul II issued an official apology in 1992, it came through the Pontifical Academy of Science. Time to unite spirit and intellect to help us understand the glories and challenges God's creation presents to us.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21 (336). "All good giving and every perfect gift is from above."

## Wednesday, Feb 16, 2022

### "Holy Spirit, come"

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal has helped reinvigorate the faith and refreshed the experience of worship for diverse pockets of churchgoers. Beginning with the 1967 Duquesne Weekend—a meeting in Pittsburgh at an Episcopalian prayer service, where a group of Catholics encountered the "charismatic gifts" of speaking in tongues, miraculous healing, and other supernatural

occurrences—Catholics across the country and eventually around the world began to experience a similar sense of renewal and ecumenical connection. Though the gifts of the Spirit are available to all, not everyone will experience them in the same way. What is essential is to be open to the Holy Spirit at all times.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26 (337). "He laid hands on the man's eyes a second time and he saw clearly."

## Thursday, Feb 17, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER, RELIGIOUS

### God calls us each by name

Today the church honors the seven men who founded the Servite religious order in Italy nearly 800 years ago. The Servites have branches for every type of Catholic vocation: laity, priests, brothers, contemplative nuns, and active (apostolic) sisters. This international religious institute is nearly 800 years old, with rich traditions of prayer and service. If you are single and seeking your path, have you considered life as a consecrated brother, sister, or priest? VocationMatch.com is a good place to begin your exploration.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33 (338). " 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter said to him in reply, 'You are the Christ.' "

## Friday, Feb 18, 2022

### Cross-culture conflicts

The concept of "taking up one's cross" has never been an easy one to understand. It does not mean to suffer in silence and passively accept our fate. When we "take up our cross," we signal our willingness to suffer for the sake of good, to give witness to what is right, to announce charity where there is greed, love where there is hate, and peace where there is war. Blessed Titus Brandsma, a Carmelite priest who was martyred in Dachau after speaking out against Nazism, wrote, "They who want to win the world for Christ must have the courage to come into conflict with it."

TODAY'S READINGS: James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34—9:1 (339). "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

## Saturday, Feb 19, 2022

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Let your prayer shine

The Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary traditionally contained three sets of mysteries—the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious—each set reflecting on five events in the life of Jesus and Mary. In 2002 Pope Saint John Paul II introduced a fourth set, the Luminous Mysteries, which included the Baptism of the Lord, the Wedding at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist. Each of these additional mysteries reveals a facet of the identity of the Lord. Saint Irenaeus wrote of the Transfiguration: "The glory of God is a live human being and a truly human life is the vision of God." Take time to know Jesus better by praying the Luminous Mysteries.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 3:1-10; Mark 9:2-13 (340). "And he was transfigured before them."

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



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