



MARCH 6, 2022  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

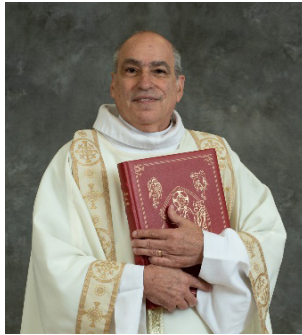
CHARITY  
MERCY  
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Lent

PRAYER  
FASTING  
ALMSGIVING

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

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



Traditionally on the **2nd Sunday of Lent**, we hear the familiar story of the **Transfiguration**. In today's Gospel from **Saint Luke**, we listen as **Jesus** is taking the disciples away from their ordinary lives to the mountain, a place of silence and prayer. And there, while **Jesus** prays, He is transfigured. **Jesus'** whole appearance changes and He is seen in breathtaking glory. **Jesus** is silent but the voice of the **Father** speaks from the clouds, telling the disciples that **Jesus** is **God's Son**, the "**Chosen One**," and urging them to "**listen to him**."

**Pope Francis**, in one of his homilies on the **Transfiguration**, said "...instructions for the disciples and for us are this: '**listen to him!**' Listen to **Jesus**. He is the savior: follow him. To listen to **Christ**, in fact, entails taking up the logic of His **Paschal Mystery**, sitting out on the journey with Him to make of oneself a gift of love to others." **Pope Francis** then suggested we look at the **Transfiguration** in the following way: "...with **Peter, James**, and **John** we too climb the **Mount of the Transfiguration** today and stop in contemplation of the face of **Jesus** to retrieve the message and translated into our lives; for we too can be transfigured by love."

In the light of our call to follow **Christ** each day, we might ask ourselves: Where do I need to be changed, or what in my heart and life needs to be "**transfigured**" by love? And most importantly, how can I bring **Christ's** transfiguring love to those around me?

**Saint John the Baptist, pray for us.**  
**Have a blessed week,**  
**Deacon Frank**

**P.S.** Please welcome **Deacon Tony Bonacci** as our "**Deacon of the Month**" for **March**. **Deacon Tony** was ordained **25** years ago and is assigned to active diaconal ministry at **Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Plain City**.

The **Mass** is available on **St. John's Facebook** page or **YouTube** channel, **Saint John the Baptist, Cbus**. Go to our **website: [www.sjbitaliana.com](http://www.sjbitaliana.com)** under **Livestream Mass**.

If you would also like to join me for daily **Mass** at **St. Brigid of Kildare**, please go to **St. Brigid YouTube channel** and to **St. Brigid parish Facebook page**.

**Mass celebrant for March 20, 2022, is Fr. Noble, assisted by Deacon Frank**

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Sunday, March 13, 2022, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Krissy Ciacchi, Nick Sciarretti
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2.:</b>	Margaret Panico-Harn, Ed Pagnanelli
<b>Sunday, March 20, 2022, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Kurt Heining, Gretchen Heining
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2.:</b>	Andrea Myers, Al Iosue

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

<b>Sun. 3/13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Rina Tiberi</b> by Sandi Columbro
<b>Sun. 3/13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Gaetana Capoccia &amp; Cesidia Cugini</b> by the Capoccia & Cugini Families
<b>Sun. 3/13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Roseanne Fuller</b> by Dewey and Florence Stokes
<b>Sun. 3/20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Joe Pishitelli</b> by Ken & Maria Lucchin
<b>Sun. 3/20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Robert W. Contino, Sr.</b> by Ken & Maria Lucchin
<b>Sun. 3/20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Jerry Galilei</b> by Betty Jo LaPenna

**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.*  
*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.*

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

- Marian Lights:** *Joyce Tisone*  
by Carl Tisone
- Blessed Sacrament:** *Mike Ricci*  
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.**

**If SJB parishioners want to send a card or note of prayerful support for Msgr. Cody, he is at Mohun Health Care Center, Room 413, 2340 Airport Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219. If you would like to text him, his phone number is 614-398-7119. He will be in recovery/therapy the next 6-8 weeks.**

**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 March are:  
 March 13, 2022 Carl Tisone  
 March 20, 2022 Gary Bosco  
 March 27, 2022 Kevin Koesters

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

3/13 Sun.	<b>KCC Religious Education – Library &amp; Classroom</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>KCC Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim</b> 12:00 Noon Meeting in Sala Hall after Mass Altar Guild Meeting – After Mass – Marrapese 10:45 a.m.
3/14 Mon.	<b>Rotary Club Luncheon</b> 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
3/18 Fri.	<b>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</b> 7:00 p.m.
3/19 Sat.	<b>Italian Language Class – Italian Cultural Room</b> 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
Sun. 3/20	<b>SJB St. Joseph's Day Pancake Breakfast</b> After Mass – Sala and Marrapese Halls
	<b>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.</b>

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**  
 March 6, 2022  
 Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 45

Reg. Env:	\$ 1,755.00
Loose:	\$ 130.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,885.00</b>
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (113.10)
	\$ 1,771.90
<b>Votives:</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>Catholic Times:</b>	<b>\$ 17.00</b>
<b>Black &amp; Indian Missions:</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>J.O.I.N. (Ash Wed.):</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
<b>St. Anthony Bread:</b>	<b>\$ 65.00</b>
<b>50/50 Drawing</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 217.00</b>

**??\$?HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? \$???**  
**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/21-6/30/22)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
<b>This Week:</b>	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 1,885.00	(\$1,000.00)	-35%
<b>FYTD:</b>	\$103,860.00	\$94,178.89	(\$ 9,681.11)	-9%

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 14, 2022**  
 Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard  
**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 21, 2022**  
 Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

**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 Sala Hall on the back table for those who are interested in half-hour or 1-hour slots.

**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.

**ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**The Altar Guild:** St. Joseph Day Pancake Celebration is Sunday, March 20, 2022, after Mass. The price is \$12.00/person (cash or check – checks made payable to St. John Altar Guild). Children 6 and under are free. The breakfast

menu consists of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee. Please bring a dessert to share for the St. Joseph table. Tickets are available and will be sold by members of the Altar Guild, as well as after Mass on Sundays. Thank you to Vince Militello and his team for volunteering to prepare breakfast for this celebration!

**Thank you!** A big thank-you to those who participated in the Ohio State and Super Bowl football pools! Congratulations to all the winners. An even bigger Thank-you to Gary Bosco for spearheading the pools and contacting the winners. Lastly, all the money raised by the Altar Guild goes directly to the guild fund and is used to purchase items for our beautiful altar.

**FUTURE ITALIAN FESTIVAL MEETINGS FOR 2022**

Date	Executive Board	General
March 7		6:00 p.m.
March 28	6:30 p.m.	
April 25	6:30 p.m.	
May 2		6:00 p.m.
May 23	6:30 p.m.	
June 27	6:30 p.m.	
July 11		6:00 p.m.
July 25	6:30 p.m.	
August 1		6:00 p.m.
August 22	6:30 p.m.	
September 1	6:30 p.m.	
September 26	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

**AROUND US**

**Liturgical Calendar:** Except for the first day, the entire month of March falls during the liturgical season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical color violet or purple – a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2022:** May Christians continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

**Prayers for Ukraine:** With the outbreak of war in **Ukraine**, the **Diocese of Columbus** urges all to join together today and every day in deep prayer for an immediate end to hostilities and a return to diplomatic dialogue that assures a real and lasting peace for all people in **Ukraine, Europe**, and the world. Pope Francis said "I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war." In calling for fervent prayer around the world, **Pope Francis** also noted that, "Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests" and appealed for those "with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies."

**Collection for Ukraine:** Parishes are asked to take a special collection for **Catholic Relief Services** to provide assistance to families affected in **Ukraine**. Included here are links to **Catholic Relief Services** for information on additional developments and information if you wish to donate:

<https://www.crs.org/>

[https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine?ms=agicsr0222ukr00fea00&\\_ga=2.33276026.538126226.1646251823-1924074953.1646251823](https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine?ms=agicsr0222ukr00fea00&_ga=2.33276026.538126226.1646251823-1924074953.1646251823)

**Acts XXIX: The Rescue Project Live:** This is another exciting opportunity for our **Diocese** to engage in prayer, to encounter **Christ in the Eucharist** and the **Gospel**, and to renew our call to conversion in our **Real Presence, Real Future** initiative.

**Fr. John Riccardo**, from **Acts XXIX**, is coming to **Columbus** on **Corpus Christi** weekend, **June 18 & 19**, to launch **The Rescue Project Live** – a weekend experience to awaken the faith of parishioners – with the ultimate goal of mobilizing them for mission, to go out from our parishes and ignite the faith in the hearts of many others.

**The Rescue Project Live** will work with our **Catholics** to ignite or re-ignite a strong faith in our **Lord** and our **Church**, which will help all of us in the local church be renewed in our relationships with **Christ** and experience the **Holy Spirit** in our lives. **The Rescue Project Live** will help the good people in our communities with the many possible changes we will all be undergoing in the next few years in our **Diocese**. More information will be provided soon.

**Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl:** The **Rice Bowl** is a **Lenten** faith formation program for the entire **United States**. It allows **CRS** to help with fundraising efforts that benefit the poor in countries all around the world. Please participate in this year's **Rice Bowl** program as we celebrate **Christ's** mission of love for those in need. **Seventy-five percent** of the money collected supports the worldwide efforts of **CRS**, while **25%** helps fight hunger and poverty in our own community. **Rice Bowls** can be found on the tables in the church entrance.

**Lenten Retreat with Dr. David Anders:** **Jesus** and **His Church Lenten** retreat is open to the public at **Saint Catharine Church** on **Saturday, March 19, 2022**. Please visit [stcatharine.com](http://stcatharine.com) for more information.

**It is Fish Fry Time:** One of the great parts of **Lent** is the return of that wonderful **Catholic** institution, the **Friday Fish Fry**. Please go to [columbuscatholic.org](http://columbuscatholic.org) for a complete schedule of the **Fish Fries** offered throughout the **Columbus** area during **Lent**.

**Today's Mass:** Between **Moses** and **Elias**, **Jesus** shows **His** divine glory, foreshadowing **His** Resurrection. **He** is the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the beginning, and the end of all things. Today's **Mass** places before us the transfigured **Lord** and the model toward **Whom** we must tend, and our own transfiguration as the goal we must attain. We attain this goal by a profound realization of our sinfulness and need of a **Redeemer**; by preserving purity of body and soul; by combatting our passions and carnal instincts and observing the commandments and most importantly by participating in the **Mass**.

– Excerpted from *Cathedral Daily Missal*

**Church Regulations Regarding Fasting and Abstinence during Lent:** Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all **Catholics** fourteen years and older on **Ash Wednesday** and on all **Fridays of Lent**. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. The law of fasting on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** applies to all **Catholics** from age **18** through age **59**.

### Neighboring Parishes Easter Triduum Mass Schedule

#### April 14th, Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Sacred Heart Church	6:00 p.m.
St. John the Baptist	No Service
Korean Catholic Community	8:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	7:30 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi	7:00 p.m.

#### April 15th, Good Friday – Passion of the Lord

Sacred Heart Church	3:00 p.m.
Korean Catholic Community	8:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	12:00 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi	12:00 p.m. Stations 7:00 p.m. Service

#### April 16th – Holy Saturday

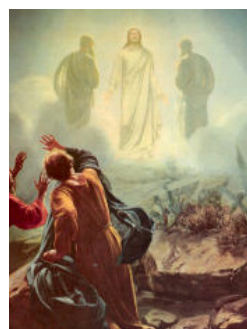
Sacred Heart Church	Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.
St. John the Baptist	No Service	
Korean Catholic Community	Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi	Easter Vigil	8:30 p.m.

#### April 17th, Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord

Sacred Heart Church	11:00 a.m. Mass
St. John the Baptist	9:30 a.m. Mass
Korean Catholic Community	12:00 p.m. Mass
St. Joseph Cathedral	8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 5:15 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

"Let us never grow tired of doing good" (Gal 6:9).

~ Pope Francis @Pontifex on Twitter



"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."  
Luke 9:35

**Prayer:**

*O God, who have commanded us to listen to Your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by Your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold Your glory. 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, Mar 13, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### A heart-warming witness

She was divorced—twice. Mary Clarke Brenner (1926-2013) lived in Beverly Hills: not an address associated with holy living. Yet this remarkable woman would go on to become the “Prison Angel,” dedicating her life to criminals in a maximum-security jail. Mother Antonia, as she was later known, didn’t just visit the incarcerated; she moved into the jail and lived among them for years. Others sought to imitate her generous spirit and formed the Eudist Servants of the Eleventh Hour—mindful that any of us might need saving in the end. “Warm the coldest heart,” was her prayer. Pray for prison ministries.

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 9:28b-36 (27). *“Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.”*

## Monday, Mar 14, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

### Take a reverent knee in solidarity

The BBC named 45-year-old Xaverian Sister Ann Rose Nu Tawng of Myanmar among the news agency’s list of “100 inspiring and influential woman from around the world” for 2021. Stunning news photos and videos showed her kneeling with arms outstretched before security forces, asking them to shoot her instead of peaceful protesters of the country’s military takeover. Two of the armed police dropped to their knees and folded their hands. On this, the last day of National Catholic Sisters Week, it’s a dramatic example of the selfless sacrifice of religious women who give their lives in service to and love of Christ. The vast majority don’t become sensations for their acts, but they are still heroes.

TODAY’S READINGS: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 (230). *“For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”*

## Tuesday, Mar 15, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

### A cardinal’s titular role

It was a huge honor for the United States when—on this day in 1875—Pope Pius IX elevated New York’s Archbishop John McCloskey to become the first-ever cardinal from the United States. It meant American Catholics finally had a seat at the table. All cardinals belong to the College of Cardinals, which elects and counsels the pope. And all cardinals automatically assume honorary leadership of dioceses and parishes around Rome—meaning they, too, could be promoted bishop of Rome one day. While our church preserves such hierarchical traditions, God sees beyond rank to the quality of service we render, regardless of station. Pray for all to serve the church with wisdom and love.

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12 (231). *“Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ.”*

## Wednesday, Mar 16, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

### Be bold in your witness for justice

On this day in 1877, the renowned black Catholic scholar and activist Dr. Thomas Wyatt Turner was born in Hughesville, Maryland. The first African American to earn a Ph.D. in botany (or in any subject from Cornell University), Turner would go on to co-found both the NAACP in 1909 and the Federated Colored

Catholics in 1924. Via both organizations, he would lobby to end segregation at the Catholic University of America as well as in U.S. seminaries (especially that of the Josephites, an order founded to serve African Americans). He died in 1978 at the age of 101. May his legacy be for all of us a model of defiant witness for the oppressed.

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 (232). *“Remember that I stood before you to speak in their behalf.”*

## Thursday, Mar 17, 2022

MEMORIAL OF PATRICK, BISHOP, MISSIONARY

### Have you answered the call?

In the modern Western world, middle-class people rarely face death by starvation or religious persecution. Saint Patrick, the great evangelizer of Ireland in the 600s, faced both these threats when he finally acted on his long-avoided calling to bring the Christian message to the people of Ireland. Have you ever inconvenienced yourself to carry out something God called you to? Take a moment today to reflect on your own calling in life and the sacrifice it entails.

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233). *“If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.”*

## Friday, Mar 18, 2022

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### The doctor prescribes some “me time”

In a series of lectures known as the *Catechesis*, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem instructed fourth-century catechumens in the faith. His lessons continue to be enlightening: “The present is the season of confession,” Cyril writes of Lent. “Confess what thou hast done in word or in deed. . . . Forsake things present and put your trust in things to come. Have you run so many circles [over] the years busied in vain about the world, and have you not 40 days to be free for prayer, for your own soul’s sake? ‘Be still, and know that I am God,’ says the Scripture. . . . You are running for yourself, see to your own interest.” Note well: You have the permission of a saint and doctor of the church to go off the grid for a time and tend to your own spiritual well-being.

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234). *“Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”*

## Saturday, Mar 19, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### First spouse

On May 1, 2013, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments instructed that the name of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, be inserted into all the Eucharistic Prayers of the Mass. So now when the priest invokes the name of the Mother of God during the prayers at the altar, he includes “with Blessed Joseph, her spouse.” Joseph is our model of the just man, the good husband. Pray for husbands everywhere, that Joseph be their model and a source of strength.

TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543). *“He did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”*

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



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