



MARCH 27, 2022  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
LAETARE SUNDAY

CHARITY  
MERCY  
PENANCE

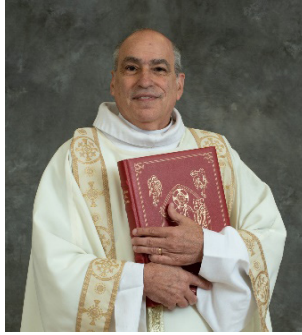
Lent

PRAYER  
FASTING  
ALMSGIVING

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

**From the Deacon's Desk**

*Dear friends in Christ,*



There has been much discussion recently regarding who should and who should not be allowed to receive **Holy Communion**. This **Sunday's** familiar Gospel story of the prodigal son can help us address this complex and controversial issue. Specifically, the introduction to the story may be the most important part of the reading. **Jesus** told this parable because His critics were complaining, **"...he welcomes sinners and eats with them."**

One son knew he was not worthy even to be called a son, let alone have a banquet held in his honor. He was willing to admit this – after a painful process. The other son thought himself worthy of a feast but disapproved of his father's prodigal conduct – as well as the offenses of his wayward brother. We do not know if the righteous son changed his attitude, and eventually joined in the feast. Taking our cue from the introduction to the parable, we may assume that he stayed outside, condemning and griping.

No one is worthy to sit at a table and dine with the **Son of God**. We all declare this before we come forward to receive **Holy Communion**. **"Lord I am not worthy to receive you."** We hope that we are reconciled to **God** as we approach.

On this halfway point of **The Season of Lent** – known as **Laetare Sunday** – may we always rejoice that **Jesus** never gives up on us even though we may give up on each other. Let us rejoice then that we can all say together, **"Lord I am not worthy"** and still participate in the banquet of the **Lord**. Let us rejoice in the new creation that **Jesus** is making this **Lent**: The **Sacraments of Initiation**, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, and His overflowing, prodigal grace.

**Saint John the Baptist, pray for us.**

**Have a good week!**

**Deacon Frank**

The **Mass** is available on **St. John 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 April 3, 2022,  
is Fr. Noble, assisted by Deacon Frank.  
Stations of the Cross at 10:45 a.m.**

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Sunday, March 27, 2022, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Valerie Milano, Davide Cugini
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Antonio D'Alberto
<b>Sunday, April 3, 2022, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Nick Sciarretti, Ed Pagnanelli
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Al Iosue, Pat Rossetti

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

<b>Sun. 3/27</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Peter Tamburro</b> by Felix and Bianca Milano
<b>Sun. 3/27</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Teresa Murphy</b> by Christine Szczesny
<b>Sun. 3/27</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Jim Behal</b> by Pat Rossetti
<b>Sun. 4/3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Poor Souls in Purgatory</b> by John Violand
<b>Sun. 4/3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Carolyn Panzera</b> by Nick Panzera
<b>Sun. 4/3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mike Badarina</b> by Rudolph Biscuso

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**The Italian Catholic Community at St. John the Baptist**  
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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 Badarina**  
 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 for 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 and April are:  
 March 27, 2022 Kevin Koesters  
 April 3, 2022 Gary Bosco  
 April 10, 2022 Carl Tisone  
 April 17, 2022 Gary Bosco

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

3/27 Sun.	<u>KCC Religious Education – Library &amp; Classroom</u> 11:00 a.m. <u>KCC Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim</u> 12:00 Meeting in Sala Hall after Mass Le Donne Group Meeting – After Mass Marrapese Hall
3/28 Mon.	<u>Rotary Club Luncheon – Marrapese Hall</u> 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Italian Festival Executive Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Marrapese Hall
4/1 Fri.	<u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</u> 7:00 p.m. SJB Church
4/2 Sat.	<u>Italian Language Class – Italian Cultural Room</u> 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
4/3 Sun.	<u>San Giovanni Dancers Meeting – Sala Hall</u> 4:30-7:00 p.m.
	<u>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.</u>

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**  
March 20, 2022  
Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 33

Reg. Env:	\$ 1,680.00
Loose:	\$ 377.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,057.00</b>
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (123.42)
	\$ 1,933.58
<b>Votives:</b>	<b>\$ 49.00</b>
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 5.00
St. Anthony Bread:	\$ 30.00
Capital Improvements:	\$ 35.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 119.00</b>

**Kroger Rewards:** St. John's Kroger rewards was \$25.69. Thank you for your support!

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

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,057.00	(\$ 828.00)	-29%
FYTD:	\$109,630.00	\$98,432.89	(\$11,197.11)	-10%

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 28, 2022**

Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 4, 2022**

Ed Pagnanelli 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 the back of the church for those who are interested in half-hour or 1-hour slots. **Confessions will be heard from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**REAL PRESENCE, REAL FUTURE**

**Your Voice is Needed Real Presence, Real Future** is an initiative that looks to the future of our diocese considering the unique needs of people today, the needs of the culture around us, and the desire to form and equip Catholics to fulfill their baptismal call to become missionary disciples of our Lord and His Church to those in their everyday lives. Part of the initiative is to foster viable, sustainable, and vibrant parishes and schools that support the evangelizing mission of Jesus Christ and His Church. This will involve combining or even closing parishes. **Please go to <https://realpresencerealfuture.org/draft-models-spring-2022> to view a video of the proposed changes and/or provide feedback. St. John the Baptist is part of planning group 1. Thank you for your time! The survey will be available until June 30.**



**Many thanks from The Altar Guild:** A big thank-you to Vince Militello and his kitchen crew for the amazing job they did with the St. Joseph Celebration-Pancake breakfast! We couldn't do it without all of you! Thank you to those who baked or brought items to share for the dessert table! It is very much appreciated. Thank you to those who participated in the breakfast celebration...your support of our celebration makes this a successful event. In addition, your support of this event helps to raise funds for the altar guild. **GRAZIE!!!**

**FUTURE ITALIAN FESTIVAL MEETINGS FOR 2022**

Date	Executive Board	General
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 12	6:30 p.m.	
September 26	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

**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**.

## 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.

## AROUND US

**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.

**Buckeye Catholic Open House:** St. Thomas More Newman Center, the Catholic campus ministry at Ohio State, is hosting an **Open House on Thursday, April 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** This evening, intended for high school seniors coming to OSU in the fall and juniors considering OSU, will begin with vespers and include student and parent testimonials, tours, refreshments, and a **FREE** student T-shirt. Students and parents should **RSVP at BuckeyeCatholic.com**.

**Music at St. Mary GV 2021/22:** Music Series presents live concert at St. Mary Catholic Church, German Village, John Angotti, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24 at 4:00 p.m. Purchase \$20.00 tickets at [SouthColsCatholic.org/music-at-st-marys-concert-series](http://SouthColsCatholic.org/music-at-st-marys-concert-series). Call 614-445-9668.



**Prayer for Ukraine:** *God of Peace and Justice, we pray for those caught up in the current violence in Ukraine. We implore You for peace. Holy Spirit, Our Consolation, comfort all those who fear. Grant wisdom and discernment to those in power. Holy Family, who fled to Egypt, guard all those who have sought refuge away from the land they love and bring them safely home again. Mary, Mother of us all, cast your protecting veil around all suffering lands and peoples. Turn all hearts back to your Son, our only Savior, and the Prince of Peace. Amen.*



**Register Today for the Rescue Project LIVE experience with Fr. John Riccardo on June 18 & 19:** The **Rescue Project Live** will engage you to answer the deepest cry of your heart. We live in a confusing time, and we need unshakable confidence in **Jesus** to live life passionately and with a clear purpose. Join **Fr. John Riccardo** for the first-ever **Rescue Project LIVE**, a **two-day** experience at the **Ohio Expo Center in Columbus, Ohio**. You will be blessed by the music of **Damascus Worship** throughout this experience and **Mass** will be celebrated on **Sunday**. **Space** is limited, so register early. You. Truly. Matter. Visit [stgabrielradio.com](http://stgabrielradio.com) to register.

**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**.

**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**.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent:** Today is the halfway mark of **Lent**. This **Sunday** is known as **Laetare Sunday** for the first word of the **Entrance Antiphon Laetare (rejoice)**; it is a **Sunday** of joy. The celebrant has the option to wear rose-colored vestments. This is also the **Second Scrutiny** in preparation for the Baptism of adults at the **Easter Vigil**.



**My son, you are here with me always;  
everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and  
rejoice, because your brother was dead  
and has come to life again;  
he was lost and has been found.  
Luke 15:31-32**

### Prayer:

**God of all creation, we welcome You into our lives in a new way this Lent.**

**We are ready to serve Your people, especially our brothers and sisters who are most in need.**

**We are ready to live out Your call to mercy. Through our prayers, fasting and Lenten gifts, may we learn to walk as one global human family. May we learn to listen to each other, and in so doing, hear the merciful words of Christ. Amen**

## Sunday, Mar 27, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT; SECOND SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT

### An investment worth making

It's not uncommon to identify individuals, or groups of people, as unworthy of our time and attention. Sometimes these folks just plain bore us to tears. But more often, we view them as freeloaders, untrustworthy, or even bad to the bone. Jesus was criticized for dining with the wrong people: prostitutes (immoral), tax collectors (unpatriotic), and sinners (generally unsavory types). Jesus tells a story of a feast thrown for a "worthless" son to explain why he himself chooses to "waste" time on the undeserving. The lost need finding, and the dead need life restored. "Hospitality opens the gates of paradise," wrote Orthodox Elder Amphilochius of Patmos. Set another place at your table.

TODAY'S READINGS: Year C: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (33). *"Your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."*

## Monday, Mar 28, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

### Tiny miracles

"Do you believe in miracles?" was a famous statement made by a sportscaster who was announcing an Olympic hockey game between the United States and Soviet teams in 1980—the underdog Americans won. Catholics believe in miracles, of course—but there has to be something more than mere unlikeliness to qualify. The church defines miracles as a "sign or wonder such as a healing, or control of nature, which can only be attributed to divine power." While we might not understand how or why miracles happen—or don't, even when we desperately ask—we can be assured that the God of the universe is constantly involved in our little lives out of boundless love. What's a greater miracle than that?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 (244). *"Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe."*

## Tuesday, Mar 29, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

### A day for the Knights

The Knights of Columbus organization for Catholic men turns 140 years old today. The organization originally got its U.S. start as a mutual aid society for poor immigrant families, particularly those that lost their main source of income whenever fathers died on the job. To this day, "whether at home or abroad, charity is our Order's first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights," says Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. The Knights run the National Shrine of Saint John Paul II in Washington, D.C. Visit the shrine virtually, via its 38-minute "A Gift of Love" Virtual Exhibit Tour.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245). *"Jesus said to him, 'Rise, take up your mat, and walk.'"*

## Wednesday, Mar 30, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

### Let it be a hopeful Lent

Our faith is one of hope. Often we concentrate on the sacrifices and commitments we make during Lent: abstaining from certain treats, attending daily Mass, giving alms generously. But we do this in the hope that Easter will come and Jesus will rise from the dead. Reflect on the spirit of hope that is at the root of your Lenten

observance. Here are some words of inspiration from Pope Francis: "No matter where God has planted you, hope. Always hope. Believe in the existence of the most noble and beautiful truths and trust that God, through the Holy Spirit, is ushering everything toward the good, toward Christ's embrace."

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 (246). *"The hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life."*

## Thursday, Mar 31, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

### Rigor has a reason

We are now four weeks into Lent, at which point, disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving might not deliver much pious glow. The church developed the tradition of 40 days of Lent based on the 40 days Jesus was tempted in the desert prior to his public ministry. A six-week season of prayer, penance, and almsgiving is meant to instill in us awareness, humility, and love, but most of all, the realization of our utter dependence on God. As Saint Teresa of Ávila says, "Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices." Take a few moments to reflect on the ways God has sustained you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 (247). *"How can you believe, when you accept praise from one another and do not seek the praise that comes from the only God?"*

## Friday, Apr 01, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

### Make the uncommon choice for the common good

The "common good" is central to being Catholic. Defined at Vatican II, the common good is the "sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfillment" (*Gaudium et Spes* 26). It requires appreciation for the relational nature of human beings and an absolute respect for the dignity of all persons, including but never limited to our own self. It also means ruffling a feather or two as we stare rampant individualism in the face. The common good is always evolving, but our motivation in its pursuit never changes: love of neighbor as ourselves. Where will such love take you next?

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248). *"Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, Reproaches us for transgressions of the law."*

## Saturday, Apr 02, 2022

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF PAOLA

### Small wonder

Francis of Paola lived in a cave but he could see well beyond his confines. His vision for a community of "Minim" ("the least") inspired countless followers to join him in a life of service to the poor and forgotten. Talk about countercultural living! Such radical service requires a whole different set of priorities. For Francis it was a desire for holiness achieved through humility. Each of us can take some steps to "minimize" the excesses we might indulge in and join Francis in serving others in some small way. It's the least we can do!

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 (249). *"Never before has anyone spoken like this man."*

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



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