

St. John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Msgr. Frank P. Lane,
Parochial Administrator

*(National Italian Parish ~
Est. 1896)*

MASSES/MESSE:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist

WEEKDAYS AND HOLY DAYS:

(See Mass Schedule inside Bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE/STAFF:

Aggie Howard, Bookkeeper, ahoward@sjbitaliana.org

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Office Hours, St. John the Baptist:

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Administration of both parishes is done through the office at St. John the Baptist – 168 E. Lincoln Street. Requests for copies of sacramental records, scheduling of Masses and other sacramental celebrations, hall rental and other non-emergency needs should be made during regular office hours or email info@sjbitaliana.org. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes, such as address or telephone, etc., by calling during regular hours or email info@sjbitaliana.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Announcements must be submitted in writing by Tuesday at noon.

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Gina M. Bishop, Music Director

John C. Huffman, Organist

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome you into our Parish Families.

Membership in the parish consists of two parts:

Registration: Please fill out form and return to Office.

Participation: As a member of the Church, you are accepting the responsibility of weekly worship as well as supporting God's work here through giving of yourself, your time and talents, and a worthy Sunday offering to show your love for God and your gratitude for His many favors.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONE:

One half-hour prior to weekend Mass or by request/appointment.

BAPTISM/BATTESIMO:

Preparation is required for the reception of the sacrament.

Parents are encouraged to call the Rectory and set up an appointment before the birth of their child.

MATRIMONY/MATRIMONIO:

Arrangements should be made at least six or more months in advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/INFIRMI:

In cases of emergencies, please call anytime. Please notify the Parish Office for Communion calls to the sick, shut-ins. Due to privacy laws, if parishioners wish to be visited in the hospital, they should contact the Parish Office directly and give the information regarding the hospitalization. **If you are scheduled for surgeries or other medical procedures**, please contact the Parish Office in advance so that a priest can administer Anointing of the Sick prior to the procedure.

A Night in Verona

Dinner and Dance

Monday, October 2, 2023

Additional information inside this bulletin



COLUMBUS ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Friday, **October 6**, 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Saturday, **October 7**, 12:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Sunday, **October 8**, 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Web Site: www.columbusitalianfestival.com

Adam Montemarano – Executive Director

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

ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2023

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Dear Friends in Christ,

There are many things happening in our parishes. There is a lot we can share to make things work better and more effectively. One of these shared activities can be a **Religious Education Program**. Sharon Curtin, who is a very experienced **Religious Education Coordinator**, has offered to organize a program for us. I have no idea how many students there might be from both parishes, but we'll find that out. We would also like to start an **RCIA program** that is open to both parishes. Again, there's no idea how many adults might be interested in learning more about faith, but we can offer and see who responds. Most probably this will be a very modest beginning, but we do need to provide the opportunity for families and for adults, and we have a start somewhere.

In addition, there are a few young adult groups who would like to find a place "to call home" in our part of the city. I'm not sure about space and schedules at either parish but it would seem to be a good idea to host **Columbus Young Catholics** if that is possible for us. Obviously, parish activities come first but what we can do, we'll try to do. We already have a **Young Catholic Professional** group open to both parishes that meets every **Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart**. We have **Mass, Adoration, and Confession** every **Thursday** and an exploration of the **Faith** every other **Thursday** after **Adoration**.

Also, if anyone might be interested in organizing a group to visit the homebound from either or both parishes, that would be a great service, I think. We need to become a home to the young but must care for those who have kept the faith over the years, and given us the opportunity to be a place of worship and a community of neighbors in the **Lord**.

And – Don't forget that **Tuesday** is the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin**. She has gone to where we all hope to go and one way to get there is to honor her and celebrate her great gift with her. She'll certainly help us get there if we trust her and stay close to her.

Have a blessed week!
Msgr. Frank Lane

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** under **Livestream Mass**.

125 YEAR COMMEMORATION OF OUR CHURCH – Sunday, September 17, St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church is celebrating 125 years! Join us for a morning of festivities as we commemorate this milestone. More details to come!

**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, Laura Williams, Guy Williams, and John Contino.**

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 **k.koesters32@gmail.com**. Leaders for **August** are:

August 13 Kevin Koesters
August 20 Maureen Iosue
August 27 Gary Bosco

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 8/13	9:30 a.m.	Priests of the Diocese of Columbus by Dr. Maria Regina Coccia
Monday 8/14	9:00 a.m.	+ Rina Tiberi by Joe Tiberi
Tuesday 8/15	9:00 a.m.	+ Emilio Coccia by Dr. Maria Regina Coccia
Sunday 8/20	9:30 a.m.	+ Vincent Catalogna by Friends of St. John the Baptist
Monday 8/21	9:00 a.m.	+ Denise & Mike Gammell by Victoria Scruggs
Tuesday 8/22	9:00 a.m.	+ Mary Lou Palma by Louise G. Masdea

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joan Geradi

by Chris Soteriades

Blessed Sacrament: Bob DePalma

by Chris Soteriades

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday	Sunday, August 13, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Tania Wade, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	Pat Rossetti, Sharon D'Alberto, Andrea Myers, Antonio D'Alberto, Ed Pagnanelli
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	
Sunday	Sunday, August 20, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Davide Cugini, Valerie Milano
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	Kurt Heininger, Al Iosue,
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Gretchen Heininger, Margaret Panico-Harn, Ann Marie Pastore

Future Italian Festival Meetings for 2023

Date	Executive Board	General
August 21		6:00 p.m.
August 28	6:00 p.m.	
September 18	6:00 p.m.	
September 25	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

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

ITALIAN FESTIVAL NEWS

Dear Columbus Italian Festival LOVERS, we invite you to be part of the cultural tent presenters, it is open to all. **IF** you need demonstration ideas: **Risotto – Polenta** – or tales about **Prosecco**. Catch **Landa** at: **614-579-1150** or **Landa7@mac.com** **GRAZIE!**

"A Night in Verona" Dinner and Dance – Please join us as we “kick-off” the Start of our **Columbus Italian Festival** week by celebrating with a dinner and dance at **The Berwick on Monday, October 2, 2023**, from **6:00 to 10:00 p.m.** \$50.00/person includes a fabulous Italian dinner and spectacular Italian music by **Ray Massa’s EuroRhythms!** ALL tickets **MUST** be purchased **IN ADVANCE!** You can reserve tables of ten (10) for \$500.00. For tickets, see **Margaret Panico-Harn** or **Carol Ristucci** after **Sunday Mass** in **Sala Hall** or by contacting **Aggie Howard** in the parish office during the week at **614-294-5319**. All tickets **MUST** be purchased by **Monday, September 25** as **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!** Each ticket purchased will also be good for a **ONE-DAY** free admission into the **Columbus Italian Festival**.

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, August 14, 2023
Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, August 21, 2023
Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

Altar Guild Announcement: The Altar Guild thanks everyone who signed up for the **2023 Ohio State** season football pool. The quick selling period allowed us to draw your **12-game** quarterly numbers after **Mass on Sunday, August 6**. Copies for all participants will be available starting **Sunday, August 13** (see **Gary Bosco** after any **Sunday Mass** in **Sala Hall**). The first game at **Indiana** is **Saturday, September 2**. **Good luck to all and thanks for supporting the Altar Guild’s fundraiser that benefits our beautiful church.**

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK	
8/13 Sunday	SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting – Marrapese Hall 10:45 a.m. KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim – Meeting in Sala Hall 12:00-3:00 p.m. San Giovanni Dancers Practice – Marrapese Hall 3:30-5:00 p.m.
8/14 Monday	SJB – Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane 9:00 a.m. Rotary Club Luncheon Meeting – Marrapese Hall 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
8/15 Tuesday	SJB – Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane 9:00 a.m.
8/17 Thursday	Young Professionals Meeting – Fr. Lane 7:30 p.m. – Italian Cultural Room Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m. Le Donne Group: Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall. There are no meetings in June or July.

Parli Italiano? Have you ever wanted to learn to speak Italian? Are you planning a trip to Italy, or are you interested in learning the Italian language? Here’s your opportunity! Join us on **Sunday** mornings from **11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** in **Marrapese Hall** for **Italian language** classes, taught by our very own **Maria Lucchin!** This fun-filled, eight-week session runs from **September 10** through **November 5** (no classes on **October 8** during the **Italian Festival**). These are basic conversational **Italian** language classes for **adults, 18** years and older. The cost is determined by the number of students. To sign up contact: **Ida Shook** at shook4@gmail.com **Tania Wade** at t.wade73@gmail.com

Come learn **la Bella lingua Italiana... Ciao!**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: Faith formation will serve our children for the rest of their lives. This is the reason having a religious education program in every parish is so important. A meeting will be held at **St. John the Baptist Church** in **Sala Hall** immediately following **9:30 a.m. Mass** on **August 20**. We will discuss opening a new religious education program combining **St. John the Baptist** and **Sacred Heart** parishes that will need your help to make it a success. If you have questions, concerns, or would like to be a part of it, please come! If there is anything I can do to assist in this decision, please call me, **Sharon Curtin**, at **614-563-8405**, or email me at sharon@mcurtin.com. Thank you.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN’S
 August 6, 2023

Number of Envelopes used Sunday 38

Env:	\$ 1,465.00
Loose:	\$ 323.00
Total	\$ 1,788.00
Less Diocesan 8% Assessment	\$ -(143.04)
	\$ 1,644.96
Votives	\$ 66.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 329.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 27.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 10.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 462.00

??\$? HOW IS ST. JOHN’S DOING? ?? \$?

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/23-6/30/24)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk.:	\$3,000.04	\$1,788.00	-(1,212.04)	-40%
FYTD:	\$18,000.24	\$18,253.66	\$ 253.42	1%

50/50 Drawing: Congratulations to **Mr. Carl Tisone** winner of the **50/50 Drawing** for **July, 2023**. Thank you for your support!

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The entire month of **August** falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time** and is dedicated to **The Immaculate Heart of Mary**.

The Holy Father’s Intentions for the Month of August 2023:
We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Church in Latin America: Thank you for your generous support for last week’s **Collection** for the **Church in Latin America**. As a parish, we collected **\$329.00**, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in **Latin America** and the **Caribbean**, so they in turn can share the **Good News** in their communities. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america and click “**How to Give.**” Your gift makes a difference.

August 15: Holy Day of Obligation: The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Blessed Virgin Mary, at the close of her earthly life, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.



ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION:

Notre Dame Football: St Mary Magdalene of Columbus is sponsoring a one-day bus trip to Louisville, Kentucky for the Notre Dame vs. Louisville football game on Saturday, October 7. Cost is \$239.00 per person which includes: Bus ticket, sandwiches, snacks, soft drinks. Children accompanied by a parent are welcome. Only 50 spots available. If you are interested contact Julius Palazzo at Jmpalazzo@juno.com or 614-946-5729.



Sacred Heart Jubilee Year: To commemorate the 350th Anniversary of the revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Paray-le-Monial, a Jubilee Year has been declared, beginning on December 27, 2023, and continuing through June 27, 2025, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. The Columbus Diocese will be planning a pilgrimage to France during the Jubilee Year. The theme of the Jubilee Year is "To return love for love."



EARLY FALL RETREAT! Spend time this fall enriching your relationship. Experience a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2023 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend is September 8-10, 2023, in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWMEcolumbus.org or contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880. Early registration is highly recommended.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 – SPEAKERS Attorney Don Brey and Dr. Michael Parker.

Join us Friday, September 1 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Attorney Don Brey and Dr. Michael Parker about the proposed Ohio Constitutional Amendment to expand abortion access in Ohio. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Jim Gernetzke at jimgernetzke@noslumine.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and the presentation by Mr. Brey and Dr. Parker. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is Friday October 6, 2023, and will feature a presentation by John Bradford.

BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY: "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." – Lao Tzu

If you (or someone you know) is struggling from a past abortion experience, call 614-309-0157. For more information on Bethesda Healing Ministry, go to our website at bethesdahealing.org.

Young Catholic Professionals: Looking for a community with a professional focus grounded in Catholic values? Attend a YCP event and join like-minded, mission-driven peers to find God in all things and seek excellence and joy in every area of your life. YCP brings together young workers and seasoned business professionals in a variety of programs to foster Catholic identity, encourage community, and inspire action. The **Executive Speaker Series** is a free event open to the public in which executives share their career and faith journeys with young professionals, challenging them to "Work in Witness for Christ." Attendees enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers and have a chance to socialize before and after the evening's presentation. For more information, or to register for future events, please visit www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org.

"A person's dignity does not depend on them being a citizen, a migrant, or a refugee. Saving the life of someone fleeing war and poverty is an act of humanity."

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O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help.

-Psalm 86:5



Jesus Walk's on Water:

It was the revelation of Jesus walking on the water that, more than any other, convinced Jesus' disciples that He was surely the Son of God. Jesus demonstrated Himself to be in command of the natural elements,

something only God can do. He showed this truth to the disciples who witnessed His divinity and responded with a confession of faith in Jesus as God: "And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." (Matthew 14:32-33). No matter where you are in your walk with Jesus, keep your eyes and ears on him and you'll be ok. ~Christianity.com

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter the inheritance which you have promised. 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, Aug 13, 2023**Value your vocation**

Immigrant Catholic families faced the nightmare of living one step away from ruin in the 19th century, when only the least desirable and most dangerous jobs were available to them. Knights of Columbus founder Michael McGivney had to leave seminary to support his family after his father's death. Ordained later, McGivney determined to build a community dedicated to protecting vulnerable families and spent his priesthood promoting the valuable vocation of the laity. Continue the legacy with your own vocation, religious or lay, equally valued and necessary.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33 (115). *"At once, Jesus spoke to them, 'Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.'"*

Monday, Aug 14, 2023**Holiness becomes you**

Maximilian Kolbe is best known for the manner of his death—he volunteered to die in the place of a stranger, who was a man with children, at Auschwitz during World War II. But his path to sainthood began at the age of 10 when his exasperated mother said to her troublemaker son, "I do not know what will become of you!" The Blessed Mother stepped in with a couple options—appearing to the boy in a vision and offering him purity or martyrdom. He gave her the surprising answer: "I choose both." Remarkable conversion, however unlikely, is possible—in others and yourself. Believe it!

MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). *"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."*

Tuesday, Aug 15, 2023**Without a doubt, love reigns**

Thanks to Thomas the Apostle—that so-called "Doubting Thomas"—Catholic tradition has its earliest account of Mary's assumption. This tradition holds that, just as Thomas was elsewhere when the other apostles were visited by a resurrected Jesus, he'd likewise been away when Mary, surrounded by the apostles, drew her last earthly breath. As Thomas returned to Jerusalem, three days after Mary's burial, it is said that he saw her gloriously lifted into the heavens. This time, it was the other apostles' turn to doubt Thomas. With great skepticism, tradition tells us, they opened her tomb and found it empty. Pope John Paul II, quoting Saint Francis de Sales, insisted that Mary died "in love, from love, and through love." Love like Mary today.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28 (621); Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622). *"He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly."*

Wednesday, Aug 16, 2023**Infectious faith**

An oft-forgotten holy figure, Saint Roch died on this day in the 14th-century Holy Roman Empire, having lived a distinctive life from his birth. He is traditionally regarded as having been conceived by a miracle and later became an ascetic said to have

worked miracles. The patron saint of dogs, he is said to have been healed from the plague by a dog that brought him bread while he was recovering. He modeled for the world a divine confidence in the face of pestilence, which inspired great faith in God among his peers. Having survived a pandemic ourselves, will we trust God with our future as Saint Roch did?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 (415). *"Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*

Thursday, Aug 17, 2023**Harvest is plenty**

Farmers and home gardeners are often busy in mid-August if their crops have done well. It is a time in intense work: harvesting, processing, selling, canning. The spiritual parallel is often made: Our missionary impulse is to plant the seeds of faith in word and action, in hopes that the seeds bear fruit. When times seem difficult, it is heartening to look around for signs of fruit, of God's love made manifest. Take a moment to revel in the witness of a Christian you know who makes God's love visible.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21—19:1 (416). *"How often must I forgive [my brother]? ... Jesus answered, 'I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.'"*

Friday, Aug 18, 2023**Moved by movies**

As the weekend emerged in the last century as a two-day break in the work week for leisure and spiritual pursuits, filmgoing became a major form of recreation. At its height in the 1930s, 65 percent of the U.S. population went to the movies weekly. "Going to the movies" may now simply mean clicking on a streaming app, but watching films remains a popular weekend pastime. Over the years the Vatican has recognized film as a valuable art form deserving of "praise and support." With that in mind, in 1995, in honor of the 100th anniversary of cinema, the Vatican named 45 important films worthy of watching. Make your way through this fascinating list on a given weekend, and enjoy a guilty pleasure, without the guilt.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). *"They fought against you, but I delivered them into your power."*

Saturday, Aug 19, 2023**It's humanitarian nature to help**

According to the U.N., this year a staggering 117 million people will be driven from their homes by war, violence, and poverty. Two billion people don't have access to sanitary water at home. World Humanitarian Day, celebrated today, commemorates the lives of the men and women serving in some of the most challenging situations in the world. The voiceless victims of war and poverty need help to alleviate their suffering and draw attention to their plight. Donate to a humanitarian organization like Catholic Relief Services. Do some humanitarian work in your community. Contact your elected leaders and let them know you're concerned.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). *"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

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



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