

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,

With a clear statement from Bishop Fernandes, a full-page ad in the *Catholic Times* from the Catholic Medical Association and an intense media interview with Fr. Dan Dury from Sunbury, St. John Neumann Parish, I thought it appropriate to say something about the two ballot initiatives that face us this Tuesday and in November.

This Tuesday, we have the opportunity to go to the polls and make a critical decision on a proposed constitutional amendment. We are asked to approve a voting procedure for changes to the State Constitution. While this seems a purely legal/political issue, it is not. It has enormous implications for the people of our state, especially women and children. A Constitution is of a different nature than statutory law. Statutory law is intended to guide a society in its contemporary experience; constitutional law is intended to provide a more stable and less whimsical core to our social development and cultural fluctuations.

In November, with an incredibly well funded initiative from organizations like the ACLU and Planned Parenthood, the people of Ohio will be asked to approve a constitutional amendment that enshrines all abortions, including late-term abortion when the child is fully formed, sentient and viable. It also aims to deny parental rights over minors in cases of abortion and gender reassignment. They deny it says anything about parental rights or gender transition, but they use the euphemism "reproductive rights," which in modern parlance, includes all of the above.

If the November issue is passed, any organization could influence and provide for an abortion or gender transition for a minor without parental knowledge, involvement or consent. This is what the ACLU wants to do to us and palling along with them is Margaret Sanger's ever-present Planned Parenthood, which she founded to eliminate, what for her in a radically racist sort of way, were social undesirables. They say there is no mention of minors in the proposed amendment, which there is not, but they use the term "individual," which includes everyone including minors and that inclusion would become a legal tool to attack minors.

The reason to VOTE YES on the August Issue #1 is to make it more difficult for these national organizations, through clever and less than straightforward advertising, to lead the people of Ohio into approving the abandonment of parental rights over minors and the continuing exploitation of women and children. It would become a Trojan Horse for the powerful anti-life lobby to use against the young. Were they asking for a straight up statutory decision, it would be "one person, one vote" but they are asking for a constitutional amendment which is quite different. I refer you to Bishop Fernandes' letter in the *Catholic Times*, the statement of the Catholic Medical Association and Fr. Dan Dury's video which has appeared in national media. Let us pray for the people of our state in this very important time.

Have a Blessed Week!
Msgr. Frank Lane

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Mr. John Huffman – Organist and
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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass –
 9:30 a.m. each Sunday

9:00 a.m. Mondays & Tuesdays

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
 Rite 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.**

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.

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 8/6	9:30 a.m.	+ Elois Cua by Michael Cua
Monday 8/7	9:00 a.m.	+ Mary Lou Palma by Rose Ann Graf
Tuesday 8/8	9:00 a.m.	+ Antonio (Tony) Polleta by Rose Ann Graf
Sunday 8/13	9:30 a.m.	+ Elois Cua by Michael Cua
Monday 8/14	9:00 a.m.	+ Mary Lou Palma by Rose Ann Graf
Tuesday 8/15	9:00 a.m.	+ Antonio (Tony) Polleta by Rose Ann Graf

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday	Sunday, August 6, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Nick Sciarretti, Gretchen Heininger
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	AnnMarie Pastore, Margaret Panico-Harn
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Al Iosue, Ed Paganelli, Kurt Heininger

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:
Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament: Jack Hanna
by Chris Soteriades

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 **August** are:

- August 6** Gary Bosco
- August 13** Kevin Koesters
- August 20** Maureen Iosue
- August 27** Gary Bosco

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!**

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.

“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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

8/6 Sunday	SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane 9:30 a.m. KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – Meeting in Sala Hall 12:00-3:00 p.m. San Giovanni Dancers Practice – Marrapese Hall 3:30-7:30 p.m.
8/7 Monday	SJB – Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane 9:00 a.m. Rotary Club Luncheon Meeting – Marrapese Hall 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
8/8 Tuesday	SJB – Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane 9:00 a.m. St. John’s Faith Group – Join Piave Club 5:30-8:00 p.m – Marrapese Hall Piave Club Meeting – Marrapese Hall 6:30-8:00 p.m.
8/10 Thursday	Young Professionals Meeting – Fr. Lane 7:30 p.m. – Italian Cultural Room
8/11 Friday	KCC Mass – cancelled until further notice.
8/13 Sunday	Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.
8/27 Snday	Le Donne Group Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall.

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!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

July 30, 2023 Number of Envelopes used Sunday 46	
Env:	\$ 1,606.00
Loose:	\$ 851.00
EFT	\$ 1,943.33
Total	\$ 4,400.33
Less Diocesan 8% Assessment	\$ -(352.03)
	\$ 4,048.30
Votives	\$ 65.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 85.00

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	\$ 4,400.33	\$ 1,400.29	47%
FYTD:	\$ 15,000.20	\$ 16,465.66	\$ 1,465.46	10%

SJB Collection Counters for**Monday, August 7, 2023**

Darlene Rauch and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for**Monday, August 14, 2023**

Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

Altar Guild Announcement:

All squares in the Altar Guild 2023 Ohio State football pool are now reserved. Individual game scores for the 12-week season will be drawn after Mass in Sala Hall as soon as all entry fees are collected, but no later than Sunday, August 20. Photocopies of all scores will be available for each participant starting the Sunday (August 27) prior to the first game. Please make sure your payment is turned in prior to the draw Sunday, as unpaid squares that day will be resold prior to the draw. Thank you for your participation.

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.comTania Wade at t.wade73@gmail.comcome learn **la bella lingua Italiana...** *Ciao!*

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL
AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS****

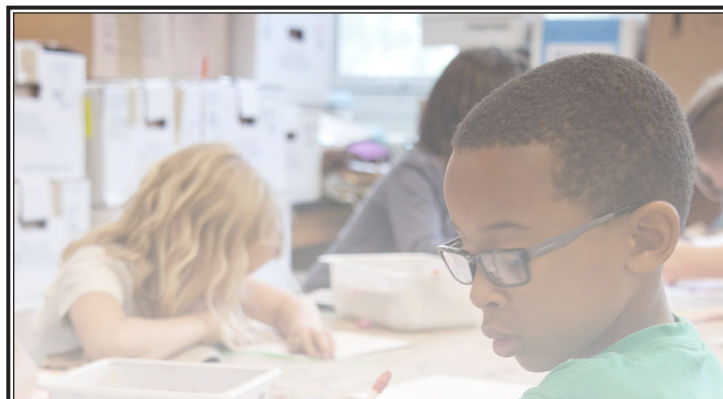
****If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D'Alberto, who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village. Also, keep in your prayers, Laura Williams, Guy Williams, and John Contino.**

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.*

PRAYER: *O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of Your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to Your servants, that, listening to the voice of Your beloved Son, we may merit to become co-heirs with Him. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen*

**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 the 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.

Sunday, Aug 06, 2023**Improve your vision**

Much of the time, we keep our heads down. We focus on the day ahead or the task at hand. We worry about personal relationships gone awry or the pricey cost of living. Transfigured seeing invites us to lift our gaze higher or to grasp truths under the surface of things. The broader, deeper vision reveals to us how to respond effectively to what we see. Saints in every generation have exercised this prophetic vision, recognizing a social problem and then creatively proposing a response. Pray the daily news—and ask for the guidance of a clarifying vision.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9 (614). *"As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven."*

Monday, Aug 07, 2023**May your faith ripen sweetly**

It's about this time of year that grapes in many parts of the world begin a crucial transformation process the French have named *veraison*. It's when grapes start to ripen and change from green to purple—not always at the same time in the same cluster, making for some beautiful color combinations. Mostly likely because of the timing of his feast day, Pope Sixtus II is the patron saint of grape prosperity. Where are you in the midst of your own *veraison* as a Christian? Pray for cause to celebrate your faith bearing ripe fruit.

MEMORIAL OF SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21 (407). *"They all ate and were satisfied."*

Tuesday, Aug 08, 2023**For want of a better word**

When Dominic founded the Order of Preachers in 1216, he'd been appalled by the rise of the *Albigensian heresy*, denying the goodness of God's creation. Even more appalling was the lack of informed preaching to inoculate the congregation against it. Dominic threw himself into the kind of witness modeled by the Acts of the Apostles, his new religious community adopting the motto "to praise, to bless, to preach." Not surprisingly, the Dominicans have given us eloquent saints, including Catherine of Siena and Thomas Aquinas—even captivating the world in 1963 with a chart-topping pop song, "Dominique." To quote another Dominican, Saint Martin de Porres: "Everything, even sweeping ... could be a prayer, if it were offered to God."

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14 (408). *"Throughout my house he bears my trust: face to face I speak to him, plainly and not in riddles."*

Wednesday, Aug 09, 2023**The awful truth**

The bombing of Nagasaki, which occurred on this day in 1945, was truly awful in all senses of the word. Splitting the atom to unleash its enormous power put the genius and depravity of humanity on full, awe-inspiring display. Though we have many positive uses for atomic energy, its initial use to increase our

capacity to kill on a massive scale is a moral failure that we have yet to overcome. The war machine rages on. What role will you play in helping humanity move toward the good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28 (409). *"We have sinned, we and our fathers; we have committed crimes; we have done wrong."*

Thursday, Aug 10, 2023**Where's your treasure?**

During the persecution of the Early Church, Saint Lawrence was under a death threat from Emperor Valerian. But his persecutor offered a deal. Lawrence could live if he turned over the treasures of the church. In one of history's most audacious rebukes, Lawrence is said to have gathered the poor and sick and told Valerian: Here is our treasure. For his act of resistance and faith, Lawrence was burned to death. How do you resist injustice? Saint Lawrence, give us courage.

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618).

"Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."

Friday, Aug 11, 2023**Love takes its toll**

Inspired by her mentor Saint Francis, Saint Clare and the women who eventually joined her to form the Poor Clares had a "radical commitment to corporate poverty." The women lived simply and spent most of their day in prayer and chores. It was a hard life, but one filled with joy for those who chose it—and continue to choose it. Spend time today pondering this pearl of wisdom from Clare: "Love that does not know of suffering is not worthy of the name."

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28 (411).

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Saturday, Aug 12, 2023**Youthful endeavors**

According to the United Nations website, half the people on Planet Earth are under 30 years of age. Yet only 2.6 percent of government lawmakers worldwide are under 30. International Youth Day, observed annually on August 12, is designated by the United Nations to draw attention to cultural and legal issues surrounding youth. Pope Francis teaches in *Laudato Si'*, "What kind of world do we want to leave ... to children who are now growing up?" (#160). International Youth Day recognizes everyone's responsibility to hand on a sustainable, free, and secure Earth to the next generation. What's going on in your community to accomplish this goal?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20 (412). *"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move."*

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



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