

A photograph of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church building, featuring a prominent steeple with a cross on top. The building is made of light-colored brick and has a Gothic Revival architectural style. The sky is clear and blue.

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
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist

WEEKDAYS AND HOLY DAYS:

(See Mass Schedule inside Bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE/STAFF:

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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/INFERMI:

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.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Italian Catholic Church

Dear Friends in Christ

This week, I will be gone from **Monday-Wednesday**. A priest friend of mine had scheduled a **Parish Mission** a year ago and had done a lot to advertise it and invite people to attend. At the last minute, the priest who was going to give the mission was unable to do so, so I was asked to step in. The theme is supposed to be the **Holy Family – Joseph, Mary, and Jesus** – please say a prayer that it goes well for the sake of the people.

I will also be gone from the evening of **January 1st-7th**. I have been asked to give the canonical **Retreat** to the **five** young men who will be ordained **Priests** this year for the **Diocese of Columbus**. Please pray also for our **five** future priests. While I'm gone, **Father Metzger** will take the daily **Masses**.

Also – It would be greatly appreciated if you would let us know of any of our parishioners who are no longer able to get to church. Some are homebound, others can't drive anymore, some are simply experiencing serious health problems. We are working toward making a plan to provide regular visits and Communion calls from parishioners. Your cooperation will be a great gift.

Many Blessings for the week!
Fr. Lane

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

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 12/17	9:30 a.m.	+ Joe Pishitelli by Phillip & Judy Pishitelli
Monday 12/18	9:00 a.m.	+ Brian Adkins by the McCallum Family
Tuesday 12/19	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	+ Amalee Soteriades
Wednesday 12/20	6:00 p.m.	+ David Fersch by the McCallum Family
Sunday 12/24	4:00 p.m.	+ Tony Solazzo by Irene Solazzo & Family
Monday 12/25	NO MASS	
Tuesday 12/26	9:00 a.m.	Family of Fr. Matthew Hoover by the McCallum Family
Wednesday 12/27	6:00 p.m.	+ Betty Canty by the McCallum Family

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please consider your **Mass Intention** for your loved ones for our weekday **Masses**, **Mondays**, **Tuesdays**, and **Wednesdays** as **Sunday Mass Intentions** are all booked. Thank you!

Mass Time Change: Mass times at Sacred Heart are **Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.** and at St. John the Baptist are **Mondays, Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.** and **Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.** followed by RCIA at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish Library on the second floor.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday	Sunday, December 17, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Valerie Milano, Ed Pagnanelli,
Eucharistic Ministers 1 & 2:	Kurt Heining, Andrea Myers,
Eucharistic Ministers 3, 4, 5:	Margaret Panico-Harn, Gretchen Heining, AnnMarie Pastore
Sunday	Sunday, December 24, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Gretchen Heining, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Ministers 1 & 2:	Pat Rossetti, Antonio D'Alberto,
Eucharistic Ministers 3, 4, 5:	Ed Pagnanelli, Margi Baker, Sharon D'Alberto

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Tim Mouzon
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 937-902-7446** or via email **k.koesters32@gmail.com**. Leaders for **December** are:

December 10 Maureen Iosue
December 17 Gary Bosco
December 24
December 31 Gary Bosco

Padre Pio Prayer Group: Tuesday, December 19, at 12:30 p.m. starting with the Rosary followed by Mass at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome! There is No 9:00 a.m. Mass that day.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Christmas Vigil	Church	Mass Time
December 24	Sacred Heart	9:00 p.m.
	St. John	4:00 p.m.
Christmas Day	Church	Mass Time
December 25	Sacred Heart	10:30 a.m.
	St. John	No Mass
New Year's Eve	Church	Mass Time
December 31	Sacred Heart	11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
	St. John	9:30 a.m.
New Year's Day	Church	Mass Time
January 1	Sacred Heart	No Mass
	St. John	11:00 a.m.



Congratulations to the family of Salvatore and Abigail whose daughter, Talia Lorraine Carfagna was baptized on Sunday, December 10, 2023. May the Holy Spirit be with you all!

RCIA: Classes are now being offered for both **Sacred Heart** and **St. John the Baptist** parishes on **Wednesday** evenings right after the **6:00 p.m. Mass** at **St. John**. **RCIA class** starts at **7:00 p.m.** in the parish library located on the **second floor**. This class is required for anyone who wants to enter the **Catholic Church**, for those baptized **Catholic** but did not complete the Initiation **Sacraments**, as well as those who simply desire to deepen their understanding of **Catholicism**. **Questions? Contact Sharon Curtin at 614-563-8405 or SCurtin@sibitaliana.org.**

St. John the Baptist "Giving Tree": The **Social/Activity Council** would like to thank all of you who contributed so generously to our parish's **"Giving Tree"** this **Christmas**. Both the **Little Bottoms Up** and the **Gladden Community House** charitable organizations were so appreciative of our generosity this year! The impact our gifts will make for the young children and mothers, along with the seniors, is so essential to all of them! So again, **THANK YOU!** We would also like to thank the members of the **Altar Guild** for volunteering their time and talents in crafting the ornaments and decorating the tree, along with organizing all the contributions this year! **Mille grazie! Buon Natale e un-Felice Anno Nuovo! Thank you very much! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

The La Befana Celebration will be **January 7, 2024**, after **9:30 a.m. Mass** in **Marrapese Hall**. Please bring children, grandchildren and enjoy this beautiful Italian tradition. **Sponsored by the Le Donne.**

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK	
12/17 Sunday	SJB Mass – 9:30 a.m. KCC – Religious Education Class – Italian Classroom – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim – Meeting in Sala Hall after Mass 12:00-3:00 p.m. KCC Annual Curia Legion of Mary Meeting – Marrapese 1:00-3:00 p.m.
12/18 Monday	SJB – Fr. William Metzger – 9:00 a.m.
12/19 Tuesday	SJB – NO 9:00 a.m. MASS Padre Pio Prayer Group – SJB Chapel – 12:30 p.m. Rosary, 1:00 p.m. Mass
12/20 Wednesday	SJB – Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 6:00 p.m. SJB RCIA Class – 7:00-8:30 p.m.
12/22 Friday	KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim – 6:00 p.m.
	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. 10:45-11:15 a.m. There are no meetings in June or July.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN – December 10, 2023
Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 40

Envelopes:	\$ 1,667.00
Loose:	\$ 135.00
Holy Day:	\$ 121.00
Total	\$ 1,923.00
Less Diocesan 8% Assessment	\$ <u>-(153.84)</u>
	\$ 1,769.16
Votives	\$ 64.00
St. Anthony's Bread	\$ 2.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 180.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 115.00
Total	\$ 381.00


?? ?? 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	\$ 1923.00	-\$ 1,077.04
FYTD:	\$72,000.96	\$ 72,124.98	\$ 124.02


Income and Expenses from September 1, through September 30, 2023.

Income:	\$ 15,687.80
Expense:	\$ 28,302.87
Difference:	-\$ 12,615.07

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Please help St. John the Baptist maintain this beautiful 125-year-old building with a donation by using the QR code to donate. Thank you!



50/50 Drawing: Congratulations to **Margaret Panico-Harn**, winner of the **November 2023, 50/50 Drawing**. Thank you for your support!

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, December 18, 2023
Darlene Rauch and Aggie Howard
SJB Collection Counters for Wednesday, December 27, 2023
Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

 **Office Hours:** Parish Office hours are **Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The Office will be closed **Christmas Day, December 25th** and **Tuesday December 26th** and will reopen on **Wednesday, December 27th**.

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**.

Volunteers needed to help decorate **St. John the Baptist Church** for **Christmas**. We will meet at **10:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, December 23rd** in the church. Bring a step stool/step ladder if you have one.

Christmas Flowers: Christmas poinsettias are available again this year. Flowers may be requested in memory of a loved one and will be placed on the altar throughout the **Christmas Season**. There is a suggested donation of **\$10.00 per poinsettia**. The **Christmas** flowers add such beauty to **St. John** during this special time of year. Thank you.



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This is a newly formed Italian Club for Young Adults: **la prossima** is a **Young Adult Group** keeping the culture alive through the next generation. A vibrant club for young adults of **Italian descent**.

Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser: Did you know that every time you use your **Kroger Plus Card** when purchasing groceries, **Kroger** donates money to our church? All you have to do is register your card at www.kroger.com/communityrewards. It's that easy! Follow the steps below to enroll your **Kroger Card** today!

1. Go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Click **"Get Started"** on the **Link your Shoppers Card** section.
3. Sign into your online Kroger account (or create an account if you don't have one).
4. In the **Find an organization** field search for **"St. John the Baptist Italian"** or type in our organization's number **"YY987"** then click **"Enroll."**
5. Once you enroll, every time you use your **Kroger Plus** card at **Kroger**, your purchases will earn money for our church!

Please share this **Fundraising Program** with your friends and family! For this quarter, the **Kroger rewards for SJB** were **\$57.33**.

Altar Guild Pool: Score sheets for the **December 29th Ohio State/Missouri Cotton Bowl** game are now available for all who purchased an entry (see **Gary Bosco in Sala Hall after Sunday Mass**). Squares for the **2024 Super Bowl** pool will go on sale starting **Sunday, December 17th**. Entry cost for the **SB** is **\$50.00** a square with a payout of **\$1,000.00** for winning numbers at the end of **Q1, Q2, Q3, and End of Game**. The **SB** pool usually sells out in **4-5 weeks**, so if interested see **Gary** as soon as possible after any **Sunday Mass**. Once all entries are sold, square numbers will be drawn during a regular **Sunday** post-Mass coffee & donut gathering (with copies of the scoresheets distributed shortly thereafter). Thanks for helping to support the altar needs of our church, and good luck!

AROUND US

You are invited to pray for the Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of December 2023: *We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.*

Our Women and Men Religious Offer Gratitude: A sister shares, "I thank the **Lord** for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

JOIN Needs Your Help! **JOIN (Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs)** is often a "stop-gap" for our brothers and sisters who are doing their best to provide and succeed in life. We all come upon unexpected obstacles. For our neighbors who live paycheck to paycheck, that can be something as simple as missing work due to illness or something bigger, like a car repair. Basic supplies like toilet paper, soap, shampoo, conditioner, multi-purpose cleaning solutions, dish soap and laundry soap are items that people request at **JOIN** daily. **Kelsey** is a mom who came to **JOIN** to get assistance with bus passes for a new job she had. When she learned that we also had cleaning supplies and personal care items, especially toilet paper, she was overwhelmed that she could get those items as well. Meeting these most basic needs, when you don't have them, is a relief that is not measurable to a parent. Try to imagine running out of something, with no hope of getting it yourself for another week or so. If you would like to organize a collection or even donate an item or two on your own, it would be a gift to the neighbors we serve at **JOIN**. Feel free to call, **614-241-2530**, or email, lkeita@columbuscatholic.org, me, **Lisa Keita** to get further information or just discuss all that **JOIN** does provide.

Liturgical Calendar: The first two days of **December** fall during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time** and are represented by the liturgical color green. The next **22** days fall during the liturgical season of **Advent** and are represented by the liturgical color purple. The remaining days of **December** mark the beginning of the **Christmas** season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold – a symbol of joy, purity, and innocence. The month of **December** is dedicated to the **Immaculate Conception**.

Christmas Plenary Indulgence: This **Christmas** season, **Catholics** can receive a **plenary indulgence** by praying in front of a **Nativity Scene** located in a **Franciscan** church. The indulgence will be available from **December 8 through February 2, 2024**. Those wishing to receive the indulgence must pray in front of a **Nativity Scene at a Franciscan church**. A **plenary indulgence** is a grace granted by the **Catholic Church** that removes the temporal punishment due to sin. To receive this indulgence, one must receive **the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confession within 20 days of praying in front of a Nativity Scene**. In addition, those attempting to receive the indulgence must pray for the intentions of the **Holy Father**.



Third Sunday of Advent: "Rejoice: The Lord is nigh." As **Christmas** draws near, the **Church** emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our **Savior** means for us. The great joy of **Christians** is to see the day drawing nigh when the **Lord** will come again in **His** glory to lead them into **His** kingdom. Today is known as **Gaudete Sunday**. The term **Gaudete** refers to the first word of the **Entrance Antiphon**, "Rejoice." Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that **Christmas** is near, and we also light the rose candle on our **Advent** wreath.

Today's Gospel: The **Gospel** is from **John 1:6-8, 19-28**. Last **Sunday**, we had **St. Mark's** account of the **Baptist's** activity at the **Jordan** as he prepared the people for the public mission of **Jesus**. **John** was the last of the great line of prophets and he was the greatest of them all. It was his privilege to point out to his audience the **Son of God** in human nature, the "**Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,**" and to hear **God's** voice from heaven proclaiming **Christ** to be His "**beloved Son.**" He was surely a man sent from **God**. Let us listen to the call of **John the Baptist**, and from our hearts repent of our sins. Let us prepare for **Christmas**, the anniversary of **Christ's** human appearance on earth, by making a firm resolution to follow the **Lamb** through life.

– Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

"To proceed on the journey of life, we need to be stripped of the "more," because to live well does not mean being filled with useless things, but being freed from the superfluous, to dig deeply within ourselves so as to hold on to what is truly important before God."

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Prayer: O God, who see how Your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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, Dec 17, 2023**Oh, Antiphons!**

At evening prayer tonight, the church begins to invoke seven names for Jesus traditionally called the O Antiphons. These names—Wisdom, Sacred Lord, Flower of Jesse's Stem, Key of David, Radiant Dawn, King of All Nations, Emmanuel—suggest to us how the stories of the Old Testament foreshadow the arrival of God-With-Us. As Mary Winifred observes in *Hasten the Kingdom: Praying the O Antiphons of Advent*: "The Word, which joyfully shouted all the galaxies into being, left All Power and came silently into the womb of a young girl." Seek to encounter Jesus today in wise people, books, and practices.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O WISDOM)

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28 (8). "[John] came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him."

Monday, Dec 18, 2023**Pray for safe passage**

Today's O Antiphon of Advent, the second of seven leading up to Christmas Eve, is "O Sacred Lord and Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!" Today is also International Migrants Day, which recognizes the contributions of migrants, their challenges, and their human rights. Migrants number in the hundreds of millions the world over—some by choice but many forcibly displaced. Jesus and his family became migrants fleeing for their lives soon after the birth that we are preparing to celebrate. Make safe migration and the humane treatment of migrants everywhere your prayer intention with this O Antiphon.

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O SACRED LORD AND LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL)

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

Tuesday, Dec 19, 2023**Grafted onto Jesus' family tree**

Near Bethlehem stands an olive tree scientists say is 5,000 years old. It's not uncommon for olive trees to reach the ripe old age of 900+ years in Mediterranean countries. Once they grow so old that they stop bearing fruit, olive trees are cut down to mere stumps. But that stump? Leave it alone for a couple of years, then suddenly new shoots spring forth. A shoot or root in this context does not symbolize fragility but rather hardiness and promise. Such are the descendants of the House of David, a spiritual family tree that includes Jesus and us. If you don't mark Advent with a Jesse tree, review the tradition—and pray the Jesse Tree Litany, a version of the Litany of the Saints.

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O FLOWER OF JESSE'S STEM)

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 (195). "Though you are barren and have had no children, yet you will conceive and bear a son."

Wednesday, Dec 20, 2023**Stand together**

On this International Human Solidarity Day, enacted by the U.N. in 2005, we remember Blessed Michael Piaszczyński, who in the early 1900s taught at the diocesan seminary of Lomza, Poland. Modest and compassionate, Father Piaszczyński had a deep respect for Judaism and even invited rabbis to speak at his school.

During World War II he was imprisoned by the Nazis and often shared his bread with elderly Jewish inmates. Piaszczyński died in the camp in 1940. He was beatified by his compatriot, Pope John Paul II, in 1999. What are small ways you can show solidarity with your fellow humans, especially those who seem different from you?

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KEY OF DAVID)

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 (196). "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

Thursday, Dec 21, 2023**Radiant reminders**

Monks, nuns, and others who take part in evening prayer are now chanting the O Antiphons, a rich series of references to the coming Christ recited from December 17-23. Today's antiphon proclaims: "O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death." Look around you today and seek out the many lights associated with Christmas: Advent candles, strings of light, Posadas candles, fires for holiday gatherings. Let each one remind you of the light of Christ coming into the world.

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O RADIANT DAWN)

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45 (197). "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Friday, Dec 22, 2023**The "O Hail No" antiphon**

Few have direct experience of royalty, and so the words "queen" and "king" might do little other than remind us of some TV or streaming series. For some though, the terms hit hard because within their culture, people experienced oppression and violence from ruling classes. Singing the O Antiphon, "O King of All Nations," then, might not evoke a hopeful experience of God. How might we tap into the deeper meaning of the antiphon? What words and images can help us experience the longing for God who brings peace and right relationship, who removes barriers that divide, and who breathes life into our tired bodies?

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KING OF ALL NATIONS)

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56 (198). "My spirit rejoices in God my savior."

Saturday, Dec 23, 2023**We stand corrected**

John Kanty (1390-1473) was a Polish priest, philosopher, physicist, and theologian. He helped develop early scientific theories of inertia that Newton would later use to formulate his laws of motion. Kanty's theories also helped Galileo figure out the orbital motions of the planets around the sun. During Kanty's time, the Catholic Church taught the geocentric model that the planets and the sun orbited around the Earth. In 1632 Galileo's work was condemned by Pope Urban VIII, and he was placed under house arrest for the rest of his life. Kanty was canonized in 1767, around the same time Rome finally capitulated to Galileo's heliocentric model of the solar system. Give thanks for the church that corrects its faults.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST (O EMMANUEL)

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66 (199). "Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed."

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



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