

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 stone or brick with arched windows. The sky is clear and blue.

# St. John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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and Hamlet Streets*

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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:**

**Aggie Howard**, Bookkeeper, [ahoward@sjbitaliana.org](mailto:ahoward@sjbitaliana.org)

**Victoria Scruggs**, Secretary, St. John the Baptist

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](mailto: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](mailto: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,*

There is a great deal of gratitude from the whole parish to all of those who worked so hard to make the **Christmas Season** at **St. John** beautiful and joyful. This is just one more example of the high level of commitment and hard work that our parishioners give to our whole parish community.

**THANK YOU!**

We have a [new policy](#) for requesting parish funds for individual projects within the parish. There will be purchase order forms in the receptacle on the wall outside the **Business Office** by the front door to **Marrapese Hall**. This gives parishioners the opportunity to make requests and be assured of reimbursement for approved expenditures. It also gives the business office the opportunity to better monitor expenses for budgetary purposes.

*Many Blessings!*

*Msgr. Frank Lane*

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

**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!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Sunday, January 14, 2024, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Tania Wade, Antonio D'Alberto
<b>Eucharistic Minister 1 &amp; 2:</b>	AnnMarie Pastore, Al Iosue,
<b>Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:</b>	Sharon D'Alberto, Gretchen Heininger, Kurt Heininger
Sunday, January 21, 2024, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Landa Brunetto
<b>Eucharistic Minister 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Margaret Panico-Harn, Al Iosue,
<b>Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:</b>	Pat Rossetti, Margi Baker, Andrea Myers

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:** Joyce Tisone  
*by Carl Tisone*  
**Blessed Sacrament:** Larry McCann  
*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. Also, keep in your prayers, Laura Williams, Guy Williams, John Contino and Mrs. Fiorenza Frissora.**

**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 January are:

January 14 Albert Iosue  
January 21 Kevin Koester

**Mass Times:** St. John the Baptist Masses 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.

Mass times at Sacred Heart are Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. **Beginning on Thursday, January 11, 2024, Sacred Heart Church will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday during the Jubilee until the Feast of the Sacred Heart on June 27, 2025.** During that time, the **Blessed Sacrament** will be exposed for **Adoration**, there will be **Mass** at **6:30 p.m.** followed by **Confessions** and **Benediction** until **7:30 p.m.**

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sunday 1/14	9:30 a.m.	+ Ken Monte by The Piave Club
	11:00 a.m. at SH	+ Gerardo Cugini & Cesidio Capoccia by Cugini & Capoccia Family
Monday 1/15	9:00 a.m.	+ Amalee Soteriades by Linda & Samuel McCreary
Tuesday 1/16	9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of St. John
Wednesday 1/17	6:00 p.m.	+ Cory Hays by the McCallum Family
Sunday 1/21	9:30 a.m.	+Joan Royer by the McCallum Family
Monday 1/22	9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of St. John the Baptist
Tuesday 1/23	9:00 a.m.	+ Paul Seeger by Miriam Heininger
Wednesday 1/24	6:30 p.m.	+ Fred & Nell Anderson by the McCallum Family

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

1/14 Sunday	<u><b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 9:30 a.m.</b></u> <u><b>SJB Altar Guild Meeting After Mass – Marrapese 10:30-11:30 a.m.</b></u> <u><b>KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim – 12:00 p.m. Meeting in Sala Hall 1:00-3:00 p.m.</b></u> <u><b>KCC Ladies for Holy Mary Meeting – Marrapese 1:00-3:00 p.m.</b></u>
1/15 Monday	<u><b>SJB – Mass – Msgr. Lane – 9:00 a.m.</b></u> Office closed
1/16 Tuesday	<u><b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 9:00 a.m.</b></u>
1/17 Wednesday	<u><b>SJB – Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 6:00 p.m.</b></u> <u><b>SJB RCIA Class – 7:00-8:30 p.m.</b></u>
1/19 Friday	<u><b>KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim – 6:00 p.m.</b></u>
	<u><b>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.</b></u> <u><b>Le Donne Group Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall. 10:45-11:15 a.m.</b></u> There are no meetings in June or July.

**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@sjobitaliana.org](mailto:SCurtin@sjobitaliana.org).**

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**  
**January 7, 2024**  
**Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 35**

Env:	\$ 1,560.00
Loose:	\$ 1,126.00
Holy Day:	\$ 65.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,751.00</b>
<b>Less Diocesan 8% Assessment</b>	<b>\$ -(220.08)</b>
	<b>\$ 2,530.92</b>
Votives	\$ 59.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 52.00
<u>50/50 Drawing</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 161.00</b>

**???? HOW IS ST. JOHN DOING? ? ? ? ?**


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

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference (\$)</u>
This Wk.:	\$ 3,000.04	\$ 2,751.00	-\$ 249.04
FYTD:	\$ 84,001.12	\$ 91,781.13	\$ 7,780.01


**December 2023**

Income:	\$ 27,101.65
Expenses:	-\$ 17,153.96
<b>Total:</b>	<b>+\$ 9,947.69</b>

**DONATE QR CODE AND WEBSITE INFORMATION**



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 **Patricia Weimer** winner of the **December 2023, 50/50**. Thank you for your support!

**SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday January 16, 2024**

**David Ross and Aggie Howard**

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 22, 2024**

**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 in observance of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 15th** and will resume **Tuesday, January 16th**.

**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**.



**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](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards). It's that easy! Follow the steps below to enroll your **Kroger Card** today!

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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.**

**AROUND US**

**Liturgical Calendar:** The first eight days of **January** fall during the liturgical season of **Christmas** which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. The remaining days of **January** are the beginning of liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of and sparks in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious Resurrection. The month of **January** is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**, which is celebrated on **January 3**.

**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 that 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](mailto:lkeita@columbuscatholic.org), me, **Lisa Keita** to get further information or just discuss what all **JOIN** does provide.

**You are invited to pray for the Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2024: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.**

**St. Patrick's 2024 March for Life Pilgrimage:** Depart: Wednesday, January 17th at 1:30 p.m. Return: Saturday, January 20th at 10:00 p.m. Our pilgrimage will include: The Vigil Mass for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, March for Life Expo, Annual National Prayer Service, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Saint John Paul II National Shrine, National Monuments, Prayer at Planned Parenthood, Street Evangelization in D.C., and more! This is a pilgrimage open to families. We hope that most minors will be accompanied by an adult, but exceptions can be made. **Cost: \$150.00/person** to cover transportation, housing, and food. Scholarships for individuals and family groups are readily available. (We will be sleeping on the floor at Sacred Heart Church in Bowie, Maryland. We can accommodate families with infants.)

**Change a life, inspire your own...Become a tutor!**

The Dominican Learning Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, needs volunteer tutors for adult ESL, GED, and Basic Education Learners. Please contact Annette Cohn at 614-444-7330, ext. 11104 or [Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org](mailto:Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org) for more information on this rewarding opportunity or to register for our next training on Saturday, January 27th. <https://domlearningcenter.org/volunteer/>. Requirements: 18 or older, High School Diploma or GED, attend our free training session

**ODU TO HOST ST. THOMAS AQUINAS LECTURE ON JANUARY 25:**

Ohio Dominican University will host its annual St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture on Thursday, January 25 as theologian and scholar Fr. Justin Brophy, OP, Ph.D. presents "Thomas Aquinas: What is Truth in the Modern World." The free lecture will take place at 11:00 a.m. in the Matesich Theatre, located inside Erskine Hall on ODU's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. Fr. Brophy currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island. More information is available at [ohiodominican.edu](http://ohiodominican.edu).

**CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024 – CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON.**

Join us Friday, February 2, 2024, at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon to award the 2024 Catholic Man of the Year. Bishop Earl Fernandes will present the award. The luncheon is sponsored by The Order of Foresters, a Catholic Fraternal Benefit Life Insurance Society since 1883. More information is available at <https://www.catholicforester.org/> or contacting Mike Dippold at 614-847-0649. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Pat Foley at [foleyp513@gmail.com](mailto:foleyp513@gmail.com). Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Bishop Fernandes' presentation of the award. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is Friday, March 1, 2024, and will feature a presentation by Michael Fry about Archbishop Fulton Sheen.



The glove of St. Padre Pio will be displayed for veneration at the upcoming Columbus Catholic Women's Conference in February.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE,** which will be held Saturday, February 17, 2024. Get registered TODAY at [www.columbuscatholicwomen.com](http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com) or scan the QR code.



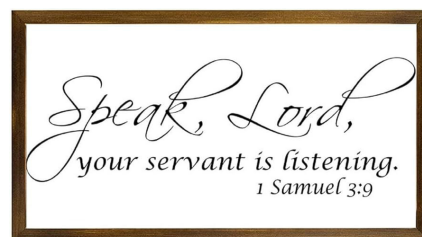
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**Christmas Plenary Indulgence:** This **Christmas** season, **Catholics** can receive a **plenary indulgence** by praying in front of a **Nativity Scene** located in a **Franciscan** church. The indulgence will be available now **through February 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.

**Today's Gospel:** Today's **Gospel** is from the Gospel of *St. John* 1:35-42 and gives an account of the vocation of the first four Apostles who followed Jesus. It was a momentous event in the history of salvation. It was the beginning of a stream of vocations that would grow and spread down through the ages until the end of the world. It was momentous, firstly, in that Christ, who had come to open heaven for all men and who could find means of bringing them all to that eternal home without help from any man, decided instead to let men co-operate with Him in this divine task. He decreed to set up a kingdom in this world – His Church – which would be run by mere mortals for their fellow-mortals, but which would be under His protection and assisted by His divine aid until the end of time. Christ chose this very human way, to make His Church more acceptable to our limited, human understanding and more approachable for sinful, human nature. Today, let us thank our blessed Lord who provided so humanly – and yet so divinely for our eternal welfare. In the Church, which He founded on the lowly but solid foundation of simple fishermen of Galilee, He erected an institution against which the gates of hell, the power of all the enemies of our salvation, cannot prevail, for His divine guidance and help will be with it forever.

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

*"We all have shortcomings, loneliness, and voids that ask to be filled. When we are tempted to retreat into ourselves, let us go to Mary, Mother of fullness. When we cannot untangle the knots of our life, let us seek refuge in her." @Pontifex*



**Prayer:** *Almighty ever-living God, who governs all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of Your people and bestow Your peace on our times. 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*



Invest time each week to  
expand your vocabulary and  
deepen your faith.

14 January 2024

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Justice \ˈjə-stəs \

The moral fiber of a religious people that mirrors the God of Justice. More than an expression of fairness or the execution of legal judgment, biblical justice demands that we be straight, true, and righteous in our relationships with God and others.

Pronunciation: <http://tinyurl.com/Take5-justice>

### CONTEXT

**Justice** and revenge are not the same thing. As my father said, **justice** at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.

—Bernice King

Without **justice** and love, peace will always be a great illusion.

—Dom Hélder Câmara

It is impossible to struggle for civil rights, equal rights for blacks, without including whites. Because equal rights, fair play, **justice**, are like the air: we all have it, or none of us has it.

—Maya Angelou

### WHY IT MATTERS

The theme of **justice** is central to scripture. Divine law defines it and the prophets clamor for it. Matthew describes Jesus' mission with Isaiah's proclamation: "I shall place my spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the [nations]." It is impossible to be the People of God and reject the way of God. To be unconcerned with the work of **justice** is to be indifferent to the divine will and the coming Kingdom.

From *Brothers and Sisters to Us* (USCCB Pastoral Letter on Racism, 1979): Racism and economic oppression are distinct but interrelated forces which dehumanize our society. Movement toward authentic **justice** demands a simultaneous attack on both evils.

### RELATED WORDS

Racism | Eco-justice | Just War Theory

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### What is meant by "just war"?

Just war theory is the body of moral reasoning developed to discern when the primary bias *against* war may shift toward an obligation to protect and defend. . . . In the Early Church, pacifism preceded just war tradition. The alliance of church with state under Constantine ensured that church policy leaned toward supporting the interests of the empire. Fourth-century theologians Ambrose and Augustine developed arguments that could, under limited conditions, make war not only permissible but obligatory in the service of a victimized neighbor.

Just war theory offers eight criteria for engagement. Seven determine whether a conflict is justified, including: just cause, competent authority, last resort, comparative justice, proportionality, right intention, and probability of success. The eighth consideration is reserved for an inevitable engagement and involves right conduct in wartime. In his 2020 encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis argued that "it is very difficult nowadays to invoke the rational criteria elaborated in earlier centuries to speak of the possibility of a 'just war.' Never again war!" Clearly, it's never enough simply to declare a cause righteous in one's own mind and issue a call to arms.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* <https://tinyurl.com/QCA-just-war>

## REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY (JANUARY 15)

### A matter of head and heart

"One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong," the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote that in his book *Strength to Love* in 1963. He underscored the necessity of taking responsibility for the formation and lifelong education of our consciences. You have to be sure that your convictions are tied to more than your preferences, biases, and opinions!

READINGS: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011524.cfm>). "No one pours new wine into old wineskins. . . . Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins."

### FAITH IN ACTION

To be tethered to true north, reflect on scripture daily

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