

A photograph of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church building, a large stone structure with a prominent steeple topped with a cross. The church is set against a clear blue sky. The text of the bulletin is overlaid on the right side of the image.

St. John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Corner of E. Lincoln
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

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. 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,
Volunteers needed for the Capital City Hospice**

Capital City Hospice is recruiting volunteers to provide compassionate care and support to individuals and their families during their end-of-life journey. Hospice care is a deeply meaningful and impactful service that not only helps patients in their final days, but also offers solace and comfort to their loved ones.

Capital City Hospice believes that the members of our church could play a crucial role in this endeavor, sharing their time, empathy, and compassion to be effective in the lives of those in need. To further their mission, they have enhanced their hospice volunteer program and have prepared informational flyers to distribute in the community.

If you have any questions or require more details about their hospice volunteer program, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of them at CCH-VC@Addus.com or **614-441-9300**. They will be more than happy to provide any additional information or meet with you to discuss this initiative further.

**Many Blessings!
Msgr. Frank Lane**

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

Mass Times: St. John the Baptist Masses are Mondays and 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. **Note: 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 01/21	9:30 a.m.	+Joan Royer by the McCallum Family
Monday 01/22	9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of St. John the Baptist
Tuesday 01/23	9:00 a.m.	+ Paul Seeger by Miriam Heininger
Wednesday 01/24	6:00 p.m.	+ Fred & Nell Anderson by the McCallum Family
Sunday 01/28	9:30 a.m.	+ Antonio (Tony) Caradonna by Giovanni & Luciana DiRocco
Monday 1/29	9:00 a.m.	+ Stephen Muetzel by Dr. Maria Regina Coccia
Tuesday 1/30	9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of St. John's Family of Ms. Colleen Kent
Wednesday 1/31	6:00 p.m.	+ Joe Ciamacco by the Cirola Family

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 21st, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Ed Pagnanelli, Landa Brunetto
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	Margaret Panico-Harn, Al Iosue,
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Pat Rossetti, Margi Baker, Andrea Myers
	Sunday, January 28th, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Kurt Heininger, Gretchen Heininger
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	Andrea Myers, Ed Pagnanelli,
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Antonio D'Alberto, Margaret Panico-Harn, AnnMarie Pastore

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament: Larry McCann
by Andrea & Roger Myers

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 and February are:

January 14	Albert Iosue
January 21	Kevin Koester
January 28	
February 4	Gary Bosco
February 11	Al Iosue



Requiescat in pace! In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of:

Rudolph "Rudy" Biscuso, longtime devoted member of St. John the Baptist, who died and was buried this past week.

RCIA: Classes are being offered now for both **Sacred Heart** and **St. John the Baptist** parishes on **Wednesday** evenings, right after the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. John's. 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 for those who simply desire to deepen their understanding of **Catholicism**. **Questions? Contact Sharon Curtin at 614-563-8405, or SCurtin@sjbitaliana.org.**

PAVERS: The front **Pavilion** of **St. John's 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**.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

1/21 Sunday	SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 9:30 a.m. KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim – 12:00 p.m. Meeting in Sala Hall – 1:00-3:00 p.m. KCC East Group Meeting – Marrapese 1:00-3:00 p.m.
1/22 Monday	SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 9:00 a.m.
1/23 Tuesday	SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 9:00 a.m.
1/24 Wednesday	SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 6:00 p.m. SJB RCIA Class – 7:00-8:30 p.m.
1/26 Friday	KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim 7:00-7:30 p.m.
1/27 Saturday	Colant Baptism – Marrapese – 2:00-6:00 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.
	Padre Pio Group – Last Tuesday of the month. See bulletins for date and time.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN
January 14, 2024

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 36

Env:	\$ 1,821.00
Loose:	\$ 303.00
Total	\$ 2,124.00
Less Diocesan 8% Assessment	\$ -(169.92)
	\$ 1,954.08
Votives	\$ 85.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 10.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 125.00

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

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)
This Wk.:	\$ 3,000.04	\$ 2,124.00	-\$ 876.04
FYTD:	\$ 87,001.16	\$ 93,905.13	\$ 6,903.97

December 2023

Income:	\$ 27,101.65
Expenses:	-\$ 17,153.96
Total:	+\$ 9,947.69

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!



2023 Year-End Statements: Please pick up your statement, which is in a clear container in the back of the church. Thank you!



Office Hours: Parish Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Columbus Italian Festival Upcoming Meeting:

Monday, January 29th at 6:00 p.m., Executive Board Meeting in Marrapese Hall.

Abruzzi Club Carnevale: Friday, February 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Homemade Spaghetti Dinner. Tickets \$15.00. Contact Pat Rossetti at 614-329-3900.

Part-time Facilities Manager Position: Looking for a part-time Facilities Manager for both St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart Churches. Duties would be to maintain and oversee both churches. This would include ordinary maintenance, cleaning, dusting, mopping floors, changing light bulbs, minor plumbing and electrical work, removal of trash, and any other things that may need to be repaired or maintained. This would be approximately **25 hours a week**. If interested in the position, please contact the office for more information at **614-294-5319**. Thank you!



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**.

AROUND US

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.

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

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 22, 2024

Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 29, 2024

Darlene Rauch and Aggie Howard

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 the 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**.

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 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

St. Charles Spaghetti Dinner and Catholic Schools Week

Activities: St. Charles will host its Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 4, from 1:00-6:30 p.m., in the school's Walter Student Commons. Dinner will be prepared by the Susi Family and their staff from Berwick Manor. Entertainment will be provided by the SC Concert & Jazz Band, which will perform at 2:15 and 4:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy a bountiful meal of spaghetti with meatball, salad, rolls, ice cream, and a beverage. \$14.00 for adults; \$10.00 for Senior Citizens; \$7.00 for Children 4-12 (3 and under are free). There is also a \$55.00 Family rate (dine-in, up to six immediate family members). Carry-out orders will be available.

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.

Roe Remembrance at the Statehouse: This event will be on Monday, January 22, 2024, from Noon to 1:00 p.m. Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor the Annual Roe Remembrance at the Ohio Statehouse (West Lawn), following the 10:30 a.m. Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. For additional information, visit www.gcrtl.org/roe.html.

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 contact Mike Dippold at (614) 847-0649. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Pat Foley at 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 about Archbishop Fulton Sheen by Michael Fry.

Respect For Life Mass: The Mass will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus, on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. On this date of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision, our Diocese will join all dioceses of the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Principal celebrant and homilist is Bishop Earl K. Fernandes. All are invited. For more information, contact the Diocesan Office for Social Concerns at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2540.

Connect with Others: Visit: beholdcolumbus.org: Behold is an initiative by the **Diocese of Columbus** to connect **Columbus Catholics** to each other through great content and events. Behold is the community for **Catholics in Columbus**. This a place to ask questions, connect with others, and discover more about God. Behold's content, events, workshops, and tools are here to help you engage life to its fullest, no matter where you are in your faith. Our hope is that you have an opportunity to encounter Jesus and discover more of the life He has for you. We are blessed to have an amazing team of writers, contributing their time to create great content that people in Columbus can connect with. Take a minute to check us out: beholdcolumbus.org.

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 or scan the QR code.



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

Today's Gospel: Today's Gospel is from the *Gospel of Mark 1:14-20*.

Jesus came to announce to all men the good news of God's eternal plan for them. He spent His public life convincing the Jews of Palestine of the truth of this message, and He died on the cross because He claimed to be God's divine Son, who had come in human nature to raise all men to the standing and status of adopted sons of God. He conquered death and was raised from the grave to prove that we too, if we accept His divine Gospel and live by it, will be raised from the dead and reign with Christ in the Kingdom of His Father forever. This is the doctrine for which He gave His human life and which He gave to His Apostles to hand down to all future generations. This is the self-same doctrine preached by Christ's Church to all men today. It is the good news of God's limitless mercy and love. We Christians should be the happiest people on earth. We know why we are here. We know where we are going, and we know how to get there. There are trials and troubles which beset us on our journey, but we are not left to our own human resources. We have help from above to strengthen and comfort us on our journey. We have divine aids in the Church which Christ set us and we have the guarantee of our Good Shepherd that he will keep us in his fold or bring us back should we foolishly wander from it. (Jn. 10: 14; Lk. 1.5:4-7)

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



Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to Your good pleasure, that in the name of Your beloved Son, we may abound in good works. 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.*

21 January 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK

Metanoia \me-tə-'noi-ə \

Greek word in the New Testament translated as "change of mind" or "change of heart." It corresponds with the Old Testament word for repentance and the Latin *conversio*, turning or returning, from which derives the idea of *conversion*. *Turning* is key, assuming we have lost our way or gone off course.

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

CONTEXT

Community takes transformation. Being people of communion requires **metanoia** that results from encounter and dialogue.

—Sister Nicole Trahan, F.M.I.

Far from being a demand to feel lousy about our screw-ups, **metanoia** invites us to radically transform the way we perceive others, ourselves, and the world.

—David Anderson

Metanoia invites us to meet all situations, however unfair, with understanding and an empathetic heart.

—Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I.

WHY IT MATTERS

The willingness to change is a crucial ingredient in a life of integrity. On the journey through the years, we will all be confused or misdirected and swerve off the path of truth. **Metanoia** is the much-needed spiritual course correction. Consider **metanoia** the vital summons to recalculate where we're headed and what needs to change for us to get there.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Jesus' call to conversion and repentance, does not aim first at outward works, but at the *conversion of the heart, interior conversion*. [H]owever, interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures, and works of penance (1430).

RELATED WORDS

Conversion | Penance | Contrition | Transformation

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does it mean to repent?

Repentance doesn't necessarily require falling on our knees and beating our breasts, though sometimes that may be the appropriate response—as it was for skeptical Thomas, when the resurrected Lord whom he'd doubted stood before him. Basically, to repent means to change course. That can mean movement if we've been standing still, or stopping if we've been in frantic motion. It can mean changing our minds or our hearts, our direction or our behavior.

The word has several important root meanings. The earliest is the Hebrew word *t'shuvah*: return. It's a crucial concept to prophets like Amos, Hosea, and Jeremiah. Their fellow citizens have wandered far from God's ways, and it's time for them to return home. *Metanoia* is the New Testament Greek term that carries a similar meaning. John the Baptist first issues the call to change direction, signaled by Baptism. Jesus uses this term when he invites his listeners to change their dispositions—to turn their hearts and lives around—in response to his teaching. Repentance carries the additional meaning of expressing regret for past actions and attitudes—along with the expectation that real change is forthcoming. In addition, the word *conversion* means turning around, implying a reorientation of intentions and actions. In the sacrament of Reconciliation, we include the stipulation of "making reparation" for what we've done or failed to do that has caused harm.

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

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE
(JANUARY 25)

Take the next turn toward truth

The amazing thing about Saint Paul's conversion was that he went from persecutor of Christians to a devout Christian himself. The change in him was so incredible not everyone believed it at first. His turnaround was a complete about-face toward Jesus.

READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/012518.cfm>). "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

FAITH IN ACTION

With God's help, you can bring about conversion in your own life. Start with a simple act of forgiveness.

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