

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:**

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

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

### EASTER TRIDUUM MASS SCHEDULE

**March 28, 2024, Holy Thursday**

**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

St. John the Baptist	No Service
Sacred Heart Church	6:30 p.m.

**March 29th, 2024, Good Friday**

**Passion of the Lord**

St. John the Baptist	3:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church	No Service

**March 30, 2024, Holy Saturday**

St. John the Baptist	No Service
Sacred Heart Church	Easter Vigil 8:45 p.m.

**March 31st, Easter Sunday**

**Resurrection of the Lord Mass**

St. John the Baptist	9:30 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church	11:00 a.m.

**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!

### LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

	Sunday, February 25, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Tania Wade, Landa Brunetto
<b>Eucharistic Minister 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Tania Wade, Landa Brunetto
<b>Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:</b>	Margaret Panico-Harn, Antonio D'Alberto, AnnMarie Pastore
	Sunday, March 3, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Valerie Milano, Ed Pagnanelli
<b>Eucharistic Minister 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Gretchen Heininger, Kurt Heininger,
<b>Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:</b>	Al Iosue, Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone**

*by Carl Tisone*

**Blessed Sacrament: James Soteriades**

*by Chris Soteriades*

**BANNS of MARRIAGE**

**Jack Anthony Bartel and Sophie Louise Ryan**

**March 2, 2024**

### MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday: February 25** St. John the Baptist – 9:30 a.m.  
+ **Antonio (Tony) Caradonna**  
*by John & Tina DiLorenzo*  
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.  
+ **Joe Pishitelli (SJB)**  
*by Judy & Phillip Pishitelli*

**Monday: February 26** St. John's – 9:00 a.m.  
**Family of Mrs. Marina Hachwa**  
*by the McCallum Family*

**Tuesday: February 27** St. John's – 9:00 a.m.  
+ **Rudy Biscuso**  
*by Kathleen Gillespie*

**Wednesday: February 28** St. John's – 6:00 p.m.  
+ **Rosemary Ghiloni**  
*by Carol Thompson*

**Thursday: February 29** Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m.  
+ **Richard Dirksen**  
*by Carla Guggenbiller*

**Friday: March 1** No Mass

**Saturday: March 2** Sacred Heart – 4:00 p.m.  
**Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**

**Sunday: March 3** St. John's – 9:30 a.m.  
+ **Antonio (Tony) Polletta**  
*by Domenic & Flora Valentino*  
Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m.  
+ **Ralph L.**

### Confession and Adoration

**Confessions:** St. John's – Sunday – 8:30 a.m.  
Sacred Heart – Saturday – 3:00 p.m.  
Sacred Heart – Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Sacred Heart  
Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

**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** at 937-902-7446 or via email [k.koesters32@gmail.com](mailto:k.koesters32@gmail.com).

Leaders for February and March are:

February 25	Kevin Koesters
March 03	Gretchen Heininger
March 10	Al Iosue

**LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS:** The **Altar Guild** is organizing the **Simple Suppers** this year during Lent.

All **Simple Suppers** will be held in **Marrapese Hall**. They will be held on **Wednesdays**, beginning **Ash Wednesday**, and ending **Wednesday, March 20**. All **Simple Suppers** will be served immediately after the **6:00 p.m. Mass**. A donation of **\$10.00/person includes Soup, Salad, Rolls & Butter**. All proceeds will be split between **Holy Family Soup Kitchen** and **J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for inner-City Needs)**. There will be no **Simple Supper** during **Holy Week**. The sponsoring groups and dates for the **Simple Suppers**:  
**Wednesday, February 28 – Le Donne**  
**Wednesday, March 6 – The Piave Club**  
**Wednesday, March 13 – The Altar Guild**  
**Wednesday, March 20 – Sacred Heart**

A special **THANK-YOU** to the **Italian Festival Executive Board** for sponsoring **Ash Wednesday's Simple Supper** and to the **Abruzzi Club** for sponsoring this past week's **Simple Supper! Mille Grazie!**

**FESTA DI SAN GUISEPPE/ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION BREAKFAST:** This year's **Festa Di San Guiseppe Breakfast** will be **Sunday, March 17, 2024**, after the **9:30 a.m. Mass**. The **Altar Guild** is sponsoring this event and will be selling tickets after Mass each **Sunday**. Tickets are **\$15.00/person (children 6 and under are free)**. All tickets **MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE!** The menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, fresh fruit, juice, coffee and of course, **St. Joseph's Table**. Please bring a tray of cookies to share and be blessed as part of this year's **St. Joseph's Table**.

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**  
**February 18, 2024**

**Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 28**

Env:	\$ 1,616.00
Loose:	\$ 543.00
Total	\$ 2,159.00
Less Diocesan 8% Assessment	\$ - (172.72)
	\$ 1,986.28

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference (\$)</u>
This Week:	\$ 3,000.04	\$2,159.00	- \$841.04

**DONATION 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!

**SJB Collection Counters – Monday, February 26, 2024**  
**Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard**

**SJB Collection Counters – Monday, March 4, 2024**  
**Darlene Rauch and Aggie Howard**

**ITALIAN FESTIVAL MEETING: Monday, February 26th**  
**5:30 p.m. for the Executive Board followed by all**  
**General Chairs at 6:30 p.m.**

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>2/25</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 9:30 a.m.</b> <b>SJB LeDonne Group Meeting</b> <b>10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Marrapese Hall</b> <b>SJB Social Activity Council</b> <b>12:00-2:00 p.m. – Library</b> <b>KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim – 12:00 p.m.</b> <b>1:00-3:00 p.m. – Meeting in Sala Hall</b>
<b>2/26</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Lane – 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Columbus Italian Festival Executive Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.</b> <b>Marrapese Hall</b> <b>Columbus Italian Festival All Chairs Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Marrapese Hall</b>
<b>2/27</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>SJB Padre Pio Group – Rosary at 12:30 p.m. and Mass 1:00 p.m. – Chapel</b>
<b>2/28</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Simple Supper after Mass in Marrapese Hall</b> <b>SJB RCIA Class – 7:00-8:30 p.m.</b> <b>Library</b>
<b>3/1</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim</b> <b>7:00-7:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.</b>
	<b>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.</b>
	<b>Padre Pio Group – Last Tuesday of the month. See bulletins for date and time.</b>
	<b>SJB Social Activity Counsel – Meets the 4th Sunday of each month in the Library from 12:00-2:00 p.m.</b>



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

**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**.

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## AROUND US

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of February 2024:** *We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.*

**CRS RICE BOWL:** The **CRS Rice Bowl** program invites us to walk in solidarity with the poor and hungry around the world and locally. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we connect with our brothers and sisters in need, transforming our **Lenten** sacrifices into life-giving support through **Catholic Relief Services**, the official overseas humanitarian organization of the **U.S. Catholic Bishops**. A twenty-five percent portion of your CRS donation also helps with local hunger programs in our diocese. **Rice Bowls** are available at the church entrances.

**“COME AND SEE” WEEKEND AT THE PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM:** The **Pontifical College Josephinum, in Columbus, Ohio**, has scheduled a “**Come and See**” Live-in weekend for **March 7-10, 2024**. The weekend has been set aside to allow young men (high school juniors, seniors, and college-age students) to visit the seminary for a few days. There is no charge to participate. For more information, contact the **Vocations Office at 614-221-5565**, or email [vocations@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:vocations@columbuscatholic.org).

**CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY MARCH 1, 2024 – SPEAKER MICHAEL FRY.** Please join us Friday, **March 1** at **St. Patrick Church** in downtown **Columbus** for a luncheon featuring a talk by **Michael Fry** entitled “**A Visit with Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.**” 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 **Mr. Fry's** presentation. No reservations are necessary. **\$12.00** covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **Our next luncheon is Friday, April 5, 2024, and will feature a talk by William Heyer on Sacred Architecture.** Mark your calendar.

**40 DAYS OF ADORATION:** The **Diocese of Columbus** will have **40 Days of Adoration** this year from **Ash Wednesday** through **Palm Sunday**. Everyone is encouraged to visit **Jesus** in **Eucharistic Adoration** at parishes throughout the diocese. Reconciliation is **Monday, March 25**.

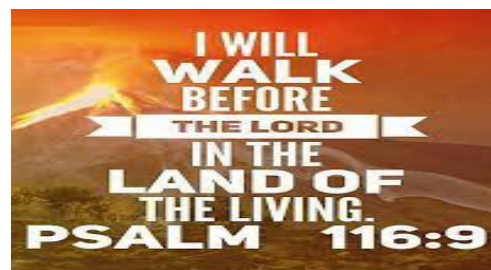
**CHURCH REGULATIONS REGARDING FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT:** Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all **Catholics** fourteen years and older on **Ash Wednesday** and on all **Fridays of Lent**. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. The law of fasting on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** applies to all **Catholics from age 18 through age 59**. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Those who are ill or pregnant may be dispensed from their obligation.



One of the great **Catholic** traditions is the **Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry!** Attending one is not only a chance to make a personal sacrifice but an opportunity to strengthen your bond with your spiritual community. **For a complete list of Fish Fries in the area, visit: [catholictimescolumbus.org](http://catholictimescolumbus.org).**

**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE AND RECONCILIATION:** **Lent** is a time for introspection and reconciliation, not only with **God** but with our global family. The **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Examination of Conscience in Light of Catholic Social Teaching** offers a unique lens through which to reflect on our actions and attitudes towards social justice issues. This examination found online leads us to the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, where we find **God's** mercy and grace to renew our commitment to live justly and love generously. (<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance>)

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE TRANSFIGURATION:** While we have not had the sort of experience that those with **Jesus** had, the voice they heard is very relevant and challenging to us as we continue our journey through **Lent**; “**This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him.**” As well as fasting and almsgiving, the third invitation of **Lent** is that we pray. However, there is a difference between saying prayers and praying. Yes, it's important to be able to come to **God** in prayer, saying prayers that we have known since our childhood, but it is also important to pray with no words at all, with the hope of hearing something, to listen not with our ears but with an open and listening heart. As we continue our **Lenten** journey, may our prayer be, **Speak Lord, I am listening.** (<https://oblates.ie>)



**PRAYER:** *O God, who have commanded us to listen to Your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by Your Word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold Your glory. 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.*

25 February 2024

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Agnus Dei \äg-nūs-'dā\

Latin term for "Lamb of God." A title given to Jesus by John the Baptist (John 1:29); the litany sung or said by the assembly at Mass before Communion ("Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world . . .") introduced into the Roman Rite in the seventh century by Pope Sixtus; an image of a lamb often with a halo and a banner and cross used as a symbol of Christ; a wax disc sacramental.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-agnus-dei>

### CONTEXT

Either sin is with you, lying on your shoulders, or it is lying on Christ, the **Lamb of God** [Agnus Dei]. Now if it is lying on your back, you are lost; but if it is resting on Christ, you are free, and you will be saved. Choose what you want.

—Martin Luther

The address to the **Lamb of God** does not refer to Christ simply, but rather to Christ present in the Eucharist as a sacrificial offering.

—Joseph A. Jungmann, S.J., *The Mass of the Roman Rite*

### WHY IT MATTERS

The Passover lamb is the symbol of God's people passing over from slavery and death to freedom and life (Exodus 12). A "lamb led to slaughter" is Isaiah's prophesy of God's faithful servant (Isaiah 53:7). The victorious Lamb in Revelation is the light of God's holy city (Revelation 21:9-22:5). With all of salvation history as its backdrop, the **Agnus Dei** epitomizes the sacrifice of Jesus who achieves our freedom from sin and death. "It is love to the end," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction (616).

### RELATED WORDS

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### What is the meaning of the Transfiguration?

Gospel Greek deliberately avoids the term *metamorphosis* in this account, an attempt to sever any "pagan" comparison. The brilliance of Jesus' face; the enveloping cloud, and Peter's suggestion of pitching tents evokes significant encounters Moses had with the Holy Presence. The simultaneous appearance of Moses and Elijah, representatives of Law and Prophecy, reinforce these anchors to the Hebrew story.

So what's it doing in the New Testament? Scholars offer three possibilities. One is that this event is the Gospel of Mark's misplaced Resurrection story. The second idea is that this story is a theological reflection of the first-generation church: a symbolic way of reconstructing what Jesus means to them. The third theory is that the Transfiguration is a private vision of Peter in which the truth about Jesus "came together" for him and shaped his understanding of the Second Coming before or even well after Easter. What's our final takeaway? Saint Paul declares that we will all be transfigured if we keep our sights trained on Christ.

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

## REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (FEBRUARY 25)

### For the love of God

One of the deepest spiritual longings is to know ourselves as the beloved of God. Maya Angelou, in her memoir *Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now*, recalls being asked by her teacher to read a section from a book that ended with the words, "God loves me." He instructed her to say the passage again and again. Eventually it dawned on her there might be truth in those words. "I suddenly began to cry at the grandness of it all," she writes. "I knew that if God loved me, then I could do wonderful things."

READINGS: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10 (26 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022524.cfm>). "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

### FAITH IN ACTION

Make a Lenten practice of repeating "God loves me," and share the Good News of God's love with others.

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