

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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**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

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## **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,



**PRAYER:** *Almighty ever-living God, who, as an example of humility for the human race to follow, caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed His lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in His Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen*

**PALM SUNDAY:** This is the final **Sunday of Lent** and the beginning of **Holy Week**. It commemorates the triumphant arrival of **Christ in Jerusalem**, days before **He** was crucified. In the **Gospels**, **Jesus** entered **Jerusalem** riding a young donkey, to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, palms, or small branches, in front of **Him** as a sign of homage. Palm branches are widely recognized as a symbol of peace and victory.

**HOLY THURSDAY:** **Holy Thursday** is the commemoration of the **Last Supper of Jesus Christ** when **He** established the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** prior to His arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates **His** institution of the priesthood.

*Jesus, in these last few days leading up to Easter, as I recall Your Passion and death, let me remember that, above all, I am called to feed Your sheep. Amen.*

**GOOD FRIDAY:** **Good Friday** is the day on which **Catholics** commemorate the crucifixion of **Jesus Christ**.

*Jesus, no one knows change better than You. You died on the cross, and three days later You rose from the dead. Forty days later, You ascended into heaven and left the world transformed for the rest of time. Help me transform my soul, to die to sin and death and be reborn in Your love and eternal life. Amen.*

**EASTER VIGIL:** The **Easter Vigil** marks the beginning of **Easter**. The Vigil is divided into four parts: **Service of Light**, **Liturgy of the Word**, **Liturgy of Baptism**, and **Liturgy of the Eucharist**. It is one of the most beautiful liturgies in the **Roman Catholic Church**.

*Jesus, As You hung on the cross for my sins and the sins of the world, You showed me that all things are possible. You knew that life did not end on the cross. It was only the beginning of a new and glorious eternal life. Amen.*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MONSIGNOR LANE!** The parishioners at **St. John the Baptist Church** truly wish you the very best on the **57th Anniversary** of your ordination last week. Thank you for everything you have done for our beloved church and community! We are grateful for your dedication to our **Italian Catholic community** at **St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church!**

## EASTER TRIDUUM MASS SCHEDULE

<b>March 28, 2024, Holy Thursday</b>	
<b>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	
St. John the Baptist	No Service
Sacred Heart Church	6:30 p.m.
<b>March 29th, 2024, Good Friday</b>	
<b>Passion of the Lord</b>	
St. John the Baptist	3:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church	No Service
<b>March 30, 2024, Holy Saturday</b>	
St. John the Baptist	No Service
Sacred Heart Church	Easter Vigil 8:45 p.m.
<b>March 31st, Easter Sunday</b>	
<b>Resurrection of the Lord Mass</b>	
St. John the Baptist	9:30 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church	11:00 a.m.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday:</b> March 24	St. John the Baptist – 9:30 a.m. + <b>Antonio (Tony) Caradonna</b> by Jackie Polletta Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m. + <b>Debra Carifa</b> by Claudio Carifa
<b>Monday:</b> March 25	St. John's – 9:00 a.m. + <b>Family of Mrs. Molly Connelly</b> by the McCallum Family St. John's - Padre Pio – 1:00 p.m. + <b>Antonio Capoccia</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b> March 26	St. John's – 9:00 a.m. <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of St. John's</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b> March 27	St. John's – 6:00 p.m. + <b>Karen Mikalonis</b> by Heining Family
<b>Thursday:</b> March 28	Sacred Heart – 6:30 p.m. + <b>George &amp; Theresa Wachinger</b> by the Thurn Family
<b>Friday:</b> March 29	St. John's – 3:00 p.m. <b>Passion of the Lord Service</b>
<b>Saturday:</b> March 30	Sacred Heart – 8:45 p.m. <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Sacred Heart</b>
<b>Sunday:</b> March 31	St. John's – 9:30 a.m. + <b>Gaetana &amp; Cesidio Capoccia</b> by Maria Capoccia & Family Sacred Heart – 11:00 a.m. + <b>Dorothy K.</b>

## Confession and Adoration

<b>Confessions:</b>	St. John's – Sunday – 8:30 a.m.
	Sacred Heart – Saturday – 3:00 p.m.
	Sacred Heart – Sunday – 10:30 a.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 NOTE: **NO ADORATION ON HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024**

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
	<b>Sunday, March 24, 2024, 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Valerie Milano
<b>Eucharistic Minister 1 &amp; 2:</b>	AnnMarie Pastore, Gretchen Heininger
<b>Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:</b>	Kurt Heininger, Margi Baker, Margaret Panico-Harn
	<b>Sunday, March 31, 2024, 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Tania Wade, Landa Brunetto
<b>Eucharistic Minister 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Al Iosue, Antonio D'Alberto,
<b>Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:</b>	Pat Rossetti, Sharon D'Alberto, Andrea Myer

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**  
**Marian Lights: Amalee Soteriades**  
*by Chris Soteriades*

**Blessed Sacrament: Emillio Ranalli**  
*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 at 937-902-7446 or via email k.koesters32@gmail.com.** Leaders for March and April are:  
 March 24 Kevin Koesters  
 March 31 Tania Wade  
 April 07 Gretchen Heininger  
 April 14 Albert Iosue

**The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, March 29th and Monday, April 1st and will resume on Tuesday, April 2nd from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

**A special THANK-YOU to Sacred Heart Church for sponsoring this past week's Simple Supper, Mille Grazie!**

**ABRUZZI CLUB DINNER AND DANCE:** Saturday, April 13th, Cocktails at 5:00 p.m. and Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Traditional Multi-Course Italian meal at Berwick Manor Party House. Music by Ray Massa and Eurhythms. Tickets are \$75.00 person. Contact: Pat Rossetti at 614-329-3900.

**On Good Friday at St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church, Confessions will be heard at Noon before the Good Friday Service at 3:00 p.m.**

**FESTA DI SAN GUISEPPE BREAKFAST:** St. John's Altar Guild would like to thank all who attended the St. Joseph's Day Breakfast and baked cookies for St. Joseph's Table, a wonderful Italian tradition. A special thank-you to all the chefs in the kitchen for preparing a delicious breakfast! Breakfast was a wonderful time shared with family Festa di San Guiseppe and friends! All proceeds will be used for any needs Msgr. Lane has for our beautiful altar here at St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church! We would also like to thank everyone who contributed items in need for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen. We have such a wonderful, giving community here at St. John's! Mille grazie!

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP:** Monday, March 25, 2024. Rosary at 12:30 p.m. Mass at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

**Italian Festival Executive Board Meeting**  
 April 1st, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Marrapese Hall.

**REIMAGINING COLUMBUS – Two** community meetings. Go to Eventbrite for FREE TICKETS—Must have tickets to enter.  
 March 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Columbus State, Columbus State Workforce Development Building Ballroom, 315 Cleveland Avenue, 4th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215  
 An open discussion with citizens of Columbus, Ohio on all aspects of The Christopher Columbus Statue. At this time, it is extremely valuable for our ITALIAN PERSPECTIVE to be heard as our ethnic community has not been given an opportunity to hear our voices. Please present viewpoints on the Italian Community and Christopher Columbus. It is up to each of us to educate our non-Italian neighbors on the truths of Christopher Columbus. Keeping your passions blazing internally as your fuel, to progress the education so needed for this city. Information: 614-579-1150 Landa Masdea Brunetto, Christopher Columbus Statue Committee.  
**REMINDER: Go to Eventbrite for FREE TICKETS**  
 Must have tickets to enter.

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**  
 March 17, 2024  
 Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 41

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Total		\$ 3,274.00	
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		\$ 3,012.08	
	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Difference (\$)</b>
This Week:	\$ 3,000.04	\$3,274.00	\$273.96

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**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 25, 2024**  
Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, April 2, 2024**  
Nick Persichetti and Victoria Scruggs

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

3/24 Sunday	<b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 9:30 a.m.</b> <b>SJB Social Activity –</b> 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. – Library <b>KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim – 12:00 p.m.</b> 1:00-3:00 p.m. Meeting in Sala Hall <b>San Giovanni Dancers – 3:30-5:30 p.m.</b> Marrapese Hall
3/25 Monday	<b>SJB – Mass – Msgr. Lane – 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>SJB Padre Pio Prayer Group – 12:30p.m.,</b> Rosary; 1:00 p.m., Mass – Chapel
3/26 Tuesday	<b>SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 9:00 a.m.</b>
3/27 Wednesday	<b>SJB – Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane – 6:00 p.m.</b> No Simple Supper <b>SJB RCIA Class – 7:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Library
3/28 Thursday	<b>KCC – Maundy Thursday – 7:00-8:30 p.m.</b>
3/29 Friday	<b>SJB – Msgr. Lane – Good Friday Service</b> 3:00 p.m. <b>KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim</b> 7:00-7:30 p.m.
	<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 – 10:30-11:30 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 Council – 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 Prossima 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's** at **614-294-5319**.

## AROUND US

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR:** The entire month of **March** except the very last day falls during the liturgical season of **Lent** which is represented by the liturgical color violet or purple. The last day of the month is the beginning of the **Easter** season. The month of **March** is dedicated to **St. Joseph**.

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 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.

**A VERY SPECIAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN BISHOP FERNANDES AND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AIRS ON AM 820 THIS MONDAY!** Be sure to listen to **St. Gabriel Radio AM 820** for an inspiring interchange between **Bishop Earl K. Fernandes** and student representatives from **Bishop Watterson, Bishop Hartley, Bishop Ready, Cristo Rey Columbus, St. Charles Preparatory School, and St. Francis DeSales, this Monday, March 25th at 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** You don't want to miss it!

**CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024 – SPEAKER WILLIAM HEYER.** Join us **Friday, April 5** at **St. Patrick Church** in downtown **Columbus** for a luncheon featuring a talk by architect **William Heyer** about **Sacred Architecture**. George Arnold sponsors the April luncheon. 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 **Mr. Heyer's** presentation. No reservations are necessary. **\$12.00** covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!



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**PARLI ITALIANO?** Have you ever wanted to learn to **speak Italian?** Are you planning a trip to **Italy**, or are you interested in learning the **Italian language?** Here's your opportunity! Join us on **Sunday mornings from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** in the **Italian Cultural Center Classroom** for **Italian language** classes, taught by our very own **Maria Lucchin!** This fun-filled, **eight-week session** runs from **April 7th** through **June 2nd** (no classes on **May 26th** during **Memorial Day** weekend). These are basic conversational **Italian language** classes for adults, **18 years and older**. The cost is determined by the number of students.

To sign, up contact: **Ida Shook** at **shook4@gmail.com** or **Tania Wade** at **t.wade73@gmail.com**.

Come learn la bella lingua Italiana... Ciao! 



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

24 March 2024

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Prostration \prə-ˈstrā-shən\

Lying face down in a ritual expressing humility, reverence, and submission. Used in the liturgy of ordination, it is also the posture assumed during the entrance ritual on Good Friday when priests and ministers proceed in silence and then reverence the altar before all assembled with a full **prostration**.

*Pronunciation:* <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-prostration>

### CONTEXT

**Prostration** can carry the symbolism of death—the death to self that comes before the candidate's rebirth into priestly service. —*Beafriar.org website*

[The Magi] saw the child with Mary his mother. They **prostrated** themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts.  
—*Matthew 2:11*

In Hebrew the root of the word for “dismayed” can also mean “**prostrate**.” That’s what dismay and fear do. They take the legs from under us.  
—*Saint Mary's College of Oscott Seminary*

### WHY IT MATTERS

Postures are powerful. We say much without saying a word. Genuflection and kneeling demonstrate respect. The Asian kowtow—kneeling while touching forehead to the ground—is a deeper display of reverence. The rare full **prostration** symbolizes total submission to God alone. The ultimate **prostration** of Jesus on the cross brings about our salvation.

From the *Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts*: This act of **prostration** [on Good Friday], signifies both the abasement of “earthly man” and also the grief and sorrow of the Church.

### RELATED WORDS

Reverence | Humility | Kneel | Bow | Genuflect

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### What is humility?

Humility is just about the exact opposite of everything you see in the world nowadays! To discover the essentials of humility, you have to experiment with self-emptying. Humility recognizes that everything comes from God and belongs to God. Therefore, to God alone go all praise, honor, and glory. When you begin with God and not with yourself, your perspective on reality does a dramatic shift. God's will comes first. “Not my will, but yours be done,” as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane.

When you choose the perspective of a humble heart, you become aware that your proper orientation as creatures should be one of obedience—that is, attentive listening—to God's call. It's precisely the attitude of obedience that led to the salvation of the world, as Saint Paul tells us: “[Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.” Paul explains that humility means putting other people ahead of yourself, thinking of their needs rather than yours. That is so countercultural, jaws will drop whenever you attempt it.

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

## REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY) (MARCH 29)

### The path of redemption

It is easy to look around and conclude that one of the things human beings do best is inflict suffering on one another. In ways big and small, people look to their own interests at the expense of others. Yet Christ, in obedient love, gathers up all suffering in his Passion and death, and offers us redemption through his ultimate sacrifice and Resurrection.

READINGS: Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Hebrews 4:14–16, 5:7–9; John 18:1–19:42 (40 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032924.cfm>). “*Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*”

### FAITH IN ACTION

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