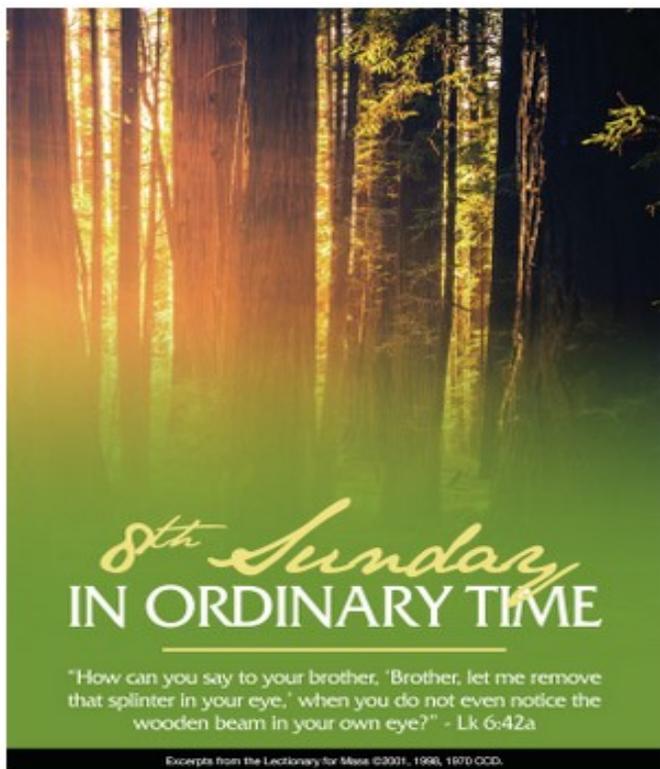


St. Joan Of Arc Church

496 East Washington Street • Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022



OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Joan of Arc Parish is a growing community of Roman Catholic Christians in the Chagrin Falls area. We are a diverse, gifted and joyful people who share a common belief in the Word of Jesus Christ. Our Mission, like that of Jesus Christ and His apostles, is to proclaim the Kingdom of God through living the gospel.

WE GATHER AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY TO:

- CELEBRATE** our faith and the presence of God in the Eucharist and in one another.
- IMITATE** our Savior in His service to others.
- TEACH** our beliefs at all levels.
- WELCOME** the participation of all in our Christian fellowship.

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Parish E-mailstjoanchagrin@gmail.com
Parish Website..... stjoanofarcchurch.org
Music Ministry.....440-935-2232
Rel. Education Office - Sr. Judy Bucco440-247-3606
Sr. Ann Marie Kanusek, SND440-427-1141
School440-247-6530
Youth Ministry stjoanofarcym@gmail.com...440-247-4316
RCIA - Deacon Jeff440-376-9177

Sr. Judith Bucco, SND, Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Shelley DiBacco, Principal
Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Dunlop, Deacon
Miss Allie Gall, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Rev. Mr. Dennis Guritza, Deacon
Sr. Ann Marie Kanusek, SND, Pastoral Associate
Rev. Gary J. Malin, Pastor
Mr. Patrick Wickliffe, Director of Music
Rev. John Olsavsky, Former Pastor, Retired

Weekend mass:

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday mass:

Monday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM
Tuesday 9:00 AM September through May
8:00 AM June, July, and August

Holy Day mass and Civic Holidays, see bulletin

Baptism: Celebrated at most weekend masses or on most Sundays at 12:00 noon. Contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation (Confession):
Saturdays 3:30 PM until all are heard.
In Advent and Lent 3:15 to 4:00 PM

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact a priest or deacon at least one year before the anticipated date.

Care of the Sick and Elderly: Please inform us of those who are sick, aged, unable to come to church, homebound, hospitalized, or may need the Sacrament of Anointing.

Funerals: Please contact the parish office before scheduling or publishing (generally through a funeral director).
Bereavement committee available for hospitality.

Sponsor Certificates: May be obtained by registered, practicing members of our parish who have received the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist (and, if Married, were married in the church).

Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Sessions in the Catholic Faith (RCIA):
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM (*September thru May*).

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Joan of Arc!
Contact the Parish Office to register.



FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings of Peace.

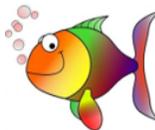


The Holy Season of **Lent** begins this week with **Ash Wednesday on March 6**. We will celebrate **Mass on Ash Wednesday at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM**. In addition, we will have a **Prayer Service/Liturgy of the Word with Ashes at 12:00 noon**. Thank you for noting our Ash Wednesday schedule.

As I wrote in last week's bulletin, here is a reminder of some of the "church rules" for the **Lenten Season** - notably **Fasting** and **Abstinence**. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to **Fast** on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older are to **Abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays in Lent.

How's this for a simple description of each?

- **Fasting** means, "one full meal, two other light meals." Together, the "lighter meals" are not equivalent to the one main meal.
- **Abstinence** means "no meat."



However, it is prudent to remember **there are cases and circumstances that excuse one from the obligation of fast and abstinence**. Those who are "outside the age limits," those who may be physically or mentally ill (including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes) are "exempt" from the "rules." Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women or others with physical needs, those who "exercise manual labor for a living," and such alike. In all cases, common sense should prevail – **and no one should jeopardize their health by fasting.**

Other Lenten practices are always commendable! Some choose to "give up" something in Lent. Others "take on" a practice, such as generous service, coming to mass, or participating in some devotion. Others add a "prayer time." This Holy Season is often referred to as a "40 Day Retreat." Each of us can be as creative as we wish to grow closer to the Lord to express our love for him who loves us so much. There are many more ways to enter into this Holy Season of conversion and faith. In sum, the entire Lenten Season should be a time of spiritual formation and preparation for Easter.

We will have **Stations of the Cross** in Church followed by a simple **Soup Supper in the Parish Hall** on the following Fridays beginning at 6:30 PM: **March 15, 22, 29, April 5**.



Prepare well for Lent, and **celebrate Mardi Gras** on Tuesday, March 5!

In future weeks I will share other "Lenten Reflections" in my column. "Stay Tuned!" Until then **enter into this Sacred Time with an open heart to receive God's love.**

Have a great week and Blessed Lent,

Fr. Gary

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 3

9:00 AM The Parishioners of SJA
11:00 AM Lily Abate (Sr. Judy)

Monday, March 4

8:00 AM Norm and Paula Kobel (Chaney)

Tuesday, March 5

9:00 AM Charlie Rule (Rule)

Ash Wednesday, March 6

9:00 AM Daniel Marsuak (Gawan)

Glenn Bombback (Nunnally)

7:00 PM Leonard R. Caney (Wagner)

Thursday, March 7

8:00 AM Anthony Lucarelli (Lucarelli)

Friday, March 8

8:00 AM Charlie Rule (Rule)

Saturday, March 9

4:30 PM Lily Abate (Sr. Judy)

1st Sunday of Lent, March 10

9:00 AM The Parishioners of SJA

11:00 AM Glenn Bombback (Nunnally)

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open from
8:30 AM until 4:30 PM
(closed from 1-2 for lunch)

Mass

Celebrant

March 10/11

4:30 pm Fr. Gary

9:00 am Fr. Gary

11:00 am Fr. Gary

Subject to change

Collection

February 24

Cash/Checks
11,172.39

E-Giving
2,850.00

Total
\$14,022.39

Thank you for your support!

Faith-filled Discussion

The Lenten Book Study will be "The Strangeness of Truth: Vibrant Faith in a Dark World" by Fr. Damian Ference. Please join us on Tuesday mornings at 10AM starting on February 26th for our Lenten book study. All are welcome. We will be meeting in the Parish Hall. The first meeting is a meet and greet where we will have outlines of the book study. Please have a copy of the book by the second meeting. We look forward to having you at our discussions.



For information call:

Samantha Taylor
440-715-5108

Parish School of Religion

PSR Lenten Project

The CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten Project of Catholic Relief Services, the official international agency of the Catholic Community in the United States. Your prayers, fasting and sacrificial contributions support CRS' work with the poorest of the poor in 100 countries! The CRS Rice Bowls will be distributed to each PSR family in Grades K-8 on **Sunday/Monday, March 3/4**. Ash Wednesday is March 6 this year.

THANK YOU for your support and generosity for this wonderful and much needed Lenten Project!



Mark the Dates: St. Joan of Arc VBC: "Roar! Life is Wild, God is Good!"

SJA Vacation Bible Camp will be the week of **June 24-28, 2019**. We promise that it will be a week of fun, adventure and bible learning experiences as the children discover even though life gets wild, God is Good! Through hands-on activities, the children discover evidence of God in their everyday life!

We invite children 4 years old through 4th Grade and our 'Adventure Crew,' Grades 5-6, to attend. We welcome **teens in Gr. 7-8** to volunteer as **aides**, and **teens in Gr. 8-12** to volunteer as **Crew Leaders**. Registration Forms are coming soon!

Confirmation Spirit Day Retreat

Our Confirmation Candidates will participate in a **Spirit Day Retreat** on **Saturday, March 16, from 10:00am-5:30pm**. The Confirmation Retreat includes: prayer experiences and activities, reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a special afternoon activity with their sponsors, and celebrating the 4:30pm Liturgy together. May this retreat experience bring many blessings and the grace of the Holy Spirit to our Candidates in preparation for their reception of Confirmation on Sunday, April 7!

Youth Ministry



Middle School Youth Group will meet on Sunday, March 10 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Hall for a night on Lent. Come learn about the season and discover ways to challenge yourself to strive for greatness.

Calling all students grades 6-12! Youth Ministry is hosting Stations of the Cross for the parish on Friday, March 22. We need students to be in our presentation! There is a rehearsal on Saturday, March 16 from 7:00 - 8:15 pm in the Church.

Help Allie plan the "Senior" Prom! Join the Prom Planning Committee today! We're looking for teens to help plan our "Senior" Prom, where we dance the day away with the elderly members of our parish. Choose a theme, create decorations, bake treats, and even help plan the playlist! Call or email Allie or sign up on her office door.





St. Joan of Arc Catholic School News

By Mrs. Shelley DiBacco,
School Principal

Faith. Academics. Excellence.



St. Joan of Arc School is currently engaged in the OCSAA Accreditation Process. The purpose of the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association is to strengthen Catholic school identity and mission and to engage Catholic schools in the ongoing improvement of student learning.

Every school in the Diocese of Cleveland must go through this process every five years. As part of the process, we are charged with defining two goals for our school, one for student learning and one for Catholic identity. These goals will be our focus for the next five years. After studying data and doing research the faculty and staff have decided on the following two goals:

Academic: The students will increase their initiative and self-direction skills (National Standards of the 21st Century) to improve academic performance through personalized learning.

Catholic Identity: Students will develop their interpersonal skills by living out the Beatitudes and responding to the needs of the community.

On February 28 and March 1 an External Validation Team, comprised of five area principals, was here to validate, with constructive comments and recommendations, our school's Preliminary School Improvement Plan. Please keep St. Joan of Arc School in your prayers as we go through this process.

We congratulate our 8th students who were accepted into their first choice high schools. These schools include: St. Ignatius, Walsh Jesuit, Notre Dame Cathedral Latin, and Hathaway Brown. Your St. Joan of Arc family is extremely proud of you.

Kindergarten registration is now open. If you have a child five years old or will turn five before September 30, 2019, you may register your child for Kindergarten. If you would like to schedule a time to tour our school and observe Kindergarten, please contact the School Office at 440-247-6530 to schedule an appointment.

The EdChoice Scholarship is available to any Kindergarten who turns five years old by January 1, 2019 and if the family income level falls within the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This scholarship is also available to students entering Kdg, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th Grade in Fall 2019. This scholarship amount is \$4,650.00 for elementary students who qualify and is renewable through 12th Grade. The forms for EdChoice Scholarship are available in the School Office.

Thank you for the many good wishes on my retirement. As I said in my letter, we have much to continue to do on a day to day basis this school year and I will continue to commit myself to these tasks. I will remain throughout the year to work with you as a school family, faculty, and staff.

March

Sunday, March 3

9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

Monday, March 4

8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, March 5

9:00 AM Mass
9:30 AM Shawl Ministry (H)
10:00 AM Women's Book
Club (Alcove)

Ash Wednesday, March 6

9:00 AM Mass
12:00 PM Prayer With Ashes
7:00 PM Mass
7:00 PM RCIA (R)
7:30 PM Boy Scouts (H)

Thursday, March 7

8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Bible Study (R)
7:00 PM Ignatian Retreat (H)

Friday, March 8

8:00 AM Mass
No School

Saturday, March 9

3:15 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Vigil Mass

Coffee and Donuts

The Coffee and Donut Ministry is currently looking for families or individuals to serve in our ministry after the 11 AM Sunday mass. The commitment is approximately 40 minutes following mass, approximately 5 times a year.

Our Ministry is a great way to meet our parishioners, have fun and work together with your family or a friend. For more information please contact Kathy Rohde, Kathy@cubshouse.com, 440-804-4745.



A Lenten Journey



"What if this Lent we didn't approach the practices of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting with an eye to what we can do to transform ourselves, but rather with an eye to what God wants to do in order to transform us?"

Too often we approach Lent as though it were a series of New Year's resolutions: to give up a particular bad habit, or share more with the poor, or be more faithful to prayer. But Lent is not about self-improvement. Lent is a time of conversion in which God is in charge of our conversion. Not us." (Marina McCoy, writer for www.ignatianspirituality.com)

Please join us for our six-week Lenten retreat, **"Walking with St. Ignatius...Our Guide on our journey to finding God."**

Through the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, we will learn to recognize God in our lives. We will learn different ways to pray. We will look at the Scriptures with "new eyes." Through the weekly presentations and conversations with fellow parishioners, we will hopefully grow in our faith and our relationship with God. Come and spend this Lent getting to see Jesus more clearly, so you can love Him more dearly!



The retreat will be presented on the six Thursdays of Lent: March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11, 2019 from 7:00-8:15pm in the Parish Hall. Our facilitator will be Mrs. Mary Kay Jones, Lay Ecclesial Minister for the Diocese and graduate of the Ignatian Spirituality Institute.

Register by March 4th by calling (440) 247-3606 or emailing the Office of Faith Formation: officeoffaithformation@stjoanofarc.org

Upcoming Programs and Events

March 1, 2 and 3



Tetélestai is produced locally by Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries and will be performed during its 42nd season at **St. Paschal Baylon Roman Catholic Parish** located at 5384 Wilson Mills Road, Highland Heights, OH 44143 on. Performances will be on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 PM, with a Sunday matinee at 2:00 PM. The play lasts approximately two hours with a short intermission. A reception follows each performance and affords an opportunity for the audience to meet and mingle with the cast and crew. Doors open approximately one hour before the performance. There is no admission charge; however free will offerings will be welcomed at the end of each performance.

March 6 - April 14

Please join in with SJA Arc Angels for Life for 40 Days for Life Campaign in this coordinated international campaign to end abortion. There are 3 elements to the campaign: prayer, fasting, and community outreach.



Prayer cards will be in the Gathering Area with more information and at the website <http://www.40daysforlife.com>

Fr. Suso will celebrate mass preceding a kickoff rally beginning at 6PM. Bishop Nelson Perez will be the keynote speaker at the rally held in the school gym beginning with a social with food and beverages at 7PM at St. Columbkille Church in Parma.

March 15 - 17



Cornerstone of Hope hosts a weekend grief retreat, "Pain to Purpose". Are you grieving the death of a loved one? Has it changed your life forever? Come and experience Christ's love for you on your journey of grief, meet others with similar losses, and be transformed by hope at this retreat.

The event will feature a mass, adoration and confession at the Jesuit Retreat House in Parma, Ohio. Space is limited so please register early. For more information call 216.524.HOPE (4673), ext. 235 or register online at cornerstoneofhope.org

March 21

Are you looking for Hope? The Woman's Guild is sponsoring *A Half Day of Recollection*. The topic will be "Hanging onto Hope in Today's World". Join Sr. Melanie Svoboda, SND.

On Thursday, March 21 we will begin with Mass at 8:00 AM, the program will follow, with lunch and ending with prayer at 1:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited.

RSVP by March 14 - 440.247.1141
\$5 Donation

