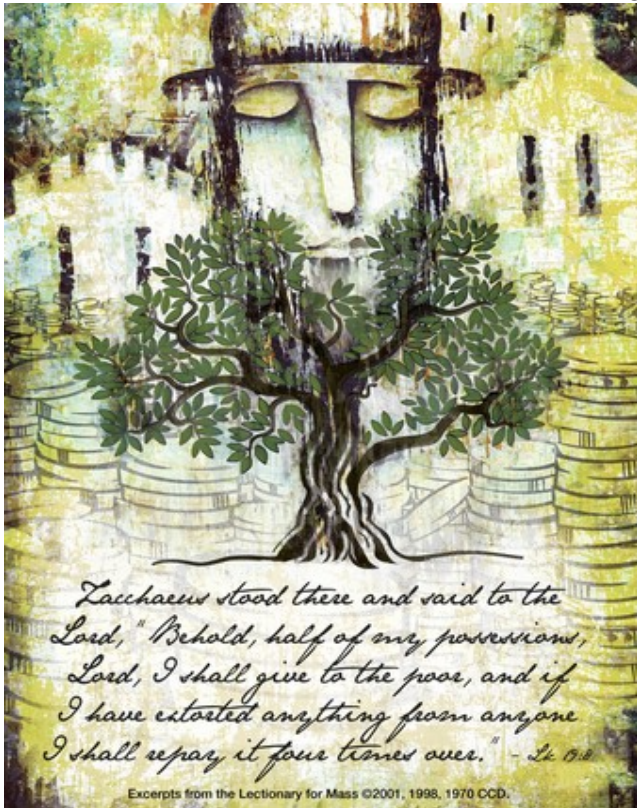


St. Joan Of Arc Church

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 Website..... stjoanofarcchurch.org
Music Ministry 440-247-7183
Rel. Education Office - Sr. Judy Bucco..... 440-247-3606
Sr. Ann Marie Kanusek, SND..... 440-247-1141
School 440-247-6530
Youth Ministry..... stjoanofarcym@gmail.com...440-247-4316
RCIA - Deacon Jeff 440-376-9177

Sr. Judith Bucco, SND, Director of Religious Education
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. Daniel L. Mitchell, Principal
Mr. Ralph Holtzhauser, Director of Music -

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):

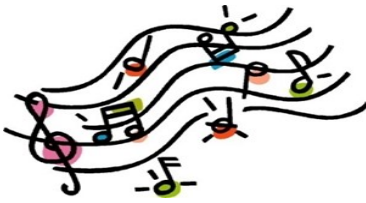
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM (*September thru May*).

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



FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings of Peace.



This weekend we welcome Ralph Holtzhauser as our Parish Music Director. “Welcome aboard,” Ralph! Mr. Holtzhauser is a graduate of St. Edward High School and Baldwin Wallace University with a Bachelor of Music. Ralph comes with much talent, energy, and enthusiasm and we certainly look forward to his presence and ministry in helping us in song, prayer, and worship here at St. Joan of Arc and as a member of our Parish Ministerial Staff. Thank you for your presence and ministry, Ralph. We look forward to a great relationship, together in faith.

Since we are in the month of November, our parish “*Book of Remembrance*” is placed in the Gathering Area. Parishioners are invited to enter the names of family members and loved ones who have died. By entering them in the Book of Remembrance we ask our community to remember them and to keep them in our prayers. Trusting in the promise of resurrection and we remember their names in faith. May the writing of the names of our loved ones who have died help to console us and remind us of the hope of new life, for which we all long!



ALL SOULS

Each year all churches in the Diocese of Cleveland do an “*October Count*” to see how many Catholics are attending mass. “Tracking” mass attendance is one good indicator of how many Catholics are actually practicing their faith.

Here is my analysis. **In the past few years the mass attendance numbers at St. Joan of Arc** (and throughout our diocese and the eastern United States) **have trended downward**. This has also been the case at most of our neighboring parishes. You can see from the numbers, below, there is quite a decline over the past years.

Average attendance per weekend in October at St. Joan of Arc Church

10 years ago	1,285
5 years ago	1,120
3 years ago	1,105
2 years ago	1,005
1 year ago	925
2019 (this year)	845

The numbers are quite significant. Reduced attendance impacts parish life, stewardship - and even our collections. It is further evidenced in the fact that we have had one priest at St. Joan (when in 2013, and before, we had two full time priests). This trend also impacts the number of people in our parish who are available to participate in ministries, groups, committees, and so on.

I realize we adjusted our weekend mass schedule last year (in December 2018). Previously we had four (4) weekend masses: 1 mass on Saturday and 3 masses on Sunday. We now have 2 Sunday masses (while maintaining our Saturday Vigil Mass).

Looking back at this, adjusting our weekend schedule was a prudent decision. Like most churches in our diocese and in the United States, especially this part of the United States, total weekly mass attendance has fallen in recent years. At St. Joan of Arc, we now average under 900 people at mass, per weekend. Our church seats about 500. We can more than accommodate our attendance with 3 weekend masses. The numbers are an indicator of why we needed to make the change to our weekend schedule. It also seems that having more people at each mass improves the “quality of our worship.” Moreover, the size of the average congregation at each of our 3 weekend masses is a bit larger than when we had four (4) weekend masses. “Quality of Worship” is also determined, in part, by the energy and well-being of the priest! The goal of our mass schedule change last year was to have a schedule that



would meet the "pastoral needs" of St. Joan of Arc Parish and, at the same time, create a "more reasonable work load" for our pastor.

Looking at the numbers, I wonder what this says about Catholics and our commitment to the faith? Recent studies have shown under 27% of Catholics attend mass on a regular basis. Additionally, studies have shown that those who do come are often less involved in the life of the church.

We will ordain 4 priests for service to the Diocese of Cleveland in the spring of this academic year (2019-20). In Spring of 2021 it looks like we will also ordain 4 priests. You know as well as I do that there are more than 4-8 priests who will retire, die, or otherwise not be able to do ministry in the next 2 years that we are ordaining. Let me ask this: If what we do in church (with mass, sacraments, baptisms, funerals, weddings, priestly work, etc.) is important to us, as Catholics, then who will be the ones to do this priestly ministry in the future?

Again, I wanted to communicate all this to you and offer it for your perusal! The good news in the midst of all this is *YOU ARE HERE!* And most of you have been here! This is wonderful! *Thank you for your faith and for your presence at St. Joan of Arc.*

You are in my heart and prayers and Blessings & Peace, *Fr. Gary*

Mass Intentions  for the Week

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3
9:00AM
William Bombeck (Brosius)

11:00AM
The SJA Parishioners

Monday, November 4

8:00AM
Bej Jones (Florkiewicz)

Tuesday, November 5

9:00AM
Laura Waraba (Elliott)

Wednesday, November 6

No mass

Thursday, November 7

8:00AM
John Kozub (Yoe)

Friday, November 8 All Saints Day

8:00AM
Mary Fening (The Women's Guild)

Saturday, November 9

4:30PM
Jack and Jane Favret (Colini)



St. Joan of Arc Catholic School News

By Mr. Daniel L. Mitchell
School Principal

Faith. Academics. Excellence.



The St. Joan of Arc Day School Scrabble Club is starting! Learn how to play Scrabble in a relaxed, after-school atmosphere. Membership is open to students in grades 3 and up. We will meet from 3:15 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, starting on November 13th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Dean or Mrs. Ball.



Dads: please mark your calendars for Nov. 22, as the Nov. 15 Dads Do Lunch date has been switched to the 22nd. Mrs. Mahoney is going to serve a large Thanksgiving feast on this day, so the more dads, the better.

Save the Date: The PTO will be holding a fall social gathering for SJA parents. This nice opportunity to have a night out with just the adults will be in the format of our hosted events at the annual auction, which includes a cost per person to attend. All funds raised go directly to the PTO. This casual, fall themed event will take place at Holbrook Hollows on Friday, November 22nd. 6:30 to 10:30. Stay tuned for more details.



Please consider donating your Halloween Candy. St. Joan of Arc School is collecting unwanted wrapped candy on Nov. 1-5. The donated candy will go to U.S troops serving overseas. The simple luxuries that we take for granted (like candy) are hard to come by when serving in a foreign land, so they will surely appreciate it!



October

Sunday November 3

9:00AM Mass
11:00AM Mass
12:00PM PSR (L)

Monday November 4

8:00AM Mass
9:15AM Moms, Pops
Tots (OC)
4:30PM PRS (OC)

Tuesday November 5

9:00AM Mass
9:30AM Shawl Ministry
(H)

Wednesday November 6

No Mass
7:00PM Boy Scouts (H)
7:00PM RCIA (RB)

Thursday November 7

8:00AM Mass
8:30AM Bible Study (RB)
7:00PM Book Discussion
Group (RB)

Friday November 8

8:00AM Mass

Saturday November 9

3:30PM Confession
4:30PM Vigil Mass

Parish School of Religion

SJA Annual Parish Service Day



We hope many of our parishioners will participate in our SJA Parish Service Day!

You can register for our SJA Parish Service Day at www.stjoanofarcchurch.org with google forms by **November 4**. We are asking for baked goods for our lunch that will be given to the volunteers for both the morning and afternoon Service Day shifts. These baked goods can be dropped off in the Office of Faith Formation by Friday, November 22. Take a look at the pictures in the Gathering Area of our Parishioners serving at our 2018 Parish Service Day. It was such a great experience for both children and adults!

Choose Life! Education Program

Our 6th Grade PSR students will participate in the Choose Life! Education Program on Monday, November 4. This program benefits our students by giving them an increased understanding of God's gift of life and what it means to treat each human person with dignity and respect. Our 6th Grade Family Religion children are encouraged to attend this last class. Our trained instructor by Life Works of Ohio is Mrs. Peggy Bruening.



Sacrament of Confirmation



The 3rd instructional session for our Confirmation Candidates is Thursday, November 14 from 6:30-8:15pm in the Parish Hall. All candidates are reminded to bring their red folder to each session. Thank you!

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated blankets, sheets, pillowcases, towels and cash for our annual Blanket Sunday Drive. The head of the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center had been praying that St. Joan of Arc Parish would be having a Blanket Sunday soon. She was completely out of blankets.



As an answer to her prayers, our volunteer drove over with two car loads full of donations. A family was coming to pick up a bed and thanks to our Parish, was also able to receive bedding. I've never received so many thank you hugs! We wish we could hug back each of you who donated.

Thanks again.

BE STILL,
AND KNOW THAT
I AM GOD.

PSALM 46:10

Mass Moments

The Eucharistic Prayer



This is the most sacred part of the entire celebration of the Mass and it has its roots in ancient Jewish table prayers.

Part 1). The Preface

Priest says: "The Lord be with You", then, "Lift up your hearts," then, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God". We respond to each section. It is now a dialogue. By responding this way, we are asking the Holy Spirit to be with both the priest and the people. Then by saying "we lift up our hearts" we are giving our full attention to God, setting aside all other thoughts or concerns. Finally, giving God thanks and praise is the best we have to offer for all his has given us (creation, provisions, salvation).

Part 2). The Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord."

Here we are actually singing with the angels! We are mystically entering the heavenly throne room that Isaiah saw in his earth-shaking vision that filled the temple with smoke as the angels sang. We are spiritually as close to heaven as we can get!

In the second half of the prayer we say "Hosanna" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Hosanna is a Hebrew word which means "save us."

(A Biblical Walk through the Mass, Edward Sri, 2017)

Archdiocese for the Military Services



A second collection will be taken up on November 9-10 to support the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The Archbishop for Military Services, USA, is Bishop Timothy Broglio, a native Clevelander. Moreover, Bishop Neal Buckon is the Auxiliary Bishop for Military Services, and he is priest of Cleveland! (Bishop Buckon's mom comes here to St Joan of Arc!) And our own "native son of the parish," Fr. Joseph Brankatelli, is a military priest-chaplain currently serving in active duty in the Army. Fr. Brankatelli's family still comes here to St. Joan of Arc.

This 2019 National Collection will be the third such collection for the Military since the US Bishops have approved a national special collection every three years to benefit the AMS. Proceeds support programs and services administered by AMS offices, including pastoral care and ministry to Catholic families stationed worldwide in the U.S. Military, Catholic patients in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers throughout the country and in Guam and Puerto Rico, Vocations Evangelization, Religious Education, Sacramental Records, a Tribunal, and more.

Archbishop Broglio recently pointed out, "The AMS (Archdiocese for Military Services) 'receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military in support of its effort to provide pastoral care and services to the AMS faithful spread across the globe and who face constant transition and uncertainty. The programs and services offered by the AMS are readily available to Catholics in the US Military'."

THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting this 2019 special collection.

SAINT JOAN OF ARC MINI-MINISTRY FAIR



We will be having a Mini Ministry Fair after Masses on November 9 and 10. Join us in the Gathering Area to talk with our Ministry Leaders and find out how you can help!

We have over 40 ministries, including youth, Worship, Community, Faith, Social Concerns, and Pastoral Care.

We'll also have a pictorial account of our Parish History to view.

Collection
Oct. 26/27

Cash/Checks
\$9,853.39

E-Giving
\$3,129.00

Total
\$12,982.39

*Thank you for your
generous
support*

Happy Anniversary St. Rita Church



All former parishioners and guests are invited to St. Rita Church to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the parish on Saturday, November 23 at the 5PM Mass. Celebrant will be Bishop Nelson Perez.

Reception to follow in Mazanec Hall.

*Mass Celebrant
November 9/10*

4:30PM

Fr. Gary J. Malin

9:00AM

Fr. Gary J. Malin

11:00AM

Fr. Gary J. Malin

PARISH SECURITY NIGHT



Join us on Tuesday, November 12 at 7PM in the Parish Hall for Parish Security Night. We will have speakers from the Local Fire and Police Departments to discuss what to do in an emergency situation at church.

There will also be training on how to use our Defibrillator and where you can find it. Remember, Defibrillators save lives!

Bring your Questions!

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