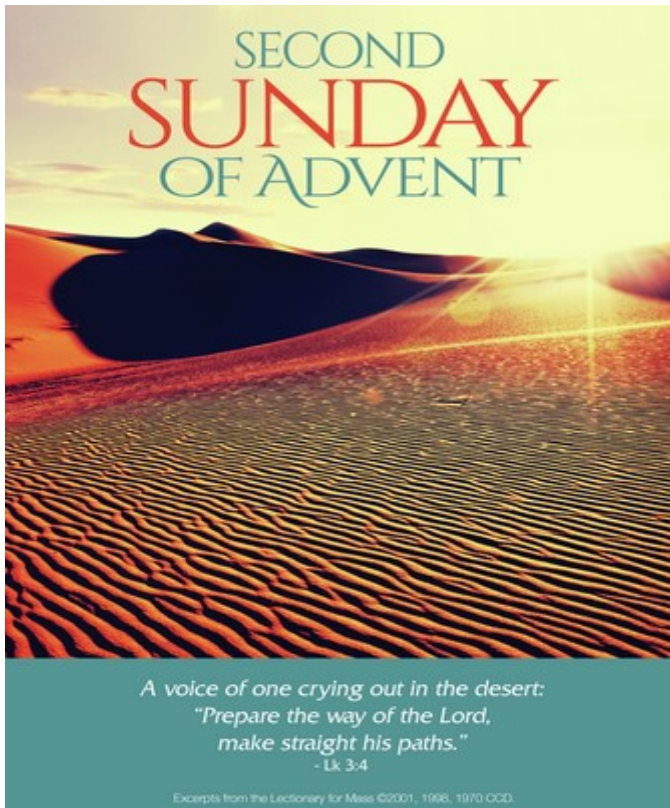


St. Joan Of Arc Church

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.

Parish Office 440-247-7183
Parish E-mail..... stjoanchagrin@gmail.com
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 as we begin the *Second week* of our Advent journey. Christmas is 2-1/2 weeks away!

This weekend we will take up a *second collection* to support the annual "Retirement for Religious" appeal. The Catholic Bishops of the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious 31 years ago to address the profound shortage in retirement funding among communities of women and men religious.

Most senior religious ministered for years for small stipends, leaving their congregations with insufficient retirement savings. Additionally, rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care.

So I ask you to please give to those who have given a lifetime. Thank you.

On Monday, December 9, 2019 we will celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Usually this Solemnity (and often a Holy Day of Obligation) is celebrated on December 8. But not this year. The United States Bishops explain, "Since December 8, 2019 is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer." Therefore, there is no obligation to attend mass on the Immaculate Conception in 2019. That requirement to is abrogated this year.

Since Christmas is 2-1/2 weeks away, please note our St. Joan of Arc **2019 Christmas mass schedule:**

- **Christmas Eve**, Tuesday December 24:
4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, and 9:00 PM
- **Christmas Day**, Wednesday December 25:
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM



And some diocesan news. In our continued effort to comply with the requirements of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," the Office of the Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, the Diocesan Office for Protection of Children & Youth, and Diocesan Communications department are asking all parishes to please publish the bulletin announcement below during the months of October and December, 2019. Here at St. Joan of Arc, we will comply.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

The *Giving Tree* is up in our Gathering Area. Please feel free to take a tag and bring that gift to the parish by Sunday December 15. This is one great way to bring the joy of the Christmas Season to those who need it. Thank you for your generosity and support of this outreach ministry

An Advent "prayer" is "*Come Lord Jesus.*" May the Lord come into our world today through you and me and the way we live.

Blessings and Advent Peace,

Fr. Gary

Mass Intentions  for the Week

**Second Sunday in Advent
December 8**

9AM The SJA Parishioners

11AM Jean & Bill O'Connell (Connie Strong)

**Monday, December 9
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8AM Edward & Agnes Lentz (Family)

Tuesday, December 10

9AM Marilyn Neesham (Rosenthal)

Wednesday, December 11

No mass

Thursday, December 12

8AM Marian Horvath (Horvath)

First Friday, December 13

8AM John Clegg (Porter)

First Saturday, December 14

4:30PM Grace A. Corrado (Chiarcchari)

Pastoral Minister Needed



We are looking for an experienced Pastoral Minister who will perform a variety of duties related to serving and spiritually enhancing our parish community. It is the expectation that the Pastoral Minister share in our Catholic faith, be a Catholic in good standing, and reflect the teachings, belief, and vision of the universal Catholic Church in their life and in this ministry. Pastoral Ministry Certification in the Diocese of Cleveland is a plus.

This is a part-time position (approximately 20 hours per week) with consideration given to flexible working hours related to the various ministerial involvements. For more detailed information, and to apply for the position, please visit the Diocese of Cleveland Employment web page: <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/human-resources/employment-opportunities>.



The Giving Tree

For the past 20+ years, our parish has generously given many gifts and gift cards to needy people. Your kindness has been wonderful! The tree is in the Gathering Area and will remain there until Giving Sunday, December 11th. It will be decorated with tags that describe where the gift is needed, the kind of gift desired and perhaps the name of the person.



Please take a tag, purchase the gift, *WRAP THE GIFT* and *ATTACH THE TAG TO THE OUTSIDE* of the package. *SPECIAL NOTE:* Not all gifts are to be wrapped. Some of the organizations requested unwrapped gifts and it is stated on the tag. *IF BUYING A GIFT CARD, PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THEM.*

Please bring the gift to the Giving Sunday celebration in the parish hall after each Mass on December 15th or gifts can be dropped off in the parish office before December 15th. Please call the parish office (440.247.7183) with questions.



The end of 2019 is rapidly approaching!! It's not too late to dedicate a portion of your IRA distribution to St. Joan of Arc



If you are age 70 ½ or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income this year with a gift made directly from your IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Your accountant or IRA administrator can help you understand how the IRA Charitable Rollover works and the steps you can take to lower your taxes and help St. Joan of Arc Parish. Act now, while time is on your side!

Parish School of Religion

A PSR/Day School Advent Service Opportunity



Our PSR and Day School will participate in a special Advent Service Project: "Sponsor a Family Holiday Program" provides food and gifts to low income families and seniors in Geauga County.

THANK YOU for the many gifts you have already donated! Your donations will bring hope to so many local families in need this Christmas!

PSR and SJA School donations can be sent to the School Office or the Office of Faith Formation on Sunday/Monday, December 8/9. THANK YOU!

Advent Prayer Service

Our teens in Grades 7 and 8 will participate in a special Advent Prayer Service on Sunday, December 15 in the gym, from 11:10-11:30am.

Our children in Grades K-6 will participate in a special Advent Prayer Service on Monday, December 16 in the gym from 4:40-5:10pm. We welcome parents to join us in prayer on December 16 as we anticipate the coming of Christ during this joyful season of Advent!

PSR Christmas Break

The last class before Christmas Break for Kindergarten-High School PSR is Sunday/Monday, December 15/16. PSR classes resume on Sunday/Monday, January 5/6, 2020 for Kindergarten-High School.



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND OUR SCHOOL BY SHOPPING
CUT OUT THE COUPONS BELOW AND PRESENT THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE BUSINESS PARTNER

<p><i>Blush Boutique</i></p> <p>DECEMBER 2-8</p> <p>20% OF SALES WILL BE DONATED</p>	<p>Noah Blue Photography Studio</p> <p>DECEMBER 2-8</p> <p>8284 E. WASHINGTON 216-973-4865</p> <p>10% OF PAID BOOKING SCHED + GIFT CARD SALES WILL BE DONATED TO SJA PTO</p>	<p>/HAVEN</p> <p>DECEMBER 2-8</p> <p>10% OF SALES DONATED BACK TO SJA PTO</p> <p>please present coupon when shopping</p>	<p>DECEMBER 2-8</p> <p>F</p> <p>FIRESIDE BOOK SHOP EST. 1983</p> <p>10% WILL BE DONATED TO SJA PTO</p>	<p><i>Dazzle</i></p> <p>DECEMBER 2-8</p> <p>10% WILL BE DONATED TO SJA PTO</p>
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<p>GEIGERS</p> <p>DECEMBER 2</p> <p>10% WILL BE DONATED TO SJA PTO</p>	<p><i>Gypsy Sole</i></p> <p>Winds of Change</p> <p>DECEMBER 8-14</p> <p>10% WILL BE DONATED TO SJA PTO</p>	<p>OLIVE SCENE</p> <p>DECEMBER 2-8</p> <p>10% WILL BE DONATED TO SJA PTO</p> <p>please present this coupon while shopping</p>	<p>Falls Pak & Ship</p> <p>DECEMBER 2-8</p> <p>10% WILL BE DONATED TO SJA PTO</p>	<p>Jackson Grey</p> <p>JEWELRY</p> <p>DECEMBER 7</p> <p>10% DONATED TO SJA PTO</p>
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December

Sunday

December 8

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00AM Mass
11:00AM Mass
12:00PM PSR
2:00PM CYO B-Ball (OC)
7:00PM Youth Ministry (OC)

Monday

December 9

8:00AM Mass
8:00AM Santa Shop (H)
9:15AM Moms, Pops, and Tots (OC)
4:30PM PSR

Tuesday

December 10

8:00AM Santa Shop (H)
9:00AM Mass
3:00PM Penguin Project (OC)

Wednesday

December 11

No Mass
6:30PM Parish Council (R)
7:00PM RCIA (R)
7:00PM Boy Scouts (H)

Thursday

December 12

8:00AM Mass
6:30PM Confirmation Session (H)
6:30PM K-8 Christmas Concert (OC)
7:00PM Book Group (RB)

Friday

December 13

8:00AM Mass
8:45AM PTO Meeting
11:45AM Dad's do lunch

Saturday

December 14

9:00AM CYO B-Ball (OC)
12:30 or 4:00PM Youth Ministry Caroling (H)
3:15PM Confession
4:30PM Vigil Mass



St. Joan of Arc Catholic School News

By Mr. Daniel L. Mitchell
School Principal

Faith. Academics. Excellence.



A lot has been happening at our Parish Day School. The good folks at NDCL High School have donated 60 Shift+ desks (less than 6 months old) to SJA! These desks, which are in opposing shapes can be configured into many different grouping arrangements to maximize collective learning.

We are seeking a couple of parents with trucks to volunteer to travel to NDCL to pick up our desks at some point in the second or third week of December. If you can help us out, please email Mr. Mitchell at dmitchell@stjoanofarc.org.

In other news, Mrs. Kennedy and the SJA students have been working hard to perfect their joyous tunes of thanks to the Lord at our Christmas Concert, on December 12, at 6:30. We're all excited to see their performance.



2019 Charitable Contribution Statements



As a reminder, we will not automatically mail out year end Contribution Statements to every parish household. Higher federal standard deduction amounts for individuals, heads of household and married couples filing jointly negate the need for the vast majority of parishioners to itemize deductions. IRS rules state "A donor claiming a deduction of \$250.00 or more is required to obtain and keep a contemporaneous written acknowledgment for a charitable contribution."

If requested, we will mail a 2019 Contribution Statement as written acknowledgment of your giving throughout the year.

We expect the information to be available by 1/15/20. You can contact Paula Aveni at the Parish Office at 440-247-7183, ext.16 or paulastjoan@gmail.com . Thank-you!

Project Hope

Come hear the Advent Fundraising Concert for Project Hope for the Homeless on Sunday, December 15, at 1:00 PM at St. Helen Church, 12060 Kinsman Rd., Newbury.

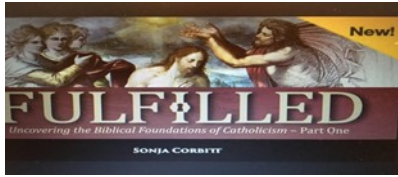
Maude Cloutier, a 16-year-old violinist studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music and will be accompanied by Elizabeth DeMio, collaborative pianist from the CIM, who has performed at Carnegie Hall. Rounding out the Cloutier Trio, Maude's younger sisters, Mara will play cello and Marianne will play violin. Enjoy a variety of classical and traditional Advent and Christmas music. Free will donations will be accepted. All profits will go to Project Hope for the Homeless. Even without a donation, all are welcome to celebrate this Advent festival.



For more information, please contact Marie Cloutier at 812-650-2977 or by email cloutier.marie@icloud.com.

Bible Study

Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism



Have you ever been unable to explain why Catholics believe what they do?

Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism is an apologetic approach to sharing the Catholic Faith using the Old

Testament tabernacle as a blueprint for God's plan. While designed as a faith sharing Bible study, participants will also gain an apologetic understanding of some of the most questioned Catholic teachings. *Fulfilled* will reignite your love of scripture and help you share and defend the Catholic faith with the Word of God. (14 sessions dvd and discussion).

Thursdays: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Jan 2 - April 2

Rectory basement, materials fee: \$15

Register by Dec 20 mpvalencic@gmail.com or 440-338-7177

Collection

Nov. 30 & Dec 1

Cash/Checks

\$10,467.39

E-Giving

\$5,406.00

Total

\$15,873.39

*Thank you for your
generous
support*

Mass Celebrant

Dec. 14/15

4:30PM

Fr. Gary J. Malin

9:00AM

Fr. Gary J. Malin

11:00AM

Fr. Gary J. Malin

Service of Solace

Please join us on Wednesday, December 18th at 7 pm at the Federated Church, 76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls in the Chapel. Also sometimes called "Blue Christmas" or "Longest Night," the Service of Solace is a service that offers support, prayer and reflection for those experiencing loss, sorrow, pain, or anything making the holidays difficult. This is a service of comfort and hope through prayer, reflection and special music. Everyone is welcome to attend this service, those who are in need and those willing to offer support and compassion. If you know of someone who might want to attend, there are invitational cards available in the Narthex for sending.

The indoor Labyrinth will be set up in Fellowship Hall that day starting at noon for meditative walking, prayer and reflection. After the service, there will be a time for fellowship and support with light refreshments.

Any questions? Contact Rev. Susi Kawolics at skawolics@fedchurch.org or at 440.247.6490 ext. 102 for more information.



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