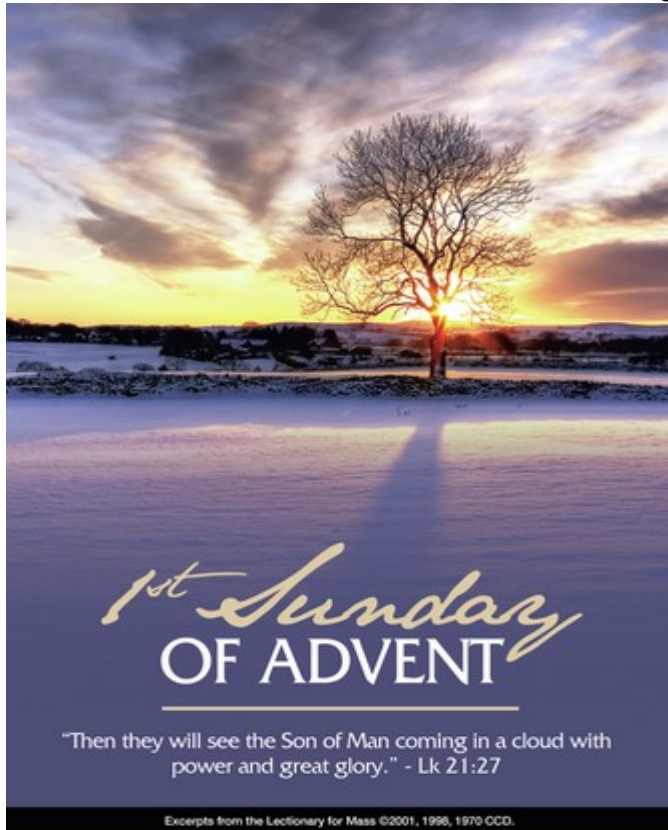


St. Joan Of Arc Church

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
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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 Advent. In this season we prepare and open our hearts to welcome the Lord, who is born for our salvation!



In the Advent Season (and also in Lent) we celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (confessions) on Saturdays from 3:15 PM until 4:00 PM here at St. Joan of Arc. *At times other than Advent and Lent confessions are at 3:30 PM until all are heard.*



Another opportunity for the sacrament will be a Shared Advent Communal Penance Service with St. Rita Parish (at St. Rita) on Wednesday December 18 at 7:00 PM

This "shared penance service" will allow us an opportunity to pray together and receive the sacrament from a number of priests who will be participating. Let us welcome the love and forgiveness of the Lord, who comes with mercy and salvation!

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.

Looking ahead, so you can plan, our 2019 Christmas mass schedule is:

- 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

As the days grow shorter and colder, may the warmth of our love and faith increase!

Come Lord Jesus.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary



Mass Intentions for the Week



First Sunday in Advent December 1

9:00AM Vivian
Eckhard
(SJA
PSR)

11:00AM

The SJA
Parishioners

Monday, December 2

8AM Mary
Fenning
(Schmidt)

Tuesday, December 3

9AM Laura
Warcaba
(Dee)

Wednesday, December 4

No mass

Thursday, December 5

8AM Joseph
Tarasco
(Yoe)

First Friday, December 6

8AM Tom Malak
(Yoe)

First Saturday, December 7

4:30PM
Gamiero + Gullo
Family

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>.

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.

December

Sunday

December 1

1st Sunday of Advent

9:00AM Mass

11:00AM Mass

Monday

December 2

8:00AM Mass

9:15AM Moms, Pops,
and Tots (OC)

4:30PM PSR

7:00PM Finance Council
(RB)

Tuesday

December 3

9:00AM Mass

9:30AM Shawl Ministry
(H)

Wednesday

December 4

No Mass

1:00PM Women's Guild
Welcome Tea
(H)

7:00PM Boy Scouts (H)

7:00PM RCIA (R)

Thursday

December 5

8:00AM Mass

8:30AM Bible Study
(RB)

3:30PM Penguin
Project
Meeting (OC)

Friday

December 6

8:00AM Mass

Saturday

December 7

8:00AM Santa Breakfast
(OC)

3:15PM Confession

4:30PM Vigil Mass and



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" to benefit Special Services of Geauga County. The "Sponsor a Family Holiday Program" provides food and gifts to low income families and seniors in Geauga County.

Our SJA Parish Community has always been so generous to those less fortunate! Your donations will bring hope to so many local families this Christmas. PSR donations can be sent to the Office of Faith Formation on Sunday/Monday, December 1/2 and December 8/9. Day School donations can be sent to the children's classroom December 2-December 10. 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!



Sacrament of Confirmation



The 4th instructional session of our Confirmation candidates is Thursday, December 5, from 6:30-8:15pm in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Name Projects are due at the December 5 instructional session.

Thank You

The Arts & Environment Committee would like to thank Rosemary Deioma for paying for all the flowers in church and in the chapel for the month of November. This was a generous and much appreciated gesture!



Mass Moments

The Concluding Rites:



Blessing and Dismissal

You may recall from the first installment of this series on the Mass, that term *mass* means "GO." It receives its name from the Latin word *missa* which means "dismissal," "sending."

The people stand and the priest blesses them with the sign of the cross. A blessing has always meant a communication of divine breath and life on the person being blessed.

From the fourth century on, the Latin words *Ite Missa est* ("Go, you are dismissed") were said. Now, the priest says, "Go forth, the Mass is ended."

The closing line is not an aimless dismissal, but a dismissal with a mission. It is a sending forth of God's people to bring the mysteries of Christ into the world by the way they live and love another. (A Biblical Walk through the Mass, Edward Sri, 2017)

Christmas Giving Cookies Tea



The Women's Guild started a tradition for our church four years ago. We have the Christmas Giving Cookies Tea. We ask all parishioners to bring Christmas cookies, and we pack them in tins, and they are given to needy families.

This year our Christmas Giving Cookie Tea is on December 4th at 1:30 P.M. in our Parish Hall. Please drop off your cookies and tins at the Parish Hall on or before the event. Mary Lou Smullen will speak on the history of Christmas ornaments. Our St. Joan Music Team will help us sing Christmas carols. It will be a great way to start the holidays. We ask that you make reservations to Gerry Koprowski 440-591-5182 by November 25th. Merry Christmas.

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is now up in the Gathering Area.

Please free free to take tags.

The gifts need to be returned no later than noon on December 15.

Please do not wrap gift cards.



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.



Collection
Nov. 23/24

Cash/Checks

TBD

E-Giving

\$3,104.00

Total

TBD

*Thank you for your
generous
support*

Mass Celebrant

Dec. 7 / 8

4:30PM

Fr. Gary J. Malin

9:00AM

Fr. Gary J. Malin

11:00AM

Fr. Gary J. Malin

USO Donations



For 78 years, the USO has stood by America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country. Please look for our USO Donation box located in the Narthex. These donations are given to the local USO donation site for care packages to our service members. Some great donation ideas are: Beef jerky, lip balm, Ramon noodles, all size Ziploc bags, toiletries and hard candy, cereal, and shaving cream.

Adoration

Adoration will begin Thursday, December 5, with the Holy Hour starting in the Church from 7-8PM. One of our Deacons will lead us in the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Following the Holy Hour, Adoration will continue in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel until 8:00 am, First Friday morning. Parishioners are encouraged to partake in this beautiful prayer opportunity; a time to be refreshed by our Lord!

Eucharistic



Adoration



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