

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 440-935-2232
Rel. Education Office - Sr. Judy Bucco 440-247-3606
Sr. Ann Marie Kanusek, SND 440-427-1141
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
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.

I hope your celebration of the birth of our Savior was filled with Joy.

As the stores have already begun to clear out the Christmas decorations and everything is on clearance, **we celebrate Christmas in the Church for a few weeks.** This weekend we remember the Holy Family. Tuesday is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (on New Years Day, January 1) and January 6 is the Epiphany. As a matter of fact, we celebrate Christmas until the Baptism of the Lord - celebrated this year on Sunday January 13. Yes, in the Church we still have much celebrating to do! Merry Christmas.



As I mentioned above, **January 1** is New Years; but in the Church it is the **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God - a holy day of obligation.** Masses will be celebrated on Monday December 31 at 4:30 PM and on Tuesday January 1 at 9:00 AM. (Happy New Year!)

Please note: The **parish office will be open 1/2 day on Monday December 31.** The office will be closed on New Years Day. We will resume "normal hours" on Wednesday January 2.

One more note: I will be out of town for about a week - leaving on Sunday January 6 and returning for masses on Sunday January 13. While I am away there will not be a daily mass at the parish and our neighboring priests have graciously agreed to respond to any emergencies, anointing, or funerals in my absence. Thank you, Fathers. I certainly appreciate your understanding during the times I am away from the parish.

Again, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Blessings & Peace. **Noel!**

Fr. Gary

Prayer for the New Year

God of all time,
help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.
May we walk gently.
May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,
help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed
every creature and plant, every person and
habitat with beauty and purpose.
May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honor rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,
help us enter the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.
May we welcome your lavish love.
May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears
have made.



Vinita Hampton Wright
Senior Editor Loyola Press

SJA Parish Directory

We will be updating the Parish Directory in early 2019. If your address or phone number has changed, or if you haven't taken the formal step to register with the church, please call the office at

440-247-7183 or visit the website:
www.stjoanofarcchurch.org. Thanks!!

Save the Dates

Tuesday, January 15: 7:00 PM

Catholic Women's Health - an inspiring pro-life Catholic speaker from Britain, Obianuju (Uju for short) Ekeocha, is an internationally acclaimed pro-life speaker and strategist.



Uju will be discussing "Women's Health and the Culture of Life" at John Carroll University's Dolan Science Center. Admission is free.

Friday, January 18: 8:00 AM Mass

RESPECT LIFE: Come to St Joan of Arc Church for Mass, praying the Rosary and a full breakfast. We will be praying for the marchers, the elderly, disabled, the unborn and their mothers at the March in Washington, D.C.

Please call Bobbie Trew at 440-247-2465 or Fran Clark at 216-470-6749 for more information

Monday, February 4: 7:00 - 8:30 PM



Fr. Damian Ference will be home between terms in Rome and is looking forward to reconnecting with parishioners at SJA. He will talk about life in Rome, the current situation of the Church, and his new book,

"The Strangeness of Truth". Join us in the Church Hall.

Magical Evening Out

Join the magic of St. Joan of Art School at the **PTO's annual auction** with famous illusionist Rick Smith Jr.



Saturday, February 9: 6:30 - 10:30 PM

Pinstripes at Pinecrest
111 Park Avenue, Orange Village

Tickets \$90.00 per person - includes event, dinner stations and open bar. \$85.00 if you RSVP by 1/25/19. Use promocode "Earlybird".

RSVP www.bidpal.net/SJAmagic19 or send a check to the school made payable to SJA PTO. Questions? Email: SJAPTO.44022@gmail.com.

Office of Faith Formation

A blessed and healthy New Year to all our families!

PSR Classes: Kindergarten-High School Theology

*PSR classes resume on Sunday, January 6, 2019 for Kindergarten-High School and on Monday, January 7, 2019 for Grades 1-6.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We will not have Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, December 30. We will resume Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany!

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Confirmation Candidates' 5th Instructional Session is Thursday, January 17, 2019 in the Gym from 6:30-8:15pm. Candidates need to bring their red folders to each session.

*Service Project Record Forms are due the last instructional session on Thursday, February 14. Hand in your completed Service Forms when all your hours have been completed. Thank you!

Family Religion Program will hold the **first (of two) required** assessment meetings on Sunday January 13, 2019 in the Church Hall from 12 noon to 1:30pm. Parent and child attend and participate. Bring textbook and parent guidebook.

"eGiving" : 3 options for automated giving!

- 1). Via the SJA eGiving **website**
- 2). Use a **smart phone** and the "GivePlus" app available on the Apple App store or Google Play store.
- 3). Complete a **paper authorization form**.

eGiving

For more details visit:

<http://www.stjoanofarcchurch.org/eGiving>

NOTE: Parishioners currently enrolled in automated giving will transition to the new payment system on January 1st. Contact Paula at 440.247.7183, ext. 16 if you would like to make any changes.

Mass Celebrant

January 5/6

4:30 PM Fr. Gary
9:00 AM Fr. Gary
11:00 AM Fr. James C.

Subject to change

December 23

186 Envelopes Used

Cash/Checks	\$18,205
ACH	<u>2,589</u>
Total	\$20,794

Thank you for your support!



St. Joan of Arc Catholic School News

By Mrs. Shelley DiBacco,
School Principal

Faith. Academics. Excellence.



Our school staff and students are taking a welcome deep breath after the busyness of the Christmas season. And looking forward to a few big events in the coming weeks and months! Here are two we are especially excited about

Sunday, January 27: 12:00 - 2:00 PM School Open House

Please invite your friends and relatives with school-age children to our annual Open House. For over 50 years, the faculty and staff of St. Joan of Arc Catholic School have instilled within each student a life-long desire to learn, lead, and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our hard work and success are reflected in our designation as a national "Blue Ribbon School" and the number of families who choose to send each child to St. Joan of Arc School.

Visitors will tour the classrooms and see numerous examples of academic excellence and student creativity. The new high tech, high touch "MakerSpace" will be a highlight of the visit. Come one, come all!

"The Penguin Project" is returning with a brand-new show!

St. Joan welcomed the Penguin Project into the school in 2017 with a standing ovation performance of the musical "Annie". This spring, a magical and touching celebration of the human spirit will unfold as our school, Chagrin Valley Little Theatre and the Penguin Project come together once again to perform a modified version of the well-known play, "The Wizard of Oz".

Our production will be quite unique, however, because all the roles will be filled by children with developmental disabilities. The Penguin Project, founded by Dr. Andrew Morgan, focuses on giving children with disabilities the chance to experience musical theatre in all its glory! It provides a beautiful opportunity for children with and without special needs to work together towards one common goal: show business. The Penguin Project utilizes a "peer mentor" system, linking each young artist with an age-level peer who does not have a disability. The peer-mentors work side-by-side with their partners, assisting them throughout the entire rehearsal process and on stage.

Stay tuned for more information on specific dates and times. We can't wait to transform the Olsavsky Center into the wonderful city of Oz!!

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 30

9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve

4:30 PM Mass

Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day

9:00 AM Mass

Wednesday, January 2

NO MORNING MASS

Thursday, January 3

8:00 AM Mass

Friday, January 4

8:00 AM Mass

Saturday, January 5

4:30 PM Vigil Mass
3:15 PM Confessions (Church)

10:00 AM CYO 7 GB

11:00 AM CYO 6 BB

12:00 PM CYO 5 GB

1:00 PM CYO 4 GB

Sunday, January 6

9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

Parish Rosary Program

Week of December 23

2018 Total: 1,067

Thanks to all those who participated in this prayer program. We will discontinue counting the number of rosaries prayed in 2019 but truly treasure your ongoing prayer support.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE ARTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE for decorating the church for Christmas and making it look so beautiful!

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 30 Holy Family

9:00 AM Janos Szigeti (Ilkanich)
and the Parishioners of SJA
11:00 AM Vivian Brady (DiStaulo)

Monday, December 31

4:30 PM Jo Ann Horvath (Family)

Tuesday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary

9:00 AM Glenn Bomback (Florkiewicz)

Wednesday, January 2

NO MORNING MASS

Thursday, January 3

8:00 AM Gary Queen (Nally)

Friday, January 4

8:00 AM Edward Steigerwald (Brail)

Saturday, January 5

4:30 PM Eddy Giordano (Zelenik)

Sunday, January 6 Epiphany

9:00 AM Janos Szigeti (Ilkanich)
and the Parishioners of SJA
11:00 AM Bonnie Tanko (Seif)



Garden of Life

The Garden of Life is an outdoor landscaped garden located in front of the rectory. Whether you are an individual, family, or parish group, all are welcome to enjoy its beauty or use as a scenic environment to pray. It features a Walking Rosary and benches to sit and observe God's creation.

Many of the stones and benches have been dedicated in loving memory to family. Full size and half bricks are available for those who wish to remember an event or loved one. Bricks have been engraved for anniversaries, in memory, graduating class, ordination, in thanks, etc. For more information call the parish office 440-247-7183.

The Garden of Life Committee maintains the grounds during its peak seasons. Volunteers are needed to weed, thin, and plant annuals. To volunteer contact Samantha Taylor: samvanilla@hotmail.com



Youth Ministry

Happy New Year!

Thank-you to everyone for participating in Youth Ministry so far, and I'm so excited for 2019!



WE have had some wonderful events planned for this year.

Have a joyful, safe New Year and see you soon!. Allie

NEWS & EVENTS

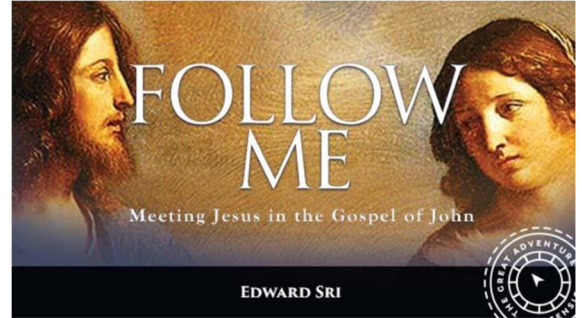
Bible Study

Begins Thursday, January 3 from 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Please join us for an eight week study session focused on the Gospel of John. Held in the rectory basement with interesting discussions and wonderful dvd teachings.

\$15 fee for study guide.

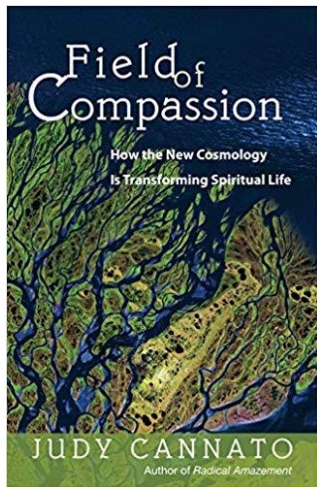
To register email mpvalencic@gmail.com.



Weekly Book Discussion Group

Begins Thursday, January 17 from 7:00 to 8:15 PM

Some books are best read slowly and thoughtfully, making notes in the margins as thoughts or questions come to mind, then discussing those thoughts with others. That's how this group moves through books by current and contemporary authors on Christian Spirituality.



Our next book is **Field of Compassion by Judy Cannato**. Cannato puts the "new cosmology" – the dialogue between the scientific and religious accounts of the universe – in plain language and links it to Christian theology. She convincingly connects the so-called Universe Story – the scientific theories that say all life is connected and evolving toward a "new consciousness" of the oneness of all things – with the Christian story, especially the theology of Karl Rahner and Jesus' teaching about a this-worldly kingdom of God.

If you would like to participate, we meet Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:15 PM, in the Rectory basement beginning **January 17**. Purchase the book and read the introduction and Chapter 1 for the first meeting. If you miss a meeting just keep up with the reading and come when you can.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Please RSVP your interest to Matt Valencic (440-338-7177 or mmvalencic@roadrunner.com) so we get an idea of space requirements.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY LEADERS

We are discovering that some of the information posted on the church's website: <http://www.stjoanofarcchurch.org> is outdated. Ministry contact names have changed, meeting dates and/or times have changed etc. It's important to keep the website current and fresh so that parishioners - especially those that are new - have the information they need to be active in a parish ministry. We also plan on doing a "Spotlight On" each ministry in the bulletin and need to make sure what we are publishing is accurate.

Please verify the website content for your respective ministries and send any changes to the parish email address: stjoanchagrin@gmail.com.

Many thanks for your help!!