

St. Joan Of Arc Church

496 East Washington Street •



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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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
Mrs. Amanda T. Haberman Pastoral Minister
Mr. Ralph Holtzhauser, Director of Music
Rev. Gary J. Malin, Pastor
Mr. Daniel L. Mitchell, Principal
Rev. John R. Olsavsky, Retired Pastor

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's Desk

Greetings of Peace.

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Mass with the distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 9 AM and 7 PM. We will also have a 12 noon Prayer Service/Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Ashes. Thank you for noting our Ash Wednesday schedule.



In Lent, St. Joan of Arc will once again have **Stations of the Cross** at 6:30 PM on certain Friday evenings. This year Stations will be prayed on the four (4) Fridays in the month of March during Lent: March 6, 13, 20, and 27. A simple "soup supper" in the parish hall will follow stations.



In Lent, Catholics are to **Abstain from Meat** on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent (including Good Friday). It is also a sign of the unity of our faith and the practice of our faith as a Catholic community when we all abstain on the same day. We also **Fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

More of 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 and older are to **Abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays in Lent.

It might be good to consider **the "deeper meaning" of some of our Lenten practices.**

What does it mean to Abstain and why do we do it? To abstain is to not eat meat. Its purpose is to be an act of penance and sacrifice that helps us grow in freedom to make much bigger sacrifices. Of course, it would not make sense to make the sacrifice of not eating meat, and then eat a wonderful meal which I might enjoy even more. It should be noted that many people in this world cannot afford to eat meat or do not have access to it. Part of our abstaining from meat can place us in solidarity with so many of our sisters and brothers around the world.

What does it mean to Fast and why do we Fast? To fast is to do without food. Its purpose is to experience the effects of not eating. It also serves to be a penance or a sacrifice - to strengthen us. When we don't eat, for even a little while, we get hungry. It is not that our fasting "earns" God's attention, but by fasting, we clarify our thinking and our feeling. It is purifying and prepares us to pray more deeply by asking God to fill us with his love so we can share this love with others.

Of course, fasting is not recommended that anyone with impaired health. It is also important that everyone who fasts should drink enough fluids on a fast day.

Some may choose to give things up for Lent. We might remember giving up candy when we were younger (or we still do!). This can be a real sacrifice.

There are other things we can do (or "give up") in Lent. We can commit ourselves to give up judging others. It could be giving up a bad habit we've developed. **For still others it may be the choice of not giving up something, but to add something to our daily lives during Lent.** We may commit ourselves to extra prayer time, or do some service for the poor, or choosing not to go out to eat one night a week, and to give that total amount to the poor.

Whether it is fasting, abstaining or other acts of penance, these practices are meant to help us grow closer to our Lord and to prepare ourselves "to celebrate the paschal mystery with minds and hearts renewed." May our Lord bless us all on this Lenten journey.



I have had numerous requests to clarify **the "teaching" on our Posture at mass.** Here is a brief summary. After the Our Father, we are to **REMAIN STANDING** through the Lord's Prayer, the Rite of Peace, Lamb of God, praying "Lord I am not worthy," and through the communion procession and reception of Holy Communion - until all have received the Eucharist. **After the last person has received communion (in the communion procession) we may then SIT or KNEEL for a time personal prayer and reflection.**

During the community's reception of Holy Communion all are called to participate and share in the communion song. **"Now is the time to process and sing together."** The song is our prayer! **We are united in posture, gesture, words, song, and movement!** The time for our personal prayer or thanksgiving is after all have received Holy Communion.

Another note about our posture - particularly for the procession and receiving Holy Communion. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has determined that **the normative posture for receiving Communion is standing**. The faithful process to receive communion as a "pilgrim people." **When it is time to receive communion, approach the communion minister and BOW** as the minister presents the Body of Christ (or Blood of Christ). Respond **AMEN**, then **RECEIVE**. **BOWING** is the appropriate act of reverence. No other gesture (such as genuflecting) is necessary or appropriate. These norms may require some adjustment on the part of those who have been used to other practices. However the significance of **unity in posture and gesture** as a symbol of our unity as members of the one body of Christ should be the governing factor in our own actions.

Finally, might I offer another reminder of the importance to stay home if anyone is sick with a cold, the flu, or some other contagious disease or illness. Medical professionals say that isolating yourself as much as possible is a good idea. Sharing faith is good. Sharing germs is not!



Have a great week, a good beginning of Lent, and Blessings & Peace,

Fr. Gary

REVERSE RAFFLE

The first Annual St. Joan of Arc School Reverse Raffle will take place during the School Auction this February 29th. Grand Prize is \$5,000.00! Reverse Raffle tickets are \$50.00 each (cash or check to SJA PTO).

Hurry to <http://bidpal.net/arctoberfest>. now to get yours today! **Only 300 tickets will be sold!!!!**

Our Giving Pantry - Revitalized 2020



As we are entering the Lenten Season, you may want to consider "Giving rather than giving up." Maybe when you are shopping, look for BOGO sales and bring the extra to the church. Going to Costco? Why not pick up something in bulk and share?

Items needed are salmon, tuna, chicken, stew, rice, noodles, pasta, spaghetti sauce w/meat, dry soup mixes, cereal, dried fruit, raisins, peanuts, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, tea, crackers and cookies. Hand soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, Depends, feminine products, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, laundry detergent, fabric softener, dish soap.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time February 23

9:00AM The SJA Parishioners

11:00AM Alex Toth (Family)

Monday, February 24

8:00AM Therese Szabo (Ross)

Tuesday, February 25

9:00AM Hattie Pizzi (Women's Guild)

Ash Wednesday, February 26

9:00AM Rose Paterak (Friends)

7:00PM Tom & Marcia Platten (Coleman)

Thursday, February 27

8:00AM Tucker Marston (Florkiewicz)

Friday, February 28

8:00AM Linda M. Schmidt (Friend)

Saturday, February 29

4:30PM Agnes Ranuser (daughter)

February

Sunday

February 23

9:00AM Mass
11:00AM Mass

Monday

February 24

8:00AM Mass
6:30PM Parish
Council
(R)

Tuesday

February 25

9:00AM Mass
9:15AM MPT (OC)
10:30AM Lenten
Book
Club (H)
3:30PM Penguin
Project
(OC)

Ash Wednesday

February 26

9:00AM Mass
12:00PM Prayer
Service with Ashes
7:00PM Mass

Thursday

February 27

8:00AM Mass
3:30PM Penguin
Project

Friday

February 28

8:00AM Mass

Saturday

February 29

3:30PM Confession
4:30PM Vigil Mass

Charitable Giving Made Easy!

Simply scan our "QRC" to be connected
to the St. Joan of Arc e-giving site:



Women's Lenten Book study



"The Gargoyle Code" by Fr. Dwight Longenecker. Please join us on Tuesday mornings in the Parish Hall at 10:30am starting February 25th for our Lenten book study.

All are welcome! First session is a casual Fat Tuesday brunch. Book discussion starts March 3rd.

For more information call Jen Kler 440-554-6410.



Arctoberfest



It's coming soon! The SJA's PTO Annual Fundraiser is happening on February 29. Don't miss this wonderful evening to support St. Joan of Arc School.

There will be German food, music, a DJ and amazing items to bid on, including a trip to San Francisco and a tour of Rome with accommodations, a private Vatican tour and Papal audience tickets! Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased online at: <http://bidpal.net/arctoberfest>.

Praying on Empty

Presented by: Sr. Kathleen Glavich

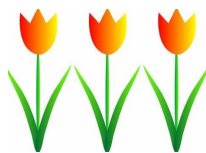
Praying on Empty? What does it mean? Join us on Thursday March 19th from 8-1 at the Saint Joan of Arc Parish Hall to learn new ways to reconnect and re-energize your prayer life. **All Welcome!**

The cost of a \$10 donation includes a Continental Breakfast and a Delicious Catered Lunch. We will begin right after 8AM mass.

Please RSVP to Amanda Haberman, Pastoral Minister at ahaberman@stjoanofarc.org or 440-247-1141.



The Women's Guild Annual Spring Luncheon



The Women's Guild Annual Spring Luncheon is Wednesday, April 29th at the Hillbrook Club. Please Save the Date for this fun event!! We need Silent Auction items, and would appreciate any suggestions that you might have to help us out.

Please call Sally 216-832-6243 or Janeen 440 725-7302.

Parish School of Religion

PSR Evaluation Reports

All **signed PSR Evaluation reports** need to be handed in by **March 1/2 the latest**.


Called to Protect—Praesidium Program

The final class for our Praesidium Program is Sunday, February 23 (Grade 7) and Monday, March 2 (Grades K-5). Thank you for your support!

Monday PSR Classes – Grades K-6

There are **no PSR classes for Gr. K-6 on Monday, February 24**, since there are no classes for those who attend Chagrin Schools in K-6 that day. Thank you!

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 prayer, 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 1/2**. **Ash Wednesday is February 26**. **THANK YOU** for your support and generosity for this wonderful and much needed Lenten Project!

Confirmation Spirit Day Retreat

THANK YOU, Adam Lesko, Confirmation Retreat facilitator, Allie Gall, our Youth Minister, who assisted Adam and our parents and Catechists who were Table Leaders.

THANK YOU, Fr. Gary and the **priests** who came to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our Candidates, and our **parents** and **sponsors** who joined us for the afternoon session. The Spirit Day Retreat for our Confirmation Candidates was a wonderful, spiritual and fun experience of God's Goodness and the grace of the Holy Spirit!



ALL ABOARD!!
SAVE THE DATE!



VACATION BIBLE CAMP
JUNE 15 - 19, 2020

Mass Celebrant

Feb 29/March 1

4:30PM
Fr. Gary J. Malin

9:00AM
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11:00AM
Fr. Gary J. Malin

Spring Sports Registration

The CYO is forming teams for Track & Field – 3-8th Grade Girls and Boys (Head coach – Yvonne Pecka, ypecka@gmail.com) And Baseball – 5-6th Grade Boys. Practices may begin after February 21st. The Season will start March 21st thru May 24th.

To Register/update each athlete go to <https://sja.e-ppe.com> or use the link on our Parish website.



Collection

Feb 15/16

Cash/Checks
\$8,699.39

E-Giving
\$3,329.00

Total \$12028.39

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is putting on the Stations of the Cross and a soup supper for the parish on Friday, March 6. We are looking for 10-15 teens to be in the Stations, and 6-7 families to bring a crockpot of vegetarian soup and/or a loaf of bread to share with the parish. Rehearsal is Friday, February 28 at 7pm. Please contact Allie to sign up. You can email her at agall@stjoanofarc.org, call her office at 440-247-4316, or sign up using the clipboard outside her office. Please sign up by February 27.



Another huge thank you to everyone in the parish that donated to Souper Bowl of Caring! We exceeded our goal of \$2020, and we were able to give it all to Chagrin Falls Park Community Center. We were able to restock their food pantry and help pay for repairs to their facility.



Youth Ministry also wants to recognize all of our candidates for Confirmation! We are praying for all of you, especially in your final three weeks as you finish your preparation for the Sacrament!

With summer fast approaching as well, keep an eye out for information about our summer programming! More to come in the next month!

Upcoming Events

March 4



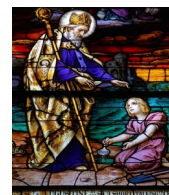
Welcoming the Stranger – A Panel Presentation on Immigration. The Catholic Church *is* an immigrant Church with a long history of embracing diverse newcomers and providing assistance and pastoral care to immigrants, migrants, refugees and people on the move. For in this encounter, we encounter Christ.

Panel Topics will include: Scriptural foundations for receiving the immigrant, some history of the Church regarding migrants & immigrants, Church doctrine and teaching on immigration, legal issues today and a personal witness. Panel Presenters will include: Sr. Rita Mary Harwood, Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life; Kelly Davis; Brian Hoffman, Diocesan Legal Office.

Bring a willingness to learn, an open heart & your questions. 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Holy Angels Church

March 19

The Institute of Catholic Studies at John Carroll University invite you to hear the lecture: "Faithful Citizenship: What Would Augustine Say?" given by Rev. James T. Bretzke, S.J., S.T.D, Professor of Theology, John Carroll University.



This lecture will be held on Thursday, March 19 at 7:30pm. in the LSC Conference Room of the DJ Lombardo Student Center at John Carroll University. This lecture is free and open to the public.