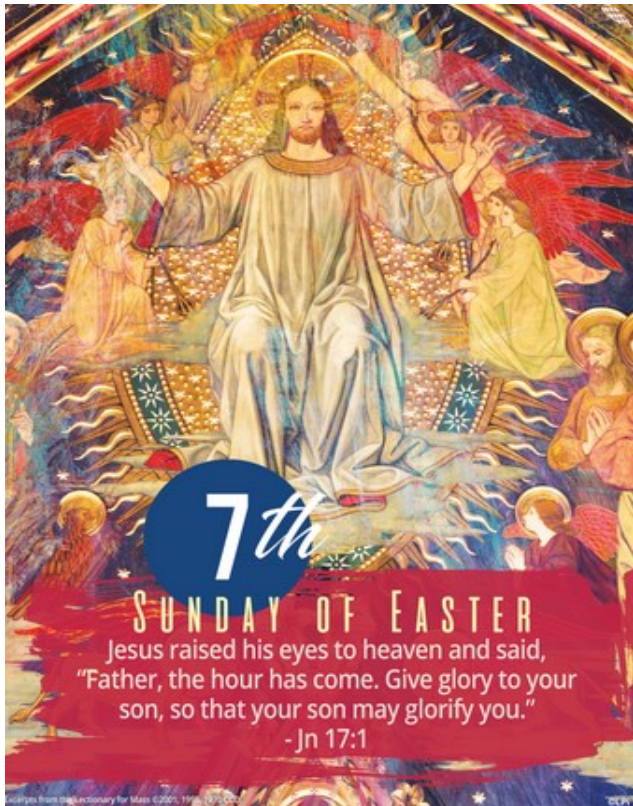


St. Joan Of Arc Church

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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Mr. Ralph Holtzhauser, Director of Music
Rev. Gary J. Malin, Pastor
Mr. Daniel L. Mitchell, Principal
Rev. John R. Olsavsky, Retired Pastor

Weekend mass:

The Diocese of Cleveland and the Bishops of Ohio have cancelled all masses in our diocese and throughout our state.

Weekday mass:

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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*).
Contact Deacon Jeff at440-376-9177

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



Greetings of Peace.

The Diocese of Cleveland and the Ohio Bishops indicated that, where feasible, public **weekend mass can resume on Pentecost weekend, May 30-31**. And so **we will have mass in church at St. Joan of Arc on Saturday and Sunday, May 30-31**, following our normal weekend mass schedule. At the same time, we will need to follow some clearly established guidelines for our gatherings which have been elicited by the Diocese. (Some of them are similar to some rules at restaurants and other places where people gather together). *More on those guidelines, below.*

Public daily mass will resume on Monday June 1.

First of all, the Ohio Bishops and the Diocese of Cleveland **have dispensed all of us from the obligation of attending mass** during the pandemic.

Moreover, and let me be very clear, **the Diocese of Cleveland has stated** (about coming to public mass):

"The pandemic is not over, and attending Mass will not be free of risk of contracting COVID-19. Parishes have all been educated on increased cleaning and sanitation practices, and attendance will be limited and subject to reasonable safety requirements (such as social distancing and face mask requirements); nevertheless, anyone who attends a public gathering, including a public Mass or other liturgy, must recognize that there will always be a risk that they could contract COVID-19 despite all of the precautions that will be taken to reduce that risk. As such, individuals who are in high-risk categories are strongly encouraged not to attend Mass at this time. Likewise anyone feeling sick or experiencing symptoms of illness should stay at home. Do not expect that being in a sacred space will make you immune to COVID-19 or that God will prevent you from contracting COVID-19 at church. We should have absolute trust in the God's divine providence, but we must also recognize that God does not promise us that this life will be free of suffering, disease, or death." (Diocesan e-Newsletter, May 15, 2020)

Again, **those who are ill or are "at risk" should not come to church**, especially if they are experiencing the following:

- * Shortness of breath
- * Loss of sense of taste or smell
- * Cough
- * Runny nose
- * Sore Throat
- * Fever



- * Age
- * Compromised immune system
- * Medical condition due to diabetes
- * Side effects from any medications
- * More



As mentioned above, there are **some clear directives that churches in the Diocese of Cleveland are to follow when we do resume public mass**. This guidance may be updated as we learn more. We are doing this for the first time, and will have a lot to learn from the process.

Some of the guidelines include:

Masks or face-coverings will be required by all who come to mass. This is **IMPORTANT! All members of the faithful who are two years of age and older will need to bring and wear their own appropriate face covering to attend mass.**

Eucharistic ministers will wear face coverings (and possibly gloves) while distributing Holy Communion. Likewise, **ushers** will also wear their masks and gloves.

Attendance at mass will be limited to 50% of our church capacity. I am not sure that 50% is an accurate number since we have been instructed to block off at least half of our pews. That, in itself, is 50% reduced church capacity. Then with social distance and the like we will have the ability for even fewer people at mass. Of course, less people at church can help reduce the spread of any contagion and to assure compliance with social distancing requirements. Still, I am not sure about the 50% number. It seems like we can accommodate less.

All will enter and exit through the main doors of the Gathering Area. All other doors are "emergency exit only."

Social distancing will be practiced. Pews will be closed off to achieve proper social distancing. Individuals who are not members of the same household will need to **be seated at least 6-feet away in all directions from other households and individuals.**

The **Loft and Cry Room will be closed.**

We will also need to **maintain social distancing while processing, receiving, and returning from Communion.**

Clear directions will be given for the reception of Holy Communion.

Reception of Holy Communion will be a challenge. We ask that everyone would receive communion in the hand. That allows us to keep a safer distance from each other (and it is for the protection of the one who distributes communion as well as the one who receives communion). Those who must receive in the mouth may be asked to receive communion at the end of the communion line.

*Those who are **gluten intolerant or have "special needs" for the reception of Holy Communion** should make arrangements with the pastor.*



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Signs will be posted and we will provide markings on the floor giving directions (similar to what we may see at stores and other places) **to facilitate proper movement and social distancing.**

Parts of the mass will look different. There will not be an Offertory Procession with the Gifts of Bread and Wine. Physical greetings like the Rite of Peace will be omitted. The Precious Blood will not be offered at communion. Collection baskets will not be passed. (Parishioners are encouraged to give online; we will provide a common collection basket in which your envelope or donation can be placed upon your arrival or departure from mass. **Thank you so much for supporting our parish with your offerings – especially at this time!**)

Sanitization practices will be in place. While hand sanitizer will be available for parishioners to use, **all are encouraged to bring your own hand sanitizer.**

Hymnals, missalettes, other books, papers, bulletins, pamphlets, and such will not be in the church, pews, or gathering area. We may have some “paper parish bulletins” available and distributed by our ushers. (Note: our parish bulletin is available online at our parish website, StJoanOfArcChurch.org).

People will need to leave immediately after the celebration of mass so we can clean and sanitize the building and pay particular attention to “high touch” areas.

Church will be closed and locked at all times other than during mass – and will be locked even during the week – because of the need for cleanliness, sanitation, and to prevent any risk of contagion.

Coffee and Donuts (as well as “before and after mass socials”) are discontinued until further notice.

After mass, families and individuals should depart the church promptly and in an organized manner, wearing masks, and observing six feet of distance between other individuals or households. Ushers may need to direct this process.

We are not returning to “business as usual” in church.

Again, what we do in **church will not “look or feel” like it did before.** Just like at stores and other places, **all of us will need to be attentive to these directives for the safety and well-being of everyone.**

Ultimately, we are all called to look out for each other. **“Re-Entry into church” will proceed carefully.** As I mentioned, above, mass will look and feel different than what we experienced before.

I anticipate our lives will be shaped by these guidelines for quite some time. And we will need to adjust our procedures as we move forward. We all face difficult choices between varying needs and imperatives. Yes, we need to revive the economy, seek some sense of normalcy in our lives (and in our church) and, at the same time, be attentive to the what we need to do (and not do) in this public health pandemic. If we don’t continue our efforts to contain the virus, a new wave of infections and deaths may well cause further damage, and we will lose what we’ve gained from the measures we’ve already taken.

Yes, by resuming our public gathering for mass, we are taking a risk. I have previously written, a terrible scenario is that someone could get sick because of contagion at mass. We need to do this "Re-Entry" well and **each of us must do our part and take all the necessary precautions.**

I will continue to celebrate a "personal mass" (in private) each day for you and your intentions and to satisfy scheduled mass intentions until we gather together again in church. I truly mean it when I say **you are in my heart and in my prayers.**

Let us be patient in the midst of "all this" and persevere in faith and in prayer. Remember, we are on this adventure together.

Blessings and **Easter Peace,**

Fr. Gary

A postscript:
Looking ahead to Confessions on Saturday May 30,

I have come up with **some tentative "Procedures for Confessions"** when confessions resume on Saturday May 30. Let's see how they work. *(Confessions at St. Joan of Arc are generally on Saturdays at 3:30 PM – until all are heard. If confessions take some time, they may need to conclude so Father can prepare for mass.)*

There will be at a confession station in the front of the church.

- * **Everyone must wear a mask or face-covering.**
- * **Be Brief.** *This is not a time for extended conversation or pastoral counseling. Each confession should be no more than a couple of minutes.*
- * **If others are waiting, maintain 6-foot social distance**

Option 1

For those who desire to go to confession "Face to Face," the priest will be seated in a chair behind the screen; approach "around the screen" and sit in the chair that is about 6-feet from the priest. Please do not touch the chair with your hands. Please do not come any closer to the priest. *(Let's not share any germs.)*

Option 2

For those wishing to go "behind the screen," approach and remain standing about 3-feet from the screen. Do not touch the screen or the wooden frame of the screen.



Fr. Gary will celebrate mass "in private" and will satisfy the intentions for the masses that have been scheduled.

**Sunday
May 24
The Ascension of the Lord**

The deceased members of Semen (Tominc)

Parishioners of St. Joan of Arc

**Monday,
May 25**
Michael Janero (McCune)

**Tuesday,
May 26**
Mary Lou Renswick (Favret)

**Wednesday,
May 27**
No Mass

**Thursday,
May 28**
Doris Cupp (Haberman)

**Friday,
May 29**
Anne Chrow (McCune)

**Saturday
May 30**
Nora Moriarty (Moriarty)

and the back wall of the church (with your back to "the congregation"). Speak to the priest so he can hear you, but not so loudly that others might hear. Be brief.

- * Enter and leave church through the Main Doors
- * After confession go directly to your car and do your penance there (or at home)
- * If you stay in church, be sure to keep at least 6-feet away from anyone else and sanitize your place before leaving

Some "dos and don'ts" for receiving the sacrament under the current circumstances:

DO stay at home if you are ill with anything contagious, especially if you are showing symptoms of the COVID-19 coronavirus. There will be other opportunities to have your confession heard when you are well.

DO take your temperature before leaving home for confession. If you have a temperature above 100 degrees please do not come to confession. Wait until you are healthy.

DO stay at home if you are of an age or have other factors that put you in the "high risk" category for getting the COVID-19 coronavirus. Your confession may be heard in the future.

DO use your own hand sanitizer

DO wear a mask. Everyone must wear a mask in church and for confession.

AVOID starting a line; practice social distance.

DO prepare for your confession at home. Each penitent has a few minutes for their confession to be heard.

DO keep your confession brief. Succinctly confess your sins.

Confession is a brief encounter with the forgiving Christ in the sacrament. DO NOT engage in conversation with the priest or seek "counsel" in the "confessional setting."

Remember in these extraordinary times, life is not "Business as usual."



Charitable Giving Made Easy!

There are lots of options for automated giving – choose what method works best for you

- 1). Scan our "QR" to be connected to the St. Joan of Arc e-giving site:



- 2). Visit the SJA eGiving page and click on the link to our **online giving site:**
<http://www.stjoanofarcchurch.org/eGiving.aspx>

Set up a password protected account to use for regular offertory, holy days of obligation, and special collections. You can make gifts with either a bank account or a credit card.

- 3). Use a **smart phone** and the "GivePlus" app available on the Apple App store or Google Play store.

Set up a password protected account to use for regular offertory, holy days of obligation, and special collections. You can make gifts with either a bank account or a credit card.

- 4). Complete a **paper authorization form**. Return the form to the Parish office and we'll process your regular Sunday offertory giving through the Parish Office.

Visit <http://www.stjoanofarcchurch.org/eGiving> for all the details.

Collection May 16/17

Cash/Checks	\$8,852.00
E-Giving	\$4,554.00
Total	\$13,406.00

*Thank you for your
generous support.!*