

St. Joan Of Arc Church

496 East Washington Street • Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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Weekend mass:

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Holy Day mass and Civic Holidays, see bulletin

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

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.

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.

Yes, we are still in the middle of this “public health crisis.” I have been reflecting on what we are experiencing and implications of “all this.” We are also in the middle of Lent.

To stay current, as of this writing (midday Monday March 23), we are to follow the same protocol as elicited in last week’s bulletin and considering the recent “Stay at Home” order from the State of Ohio.

no public mass or liturgies (all masses are cancelled at least through Holy Week and Easter) are to be celebrated; *the bishops have dispensed the faithful from the obligation of attendance at weekend mass during this time*

no regular scheduled confessions

all are encouraged to pray regularly – individually and/or as a family – and make a “spiritual communion”

televised or online mass and devotions may provide some comfort during this difficult time;

mass is available “on demand” from “Word on Fire” (from Bishop Robert Barron) and the Diocese of Cleveland is now livestreaming a mass daily at 9:30 AM on the diocesan website

all parish gatherings, classes, sessions and meetings at St. Joan of Arc are cancelled - regardless of the number of attendees/participants

for those who are ill (or encountered those who are ill) please call your doctor immediately, quarantine yourself, and follow health care protocol and directives; all of us should practice good hygiene

here at St. Joan of Arc we ask everyone to please stay out of the church as we strive to do our best to sanitize all surfaces in the church, gathering area, hall, bathrooms, sacristies, Eucharist chapel, and more

we may need to address our parish office hours– for the good of our employees as well as the social norms and governmental guidelines (which are regularly updated)

when we begin to celebrate “public mass” again, it is apparent that precautionary measures will be followed

until such time when we celebrate “public mass,” our parish scheduled mass intentions will be satisfied by Fr. Gary – who will celebrate mass “in private”

each of us can do our part to slow down this epidemic and strive to protect the common good for the people of God at St. Joan of Arc and our wider community

Moreover, we are receiving numerous guidelines and directives from the Diocese of Cleveland, the Bishops of Ohio, Governor DeWine, the CDC, the USA, and others. (Yes, it is very important to be attentive and aware of what we are asked to do and to be “practical and prudent” in matters of public health.)

In the midst of all this, my plan was to write about “perspective,” what I can learn, and how we all can grow as we are going through this unique time, together.

As I was communicating with some priest-friends, I encountered some thoughts called "**5 Spiritual Lessons to Learn From This Crisis.**" Very timely!

These are some reflections from Fr. Paul Sheller, OSB. (Fr. Sheller is the Subprior at Conception Abbey in Missouri and Dean of Spiritual Formation at Conception Seminary College). Fr. Paul writes:

...In every challenge, there are deeper spiritual lessons that we can learn. I hope that we take full advantage of the opportunity to learn these 5 Spiritual Lessons from this crisis.

1. The Value of Authentic Relationships... "social distancing"...describes the measures taken to restrict when and where people can gather to stop or slow the spread of the infectious disease. Ironically, with the onset of social media and the smartphone, most people have been "socially distancing" themselves for the past several years. It was commonplace to see people together in close proximity completely (but) disengaged from one another and absorbed by their smartphone. Our world was increasingly a place of distraction and superficial relationships, longing for a deep sense of belonging and communion with one another. In our time of quarantine, we have the opportunity to reflect on how much we miss encountering others face-to-face without fear or danger. For now, our "social distancing" is a means of protecting them and ourselves – an act of love, not of rejection. May we learn to value our authentic interactions and come to see how life, especially our spiritual life, is a journey we undertake *with* others. We have to be willing to invest the time and energy to engage personally with other people and show interest in their lives that it may lead us to deeper communion.

2. Hunger for the Eucharist. ...with the suspension of all public masses...(which means) no access to the Eucharist. This news is troubling and disheartening to the lay faithful who are now unable to worship God as a community of faith and to receive the Eucharist. It is also troubling for the clergy who draw life from offering the Eucharist in the midst of their worshipping assembly. Take these feelings...to God in prayer and share with the Lord your desire...Allow your hunger for the Eucharist to deepen, and express sorrow for times past when you may have taken the Eucharist for granted or made poor excuses for not attending mass. Let your prayer not lead you to discouragement, but permit your love to increase for such a great gift as you beg the Lord to give you a heart that hungers for God alone. Make a spiritual communion by praying: *My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

3. Surrender to God and the Circumstances. A few weeks ago your greatest dilemma may have been where you were going to travel for spring or summer vacation. Many of our short-term plans are no longer feasible and each passing day raises more questions than answers. Many people have become accustomed to operating in an independent fashion, having strong control over nearly all of the circumstances in their life. Life has changed for now, and it is understandable that our lack of control may be disorienting and difficult to accept. Take your doubt, fear, frustration, anxiety, confusion, anger, and surrender it to God. Surrendering means that we resign the situation and our feelings to the Lord, trusting in faith that God can bring good about from our current crisis. The Lord can use even your suffering to bring about God's Divine Plan. We do not have to *like* the inconveniences, we do not have to *want* the suffering, but we should move to *accept* the reality and give it to God in prayer. Recall how Jesus prayed to the Father, "No one takes (my life) from me, but I lay it down on my own" (John 10/18). We can unite ourselves to Jesus in freely laying down the thoughts that arise in our





hearts. In our struggle to accept difficult events, one spiritual author provided us with an important principle: "We cannot change our lives effectively unless we begin by accepting them, welcoming them totally, and so consenting to all the external events that confront us" (Jacques Philippe, *Interior Freedom*, p. 44). Surrendering to God is a path that leads us to freedom and peace.

4. Detachment. Time in quarantine and more time at home might encourage us to spend our time indulging in news and social media (which only heightens our anxiety) or pleasure-seeking entertainment (which only temporarily numbs our pain). We have far more devices to pacify us and distract us during this time than any other period in history. Yet, there is great value in detaching from such means, or at least learning moderation, in order to spend time deepening one's relationship with God. When we are freed from distractions, we can begin to experience interior silence. Silence is the environment that allows you to properly listen to God's voice and to those around you. Many people are uncomfortable with silence or they find it awkward, which is why they fill their time with needless noise. We want to live as people who are interiorly free – no longer being enslaved or led by every impulse or attraction toward the many things suggested by our restless mind. This kind of freedom entails an absence of compulsion toward one thing or another. The Lord alone must be our ultimate end. Only a greater passion for the love of God can overcome these other attachments. The purpose is not merely to detach from *things*, but also to attach to God – relying on and trusting completely in God.

5. Greater Respect and Regard for All Human Life. By taking numerous precautions and challenging measures, people in the world seem to be working together to preserve and safeguard life. Life itself is a good – whether we are talking about the child in the womb, the poor and destitute, or the elderly...This global experience has the opportunity to help us put aside differences and unite us in a greater goal of preserving human life. Life is very frail and is an incredibly precious gift. As we seek to regard and acknowledge life as a gift, let us remember St. Paul's exhortation: "We hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us" (2 Cor 4/7). God is the giver of every life, and we invite the Lord to help us to learn these spiritual lessons during this difficult time.

Seems to me Fr. Paul has it right!

Let us take time to learn, grow, and strive to remain faithful – and look out for ourselves and each other.

Stay well. You are in my heart and in my prayers. Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary

Parish Office Hours

Parish office hours are subject to change for the good of our employees as well as the social norms and governmental guidelines.

Collection

March 22/23

Cash/Checks	\$2,100.39
E-Giving	\$3,224.00
Total	\$5,324.39

Thank you!

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

(The diocese has issued a directive that if a priest celebrates mass, no member of the faithful should be present.)

4th Sunday of Lent March 29

9:00AM Joan McKenna
(McCartan)
11:00AM The SJA Parishioners

Monday, March 30

8:00AM Skip Meehan (Burr)

Tuesday, March 31

9:00AM George Krug (Cusak)

Wednesday, April 1

No Mass

Thursday, April 2

8:00AM Joe Chismar (Gleason)

Friday, April 3

8:00AM Tracy Stokes (Stokes)

Saturday, April 4

4:30PM Helen and Bill Sabo

Charitable Giving Made Easy!

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

1). Scan our "QRC" 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.

A List of Resources

For online masses:

- www.dioceseofcleveland.org
- www.wordonfire.org
- www.ewtn.com



For Spring Cleaning donation:

- <http://www.svdpcle.org> - Vincent De Paul Society
- <http://lake-geaugahabitat.org> - Habitat for Humanity Re-Store
- womensafe.org - Women's Safe Re-sale Shop
- salvationarmy.org - Salvation Arm

For Prayer:

- <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

For Online Exercise:

- www.crossfit.com/at-home
- www.blogilates.com
- chagrinyoga.com

Other ideas for staying active:

- Ebooks -
www.cuyahogalibrary.org
geaugalibrary.net
www.overdrive.com



Protective Equipment Donation Center

Cuyahoga County announced the opening of a donation collection point in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the Stay at Home Order is in effect, if you have any of the following items, please consider a direct trip to the Donation Center to drop them off.

The State is encouraging medical practices such as veterinary clinics, dentists, elective surgery centers and other providers to donate surplus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to support first responders and critical operations occurring in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please bring any of the following items to the Donation Collection Center at 2501 Harvard Ave. in Newburgh Heights between 9:30 a m and 2:30 p m. Monday through Friday.

At this time, we have asked for donations of the following items.

- N95 masks
- Surgical masks
- Isolation Gowns
- Eye protection
- Face shields
- Nitrile gloves
- Disinfecting wipes
- Hand sanitizer



Again, please bring any of the items listed to the Donation Collection Center at 2501 Harvard Ave. in Newburgh Heights between 9:30 a m and 2:30 p m. Monday through Friday.

Residential property and land for sale



Please be advised that St. Joan of Arc Parish will be offering the residential property and land located at 456 E. Washington St. for sale within the near future.

Ahead of listing the property with a realtor, we are notifying contiguous property owners and registered St. Joan of Arc parishioners of our intent to sell. The property has an estimated market value of \$240,000.00. The home sits on .57 acre of land, was built in 1943, has approximately 2,700 square feet of living space and will be sold in "as is" condition.

Should you be seriously interested in perhaps purchasing the property, please contact me at paulastjoan@gmail.com to set a time and date to tour the property and, if applicable, arrange a date for an independent inspection. For safety and privacy, there is no inspection of the property without making an appointment ahead of time. No phone calls, please.

Interested parties have until May 15, 2020 to present a Letter of Interest which should contain a purchase price offer and any specific terms and conditions for the purchase. St. Joan of Arc Parish will work with the Diocese of Cleveland Legal Office on the requisite formal legal sale/purchase documents. The Letter of Interest should be mailed to:

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