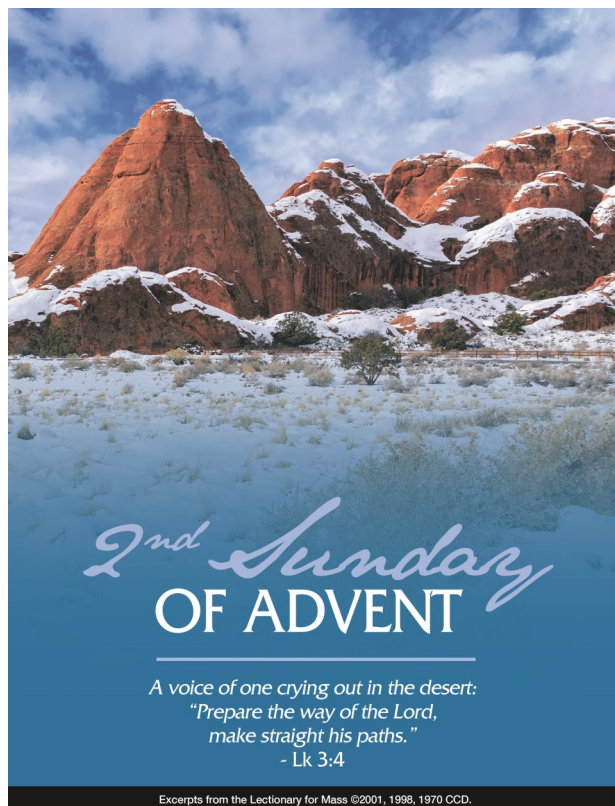


St. Joan Of Arc Church

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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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 the church).

Please contact the Parish office.

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 the second week of Advent.

This week is our **Advent Communal Penance Service on Tuesday December 11 at 7:00 PM (with St. Rita, at St. Rita)**. This "shared penance service" affords us an opportunity to pray together and receive the sacrament of Penance (Confession) from a number of priests who will be participating. Please join us for this celebration of the love and forgiveness of the Lord, who comes with mercy and salvation!

This is also the second weekend of our revised weekend mass schedule here at St. Joan of Arc:

- Saturday mass continues to be celebrated at 4:30 PM
- Sunday masses are 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Thank you for your faith and participation in our weekend masses and in the life of our parish.

Two Sunday masses, coupled with our Saturday mass, will accommodate our parish and provide options for mass attendance. Our revised schedule will meet the "pastoral needs" of St. Joan of Arc Parish and, at the same time, help make a "reasonable work load" for our pastor, as a "one priest parish."

The **Giving Tree** is up in our Gathering Area. Please take a tag and bring that gift to church next weekend, Sunday December 16 (which is "Giving Sunday"). We will receive your generous gifts which will certainly help make the Christmas Season more joyous for those who really need joy. The gifts will be shared with the various agencies and services who will distribute the gifts to the recipients. Your kindness and generosity are so much appreciated :-). On behalf of those who receive your gifts - THANK YOU.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary

December 9th, 2018

How were the prophets able to predict the coming of Jesus, the Messiah?

The first reading for the Sundays of Advent is taken from Old Testament prophetic literature (with the exception of the reading from Samuel on the Fourth Sunday of Advent in Cycle B). These passages, along with many other prophetic literature, weren't intended as predictors of Jesus' birth, life, and mission.



It is unfortunate that prophecy is commonly understood as predicting the future. A more accurate way to understand prophetic literature is to see it as addressing social, political, and religious issues of the day. By taking on the mind and heart of God, prophets call people to more faithful covenant living. Modern-day prophets such as Gandhi, Martin Luther King, or Dorothy Day do the same.

So there is no predictions of Jesus in Jewish Scriptures; rather, what we have is the reinterpretation of prophetic texts by followers of Jesus who understood these texts in a new light as a result of their Jesus experience and belief. The original texts, written at a specific time to address specific issues, were later reinterpreted and understood to contain other meanings.

The process continues to our own day as we strive to apply the Scriptures to our twenty-first century faith reality. This is what makes the Bible a living text through which God continues to speak. Let us listen with open minds and hearts.

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eGiving

"eGiving" is here with 3 options for automated giving!

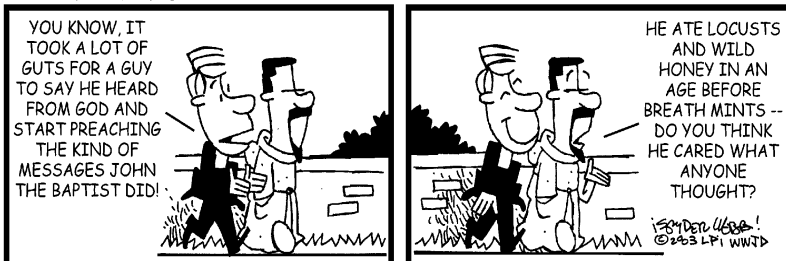
- Via the SJA eGiving website. You can make gifts with either a bank account or credit card.
- Download the "GivePlus" app on the Apple App store or Google Play store.
- Complete a paper authorization form. Return the form to the Parish office.

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

NOTE: Parishioners currently enrolled in automated giving will transition to the new payment system on January 1st.

Please contact Paula Aveni at 440-247-7183, ext. 16 if you would like to make any changes. Thanks!

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Notes from Deacon Denny

As we start a new and fresh advent in 2018, it is a time for pause, reflection, and re-memorizing our past ad-vents, the "lessons and carols" and in particular the family traditions that came with the preparation for Christmas, the coming of Jesus into our personal lives. In 1962, Pope John the XXIII, in a speech, looked at not only preparing for Christmas, but began his call to all of us toward keeping our rich "deposit of faith", sharing what we believe in new and fresh ways. Under-stand-ing and sharing our values in new ways, in the context of our changing cultures, with new stories and ways of faith sharing in order to meet the changing times which resulted in his call for Vatican II.

"What instead is necessary today is that the whole of Christian doctrine, with no part of it lost, be received in our times by all with a new fervor . . . that this doc-trine be more fully and more profoundly known and that minds be more fully imbued and formed by it. What is needed is that this certain and unchangeable doctrine, to which loyal submission is due, be investi-gated and presented in the way demanded by our times. For the deposit of faith, the truths contained in our venerable doctrine, are one thing; the fashion in which they are expressed, but with the same meaning and the same judgment, is another thing. This way of speaking will require a great deal of work and, it may be, much patience: types of presentation must be intro-duced which are more in accord with a teaching au-thority which is primarily pastoral in charac-ter." (Gaudet Mater Ecclesia). He was addressing the changes and consequences of the world in his day and the value he saw that Catholic teaching could provide.

And here we are today, with change in some ways hap-pening even faster. But his message should be an invi-tation to us all. Share your traditions and family sto-ries from your youth, share the context, share the joy. And most certainly, create new stories, new family traditions, celebrate the "Good News of Christmas", the JOY of family and friends. Have a cookie making party where everyone tells a story, decorate a tree with ornaments from your youth, invite someone to join your family for a special event, be creative, it's conta-gious!

Mass Celebrant

December 15-16

4:30 PM Fr. Dan S.
9:00 AM Fr. Gary
11:00 AM Fr. Gary

Subject to change

December 2, 2018

192 Envelopes Used

Cash/Checks	\$12,568
ACH	<u>1,599</u>
Total	\$14,167

Office of Faith Formation

Parish School of Religion

A PSR/Day School Advent Service Opportunity

Our PSR/Day School Advent Service Project: **"Sponsor a Family" Holiday Program** provides food and gifts to low income families and seniors in Geauga County. **THANK YOU** for the many gifts you have donated already! Your donations will bring hope to so many families in need this Christmas!

Donations can be sent to the Office of Faith Formation on Sunday/Monday, December 9/10. THANK YOU!

PSR Sunday Classes - Change of Time

Since our Mass schedule for Sunday has changed, beginning **December 2**, all **Kindergarten**, and **Gr. 7-8 classes begin at 10:00 AM and conclude at 10:55 AM**

Thank you for adapting to this new class time for Grades 7-8!

Sacrament of Confirmation

The 4th instructional session for our Confirmation candidates is **Thursday, December 13**, from 6:30-8:15 PM in the Parish Hall. *All registration forms, fee, baptismal certificates and confirmation sponsor forms should already have been handed in.

***Confirmation Name Projects are due at the December 13 instructional session.**

Advent Prayer Service

Our children in Grades 1-6 will participate in a special Advent Prayer Service on Monday, December 17, in the Gym from about 4:45-5:15 PM. We welcome parents to join us in prayer on December 17 as we anticipate the coming of Christ during this joyful season of Advent!

PSR Christmas Break

The last class before Christmas Break for Kindergarten-High School PSR is **Sunday/Monday, December 16/17**.

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



St. Joan of Arc Catholic School News

By Mrs. Shelley DiBacco,
School Principal



Faith. Academics. Excellence.

As we continue through the month of December, St. Joan of Arc Catholic School is immersed in the season of Advent, in anticipation of Christmas. As we begin this second week of Advent, we light the 2nd candle on our Advent Wreath. This candle, the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation, reminds us that God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus. As a school community we continue to prepare for Advent with daily Advent prayers and scripture readings on our morning broadcast and weekly Advent prayer services each Monday morning as we light our classroom Advent wreaths.



Our day school and our PSR students will participate in the "Sponsor a Family" holiday program to benefit Catholic Charities — Job and Family Services (JFS) of Geauga County. Your donations in the past have always been very generous. We trust our Advent service project will fill each of you with a deeper awareness of the hope and joy

you will bring to families in need. Please consider donating one or more of the following NEW items: **Toys:** all toys for children, birth through teenage. This includes books, games, educational toys, crafts, puzzles, sports equipment, and video games. No toy guns or violent video games. **Food:** Non-perishable food to pass out to families along with the gifts. The food items most needed are: peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, pasta, spaghetti sauce, soup (including Chunky soup), box meals (like Hamburger Helper), canned fruit, oatmeal, cereal, and juice. **Gift Cards:** JFS passes out gift cards to teens so cards from stores like Kohls, Best Buy, GAP, Aeropostale, Bath and Body Works, JC Penney, Game Stop, Dicks Sporting Goods, Old Navy, etc. are really helpful. JFS also distributes grocery store gift cards and "Get Go" gift cards. **Monetary donations:** Monetary donations are used to fill gaps and purchase items that were not donated, or that JFS ran out of. This includes meat, grocery items, paper products, and gift cards. Checks must be made payable to Special Services of Geauga County. Please include Sponsor a Family Project in the memo portion of the check. Thank you for your support.

Please mark your calendars for our Christmas band and choral concert on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Olsavsky Center. Students in grades kindergarten through 8th grade will be singing and band members who are in grades three through eight will also be performing. Thank you to our music teacher and our band and choral director, Mr. Mike Waddell, and our strings instructor, Mr. Dan Anderson for their hard work.



Science Fair Judges needed: Are you interested in encouraging young students appreciation for Science? Do you work as a scientist or engineer? Then please consider judging the Saint Joan of Arc Science Fair to be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 10 am until 2 pm at Saint Joan of Arc School. Science projects are often the first experiences that inspire students to work in the Science field. Come see the scientists of tomorrow! Mr. Nieves and our SJA students would greatly appreciate your support during this process. Please contact Mr. Nieves at stj Joan6@stjoanofarc.org or at 440-247-6530 if you would like to volunteer as a judge.

"Tis the season..." So many activities and responsibilities are calling for our time and attention. Hopefully each of us takes time to reflect and choose the things that really matter. As someone so aptly said, "It is the little things that become the big memories." Let us all take time for the little things and find the peace and joy in them as the days move toward Christmas.

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 9

Masses 9 AM and 11 AM
10:00 AM PSR (School)
10:00 AM 7&8th PSR (School)
12:00 PM High School Theology (School Library)
2:00 PM CYO - 6th Grade Blue
4:00 PM CYO - 4th Grade White
5:00 PM CYO - 3rd Grade White

Monday, December 10

8:00 AM Mass
4:30 PM PSR (School)
6:00 PM CYO (OC)
6:30 PM Parish Council (RB)

Tuesday, December 11

9:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Book Study (Hall)
4:30 PM CYO (OC)
7:00 PM Penance Service at St. Rita

Wednesday, December 12

NO MORNING MASS
12:00 PM Women's Guild Tea (H)
3:30 PM CYO (OC)
7:00 PM RCIA (Rectorry)
7:30 PM Boy Scouts (Hall)

Thursday, December 13

8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Bible Study (Rectorry)
3:30 PM CYO (OC)
6:30 PM Confirmation Mtg. (Hall)
7:00 PM Book Discussion (Rectorry)

Friday, December 14

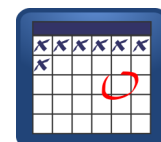
8:00 AM Mass
8:45 AM PTO (RB)
3:00 PM CYO (OC)

Saturday, December 15

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

Sunday, December 16

Masses 9 AM and 11 AM
10:00 AM PSR (School)
10:00 AM 7&8th PSR (School)
12:00 PM High School Theology (School Library)



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 9 - 2nd Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Janos Szigeti (Ilkanovich)
The Parishioners of SJA

11:00 AM Edward G. & Agnes Lentz (Family)

Monday, December 10 - Weekday

8:00 AM Armando Pablo Manero (Foley)

Tuesday, December 11 - Weekday

9:00 AM Anthony Lucarelli (Diturno & Family)

Wednesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

NO MORNING MASS

Thursday, December 13 - St. Lucy, Martyr

8:00 AM Albert Schoendinst (Nally)

Friday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

8:00 AM John & Agnes Kanusek (Daughter)

Saturday, December 15 - Vigil Mass

4:30 PM David J. Moriarty (Moriarty)

Sunday, December 16 - 3rd Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Janos Szigeti (Ilkanovich)
The Parishioners of SJA

11:00 AM Jim Mackey (Zamiska)

Parish Rosary Program

Week of December 9th

(number of rosaries prayed)

Weekly Total: 58

November Total: 675

2018 Total: 675

AREA NEWS

Just... BREATHE: An evening for children with special needs and their families

The Church of the Holy Angels is hosting a Christmas evening for children with special needs and their siblings. Children will enjoy a fun evening with a variety of Christmas activities, including a visit with Santa and his elves, and Emerald Ensemble from Aurora H.S.! Each child attending will be paired with a volunteer/buddy who will supervise them for the evening. Registration and volunteer forms can be found on the website at www.holyangelschurch.com. For additional information, please contact Karen Sunderhaft at 440-279-7617.



40 Days For Life

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2018 Fall Campaign of 40 Days for Life. 592 babies, mothers and families were spared from abortion, including the 2 babies in Cleveland/Painesville. There were 4 more abortion workers converted and 3 more abortion facilities that closed. Over the 11 years of 40 Days for Life, there have been 15,235 babies lives spared from abortion, 181 converted abortion workers, and 99 abortion facility closures. Praise God! We look forward to praying with you from March 6-April 14 in the 2019 spring campaign. God bless you and thank you.

— *John Noall*, campaign director

Youth Ministry

Middle School Youth Group – Don't forget about our **Advent and Christmas event on Sunday, December 16**. We'll be playing some games, learning about hope and how it connects to the holidays, and even putting together some surprises for those we visit while Christmas Caroling!

All students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for **Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 23**. We'll be meeting for **mass at 11:00 AM**, have lunch, and caroling at four skilled nursing and assisted living homes in Chagrin Falls. Ugly Christmas sweaters, costumes, props, etc. are all highly encouraged – the best look wins a prize!

Keep an eye out for a winter break boredom buster! We're tentatively looking at early January, and depending on weather, we'll be either ice skating or snow tubing!



Giving Sunday, December 16

*Thank you for your support in
this year's Giving Tree collection.
There is only one week left!*

*Please bring all gifts to
the Parish Hall on or before
December 16. Please make
sure gifts are wrapped
and tags are attached.*

*Your gifts will
go to families in
need this
Christmas
Season!*

*If you know someone who is sick or could use a
shawl, please call Nicole DeMille at 516-428-
4206.*

*The shawls are free and
made with love by members
of our Shawl Ministry.*



NEWS & EVENTS

Christmas Flowers

Flower donations are being accepted for the Christmas Season. You and your loved ones will be remembered in the Christmas bulletin this year. Please print all names clearly. Thank you for your donations.

Christmas Oplatki

Oplatki wafers are available in the Gathering Area for a monetary donation. There are 4 wafers in each envelope. Thank you for your donations!

Lunch Help

St. Joan of Arc School is looking for 2 lunch/playground monitors. This is a paid position requiring a year-long commitment. If you are interested in becoming a monitor, please contact Shelley DiBacco at 440-247-6530.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

The new winter ministry schedule is available in the sacristy, in the parish office, and on the website.

Helping Hands

Dear Friends at St. Joan of Arc Church,

Thank you for your generous financial support of \$2,500 to assist the families at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center during the Christmas season. We rely on the wider communities to assist with the resources needed to provide necessary services to our residents.



Chagrin Falls Park Community Center is dedicated to providing services to the families who live in the community. We offer tutoring for K-8 grade students, summer enrichment programs, individual case management, food cupboard, fresh garden produce, and more to better unify the local neighborhood and the greater community.

Gratefully,

Andrea Pollock

Director
Chagrin Falls Park Community Center