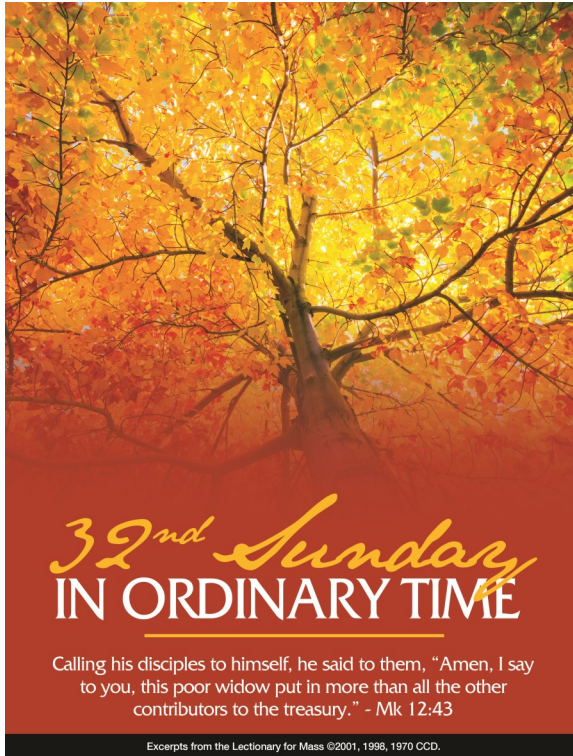


St. Joan Of Arc Church

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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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 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 noon

** *Beginning December 2018, 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

Civic Holidays 9:00 AM

Baptism: Celebrated at most weekend masses or on most Sundays at 1:00 PM. (*At 12:00 noon beginning December 2018.*)
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 I have been communicating, **our parish weekend mass schedule will be adjusted beginning in December.**

- Saturday mass will continue to be celebrated at 4:30 PM
- **Sunday masses will be 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.**
- Some implications of our revised Sunday schedule include:
- We will have “**Coffee & Donuts**” after both Sunday masses with our revised schedule
- **Liturgical Ministers (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers)** are invited to check in the sacristy to see if their ministry may be needed (even if they are not scheduled)
- **The Choir** will sing at the 9:00 AM mass most Sundays
- Sunday **PSR** will be 10:00 AM and **High School Theology** will be at 12:00 noon
- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word** for those in kindergarten through third grade will take place at the 9:00 AM mass
- If a **baptism** is celebrated outside of mass, we will generally have the baptism at noon on Sunday (after the 11:00 AM mass)



I am confident we will continue to thrive as a parish, and **I really appreciate your support and understanding on this mass schedule change.**

Each year, parishes in our Diocese (and around the country) do an “October Count” to see how many Catholics are attending mass. “Tracking” attendance is one good indicator of how many Catholics are actually practicing their faith. Over the past 10 years (and more) the mass attendance numbers at St. Joan of Arc (and throughout our diocese and the eastern United States) have trended downward. You can see from the numbers, below, there are over 200 less people attending mass (on average) this year than there were even as recently as 5-10 years ago.

Average attendance per weekend at St. Joan of Arc

10 years ago	5 years ago	3 years ago	1 year ago	This year (2018)
1325	1235	1125	1005	935

The numbers are quite significant. Reduced attendance impacts parish life, stewardship, collections. It is further evidenced in the fact that we have had one priest at St. Joan (when in 2013 and before, we had two full time priests). This trend also impacts the number of people in our parish who are available to participate in ministries, groups, committees, and so on. I wonder what this says about how Catholics are committed to the faith? Recent studies have shown **under 27% of Catholics attend mass on a regular basis.** Additionally, studies have shown that those who do come are often less involved in the life of the church.

If what we do in church (with mass, sacraments, baptisms, funerals, weddings, etc.) is important to us as Catholics, then who will be the ones to do this priestly work in the future? A retired priest recently wrote to me (when I asked him for mass help), “I think the middle-aged clergy are being worked to death and need all the help they can get...and I will help when I can; but for me, at 80+, I don’t know what I will be able to do...” Let’s pray for vocations, and for all of us to be committed to our faith!

Again, I wanted to communicate all this to you and offer it for your perusal! **Thank you for your faith and for your presence at St. Joan of Arc.** You are in my heart and prayers.
Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary

Looking ahead, I will be away the last 2 weeks of November, leaving on Sunday November 18 and returning for masses on Sunday December 2. While I am away there will not be daily mass the week of November 19 and the week of November 26. However, on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 22, Deacon Jeff will lead a prayer and Communion Service at 9:00 AM.

Notes from Deacon Denny

Last week.....“The only path to real joy is through the reestablishment of our absolute relationship with God, with a direct experiential connection with the Divine, the presence of God in our hearts.”

So how do we grow our relationship with God? Ignatius would suggest seeing God in all things and through discerning prayer. So, how do we seek God, how do we pray?

"But the way to know God, is neither through philosophy nor through experimental science but through systematic methods of spiritual practice that could open us up to the Grace of the Holy Spirit. Only then can we have a taste of the Divine, a firsthand, experiential knowledge of the Creator."....."True faith means I live with God, I am one with God. I have come to know God and therefore I know that He truly Is. God lives inside mewhere we become conscious of the reality of God within ourselves. Until we reach that point we simply remain stranded within the domain of ideas and not within the essence of Christian spirituality which is the direct communion with God."... "Spiritual work, requires a program which must be based on one's personal situation and capacities."..... "In order to have results, what is important is that whatever the program might be, it should be followed diligently, never allowing any other activities or negligence to interfere with it." . "Inner River: A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Christian Spirituality" by Kyriacos C. Markides.

As we approach the church New Year at the beginning of Advent, perhaps some resolutions might help us on our road to Sainthood in this context. Planning some regular activities might include; defining a new and more organized regular prayer life, deeper study of our regularly proclaimed scripture, learning more about the lives of Saints, or perhaps some other spiritual development activity. Next week Prayer.

Family Perspectives

The widow in today's gospel gave everything she had. She didn't hold back, she trusted that God would care for her. In our homes we are called to imitate the widow and invest totally in one another, paying with the coins of generous love and empowering trust.

Office of Faith Formation

Office of Faith Formation Need

I am still in need of 1-2 parents who can help in the Office of Faith Formation on Sunday mornings to answer calls, check attendance information, and help with door monitoring from 10:45-12noon. This help would be needed on a monthly rotational basis. Call Sr. Judy at 440-247-3606 or email her at officeoffaith-formation@stjoanofarc.org if you are interested. Thank you!

Sacrament of Confirmation

The 3rd instructional session for our Confirmation Candidates is Thursday, November 15 from 6:30-8:15pm in the Parish Hall. All candidates are reminded to bring their red folder to each session. Thank you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Parent Meeting

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Parent Meeting (parents only) is **Thursday, November 29**, from 7:00-8:15pm in the Parish Hall. We will speak about the meaning of reconciliation in our lives and in the lives of our children, and the important role you have as parents in the preparation of your child's reception of the sacrament. We look forward to meeting with you on November 29.

Recognition of First Communion Candidates at Mass

Our SJA second graders preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist and their parents will participate in a special recognition of our second graders' preparation of these sacraments on **Saturday, December 1 (4:30pm Mass), or Sunday, December 2 (9:00am or 11:00am Masses).**



RCIA News

This year we welcome three adults and one teen into this time of exploring our Faith, sharing our stories, growing in knowledge and love of the Lord and pursuing our life long journeys of Faith.

It is not too late to join us in this process. Please come to our next meeting on **Wednesday, November 14** at 7:30pm in the rectory basement meeting room. Come and inquire, and you decide if the time is right for you.

For more information, contact Deacon Jeff Dunlop at 440-376-9177 or at deacjeff@gmail.com.



**St. Joan of Arc
Catholic School News**
By Mrs. Shelley DiBacco,
School Principal



Faith. Academics. Excellence.



Calling all actors and actresses to a special theatre experience. Come and join the Penguin Project!! This spring, a magical and touching celebration of the human spirit will unfold as St. Joan of Arc School, Chagrin Valley Little Theatre and the Penguin Project come together to perform a modified version of the well-known play, “The Wizard of Oz”. Our production will be quite unique, however, because all of 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 is open to any individual ages 8 to 22 with a disability. This includes children with cognitive, learning, motor, hearing and visual impairments, genetic disorders, and neurological disorders. The Penguin Project utilizes a “peer mentor” system, linking each young artist with an age-level peer, in grades 5 - 12, 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. If you are interested in joining the Penguin Project, either as a peer mentor or an actress or actor, please join us in the Olsavsky Center for the Penguin Project Kickoff Meeting on Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM. We will be presenting the musical “The Wizard of Oz” on April 13th and 14th. This is a great way to live out our mission. For more information, contact us at stjoanpenguin@stjoanofarc.org or 440-247-6530.

The St. Joan of Arc Student Council planned a “Coin War” to benefit Chagrin Falls Community Park. Each classroom received a jar to collect change and students were asked to bring in change throughout the week. The classroom with the highest total won a dress down day.

Important Dates to Remember:

- November 16 PTO Meeting – 8:45 in the Rectory Basement
- Dads Do Lunch – 11:45
- November 21 Thanksgiving Vacation begins
- November 22 Thanksgiving Day
- November 26 Classes Resume

November

Sunday, November 11th

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

10:00am PSR (School)

11:00am 7&8th PSR (School)

12:00pm High School Theology
(School Library)

**6:30pm High School Youth Group
(Hall)**

Monday, November 12th

4:45pm PSR (School)

6:00pm CYO (OC)

Tuesday, November 13th

10:00am Book Study (Hall)

4:30pm CYO (OC)

Wednesday, November 14th

3:00pm CYO (OC)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

Thursday, November 15th

8:30am Bible Study (Rectory)

3:30pm CYO (OC)

6:30pm Confirmation Session (Hall)

Friday, November 16th

8:45am PTO Meeting (Rectory)

3:30pm CYO (OC)

Saturday, November 17th

Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

3:30pm Confessions (Church)

Sunday, November 18th

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

10:00am PSR (School)

11:00am 7&8th PSR (School)

12:00pm High School Theology
(School Library)

1:30pm Girl Scouts (Hall)

**6:30pm Middle School Youth Group
(Hall)**



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 11th - 32nd Sunday in OT
8:00 a.m. Rose & Jay Dickinson (Friend)
10:00 a.m. The Parishioners of SJA
12:00 noon Dr. Shelley Artz (Zamiska)

Monday, November 12th - St. Josaphat, Bishop
8:00 a.m. Patrick McCartan, III (McCartan)

Tuesday, November 13th - St. Frances Xavier
9:00 a.m. Ed Gallagher (Family)

Wednesday, November 14th - Weekday
NO MORNING MASS

Thursday, November 15th - Weekday
8:00 a.m. Francis D'Ambrosia (Daughter)

Friday, November 16th - Weekday
8:00 a.m. Alvin & Virginia Ortmann (Ortmann)

Saturday, November 17th - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Vigil Mass
4:30 p.m. Cecille Eget (Daughter)

Sunday, November 18th - 33rd Sunday in OT
8:00 a.m. Joe Corry (Blouir)
10:00 a.m. The Parishioners of SJA
12:00 noon Kevin Moediszewiski (Family)

Parish Rosary Program

Week of November 11th

(number of rosaries prayed)

Weekly Total: 71

November Total: 71

Grand Total: 71

AREA NEWS

Catholic Charities

The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal has exceeded it's goal of \$12.5 Million. Thank you for your kind donation. Catholic Charities assists over 400,000 people in need annually throughout the eight-county Catholic Diocese of Cleveland with more than 150 programs and services at 60 different locations. The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal runs through December 31, 2018. Donations can still be made at www.CatholicCommunity.org/Donate.

Movie Night: "Edith Stein, The Seventh Chamber"

Join us for a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein, capturing the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman, as well as the great conflicts from her decision to convert to Catholicism. Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd. in Parma on **Monday, November 12** at 7pm. Register online at www.jrh-cleveland.org.

Gospel Meditation, November 11

In 1 Samuel, God advises the prophet Samuel not to observe as men see but as God sees. He tells him to "look to the heart." This is the movement of this Sunday's Gospel reading. "Beware the scribes," Jesus advises. He points out their public greetings and "seats of honor," which stands in sharp contrast to their private greed. For the Jewish people of Jesus' day, honor resides at the top. Power and prestige created a high profile back then as it still does today. After his warning, Jesus turns his disciples' attention elsewhere: a poor widow.

"She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had." While the scribes donated large sums to the temple, they did so "from their surplus wealth." This woman -- in her faith and devotion -- offers "her whole livelihood." Jesus invited his disciples to see with God's eyes, to recognize a holy life in people the world overlooks. Here -- in the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized -- God waits hidden.

Today's Gospel begs a few questions. What do we see? Whom do we value? Are we impressed by the pomp and circumstance of modern day Pharisees? Do we ignore their self-righteousness because it looks impressive, even seems somewhat helpful? The point isn't to judge the scribes, of course. God can see their hearts as well, and those assessments are firmly his responsibility. The point is to turn our eyes from the typically honored to the rarely respected. Are we disinterested in the poverty of the modern day widows? Do we ignore their faith because we forget to look for it? This Sunday, consider the widows in your own life. Who can you see with God's eyes?

November 11th, 2018

As we celebrate Veterans Day, I'm wondering what should be the Christian attitude in resorting to violence to resolve conflicts?

Veterans are rightly honored for their role in defending the country, especially in time of conflict and violence. Yet, resorting to violence as a means of trying to resolve human conflicts is not the Christian way to deal with relationships. Jesus models the image of God in which all are valued and cherished as God's children, no matter who they are or which side they are on.



In times of war and military struggles, it is difficult to make these kinds of distinctions. Yet distinctions have to be made, and values have to be examined in determining what justice demands. Sometimes violence may be justified, but only as a means of last resort, when all possible options have been exhausted, and when greater harm might result. Those who fight and defend under such circumstances must be supported, cared for, valued, and honored.

At the same time, institutions who declare that violence is the only means left to resolve a conflict have to examine continuously their motives and agendas. Those who push institutions to such deep self-examination should be as valued as those who are defending the institution. Both play important and necessary roles, and as such both are truly patriotic. Such tensions prevent blind nationalistic slogans like "our country, right or wrong" from seeing the light of day. Let us pray for all veterans, as well as those who seek to negotiate peace, that God may truly guide us all in the path of justice.

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NEWS & EVENTS

Parish Service Day

We are in need of baked goods for our Parish Service Day lunch. These may include cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. Please drop off donations to the Office of Faith Formation by Friday, November 16. Thank you for supporting our volunteers during the Day of Service!



Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is off to a great start, so help us keep the momentum going by joining us for our November and December events! **Middle School Youth Group** is meeting on **Sunday, 11/18 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Hall** for an evening on gratitude. **Please bring a clean, empty mason jar!** The next Middle School event is on **Sunday, 12/16 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Hall** for an evening on the meaning of Christmas and a small service project for the holidays.

High School Youth Group is meeting on **Sunday, 11/11 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Hall** for a social justice night on need and hunger. On **Saturday, 12/15**, the High School Youth Group is going to the **Cleveland Catholic Youth Conference (CCYC) at John Carroll University**. The cost is **\$35** and payable by check to **St. Joan of Arc Parish by 11/26**. For more information and to register, please visit the HS Youth Ministry page on the website.

Both **Middle School and High School Youth Group** are invited to **Here We Go A-Caroling on Sunday, 12/23**. We'll be meeting for mass at **11:00 am**, followed by lunch, games, and caroling at four local nursing homes. Ugly sweaters, costumes, and other festive attire is highly encouraged, and the best outfit will win a prize!



November 4, 2018

237 Envelopes Used

Cash/Checks	\$13,231
ACH	<u>4,795</u>
Total	\$18,026

Thank you for your support!

Mass Celebrant

November 17-18

4:30 pm	Fr. Gary
8:00 am	Fr. Gary
10:00 am	Fr. Gary
12:00 pm	Fr. Bednar

Subject to change

SJA's Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be in the Gathering Area next weekend! Please remember to take a few tags and return on or before **Giving Sunday, December 16**. Your donations will go to those in need during the Christmas season.

