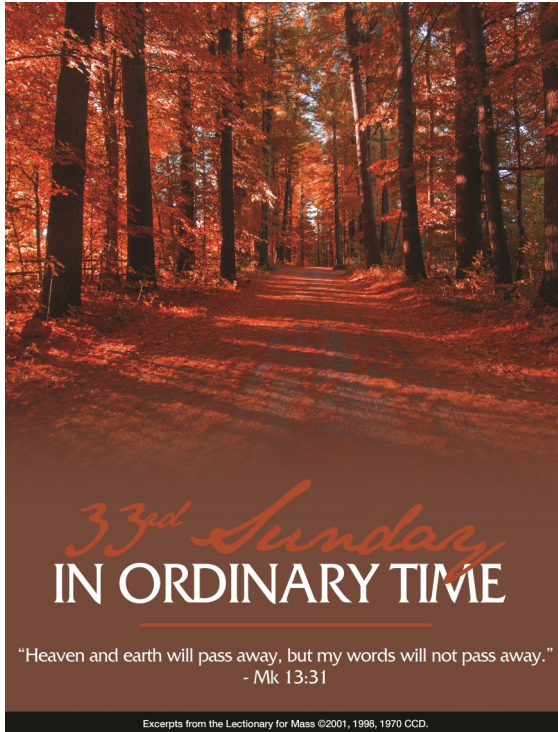


St. Joan Of Arc Church

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. Judith Bucco, SND, Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Shelley DiBacco, Principal
Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Dunlop, Deacon
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 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.



Greetings of Peace.

I will be away from the parish for the next two weeks, and will return for masses on Sunday December 2. While I am away **there will not be daily mass** this week (the week of November 19) and next week (the week of November 26). **Thursday of this week (November 22) is Thanksgiving Day; Deacon Jeff will lead a prayer and Communion Service at 9:00 AM.** Gathering in prayer is a good way to give thanks for the many blessings given to us by Almighty God.

While I am away, the priests at our neighboring parishes have graciously said they will do their best to respond to any emergencies or funeral that may come up in my absence. Thank you Fathers!

Also note, **beginning in Advent, Sunday December 2, 2018, we will adjust our Sunday mass schedule at St. Joan of Arc. Sunday masses will be 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.** (Saturday mass will continue to be celebrated at 4:30 PM.) As we know, **St. Joan of Arc has been a “one priest” parish for the past 5+ years**, during which we have maintained four (4) weekend masses, since I have been able to obtain priests to assist with masses. The availability of priests to offer help - especially regularly - is dwindling quickly. Other “one priest” parishes around us have three (3) weekend masses similar to our new schedule.

Like most churches in our diocese and in the United States, especially this part of the United States, **total weekly mass attendance has fallen in recent years.** This decline in mass attendance also makes changing our schedule prudent. Our current average weekend attendance about 1,000 people per weekend. Our church seats about 500. Our church will be able to accommodate our attendance with three (3) weekend masses.

Having more people at each mass may improve the quality of our worship. Quality of worship is affected by the size of the congregation. Quality is also determined, in part, by the energy and well-being of the priest. The goal of this mass schedule change is to have a schedule that will meet the “pastoral needs” of St. Joan of Arc Parish and, at the same time, have a “reasonable work load” for our pastor.

How many masses should a parish have on a weekend? Ideally, one. The community gathers together as one family to give praise and worship to God. Since most churches are not big enough to accommodate the entire parish at once, parishes have more than one mass - usually determined by the size of the church and also providing some convenience.

Please know I did not make this decision lightly. I conferred with various parish groups and I also prayed “long and hard” about it.

I really appreciate your support and your understanding on this mass schedule change.

Have a great week, Happy Thanksgiving, and Blessings & Peace,

Fr. Gary



Notes from Deacon Denny

Over the last weeks.....“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? So, how do we seek God, how do we pray?

The initial response of what to change in our lives to improve our relationship with God is usually simply to pray more. But what does that mean? While that is true and certainly the path, perhaps a fundamental question is in order first. How do each of us define God? Each in our own unique way. For we know God is beyond human comprehension. Has our image and understanding of who God is for us changed recently? Have we taken time to reflect on that question. Knowing God loves us unconditionally, no matter what we have done or who we are.....in and with His Divine Mercy, do we take refuge in God? Do we find Peace as we should? Reflection on this through prayer can be a great place to begin an updated or even renewed relationship. If our aim is to “know, love and serve Him” as our early catechism taught us, do we need to take a closer look to see more clearly Who we are praying with and who needs to have a change of heart leading to new action for common good, our good?

Throughout history, people have found God’s Presence in creation, nature, other human beings, and through the many forms of prayer. Are each one of us open to one of those “A HA” moments, a “God Wink”, or even a jolt to our intentions and habits through illness or even a stark happenstance that opens our eyes to a wider consciousness. The wide spectrum of what we call “prayer” can be anything from a moment of sacred silence recognizing God’s Presence in our lives (under a tree, holding a baby, pausing to recognize God’s Presence) to that of sharing in communal prayer; Adoration, Vespers or celebration of the Sacraments. Next time how can we tune up our prayer.

Office of Faith Formation

SJA Parish Service Day

THANK YOU to our 200 SJA Parishioners who participated in our “3rd Annual Parish Service Day”! What a wonderful experience for each of them and a great way to serve others in the greater Cleveland, Aurora, Chardon and the Chagrin Falls areas. Those who served and participated in our lunch given after the morning shift and before the afternoon shift truly enjoyed a lunch of sharing and gratitude. A special thank you is given to all who baked desserts for our lunch! May our good God bless in abundance all of our generous and kind parishioners—you made our Parish Service Day a special and memorable one!

Pro Orantibus Day

Each year there is a special day for Cloistered Communities of women and men who are a tremendous gift to the Catholic Church. Pope Pius XII first instituted this worldwide event in 1953. Pope St. John Paul II later expanded this event in 1997 to be celebrated each year on the Memorial of Mary’s Presentation in the Temple. This year Pro Orantibus Day is celebrated on Wednesday, November 21, 2018. The Diocese of Cleveland has (3) cloistered women communities: Carmel of the Holy Family, OCD; Poor Clare Colettines, PCC; and the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, PCPA. We can remember these religious women at Mass, praying for them, or by sending cards/ letters to them. For more information you can visit: www.cloisteredlife.com.

PSR Sunday Classes

There are **no PSR Sunday classes, Sunday, November 25**, for our Kindergarten, Grades 7-8, and High School Theology because of the Thanksgiving holiday. There **will be classes** for our elementary children on **Monday, November 26**, for Grades 1-6. **A HAPPY THANKSGIVING** to all our PSR families! May this truly American holiday be especially blessed for you and your family! May our prayer be one of gratitude for God’s goodness to us, for our freedom, and for all those men and women who serve our country to keep us safe!

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 10:00am and conclude at 10:55am. Thank you** for adapting to this new class time for Grades 7-8!

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)**.

November 11, '18

196 Envelopes Used

Cash/Checks	\$9,718
ACH	<u>3,891</u>
Total	\$12,462

Thank you for your support!

Mass Celebrant

November 24-25

4:30 pm	Fr. Dan S.
8:00 am	Fr. Dan S.
10:00 am	Fr. Dan S.
12:00 pm	Fr. Dan S.

Subject to change



St. Joan of Arc Catholic School News

By Mrs. Shelley DiBacco,
School Principal

Faith. Academics. Excellence.



Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and to be thankful for all of the gifts that God has given to us. God has blessed us in so many ways. Although life is filled with many challenges, this is the time of year we are grateful for the kind people in our lives who love and support us so that our students believe, achieve, and succeed. I am personally thankful for my family, my friends, my faith, and the fine folks (staff, students, and families) here at St. Joan of Arc School. Our school is a blessing to all who work and attend and we have much for which to be thankful.

We are truly fortunate and blessed with a dedicated staff who besides the school day hours put countless hours in on their personal time to develop lesson plans, grade papers and continue their education. They choose to teach in a Catholic school because they know our school makes a difference in their lives and they make a difference to each child.

We are blessed with Father Gary J. Malin who believes in St. Joan of Arc School and in Catholic education and who has dedicated himself to passing on the Good News to our students.

We are blessed with dedicated families who do so much for our school and to promote education in the lives of their children.

We are blessed with a wonderful Parent Teacher Organization. This organization made of parent volunteers, works endlessly to support our faculty, students, and each other. I have experienced their dedication, creativity and love for the SJA community. It is due to the efforts of the PTO that we can provide activities such as the Christmas Bazaar, staff Professional Development, class parties, field trips and countless other events.

This Thanksgiving, as you gather together with your family and friends for your Thanksgiving meal, as you laugh and play, please remember to also pray together to reflect on the many blessings God has bestowed upon you and your family. Pray for those that are less fortunate, the sick and the dying and those that are serving in the armed forces away from their family. Let us not only be thankful one day a year on Thanksgiving, but celebrate the greatness of our God with thanks to Him EVERYDAY!

May the Lord bless you and fill you with peace. On behalf of Father Gary J. Malin, and our faculty & staff, I would like to extend our warmest wishes to each family for a Happy Thanksgiving.

November

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 Meeting (Hall)

6:30pm Middle School Youth Group
(Hall)

Monday, November 19th

NO MORNING MASS

4:45pm PSR (School)

6:00pm CYO (OC)

Tuesday, November 20th

NO MORNING MASS

10:00am Book Study (Hall)

4:30pm CYO (OC)

Wednesday, November 21st

Thanksgiving Break - No School

NO MORNING MASS

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

Thursday, November 22nd

Thanksgiving Break - No School

9:00am Thanksgiving Service

Friday, November 23rd

Thanksgiving Break - No School

NO MORNING MASS

Saturday, November 24th

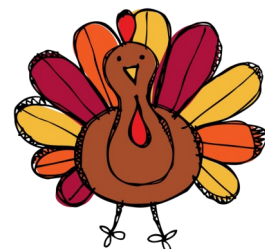
Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

3:30pm Confessions (Church)

Sunday, November 25th

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

NO PSR



MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, November 19th - Weekday
 NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, November 20th - Weekday
 NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday, November 21st - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 NO MORNING MASS

Thursday, November 22nd - St. Cecilia
 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Service

Friday, November 23rd - Weekday
 NO MORNING MASS

Saturday, November 24th - Vigil Mass
 4:30 p.m. Frank & Mae Marous (Horvath)

Sunday, November 25th - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 8:00 a.m. The Parishioners of SJA
 10:00 a.m. Gretchen Aquaviva (Family)
 12:00 noon Carmella Miralia (Family)

Parish Rosary Program

Week of November 18th

(number of rosaries prayed)

Weekly Total: 14

November Total: 85

Grand Total: 85

November 18th, 2018

With Christmas fast approaching, what are some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us "stay grounded" in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray...

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.



We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or have a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Family Perspectives

Today's gospel speaks about the end of time. Our lives are filled with endings. They usually come before we are ready for them. All of these small endings are preparing us for the final ending of our life on earth. Let's be thankful for the present moment and embrace it. Yet we must also be ready to let go, for only when we do are we able to embrace the next. And give some thought and prayer to the final ending of our lives so we are ready for the Lord when He comes.

NEWS & EVENTS

Advent Wreath Making

Families are invited to come to the parish hall and design Advent Wreaths on **Saturday, December 1** at 10am. Please RSVP to Sr. Ann Marie at 440-247-1141 by **Monday, November 26**. The cost per wreath is \$15. The wreaths will be blessed at the end of the session. All are welcome.



Parish Office Hours

The office will be closed at 1pm on Wednesday, November 21 and will reopen on Monday, November 26.

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 High School Youth Ministry page on the Parish 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!

AREA NEWS

Participate in "Giving Tuesday"

You have heard about Black Friday and Cyber Monday — now you can share your blessings on **Tuesday, November 27**, Giving Tuesday. All day around the globe people are asked to contribute to their favorite charities and nonprofits. The Diocese of Cleveland asks you to be part of Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving, which allows you to contribute to over 185 Catholic schools, parishes, Catholic Charities programs and sites, ministries and other Catholic nonprofits in Northeast Ohio. Log on to www.weGiveCatholic.org, search the list of participants and donate to your favorites. In the spirit of the season of gratitude, remember to Give Catholic on Giving Tuesday.

Journey to Bethlehem Mass

Join Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries for the Annual Journey to Bethlehem Liturgy on **Saturday, December 1** at 11:00am with celebrant Bishop Roger Gries. Mass will begin at 11am with a light luncheon following at St. Augustine Parish, 2486 W. 14th Street in Cleveland. This beautiful celebration marks the 34th anniversary of this liturgy for people with disabilities, their friends and families. All are welcome! Call 216-334-2962 for more information.

2019 March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Bus trip with overnight in a hotel—**January 17/18**. Make this the year you commit two days to take the message of life to our nation's capitol that we are a country full of people who support the life of even our most vulnerable citizens. The bus will leave Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1545 South Green Rd. in



MARCH FOR LIFE

South Euclid at 7am, Thursday January 17. A mid-afternoon check-in at the hotel is planned. From there you can walk to the Metro for your own adventures or ride the bus to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Opening Mass of the Vigil for Life, preceded by a visit to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. We will spend the night in the hotel, ride the Metro to visit our legislators, have lunch and ride the Metro to the Rally. We will return home following the March, arriving about midnight. We will stay at Cambria Hotel & Suites in Rockville, Maryland. Bus fare is \$70. The rate per room is \$120.75. Rooms can sleep up to six people. For more information call Sacred Heart of Jesus at 216-382-7601.