

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 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.

We begin our Third Sunday of Advent. Our wreath is illumined more brightly as the Dawn of our Salvation draws near. The Rose colored candle glows as the wreath is coming "full circle" and we rejoice at the coming of our Savior.



This is "Giving Sunday" weekend. We will receive your generous gifts from our Giving Tree and this will help make the Christmas Season more joyous for those who really need joy. The gifts are gathered today (by 12:00 noon) and are shared with the various agencies and services that 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.

We are all adjusting to the revised weekend schedule here at St. Joan of Arc.

- Saturday mass is celebrated at 4:30 PM
- Sunday masses are now 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.

It will soon be Christmas! Our Christmas mass schedule is:

- Christmas eve, Monday December 24: 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, and 10:00 PM
- Christmas day, Tuesday December 25: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM



As you are aware, Christmas eve masses are very crowded - especially the 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM masses. (Please note: we have one mass at 4:00 PM on Christmas eve. Please take advantage of the "overflow parking" across the street at the Cleveland Clinic and take the "Shuttle" to and from Church for the 4:00 mass.)

Let's also be kind, hospitable, and welcoming to those who come to mass at St. Joan of Arc. Some may be returning home to visit, or from college, or service in the military. Others may be those who come to mass for Christmas. Even if they sit where you normally sit in church or if they seem "unfamiliar," remember "Hospitality" is a wonderful virtue! Thank you.

Please know you are in my heart and in my prayers, especially during this Season and these "Holy Days."

Blessings and Peace, and Noel!

Fr. Gary

AWAKENING JOY

Have you ever been reunited with a friend after a long separation?

My best friend lives on the opposite side of the country. I'm godmother to her daughter and over the years have gotten to know most of her extended family. Life being what it is, I typically only see them once a year. When a trip is planned, my anticipation is palpable. The knowledge that I'm going to see them - and soon - fills me with joy. Even though I've not yet arrived, I'm confident in the future. I know I'm going to be reunited with people I love, and soon.

This Advent, knowing that Christ is coming ought to fill us with joy. I'm joyful in the anticipation of seeing my friend because we have a relationship, a relationship forged over many years of ups and downs. One of the greatest joys of the Christian life is that we can really know God. We can encounter Jesus Christ and enter a friendship with Him.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said, "I do not believe that a man can love anything he cannot get his arms around. The cosmos is too big and too bulky. That is why God had to become a child in order that we might embrace Him in our heart."

As we anticipate the Christmas season, we recall a God who became one of us that we might know Him. God's love is real. It's incarnate, not only 2,000 years ago, but here, now, today. We can know God in our prayer, in the sacraments, and in our concrete acts of love, service, and generosity. This week let these encounters fill us with joy. Excerpt from lpi.com

SAVE THE DATES!!

Sunday, January 27 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM will be our School Open House. Please invite your friends and relatives with school-age children to come and see our national "Blue Ribbon Award" award school. For over 50 years, the faculty and staff of St. Joan of Arc Catholic School have instilled within each student a life-long desire to learn, lead, and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Visitors will experience the new high tech, high touch "MakerSpace" and all the other wonderful programs St. Joan of Arc School has to offer.

Monday, February from 7 to 8:30 PM Fr. Damian Ference will be home in-between "terms" in Rome and is looking forward to reconnecting with parishioners at SJA. He will talk about life in Rome, the current situation of the Church, and his new book, "The Strangeness of Truth" followed by an informal discussion. Join us in the Parish Hall.

Recent Events

Margaret Mead once said:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

The proof was in the pudding on November 17th when 200 adults, teens and children participated in SJA's Parish Service Day. The amazing band of volunteers donated their time and talent to clean, paint, organize, and work their hearts on the "to do" lists provided by the following organizations:

Cleveland Food Bank
 Malachi House
 Hannah's Home
 WomenSafe
 Lakeside Men's Shelter
 Rescue Village
 Chagrin Falls Park
 Ozanam Center: St. Philamena
 Geauga Habitat Restore
 Medwish International
 Sr. Ann Marie's House
 Hamlet Village
 Laura's Home (The City Mission)
 Kids Book Bank
 The Weils
 Anna Maria of Aurora
 The Lantern
 Light of Hearts Villa
 Altercare at St. Joseph/"Little Sisters"



A huge thanks to Debbie Fitzmaurice and her mighty team, and Sr. Judy Bucco for their tireless efforts in making this 3rd annual day of service the best yet! And to all the SJA families for helping to change the world.

Office of Faith Formation

Parish School of Religion

THANK YOU, PSR/DAY SCHOOL PARENTS AND CHILDREN!

THANK YOU for your generous donations to benefit our many local families, children and seniors at the Geauga County Job and Family Services: "Sponsor a Family Project!" Your generous giving of food, toys, clothing, gift cards and monetary donations have helped many families celebrate Christmas this year!! May Jesus, our Emmanuel, bless you all in abundance!

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 4:45-5:15pm.** 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We will not have Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, December 30. We will **resume** Children's Liturgy of the Word on **Sunday, January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany!**



If we don't see you over the Christmas holiday, best wishes for a joy-filled Christmas! Sr. Judy and Sr. Theresa

Mass Celebrant

December 22/23

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

Subject to change

December 9, 2018

233 Envelopes Used

Cash/Checks	\$12,248
ACH	4,795
Total	\$17,043

Thank you for your support!



St. Joan of Arc Catholic School News

By Mrs. Shelley DiBacco,
School Principal

Faith. Academics. Excellence.



This weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, and light the rose candle on our Advent wreathes. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation for Christmas. In these crazy and hectic days of Christmas shopping, baking, decorating and festivities, we need to remember to take time to be still, to be quiet, to be at peace and ask the Lord to enter in. "Jesus is the reason for the season" and we can quickly forget that amidst the hustle and bustle of preparing for his birth. Be mindful of this wonderful season of joy and gratitude, expectation and preparation.

Last Saturday morning over 200 adults and children attended our St. Joan of Arc Breakfast with Santa. Fun was had by ALL. A **HUGE** thank you to our PTO officers, special chairmen, committee members, and volunteers for their hard work and personal time given to the Christmas Shop and Santa Breakfast.

Over the past few weeks, our MakerSpace has been bustling with activity. We've seen everything from models of the Vatican created with Legos, an "old fashioned boom box" made using the 3D printer, informative planet posters printed on our Poster Maker and the 8th grade final genealogical projects created using the 2D Laser Cutter. A huge thank you to our PTO and to all those who donated to help make this space a reality.

Although we are busy with Christmas, our teachers are still dedicated to teaching and the students are still learning. Many of our teachers have attended inservices this past couple of weeks. Miss Molder, our junior high Math teacher and technology specialist, attended the 2018 Ideastream Technology and Learning Conference at the PBS Ideastream building downtown. The inservice focused on the integration of instructional technology to improve teaching and student achievement. Miss Molder was able to talk with other local teachers to discuss current technology apps we are using in our classroom, technology ideas we would like more information or help on, and the best practices for incorporating technology in our daily lessons. She also attended a breakout session focused on the MakerSpace. She was given hands on opportunities to practice and develop MakerSpace lessons and was also able to collaborate with other teachers from various local schools on how to utilize our MakerSpace and the best practices for incorporating it in the curriculum. Mrs. Lapso, our 1st grade teacher, attended the Ohio Literacy Conference in Columbus, Ohio. This specialized conference focused on literacy instruction for K-3, covering foundational reading and writing skills and concepts. Each session focused on a different component of literacy development, while allowing for real-world examples and feedback from a wide-variety of educators. Watch for updates on the various other inservices our teachers attended!

Wishing that the Season of Advent fill your hearts with peace and happiness!

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 16

Masses 9 AM and 11 AM
10:00 AM PSR (School)
10:00 AM 7&8th PSR (School)
12:00 PM HS Theology (Library)
4:00 PM CYO - 10th Grade White
6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group

Monday, December 17

8:00 AM Mass
4:30 PM PSR (School)

Tuesday, December 18

9:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Cub Scouts (H)

Wednesday, December 19

NO MORNING MASS
7:00 PM RCIA (Rectory)

Thursday, December 20

8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Bible Study (Rectory)

Friday, December 21

8:00 AM Mass
8:45 AM School Advent Prayer (C)
9:10 PM School G 6-8 Youth Ministry (H)

Saturday, December 22

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

Sunday, December 23

Masses 9 AM and 11 AM
12:00 PM Youth Group Lunch (H)

Magical Evening Out

Join the magic of St. Joan of Art School at the PTO's annual auction with famous illusionist Rick Smith Jr.



Saturday, February 9 6:30 - 10:30 PM

Pinstripes at Pinecrest
111 Park Avenue, Orange Village

Tickets \$90.00 per person - includes event, dinner stations and open bar. \$85.00 if you RSVP by 1/25/19. Use promo code "Earlybird"

RSVP www.bidpal.net/SJAmagic19 or send a check to the school made payable to SJA PTO.

Questions? SJAPTO.44022@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 16: 3rd Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Janos Szigeti (Ilkanovich)
The Parishioners of SJA
11:00 AM Jim Mackey (Zamiska)

Monday, December 17

8:00 AM Mike Kostelnik (Matt)

Tuesday, December 18

9:00 AM Matt Lechner (Gleason)

Wednesday, December 19

NO MORNING MASS

Thursday, December 20

8:00 AM Anthony Lucarelli (Diturno)

Friday, December 21

8:00 AM Alvin Ortmann (B. Ortmann)

Saturday, December 22 Vigil Mass

4:30 PM Benedict Tighe (Moriarty)

Sunday, December 23 - 4th Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Gladys Corry (Blour)
11:00 AM Sr. Marguerite Senesak (Distanlo)
The Parishioners of SJA

Parish Rosary Program

Week of December 9th

_____ # in process _____

(number of rosaries prayed)

Weekly Total:: # in process ...

Youth Ministry

High School Youth Group: CCYC was cancelled due to low attendance. As of right now, there is no high school only event this month.

Middle School Youth Group: Please come join us for our December event on **Sunday, 12/16 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**. We'll be talking about hope and how the holidays are a hopeful time of year. We'll be playing some games and doing a small service project!

All students in grades 7-12 are welcome to join us for **Here We Go A-Caroling on Sunday, 12/23!** We'll be going to **11:00 am mass together**, then having



lunch, and then Christmas caroling at The Weils, Hamlet Village, Arden Courts, and South Franklin Circle. **Costumes, props, and festive clothing is highly encouraged!** If your child will be going caroling with us, **I MUST have a signed waiver on file**. These can be found on the website, on Allie's office door, or in the rectory. Please fill out and return to the rectory or Allie's office.

All students are welcome to join in Youth Group events at any time! We want everyone able to participate to join us. It doesn't matter if you've never been to one of our events before – come try one!

AREA NEWS



If the Giving Tree touches your heart, please give some thought to becoming involved with the Geauga County Christ Child Society.

Part of the national organization that has roots dating back to

1887, the Geauga County Christ Child Society is dedicated to serving the needs of children and youth, regardless of race or creed. Major programs include

- Layette Program
- Warm Kids Program
- My Bag Program
- Books For Babies
- Pre-School Amblyopia Screening Program

To learn more about our local chapter, visit <https://www.facebook.com/GeaugaCCS> or call (800) 814-2149.



Giving Sunday, December 16

It's not too late! If there are still tags on the Giving Tree, you can do some quick shopping and return your wrapped and tagged gift to the church by noon on the 16th.

Your gifts go to children and families in need. We know from our many years of support - the gifts are GREATLY appreciated.

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 full-time 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 winter ministry schedule is available in the sacristy, in the parish office, and on the website.