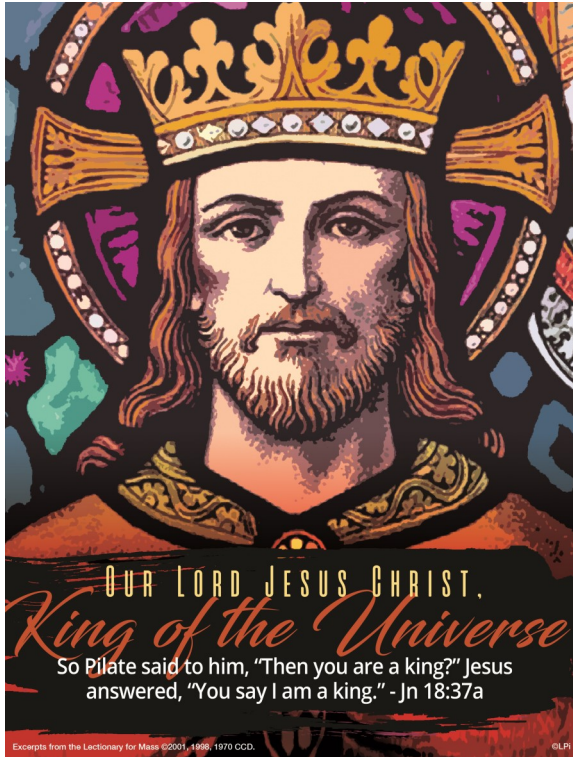


St. Joan Of Arc Church

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 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 hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving!

I am out of town and will be returning for masses on Sunday December 2. While I am away there will not be daily mass this week (the week of November 26). *The priests at the neighboring parishes have graciously said they will do their best to respond to any emergencies or funerals that may come up in my absence. Thank you Fathers!*

Here is some important news. **Next weekend, December 1-2, as we begin Advent, so too will our revised weekend mass schedule at St. Joan of Arc:**

- Saturday mass will continue to be 4:30 PM
- Sunday masses will be at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

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.”

Here are some other implications of our Sunday schedule:

- 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.**

Looking to early December, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is Saturday December 8.** *Even when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the Immaculate Conception is a **Holy Day of Obligation.** We will have a 9:00 AM mass on Saturday December 8 to honor this feast of Mary.*

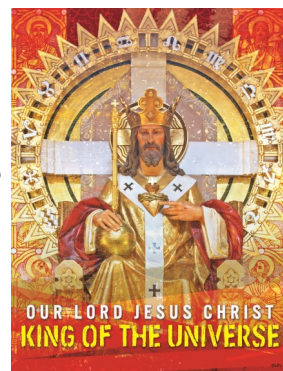
Have a great week and Blessings & Peace,

Fr. Gary

November 25th, 2018

The liturgical year ends with the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. What is the significance of this feast?

Kings and kingdoms are not part of the American cultural or political experience. Human beings in general—and Americans in particular—tend to resist and oppose any institution that does not allow people to play an active part in the decision-making process. Yet with this last Sunday in ordinary time, we celebrate the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



The feast was begun by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to counter atheism and secularism. Pius wanted to communicate the belief that Jesus is Lord of all, the king of creation.

The biblical reality, however, is that Jesus is not a king like the kings of this world. These kings “lord” it over their people exercising power, at times without restraint. Jesus is Lord indeed; yet he came to serve, not to be served, and to give his life for the sake of all. A monarchical reign is not a characteristic of the kingdom of God.

The kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed is one in which all people are treated with dignity, and valued for who and what they are. It is a kingdom that actively cares for the poor, the homeless, the alienated, and the oppressed, as it mobilizes to establish justice and a right relationship with all. That is what every institution that models itself on Jesus the king has to be about. As we celebrate this feast, let us pray that all institutions, especially the church, model themselves on Jesus’ servant leadership.

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Welcome to St. Joan

Welcome! Together, let us worship Christ our King, who is “robed in majesty” (Psalm 93:1).

Notes from Deacon Denny

Over the last weeks, talking about our relationship with God and prayer, the question arises as to what prayer is to each of us in our own unique way.

"Prayer at its most basic level is conversation with God. This seems obvious, but it harbors an awesome reality. To converse with someone implies that that someone wants to pay attention to you, otherwise you have a monologue, not a conversation. The mere existence of prayer, then, implies that God is paying attention, that he is interested in spending time with you. Christian prayer is an invitation from God to the one who prays – it starts with God, not with you." Fr. Bartunek a native of Bainbridge continues...."Prayer is Christ speaking to you in your heart, revealing himself to you in accordance with what he knows you need to discover, to know, to see. At the same time, prayer is your attentive listening to that revelation, your response to what he reveals, and the trusting, reciprocal revelation of your heart – your needs, your hopes, your desires – to him." "A Guide to Christian Meditation: How to Engage More Deeply in Personal Prayer" by Fr. John Bartunek.

So, how do you grow your prayer life, perhaps like an old favorite tune....hum a few bars and it will come to you....the opportunity is with you always, you just need to practice. Next time, regularizing prayer.

Office of Faith Formation

A PSR/Day School Advent Service Opportunity

Our SJA PSR and Day School will participate in a special Advent Service Project: **"Sponsor a Family Holiday Program"** to benefit Catholic Charities: Job and Family Services of Geauga County. The "Sponsor a Family Holiday Program" provides food and gifts to low income families and seniors in Geauga County. Our SJA Parish Community has always been so generous to those less fortunate! Your donations will bring hope to so many local families this Christmas. **Donations can be sent to the Office of Faith Formation on Sunday/Monday, December 2/3 and December 9/10.**

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A FAMILY!**

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 10:00am 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 (9:00 or 11:00am Masses).**

Sacrament of Confirmation

The 4th instructional session for our Confirmation candidates is **Thursday, December 13, from 6:30-8:15pm 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.**



CHRIST THE KING



November 11, 2018

189 Envelopes Used

Cash/Checks \$15,734
ACH 2,589

Total \$18,323

Thank you for your support!

Mass Celebrant

December 1-2

4:30 pm Fr. Gary
9:00 am Fr. Gary
11:00 am Fr. Gary

Subject to change



St. Joan of Arc Catholic School News

By Mrs. Shelley DiBacco,
School Principal

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On Thursday, November 29th, St. Joan of Arc School will host a “Countdown to Kindergarten Visit Day”. Any child who will be ready for Kindergarten in the fall of 2019 is invited to come and spend some time in our Kindergarten classroom. Our visitors will be working on a fun project with our current Kindergarteners. Two times slots are available 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 12:45-1:45 p.m. Come see what we are all about! Register by calling the school office 440-247-6530.

On Thursday, November 29th our 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will be going to the Natural History Museum. 2nd grade will participate in the *Fossils: Clues to the Past and Hidden Kingdoms* program. The 4th grade will participate in the *Ohio Indians Plus* program. The 5th and 6th graders will explore the inner workings of the stars-atoms and energy, and how that energy makes its way into the universe. Students will have lunch at the museum and spend time visiting the exhibits.

Our Coin Wars have ended and I’m happy to say that the students at St. Joan of Arc School raised \$3000 for Chagrin Falls Park. Way to go, SJA! I am so very proud of them and I know The Park will be overjoyed to receive our donation.

On Friday, December 1st our Kindergarten class will be going to a tree farm to pick out our school Christmas tree.

Save the date! St. Joan of Arc PTO will be sponsoring “Breakfast with Santa” on Saturday, December 8th from 9:00AM until 12:00PM in the Olsavsky Center. There will be crafts, pictures with Santa, cookie decorating and more! This event promises to be fun for the entire family so be sure to mark the date on your calendars. Our annual Santa’s Shop will also take place on Thursday, December 6th.

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
- December 3 Penguin Project Informational Meeting – 7:00PM
- December 8 Breakfast with Santa
- December 12 Christmas Concert – 7:00PM

Family Perspectives

The gospel today is clear that “everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Truth is critical to human fulfillment and happiness. Without the truth we live suspiciously in a world of lies. What is the truth about the effect of our actions on children? The importance of a father’s presence to the development of a child? The effect of cohabitation on a relationship? The result of long work days and too little time with families? Live the Gospel truth.

November

Sunday, November 25th
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon
NO PSR

Monday, November 26th
NO MORNING MASS
8:30am Home Visitation (Rectory)
4:45pm PSR (School)
6:00pm CYO (OC)

Tuesday, November 27th
NO MORNING MASS
10:00am Book Study (Hall)
4:30pm CYO (OC)

Wednesday, November 28th
NO MORNING MASS
3:30pm CYO (OC)
7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)
7:30pm Boy Scouts (Hall)

Thursday, November 29th
NO MORNING MASS
8:30am Bible Study (Rectory)
3:30pm CYO (OC)
7:00pm Book Discussion (Rectory)

Friday, November 30th
NO MORNING MASS
3:00pm CYO (OC)

Saturday, December 1st
Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm
3:15pm Confessions (Church)
10:00am Family Advent Wreaths
(Hall)

Sunday, December 2nd
Masses: 9 am, 11 am
10:00am PSR (School)
10:00am 7&8th PSR (School)
12:00pm High School Theology
(School Library)

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, November 26th - Weekday
NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, November 27th - Weekday
NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday, November 28th - Weekday
NO MORNING MASS

Thursday, November 29th - Weekday
NO MORNING MASS

Friday, November 30th - St. Andrew, Apostle
NO MORNING MASS

Saturday, December 1st - Vigil Mass
4:30 p.m. Nora Moriarty (Moriarty)

Sunday, December 2nd - 1st Sunday in Advent
9:00 a.m. Janos Szigeti (Szigeti)
The Parishioners of SJA
11:00 a.m. Bonnie Tanko (Zilly)
Nancy Mlachak (Gallagher)

Parish Rosary Program

Week of November 25th

(number of rosaries prayed)

Weekly Total: 86

November Total: 171

Grand Total: 171

Youth Ministry

Thank you to all who participated in our November events! December is shaping up to be an exciting month, with several events planned.

High school students, please join us on **Saturday, 12/15**, as we go to the **Cleveland Catholic Youth Conference at John Carroll University!** The day-long experience includes workshop sessions, eucharistic adoration, reconciliation, and mass with Bishop Perez. We will be **meeting here at SJA at 7:15 am** to carpool and **returning at 8:45 pm**. The cost is **\$35 per person, payable by check to St. Joan of Arc Parish by 11/26. Registration closes on 11/30.** Please visit the HS Youth Ministry page on the website or Allie's office for more information and instructions on how to register.

Middle School Youth Group is meeting on **Sunday, 12/16, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm** for a night on the meaning of Christmas and Advent, finding hope in the holidays, and some fun Christmas crafts and games.

All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for **Here We Go A-Caroling**, a day of caroling and fellowship, on **Sunday, 12/23**. We will **begin with 11:00 am mass**, followed by lunch and caroling at four local nursing homes. Ugly Christmas sweaters, costumes, and props are highly encouraged. The best outfit will win a prize!

For Youth Ministry to have successful events, **we need parent volunteers!** For **safety reasons, all events must have a minimum of 2 adults.** Therefore, we are looking for parents willing to chaperone events. We **currently need several adults for both the 12/15 event and the 12/23 event.** Please let Allie know if you're willing to help out by calling at 440-247-4316 or emailing stjoanofarcym@gmail.com.

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.

Holy Hour & Adoration

Join us for a Holy Hour of prayer starting at 7pm on **Thursday, December 6**. All are welcome to attend.

December 8, The Immaculate Conception

Saturday, **December 8** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please note the Mass for this Holy Day will be at 9:00am.

Christmas Tea

The Women's Guild invites all ladies of our Parish to a Giving Cookies Christmas Tea. The Tea will be held in our Parish Hall on **Wednesday, December 12** at 2pm. We are in need of Christmas cookies and tins! Please drop off all donations at the Parish Hall. Please RSVP to the Tea by **December 3** by calling Gerry Koprowski at 440-591-5182.

BEST **Advent** EVER

'TIS *(almost)* THE SEASON

Rediscover the joy of Christmas with BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. **Each day of Advent, you'll receive . . .**



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AREA NEWS

Advent Luncheon: "Walking in Advent with Mary of Nazareth"

Mary, who faced the extraordinary challenges of her vocation with love and faith, is a perfect Advent model. This presentation offers realistic views of our Blessed Mother based on Scripture with insights from historians. From her spirituality, it will draw three practices that strengthen our relationship with God and prepare us for his coming: listening, trusting and loving. Sr. Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND, is an author, editor and international speaker who has produced various faith formation materials, including more than 80 books. Join her on **Monday, December 10** from 11:30-1:30pm at the Jesuit Retreat Center. Register at www.jrh-cleveland.org. Cost is \$30.

Thursday Morning Advent Series: Catholicism with Bishop Barron (on DVD)

8:30-9:45am in the Rectory Basement:

November 29, Mary, the Mother of God
December 6, The Mystical Union of
Christ and the Church
December 13, World Without End: The
Last Things

No registration required. Join us for
beautiful teachings and a bit of sharing.



TRINITY
HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following parishioners who made the honor roll at Trinity High School based on grades received at the end of the first half-term:

Andrew Gudz (Senior)
Stephen Gudz (Sophomore)
Joseph Veniero (Freshman)



Christmas Oplatki

Christmas Oplatki wafers are now available in the Gathering Area for a monetary donation. Please place donations in the box next to the wafers. There are 4 Oplatki wafers in each envelope.