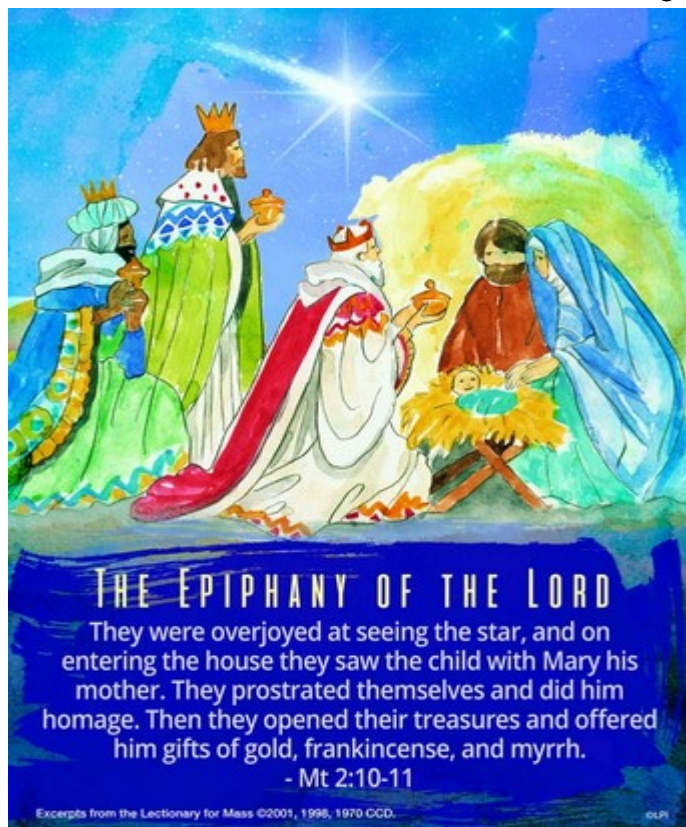


St. Joan Of Arc Church

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

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
Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Dunlop, Deacon
Miss Allie Gall, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Rev. Mr. Dennis Guritza, Deacon
Mrs. Amanda T. Haberman Pastoral Minister
Mr. Ralph Holtzhauser, Director of Music
Rev. Gary J. Malin, Pastor
Mrs. Stacie M. Webster, Principal
Rev. John R. Olsavsky, Retired Pastor

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 in the church).
Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Sessions in the Catholic Faith (RCIA):

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM (*September thru May*).
Contact Deacon Jeff at440-376-9177

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Joan of Arc!
Contact the Parish Office to register.



**Sunday,
January 3
Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00 AM Joseph
Kuhn
(Brooke)

11:00 AM St. Joan
of
Arc
Parishioners

**Monday,
January 4**

No daily mass

**Tuesday,
January 5**

No daily mass

**Wednesday,
January 6**

No daily mass

**Thursday,
January 7**

No daily mass

**Friday,
January 8**

No daily mass

**Saturday,
January 9**

4:30 PM Eddie
Giordano
(Zelevnik)



Greetings of Peace for the New Year 2021. This is the first weekend of 2021. How the time flies!

We celebrate Epiphany this weekend. The narrative of the Magi tells us they followed the star and found our Lord! They offered gifts and did him homage. We can do the same. Seek the Lord. Discover his love. Give him the gift of your life. Worship him – the one who deserves our praise!

On the Feast of Epiphany, it is appropriate for people to bless their homes. For those wishing to bless their homes, this Epiphany prayer can be used. A piece of chalk may be used. *The U.S. Bishops strongly suggest a "House Blessing" be done by those who dwell in their home. The family gathers together and all can participate in the blessing of their home (or apartment).*

**BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON
EPIPHANY**

All make the sign of the cross, and the leader begins:
*Peace be with this house and with all who live here.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

All respond: *Now and forever.*

The leader introduces the blessing:

*During these days of the Christmas season,
we keep this feast of the Epiphany celebrating the
manifestation of Christ
to the Magi, to John in the River of Jordan, and to the
disciples
at the wedding of Cana. Today Christ is manifested to us!
Today this home is a holy place!*

The Scripture is read by a family member:

*From the Holy Gospel according to John: (John 1/1-2, 14)
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God.*

*All things came to be through Him and without Him
nothing came to be.*

*And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among
us,*

*and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth. The Gospel of the Lord.*

All respond *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The leader continues:

*Let us pray:
Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed Your only
begotten Son*



*to every nation by the guidance
of a star*

*Bless this house and all who
inhabit it.*

*Fill us with the light of Christ,
that our concern for others
may reflect your love. We ask
this through Christ our Lord.*

All respond: Amen.

The leader or a family member
marks the doorway of the house
with chalk
with the year and the initials of the
names attributed to the three Magi,
20 + C M B + 21 (or last two digits
of the current year)

Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar:

***"They presented him with
gifts of Gold, and
Frankincense, and
Myrrh."*** (see Matthew 2/11)

*And finally, as of this writing
(December 17, 2020) I am scheduled
to be out of town this week (leaving
after masses on Sunday January 3 and
returning for mass on Saturday
January 9, 2021). Because of the
pandemic, my plans may need to be
adjusted. If I am able to get away
there will not be a daily mass at SJA
this week. Our neighboring priests
indicated they will do their best to
respond to any funerals or
emergencies that may come up at St.
Joan of Arc while I am away. Thank
you, Fathers!*

Noel, Blessings and Peace for this final
week of the **Christmas Season**, and
for the **New Year, 2021**.

Fr. Gary

Parish School of Religion



**A HAPPY and
BLESSED NEW
YEAR, 2021, to all
our PSR Families!**

PSR Classes – Virtual Learning and Family Religion Program

*PSR classes resume on **Monday, January 4, 2021** for **Grades 1/2 Virtual Learning, and our Family Religion Program, Grades 3-6**. PSR classes resume for **Grades 7/8 and High School Virtual Learning** on **Sunday, January 10, 2021**.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Confirmation Candidates' 5th Instructional Session is **Thursday, January 7, from 6:30 -8:00pm via Zoom**. This session will include the Rite of Confirmation—a very important instructional session for each candidate preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates need to have their Session Magazine, #7 for this session. ***All completed Service Project Record Forms are due on February 20, the Confirmation Retreat Day. Service Project Record Forms can be handed in to Sr. Judy any time before February 20, if all your required hours (10) have been recorded and signed. Thank you!**

THANK YOU, Women's Guild and Parishioners!

Our **St. Joan of Arc Women's Guild** donated a very generous monetary gift to those in need at 3 Catholic Charities Family Centers in the inner city on the West Side of Cleveland. The **SJA Giving Tree** donated a very generous amount of gift cards to 3 specific stores for the Family Centers as well. Your goodness will help so many in need this Christmas! **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**



St. Pat's Hunger Center

Happy New Year to all!

On Tuesday, December 22, together with Holy Angels volunteers, meals were served for 100 at St. Pat's. Due to covid, meals were take out only. Thank you to those who baked for this.

We are looking for a coordinator to replace me. It is 4 times a year and you only have to purchase (cost reimbursed) the food two of those times. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Connie at 440-821-0729 or CEddy543@aol.com
Thank you for being a St. Pat's volunteer!

Connie Eddy



SJA Covid Corner

By: Amanda Haberman



It is time to REGISTER for our February 4th, 2021 **ZOOM** event with popular Catholic speaker Fr. Donald Calloway. This is a great opportunity to hear firsthand Fr. Calloway's life story and testimony from the comfort of our own homes. Please join us for an interesting and compelling evening of faith and inspiration from 7:00-8:30pm. Please register for this **FREE** event by sending me your contact information including your email address to: ahaberman@stjoanofarc.org. In the meantime, learn more about Fr. Donald Calloway through these links below:

Online Information:

Official website: <https://www.fathercalloway.com/>

Podcast: <https://www.ewtn.com/radio/podcasts/power-and-witness~OH> (select: power and witness 2/18/20 entrusting ourselves to St. Joseph)

News article: <https://www.google.com/amp/s/osvnews.com/amp/2020/03/19/author-of-consecration-to-st-joseph-shares-why-we-need-the-saints-witness-now-more-than-ever/> (or search online: "Our Sunday Visitor Author of Consecration to St. Joseph" to read the article.)

And To Purchase:

<https://www.ewtnreligiouscatalogue.com/Books-by-Fr-Donald-Calloway>

<https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store/title/no-turning-back>

Year End Financial Giving – a few ideas to consider

Despite what has felt like the longest nine months of a lifetime, 2021 is just days away!! As you assess year end giving opportunities, here are a few ideas to consider from the personal finance experts at <https://money.usnews.com>:



Gifts of Appreciated Securities

Many people just write a check to a charity, but you may get a bigger tax benefit if you give appreciated stock. If you owned the stock for more than a year, you can deduct the value of the stock on the date you give it to the charity if you itemize. And even if you don't itemize, you can avoid having to pay long-term capital gains taxes on your profits, which could have cost up to 20% if you sold the stock first.

Contact Paula Aveni, SJA's Business Manager, at paulastjoan@gmail.com to get information on how to donate shares to SJA

Gifts from your IRA

People who are age 70½ and older can give up to \$100,000 per year tax-free from their IRA to charity, a procedure called a qualified charitable distribution or QCD. The gift counts as their required minimum distribution but isn't included in their adjusted gross income. (Even though the SECURE Act, a recent tax law, increased the age to start taking RMDs from 70½ to 72, you can still make a qualified charitable distribution any time after you turn age 70½.)

This is usually a great strategy for people who have to take RMDs and would like to give money to charity – they can help the charity and not have to pay taxes on the money they have to withdraw from their IRA. Because of the CARES Act, people are not required to take RMDs in 2020. However, you may still be able to benefit from making a QCD this year. Ask your IRA administrator about the procedure, and let Paula know the money is coming.

New \$300 Charitable Deduction for Non-Itemizers

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, created several incentives for people to help charities right away, including a charitable deduction of up to \$300 in 2020, even if you don't itemize. Otherwise, you generally need to itemize to take the charitable deduction, which fewer people do since the standard deduction doubled a few years ago – now at \$12,400 for single filers and \$24,800 for married couples filing jointly in 2020.

This special CARES Act provision gives a tax incentive to all taxpayers to give at least \$300 to charity during 2020. To qualify, the gift must be made in cash and go directly to the charity, rather than to a donor-advised fund or private foundation.

Source: <https://money.usnews.com/money/personal-finance/taxes/articles/new-rules-for-charitable-giving>

2020 Charitable Contributions – the date matters!



As we near year end, many questions arise surrounding documentation and substantiation of charitable contributions. Here are a few pointers from the Diocese' Finance Office:

Contributions **received in person** (which include gifts put in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office) must be received on or **before December 31, 2020** to be counted as a **2020 contribution**. The contribution must be physically in hand by someone who is authorized to receive contributions on behalf of the parish or school. Contributions received **after December 31, 2020**, will be acknowledged and **recorded in the 2021** calendar year. As usual, contributions are only deductible to the extent provided for by law.

Contributions received by mail, must be **POSTMARKED by December 31, 2020** to be acknowledged for the **calendar year 2020**.

Contributions received **after January 1, 2021 and post marked in January** will be recorded in **2021**, **regardless of the date of the check**. Once again, THE POSTMARK is very important.

Mass Celebrant Jan. 9/10

4:30PM Fr. Gary J. Malin
9:00AM Fr. Gary J. Malin
11:00AM Fr. Gary J. Malin

*Thank you so much for
your generous support!*

Baptism Classes

With the ongoing difficulties in scheduling meetings, due to Covid 19, Baptism Classes are being scheduled on an "as needed" basis.

These classes can be conducted either on Zoom or in person.

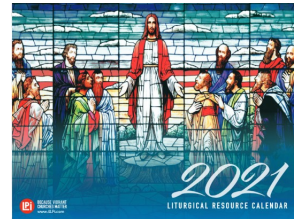
Inquiries about the classes, Baptism, or to schedule a class can be directed to Diana Guritza at



Parish Calendars

Parish Calendars for 2021 are available in church (from the ushers) or from our Parish Office.

We extend a sincere "Thank You" to the St. John Funeral Home (in Bainbridge and Bedford) for providing our annual calendars.



To register for Fr. Calloway's free zoom

To register for Fr. Calloway's free zoom presentation on Feb. 4, 2021 from 7:00-8:30 please email Amanda Haberman at ahaberman@stjoanofarc.org with your contact information.

(In order to register she will need the email address that you plan to use the night of the presentation! Thank you!)

EPIPHANY

