



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

4th Sunday of Advent | Sunday, December 19, 2021



4<sup>th</sup>  
SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

## 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.

### Parish Information

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### Parish Staff

**Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Dunlop, Deacon**  
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**Mrs. Amanda Haberman, Director of Religious Education**  
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**Rev. John R. Olsavsky, Retired Pastor**

### Mass Schedule

**Weekend Mass:**  
Saturdays 4:30pm, Sundays 9:00am and 11:00am  
**Weekday Mass:**  
Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays 8:00am  
Tuesdays 9:00am September-May, 8:00am June, July and August  
*Holy Day Masses and Civic Holidays subject to change - see bulletin and/or website.*

### Sacramental Information

**Baptism:** Celebrated at most weekend masses or on most Sundays at noon. Contact the Parish Office.  
**Reconciliation (Confession):** Saturdays 3:30pm until all are heard. Advent and Lent Saturdays 3:15pm-4:00pm.

*For other Sacramental Information, please see PAGE 3.*

**New parishioners welcome! Please contact the Parish Office to register.**

Greetings of Peace this final week before Christmas! *This bulletin column is due Mon Dec 6, and so I need to think about Christmas – even though we are still in early Advent, as of this writing! And so here goes...*

Looking to Christmas (which is one week away) **our Christmas mass schedule** at St. Joan of Arc is:

**\*Christmas Eve**, Friday December 24: 4:30 PM and 8:00 PM

**\* Christmas Day**, Saturday December 25: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

–There will not be a 4:30 PM mass on Saturday December 25

–Sunday December 26, we will follow our regular Sunday schedule: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

And again, here are **a few more notes about Christmas**. Christmas has been a time when many people often come to mass! Christmas masses are usually quite crowded, especially Christmas Eve. In today's world, that can be "a problem." For those who do choose to come to mass, we will still need to maintain our current protocols – and at this point the Bishop has asked all to continue to wear masks while in our worship space and buildings. We anticipate having some "overflow" directed to our gym and hope to be able to livestream mass and also "deliver communion" there – particularly for the Christmas Eve 4:30 PM mass. Still, we will need to follow the appropriate safety measures in the gym as well. *Furthermore, for those in "high risk" categories or other considerations could perhaps choose to remain home out of caution and for your own health.* Finally, Christmas mass should be available on the St. Joan of Arc Parish website.

*This week, there will be an Advent Communal Penance Service at St. Rita on Tuesday December 21 at 7:00 PM.*

Looking at **the daily and weekend mass schedule for the coming weeks** (including New Year's weekend), **please note a few adjustments:**

–There will not be a morning mass on Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24

–*The Christmas schedule and the weekend masses for December 25–26 are noted above*

–There will not be a daily mass on Monday December 27 or Friday December 31

–For "New Years weekend" we will follow our regular weekend mass schedule:

4:30 PM mass on Saturday January 1, 2022 and Sunday January 2, 2022 at 9 AM and 11 AM.

*Finally, here is some diocesan news. In our continued effort to comply with the requirements of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," the Office of the Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, our diocesan Office for Protection of Children & Youth and Communications Department of our diocese, all parishes have been asked to please publish the bulletin announcement below at least twice between August 2021 and December 2021. We will comply.*

**"Protecting God's Children.** *The Diocese of Cleveland's 'Protecting God's Children' program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org). You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior."*

Blessings and Peace this final week before Christmas. Noel!

*Fr. Gary*

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 19

9:00am Karen Colini (Seif)

11:00am SJA Parishioners

### Monday, December 20

8:00am Colleen Melena (Nally)

### Tuesday, December 21

9:00am Alvin Ortmann

(Ortmann)

### Wednesday, December 22

No Mass

### Thursday, December 23

No Mass

### Friday, December 24

No Morning Mass

4:30pm Timothy Vicek

(Lasch/Toth)

8:00pm Josephine DiStaulo

(DiStaulo)

### Saturday, December 25

9:00am SJA Parishioners

11:00am Matthew O'Hearn

(Christy)

## Giving and Sharing Tree

Thank you so much for your generous gift donations to many worthy charities. The response was overwhelming and much appreciated.

## Other Sacramental Information

**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).

**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 7:00pm, September - May. Contact **Deacon Jeff** at **440-376-9177**

## Moms, Pops, and Tots Play Group

Fun friends, and free play! Come join us (infants to 5 years) for play and conversation!

Meets Wednesday mornings at 9:00am in the Parish Hall.

Questions? Contact **Kelly Rohr** at **614-477-4032** or **kellyroserohr@gmail.com**

Are you or someone in your life facing a difficult time, illness, surgery, or struggle? Put them on the **SJA Prayer Line!** Email prayer requests to **mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org**

## Office of Faith Formation

### First Reconciliation

Please keep our day school and PSR second grade students in your prayers as their First Reconciliation date approaches. First Reconciliation will be held on January 26th and February 2nd at 7:00pm. This a very exciting time for each one of them and we appreciate all your prayers!

### Confirmation Preparation

Our next session is on January 13th at 6:30 in the parish hall. This session will include a presentation from the Culture Project on the pros and cons of social media usage. Thank you to all the parents who are prayerfully supporting their children through this formation process! Your children are a gift to our parish.

### PSR Holiday Schedule

We have one class left in December for grades K-8. Sunday PSR will meet on December 19th, and Monday PSR will meet on December 20th. We are wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Classes resume on Sunday, January 9th and Monday, January 10th.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word, for children in Kindergarten through Grade 3, is being offered every Sunday during 9:00am Mass. Please join us any time! No registration required.

## The Food Pantry in the Narthex is Back!

Please bring your non-perishable food donations (canned vegetables, fruits, spaghetti sauce, soups, pasta, rice, ramen noodles, peanut butter, etc.) when you come to Mass.

Thank you for supporting this very necessary outreach ministry.

## Food Pantry Collection in SJA Parking Lot on Thursdays

We will not be collecting on 12/23 because of the Christmas holiday, but we will resume on 12/30. Look for the list of food items needed on 12/30 in the bulletin on 12/26.

Thank you so much for helping us stock the pantry shelves. Please call **Jane Zilly** with any questions at **216-402-8912**.

## Music Ministry

Children's Choir meets Thursdays at 5pm in the church and welcomes all children second grade and up who would like to make wonderful music! Please contact **Ralph Holtzhauser** at **440-666-9452** or **rholtzhauser@stjoanofarc.org** for more info.

Adult Choir meets Thursday nights at 7pm. We are in need of more singers and all who enjoy music are encouraged to come, no matter what your previous experience in music is!



## VBC Coordinator Opportunity

SJA is looking for a Vacation Bible Camp Coordinator. This part-time position begins in January! We start ordering supplies in the winter and organizing volunteers by the spring. We are looking for one dedicated individual to oversee VBC and delegate volunteer positions as necessary. A generous stipend will be offered. For more information, contact **Amanda Haberman** at **ahaberman@stjoanofarc.org** or **440-247-3606 x 125**.

This year's theme will be MONUMENTAL: Celebrating God's Greatness!



## Mass Celebrant

12/24/21	4:30pm	Fr. Gary J. Malin
	8:00pm	Fr. Gary J. Malin
12/25/21	9:00am	Fr. Gary J. Malin
	11:00am	Fr. Gary J. Malin
12/26/21	9:00am	Fr. Gary J. Malin
	11:00am	Fr. Gary J. Malin

## Cafeteria Manager Needed

St. Joan of Arc is in need of a Cafeteria Manager for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Mahoney has graciously agreed to start the year so that the students will continue to have the option of a hot lunch each day. This is a part-time position, and more information can be found on the Diocesan employment website:

[https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/human-resources/\\_employment-opportunities/category/all](https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/human-resources/_employment-opportunities/category/all)

## Job Opportunity

St. Joan of Arc Parish in Chagrin Falls is seeking an Administrative Assistant/Secretary to handle a wide variety of duties and responsibilities that support the basic operations and functions of the parish office. Strong organization, communication, and relationship skills are essential, as are the ability to work independently, multi-task, and adjust priorities as they occur.

Those interested can drop off a resume (with cover letter) to the Parish Office, noting SJA Office Job on the envelope. No calls, please.

## Bulletin Submissions

If your parish group or organization has something to contribute to the bulletin, please email it to **Allie Gall** at **agall@stjoanofarc.org** with the following subject line: **Bulletin MM/DD**.

## Baptism Classes

The Sacrament of Baptism is a very special time where we receive into the Church the newly Baptized, along with welcoming their family and sponsors to share in the beginning of the child's journey of faith. Classes are offered both in-person and online with Zoom. To sign up or to get further information on the class or with questions on Baptism at St. Joan of Arc, call **Diana** at **440-552-1046** or email **dinah627@windstream.net**

## Collections

### Weekend of 12/4-12/5

Cash	\$ 30,472.39
E-Giving	\$ 3,389.69
Total	\$ 33,862.08



## Electronic Giving

Choose the option that works best for you

1. Visit the SJA online giving website: <http://www.stjoanofarcchurch.org/eGiving.aspx> and set up an account, or simply scan the QR code below. You can set up a personal account to use for regular offertory, holy days of obligation, and special collections.

2. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, where you will find the free "Give + Church" smart phone app.

After downloading, you can set up a personal account and use the site for regular offertory, holy days of obligation, and special collections. You will be prompted to enter our zip code of 44022 or the St. Joan of Arc Church name. Click on our church name and address in the list and then begin the process of setting up you account.

3. Complete the paper form found on the website listed in Option 1 and mail it to the Parish Office:

St. Joan of Arc Parish Office  
Attn: Kelly Kearney  
496 East Washington Street  
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