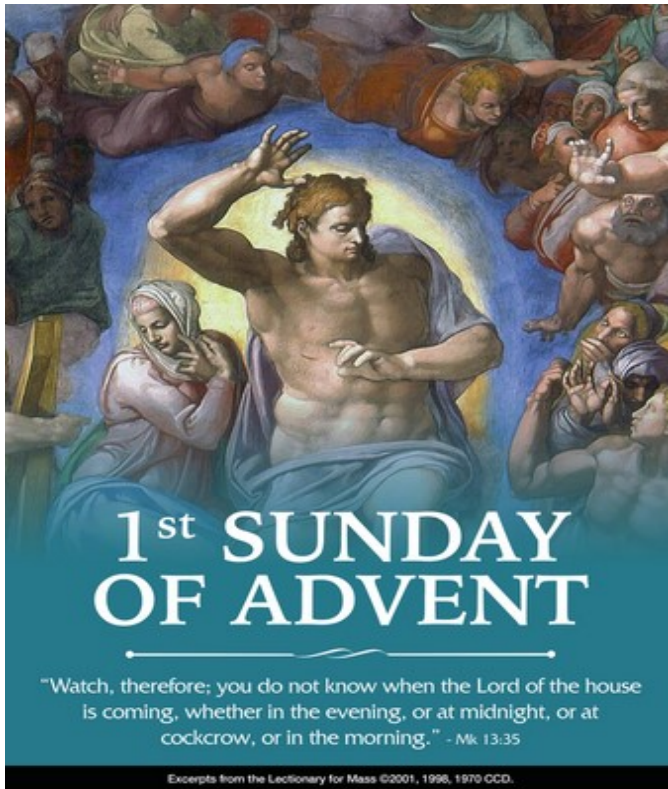


St. Joan Of Arc Church

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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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.

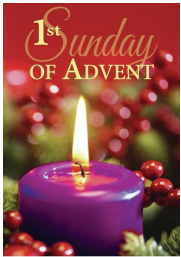
Funerals: Please contact the parish office before scheduling or publishing (generally through a funeral director).
Bereavement committee available for hospitality.

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!



Greetings of Peace as we enter into the Season of Advent. We “wait in joyful hope.” And we hope “things will get better in our world” with the rising cases of CoVid. Our preparations for Christmas (in our homes and church) will definitely need to be “flexible.”

As we begin Advent, it might be good to reflect on the meaning and purpose of a symbol we often use in this Season: The Advent wreath.

Fr. Paul Turner writes about this season and a symbol of this season by saying, “An Advent wreath symbolizes our longing for the coming of Christ. The wreath is a circle of evergreen branches into which are set four candles. Traditionally three candles are violet and one is rose, but four violet or four white candles may also be used.

“The wreath symbolizes many things. Evergreens signify God’s enduring promise of redemption, evident like green branches in the midst of snow. The circle signifies our hope for the return of Christ, whose kingdom will have no end. The colors of the candles match the traditional colors of the vesture for the four Sundays of Advent. Violet garments signify our penitent hope for salvation. The rose color, which *may* be worn on Advent’s Third Sunday, signals that the season is nearly over – joy is at hand!

“The wreath’s most luminous symbol is its growing light. One candle is lit on the First Sunday of Advent; two on the Second, three on the Third and all four on the Fourth. In the northern hemisphere, Advent comes at a time when the days decrease to their shortest length. As the hours of darkness increase, we light more candles on the wreath. The wreath, which symbolizes the coming of Christ, grows in intensity as the anniversary of Jesus’ birth draws near.

“The Advent wreath may be used at home or at church. It could be blessed on the First Sunday of Advent. When used in homes, the wreath could be blessed by a family member and lit during the evening meal, to remind everyone of the true meaning of this holy season.” *Paul Turner is pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri and director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Kansas City - St Joseph. He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from Sant’ Anselmo in Rome.*

As we wait in joyful hope, let us be attentive to the coming of the Lord – who is with us every day!

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary



**Sunday,
November 29**
First Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Gretchen
Aquaviva
(Aquaviva)

11:00 AM St. Joan
of
Arc
Parishioners

**Monday,
November 30**

8:00 AM Charlie Rule
(Rule)

**Tuesday,
December 1**

8:00 AM Fr. Thomas
J. Lususi
(Bernas)

**Wednesday,
December 2**

No Daily

**Thursday,
December 3**

8:00 AM Charles
Porter
(McGinnis)

**Friday,
December 4**

8:00 AM Ziggy
Walkiewicz
(Yoe)

**Saturday
December 5**

4:30PM Peter
Fronck
(Fronck)

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Parish School of Religion



A PSR/Day School Advent Service Opportunity

Our PSR and Day School will participate in a special Advent Service Project: **"Sponsor a Family Holiday Program"** that 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.

Since we are having this Advent Service Project during the COVID Pandemic, we are asking that **all donations** be either **gift cards** or **monetary**.

- **Gift cards** from stores like: **Kohls, Aeropostale, Bath and Body Works, JCPenney, Game Stop, Dicks Sporting Goods, Old Navy**, etc. are very helpful. **Restaurant Gift Cards** from **Wendy's, Chipotle, Dairy Queen, Subway** and **Panera** as well as **grocery store gift cards** are also welcome.
- **Monetary Donations** are used to purchase items that include meat, grocery items, paper products, and gift cards. Make sure checks are payable to: **Special Services of Geauga County**. Please include **Sponsor a Family Project** in the **memo portion** of the **check**.

Day School and PSR donations can be **dropped off** at the **School Office**, the **Office of Faith Formation**, or the **Parish Office** by **Monday, December 14**. **THANK YOU** so much!

Sacrament of Confirmation

The 4th instructional session for our Confirmation candidates is **Thursday, December 10**, via Zoom from **6:30-8:00pm**. ***Confirmation Name Projects are due before or the morning of the December 10 instructional session and need to be sent by email to:**

jbucco@stjoanofarc.org: **ATTENTION: Sr. Judy**. ***The Confirmation Candidate's first and last name**, as well as their **Confirmation Name** needs to be in the heading at the top of the project sheet.

Giving and Sharing Tree 2020



We will be accepting donations differently this year. We are asking parishioners to purchase gift cards instead of the usual gifts for Target, Walmart, Amazon, Giant Eagle or Heinen's. These gift cards will be divided up among the 6 charities to whom we have donated in the past.

Just drop off your gift cards in the mail slot by the Rectory door or put in the box by the tree in the narthex after November 21. Please be sure to put your card in an envelope and indicate the amount on the card. Please do not wrap your card.

We really appreciate your generosity, especially during these difficult times. These charities would not otherwise be able to bring Christmas to their families. Thank you so much for consistently stepping up to make other's lives better.

Any questions please contact:

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Jane Zilly, jmzilly@hotmail.com,
216-402-8912 or
SJA office, 440-247-7183

SJA Covid Corner

By: Amanda Haberman

Jesus promised, "I will not leave you as orphans: I will come to you." John 14:18

Hello SJA Parishioners! Welcome to my new little corner of the bulletin. It is my intention to fill this space with resources that bring you hope and joy as we enter into the season of Advent and throughout the church year. During this time of isolation and uncertainty, I want to remind you of the **abundance** of hope that is right at your fingertips. The current pandemic is not the only force working overtime; the Holy Spirit is as well and in an overflowing fashion. Jesus has indeed found many ways to "come to you" and I hope to highlight some of these ways in this column. Below is a brief list of digital offerings that can brighten your day and refresh your soul. Look for this column each week for new enriching resources, stories, and messages of hope.

Through FORMED: Father McGivney: An American Blessed (27 minutes) <https://watch.formed.org/videos/father-michael-mcgivney-an-american-blessed>

Podcast: Slaking Thirsts: "Learning from the Wise Virgins", -"Seen, Known, Loved", - Becoming Catholic – "The Trinity and the Person of Jesus"

Podcast: Word on Fire Episode 257: "Arianism, Then and Now"

Movie to Watch: The Divine Plan (about Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II)

TV Series: CHOSEN

Family Movie: FATIMA (2020 release date)



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Sign up for program alerts and more...

Are you interested in additional catholic resources being sent to your inbox without advertisements and subscription requests? If so, I would love to include you on my list! I am gathering email addresses of SJA parishioners who are looking for some good catholic resources (including adult / family education, podcasts, websites, books and more).

My goal is to weed through the millions of choices and only send you what is actually worthwhile. I will not share your email address. If you are looking for a brief once a month guide to Catholic resources and local catholic happenings, please send me your email address and begin enhancing your faith today.

Contact Information: Amanda Haberman, Pastoral Minister, ahaberman@stjoanofarc.org.

The Sunday TV Mass is moving to a new TV channel, and a new time

The weekly television Mass produced by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is moving. Starting on Nov. 22, the Sunday television Mass will be seen at 10 a.m. on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43. This change provides viewers with an opportunity to take part in the weekly celebration of the Mass at a much more convenient time. In addition, WUAB Channel 43 is an over-the-air station that is accessible even to those without cable TV. Those with cable TV need only to check their local cable system listings to determine where WUAB is located on their local channel line-up.

The weekly TV Mass is produced by the Diocese of Cleveland and it originates from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland. The televised Mass has been a staple of religious programming on Northeast Ohio airwaves for decades, cultivating a dedicated and faithful following. It is hoped that viewers will continue to tune in on this new station at this new, more convenient time.

The TV Mass also can be accessed on demand starting Saturday evening and running throughout Sunday on the Diocese of Cleveland website, dioceseofcleveland.org. In addition, the Mass can be heard on the radio, at 4 p.m. Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. Sundays on [AM 1260 The Rock](http://AM1260TheRock.com). Also, radio station [WINT-1330 AM](http://WINT-1330AM.com) airs the Mass at 9 a.m. each Sunday and [Cox Communications](http://CoxCommunications.com) cable subscribers can view the Mass at 11:30 a.m. Sunday on channel 45.

Mass Celebrant Dec. 5/6

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
of our parish*

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 440-552-1046.



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What about Christmas mass?

Bishop Malesic recently communicated with parishes about looking to public mass celebrations in our churches for Christmas. It appears we will continue to operate under the pandemic restrictions currently in place. The bishop further said:

1. The dispensation from the obligation to attend mass will remain in effect for the foreseeable future.
2. We are asked to communicate with parishioners relative to their intentions for attending mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, keeping in mind the need to distance, wear masks, limited number permitted in church, and more...
3. Each of us should be aware of "self-care," protecting our own health, and looking out for others.
4. All might be able to participate in Christmas Mass online...

More to come, as we approach Advent and Christmas.