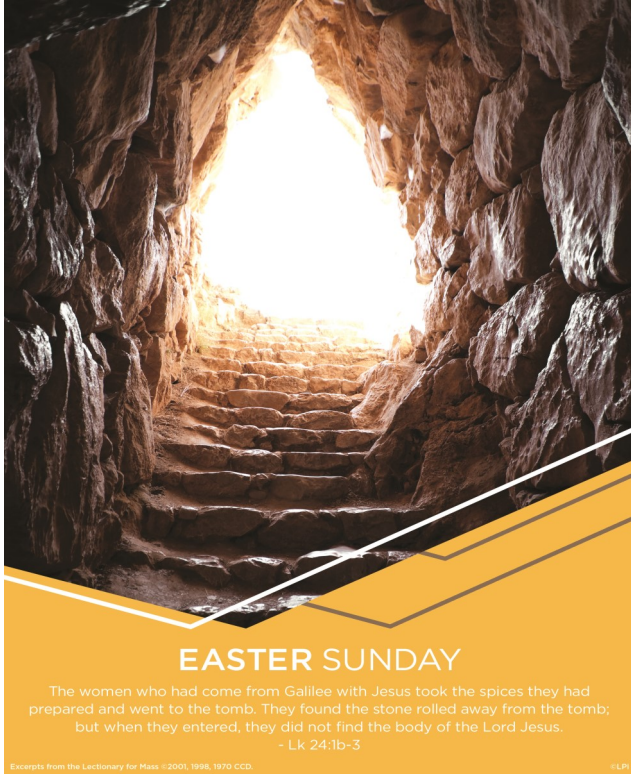




St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

April 20, 2025— The Resurrection of the Lord



EASTER SUNDAY

The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
- Lk 24:1b-3

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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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-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.

From the Pastor



Greetings of Easter Peace as we celebrate New Life – and Springtime! This column is being written quite early because of early deadlines from our bulletin company and parish office schedule for Holy Week and Easter. Moreover, I will be out of town from April 20 until May 3. While I am away there will not be a “daily mass” at St. Joan of Arc. Next weekend, April 26-27, please welcome Fr. Jamie Mazanec on Saturday for the 4:30 PM mass and Fr. Damian J. Ference for the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM masses on Sunday.

And we look ahead to the first weekend of May when we celebrate First Communion with our 2nd graders. Join me in saying to them, “Welcome to the table. We rejoice with you and thank you for your faith and openness to Christ who loves us, nourishes and feeds us.” Well done.

As I shared a few weeks ago, I will be moving from St. Joan of Arc this summer. I will serve at St. Mary in Chardon and St. Patrick in Thompson as “Senior Parochial Vicar” beginning August 15 and Fr. John D. Betters will come to St. Joan of Arc as pastor. I am sure we will welcome Fr. Betters to St. Joan of Arc. He is a good man and good priest.

Let me share with you a great Easter story – back by popular demand!

A teacher brought “egg-like” panty hose containers” to her religion class of young students. Each student received one and were instructed to go outside on that lovely spring day and find some symbol for “new life” and put it in the plastic egg.

After each student hunted for their sign of new life, they returned to the classroom.

As you can imagine, the children were all full of excitement and anticipation about how they would share their new-life symbols – after their diligent search.

Entering the classroom, they each placed the containers on the table in the middle of the room and the students gathered around the table with their teacher.

Surrounded by the children, the teacher began to open the eggs, one by one. After each one was opened, the child who discovered each symbol of new life would explain their symbol to the class.

One was a flower. Another was a leaf. Others had blades of grass or a feather from a bird. After each “unveiling” and explanation, the class would “ooh” and “ahh.” Yes, springtime is filled with signs and symbols of new life!

As they were nearing the end of this wonderful lesson, another "egg" was opened, revealing nothing inside.

Many of the children began to laugh. Others said, "That's stupid. Somebody didn't do their assignment."

"Little Billy" (there is one in every class!) spoke up. That's mine., " he said.

Some other students said to Billy, "You don't ever do things right!"

Just when the teacher was about to begin to bring order to the classroom, "Little Billy" exclaimed, "I did do it right. I did do it right. There is nothing there! It's empty. The tomb is empty!"

Silence followed and the lesson was learned.

Finally, please join me in offering sincere gratitude to all who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so special and joyous! The music helps us pray well. The worship environment is festive and beautiful. Our parish staff worked so hard in anticipation of Holy Week and Easter. Perhaps most importantly, your presence and participation has been exceptional. We are indeed blessed.

Have a great week. You are in my heart and in my prayers.

We acclaim, "He Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!"

Blessings and peace,

Fr. Gary



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 20—EASTER

9:00am SJA

11:00am Richard Yoe (Yoe)

Monday, April 21

8:00am No Mass

Tuesday, April 22

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, April 23

No Mass

Thursday, April 24

8:00am No Mass

Friday, April 25

8:00am No Mass

Saturday, April 26

4:30pm Ginger Cirino (Cirino)

Sunday, April 27

**9:00am Mary Ann Kovalski
(Poch/Waligura)**

11:00am SJA

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)

Thursdays at 6:30pm, September - May. Contact Deacon Jeff at 440-376-9177



Eucharistic Adoration

Will be held inside the church

on the Thursday before the First Friday of the month from 8:30am to 8:30pm. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 7pm. All are welcome to come and share in this beautiful experience of prayer and worship in the presence of Christ, be it 10 minutes, 30 minutes, or 1 hour.



Baptism Class

The Sacrament of Baptism is a very special time where we receive into the Church newly Baptized, along with welcoming their family and sponsors to share in the beginning of their child's journey of faith.

Classes are offered both in person and online Zoom. **To sign up or get further information on the classes or with questions on Baptism at SJA , call Diana at 440-552-1046 or email at dianag@stjoanofarc.org**



DAILY ROSARY—ST. JOAN OF ARC AVILAS

Please join us to pray the Rosary, Weekdays following the 8:00am Mass in the Chapel.

The St. Joan of Arc AVILAS, an organization of men and women, joined together under the patronage of St. Theresa of Avila, praying for religious vocations, meet on the Second Friday of each month. Member's attend the 8:00am Mass, followed by the Recitation of the Rosary and praying the Avila prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER
FROM
THE ST. JOAN OF ARC STAFF



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IN THE NARTHEX

Please bring your non-perishable food donations (canned vegetables, fruits, spaghetti sauce, soup, pasta, rice, ramen noodles, peanut butter, etc. when you come to Mass. Thank You for your support!



WEEKLY COLLECTION

WEEKEND COLLECTION S 4/12 -4/13
Collection: \$ 11,207.00

WEEKLY COLLECTION ONLINE : 4/7-4/11
Collection: \$ 3,023.00

Thank You for your continued support!

FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 10:00-11:00am

-Syrup-

-Canned Tuna or Chicken-

-Eggs-Milk-

-Hot Dogs/Kielbasa-



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



HOME VISITATION MINISTRY

Do you know of someone in the parish who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist? The Home Visitation Ministry teams bring the Eucharist to the sick and the homebound on a regular basis. These visits afford the opportunity for prayer and social visitation.

Please contact Jan Nally at 440-840-5087 or the parish office to arrange for our teams to visit.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



**HALLELUIAH, HE IS RISEN! MAY THE PEACE OF THE RISEN LORD
BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.**

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

APRIL PSR CLASSES:

Grades K-6: Mondays, April 28
Grade 7: Sundays, April 27



MAY PSR CLASSES:

Grades K-6: Monday, May 5
Grade 7: Sunday, May 4

FIRST EUCHARIST



The sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated the weekend of May 3rd and 4th . Please keep our 2nd graders in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this most blessed sacrament.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

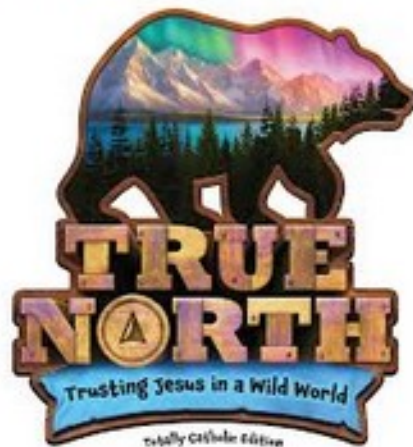
Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during the 11:00 Mass each Sunday for those children in grades K-3 . If you would like to volunteer to help with this important ministry, please feel free to observe the current session with the children in the Parish Hall. Then, contact Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3606 for even more information. Or email [**mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org**](mailto:mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org).



REGISTER

NOW

SJA
Vacation
Bible Camp
June 16-20,
2025
9am - 12pm
Ages 4 y.o.
thru 6th
grade



Children Will Learn:

**+When we wonder,
we can trust Jesus**

**+When we feel alone,
we can trust Jesus**


**+When we feel
powerless, we can
trust Jesus**

**+When we need hope,
we can trust Jesus**

**+When we need help,
we can trust Jesus**



REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE
FOR CAMPERS TEENS AND ADULTS
ON THE SJA WEBSITE AND IN
THE GATHERING AREA IN CHURCH



ST. JOAN OF ARC WOMEN'S GUILD
INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

SPRING LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, MAY 1ST AT 11:00 AM
CHAGRIN VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB
17260 SNYDER ROAD, CHAGRIN FALLS

\$45.00 PER PERSON

LUNCH & COMPLIMENTARY WINE

SILENT AUCTION AND 50/50 RAFFLE

FASHIONS BY BASE BOUTIQUE OF CHAGRIN FALLS

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SJA CEREAL DRIVE

PLEASE BRING A BOX OF YOUR FAVORITE CEREAL TO DONATE

RSVP BY FRIDAY, APRIL 23RD

MAIL CHECK PAYABLE TO SJA WOMEN'S GUILD:

JANEEN FRANK

7430 HUNTERS HOLLOW TRAIL, NOVELTY OH 44072

OR EMAIL RSVP: JANEENGFAOL.COM

BRING CHECK TO LUNCHEON OR DROP OFF AT RECTORY

QUESTIONS 440-725-7302



Pouring Out Support One Bowl at a Time!

The SJA Women's Guild is sponsoring a parish and school wide Cereal Drive which will culminate with our annual Spring Luncheon on May 1st. Our goal is to bring awareness to the staggering hunger rate among children in the Cleveland area. Our parish is seeking to provide breakfast to families in need, both in our local community and the greater Cleveland area. We are collecting packaged cereals of any size and variety at our church from April 6th until May 1st. If you would like to support this initiative, please bring your donations to the church narthex during any mass hours. Thank you for your generosity and support!



Women's Guild Luncheon Auction Donations

We are asking for your help with this year's Auction Tables. Some suggestions are jewelry, crystal, serving dishes, garden items, tickets to events, paintings, baskets filled with bath articles, children's books, chocolates or travel items to name a few. If you put together a basket please fill it with items you will use if it does not sell. No donation is too small.

The Guild is so grateful for the generosity we have received over the years for our Luncheons.

Please contact Dee Bomback at 440-409-6010 or Mary Lou Horrigan at 216-287-9921 for information.

**** Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office ****

****The cut off date for receiving donations : Monday, April 28, 2025****