



# St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

April 21, 2024— Fourth Sunday of Easter



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

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## 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

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*Rev. John R. Olsavsky, Pastor Emeritus*

### 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.**

It is amazing that we are now in the last part of April and May draws near. With the rain we have had lately, the apt phrase "April showers bring May Flowers" rings true. And the flowers are already blooming! Soon we will enter the month of May when we will have more "May Flowers," First Communion (the weekend of May 4-5 in our parish), then Mother's Day, Graduations, and more. Later in May we have Memorial Day - and the Blossom Festival in Chagrin! (Even with the "Bridge project" in 'downtown Chagrin.')

Then the "summer months" of June, July, and August. Those are the three (3) "unofficial months of summertime!"

Let us also remember to pray for our children who will be receiving First Communion in a couple of weeks!

This weekend (the weekend of the Fourth Sunday of Easter) is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday" since the gospel we hear at weekend masses tells us about Jesus, who is our Good Shepherd. Did we ever take time to reflect on who Jesus is for us? Yes, he is the Good Shepherd? Moreover, Jesus is not only the Good Shepherd, he is the "sheep-gate." He is the Lamb of God. He is the one who seeks us out when we are the "lost sheep." He is our Passover meal. He is the one who leads us to good and eternal pastures. And more! Jesus died for us. He loves us. Let us show our love for him by following him and his voice! Amen.

One more note. I will be out of town ("Gone Fishing") - leaving this Sunday after the 9:00 AM mass, April 21. I will return for the weekend of May 4-5. There will not be a "daily mass" at St. Joan of Arc while I am away - that is this week, the week of April 22 - and also the week of April 29. Our wonderful ministerial staff will continue to be of service here at SJA while I am away and our priest-neighbors will do their best to be of assistance, if the need presents itself. Thank you, Fathers, and to our SJA staff.

**Blessings and Easter Peace. He is Risen. He is Risen, Indeed. Alleluia!**

**Fr. Gary**

## In the Garden of Life with Toni Colini

### Plants of the Week

April 21, 2024

Each week we will highlight plants on the church grounds describing a Biblical or Marian connection. Where the plant can be found on the grounds and a brief description.

#### Helleborus orientalis- Lenten Rose

**Plant Type:** Evergreen perennial that blooms during the Lenten season.

**Bloom:** Passion purple to rose to cream, late winter to early spring.

**Culture:** Partial shade to shade.

**Biblical Connection:** Blooms during Lent in the colors of the passion of Christ and may have been present at the time of Christ's crucifixion.

**Where:** At the main entrance of the Church on each side of the entry doors.



#### Narcissus poeticus- Our Lady's star, or Daffodils

**Plant Type:** Spring bulb of many varieties and sizes with blooming times of early March through April.

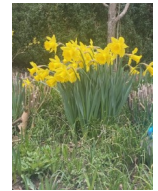
**Bloom:** 6 petals with a center cup or corona in colors of yellow, orange, white, green, and pink.

Flower sizes from 2 inches to 4 inches and heights of 3 inches to 14 inches.

**Culture:** Light shade to sun, while being adaptable to a variety of soil types.

**Biblical Connection:** Daffodils supposedly started blooming at the tomb upon Jesus's resurrection. The flower corona looks like the 6 sided Star of David representing Mary and Jesus's lineage. The gold center represents Mary's crown, the fragrance her sweetness and love. Along with many other symbols of Mary and other Saints.

**Where:** All over the grounds of SJA, many varieties.



#### Mertensia virginica- Our Lady's Thimble or Virginia Bluebells

**Plant Type:** Spring blooming perennial, a native wildflower in Ohio.

**Bloom:** Buds of passion purple that open in a deep blue. Blooms around the feast day of St. George - April 23 rd .

**Culture:** A true shade perennial, prefers moisture and will tolerate wetness. A native wildflower.

**Biblical Connection:** The flower looks like a thimble which told that the Blessed Mother would have used as a spinner of wool, weaver of linens, and embroiderer. The six stamens and pistil within the flower represent the seven sorrows of Mary and the pistil her biggest sorrow Jesus. The purple buds reminding us of his passion.

**Where:** The entrance walk into the Garden of Life on the street side.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

**9:00am SJA**

**11:00am Leonard Tabaj  
(Brosius)**

**Monday, April 22**

**8:00am No Mass**

**Tuesday, April 23**

**9:00am No Mass**

**Wednesday, April 24**

**No Mass**

**Thursday, April 25**

**8:00am No Mass**

**Friday, April 26**

**8:00am No Mass**

**Saturday, April 27**

**4:30pm Marie Isabel Charles  
( Zilly)**

**Sunday, April 28**

**9:00am Dominic Hunt ( Neier)**

**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.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at St. Joan of Arc: Will be the Thursday before the First Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Any questions please contact Paulina Rudmann, (440) 724-1468

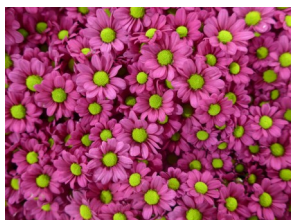


## Baptism Class

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 the 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 St. Joan of Arc, call Diana at 440-552-1046 or email [dinah627@windstream.net](mailto:dinah627@windstream.net)**







## **The Women's Guild invites you to their annual Spring Luncheon**

The lunch will be at the Club at Hillbrook on Thursday, April 25th at 11:00am.

The Club at Hillbrook is located at 14800 Hillbrook Drive, Chagrin Falls.

There will be a Silent Auction and a 50/50 Raffle benefiting the St. Joan's Garden of Life.

Jackie Rohr is still in need of Silent Auction items, please call Jackie at 44-773-5120 if you have a donation.

There will be a Fashion Show by Blush of Chagrin and Breezwood Gardens.

Tickets are \$45.00 per person, including lunch, wine and parking.

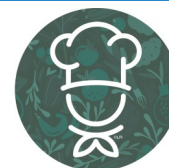
**Reservations must be made by April 19th, please make your check payable to St. Joan's Women's Guild, Attention: Janeen Frank, 7430 Hunters Hollow Trail. Novelty, Ohio 44072.**

**For information call Janeen at 440-725-7302.**

*We hope to see you can make it and join us for a wonderful afternoon*



## **St. Patrick's Hunger Center**



St. Joan of Arc will be cooking and serving meals on Tuesday, April 23rd at St. Patrick's Hunger Center (3603 Bridge Ave., Cleveland). We start cooking at 3:00PM and usually finish cleaning up by 7:00PM. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering. No experience necessary!

We also need homemade cookies to serve with dinner. If you would like to donate, please let us know and drop cookies off in the Parish Hall (kitchen) on the morning of the 23rd.

**For more information, please call Tim & Jacquie Cogan at 440-725-4602 or email [tcogan82@gmail.com](mailto:tcogan82@gmail.com)**

## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IN THE NARTHEX

Please bring your non-perishable food donations Toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, paper towels, Windex, scrub brush, Murphy's Oil Soap, Mr. Clean/Lysol, Pine sol, Comet, when you come to Mass. Thank You for your support!



## FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, April 25th from 10:00am-11:00am for you to drop off items.

-Butter-

-Potatoes-Onions-

-Apples-

-Chicken-



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

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

4/13-4/14

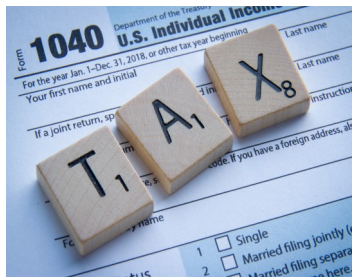
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Online: \$ 4,292.00

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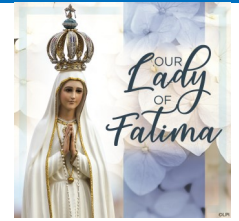
Online: \$ 6,082.69

Thank You for your continued support!



If you are 70 1/2 years of age or older, you are able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help St. Joan of Arc Parish and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your financial advisor and IRA Administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift made is directly from an IRA to St Joan of Arc.

## From the Desk of Millie Prebel



### Mary-Thon May 13, 2024

Make sure to mark your calendars for May 13, 2024, the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima for our Back to the Garden Mary-Thon.

Beginning at 8am, the day will be filled with activities to honor Mary, our mother! You can stop by to pray the rosary, sign up to raise money for the garden by getting sponsors for the rosaries you pray, stop by for lunch with Tony Colini, design architect of the garden or come by after work for a presentation of "The Mysteries of Mary" where I will share my Fatima pilgrimage experience and photos.

Our Garden has served us well for many years and is now in need of some TLC. Won't you join us in refreshing this sacred space?

For a schedule of the day's events :



### All Day Adoration May 2, 2024 8:30 am-8:30pm

**"The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace." Pope John Paul II**

Join us for our last all-day Adoration until the fall. Due to increased interest from the school, we have added more hours so that our students can participate. Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex or you can sign up online here:



### Marriage Enrichment Series

Married couples are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to nurture their sacramental relationship. This series offered by the Diocese provides opportunities for married couples to hear from experts in their field on issues vital to helping marriages thrive, while enjoying an evening out together with dinner and a chance to connect with other married couples in the area.

**Saturday May 4, 2024 6:00pm at Church of the Resurrection**  
**Nicole Melchi Strategies for Strengthening Relationships**  
**Call 330-425-8141 with questions**



## **Missionary Chronicles**

***Join us Tuesday April 23, 2024 at 9:30 in the Parish Hall. After the school mass.***

***Fr. Kevin Conroy Phd, Cambodia will share his many experiences as a missionary priest in Cambodia and his outstanding work in The Seedling of Hope Community Mental Health Program.***

***Refreshments provided.***

***Please contact Mille Prebel for more information at [mprebel@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:mprebel@stjoanofarc.org)***





# Office of Faith Formation

**MAY THE PEACE OF THE RISEN LORD BE WITH YOU THROUGHOUT  
THIS EASTER SEASON.**

## **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

### **APRIL CLASSES:**

Grade 7: Sundays: April 21, 28

Grades K-6: Mondays: April 22, 29

### **MAY CLASSES:**

Grade 7: Sunday May 5

Grades K-6: Monday May 6



PSR Registration forms for the school year 2024-2025 were sent out to current registered families. You may also pick them up when you bring your child to PSR. If possible, please return completed forms by the last PSR class in May. If you prefer to submit your payment closer to classes starting in the fall that is fine, but we ask that you please register now so we know how many books to order and how many catechists we will need.

## **FIRST COMMUNION**

Thank you to all the parent volunteers, catechists, and Sr. Theresa who helped make Jesus Day a success for our second graders making their First Communion in May! It was a beautiful day focused on the Eucharist and the children. Please keep the children in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this Sacrament.



**Vacation Bible Camp will be June 17-21, 2024**



Summer is coming! See our VBC SCUBA table in the gathering area for registration forms for campers and volunteers. **All forms can also be found on our parish website under the Faith Formation tab then drop-down menu Vacation Bible Camp... [stjoanofarcchurch.org](http://stjoanofarcchurch.org)**

We are gratefully accepting donations of items to help decorate the gym and school to transform them into undersea SCUBA wonderlands for the children. We are requesting pool noodles, cans of vibrant-colored spray paint (for coral), spray foam (for coral), 2L empty plastic bottles, empty paper towel rolls, and large cardboard boxes. Please leave donations in the church gathering area near the VBC table in the bins. We would also love to borrow any scuba-themed/undersea props that you would be willing to let us use as décor for the week. Please contact us about these items, do not drop these off in the church. **Volunteers are the heart of our Camp! If you have gifts and talents that you think could be used to enhance this week and make it come alive, please contact the Office of Faith Formation 440-247-3606 to discuss how you can help or email: [sjavbc@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:sjavbc@stjoanofarc.org).**

