



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

April 28, 2024— Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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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.

I am writing this column in early April - much in advance and much earlier than usual - since I am out of town until the weekend of May 4-5.

It is amazing that we are now in the last few days of April (when you are reading this note). With the month of May we have "May Flowers," First Communion (next weekend in our parish), then Mother's Day, Graduations, and more. Later in May we have Memorial Day - and the Blossom Festival in Chagrin (despite the work on the Main St. bridge!). Then June, July, and August are the "unofficial" 3 months of summertime!"

Moreover, the months of May and June are often "anniversary dates" for those who are ordained. Here at St. Joan we offer Congratulations and a heartfelt "Thank You" to Deacon Jeffrey F. Dunlop and Deacon Dennis A. Guritza. Deacon Denny was ordained to the diaconate on May 7, 2005. Happy 19th anniversary, Denny. And we are happy to celebrate with Deacon Jeff who was ordained to the diaconate on May 13, 2000. Blessings, Deacon Jeff, for 24 years of service as a deacon.

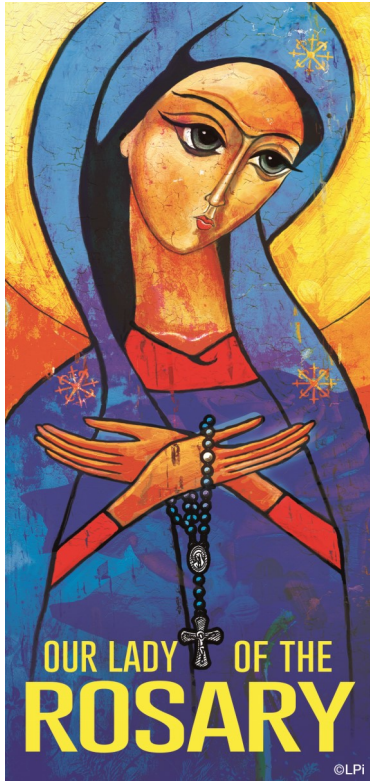
On a personal note I am so blessed to work with Jeff and Denny. They are good men. And as a parish we are so happy that you are so generous with your time, talents, and ministry to us here at St. Joan of Arc. Blessings and Peace on your anniversary, Deacon Denny and Deacon Jeff. You are loved and appreciated.

A "native son" of St. Joan of Arc is Fr. Joseph R. Brankatelli, ordained a priest on May 10, 2008 for service to the Diocese of Cleveland. "Joey" served in our diocese, then as a chaplain in the U.S. Army. He returned to the Diocese of Cleveland in the last couple of years and is ministering at St. Clare in Lyndhurst and is the Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish in South Euclid. Thank you for your service and ministry and "Happy Anniversary, 'Fr. Joe'."

Another "son of the parish" is Fr. Andrew C. Rudmann. Andrew was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of New Orleans in June 2019. Happy 5th anniversary.

It happens I was ordained a priest in June 1986. It is amazing how quickly these nearly 38 years as a priest have gone by. I am blessed to serve here at St. Joan of Arc and I appreciate your support and your prayers for me. Thank you.

Since we are approaching the month of May, Pope Francis encourages people of faith to pray the rosary in May - especially in light of our dealings with CoVid and other illnesses over these past 4+ years. The Pope prays, "Our Lady, Health of the Sick. Pray for us." The Holy Father also offers the following prayer we can all use as we turn to Blessed Mary:



O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus'
suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

...you know our needs, and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves
to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.
...(so we can share in) the joy of the Resurrection.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

Blessings and Easter Peace. You are in my heart and in my prayers.

He is Risen. He is Risen, Indeed. Alleluia!

Fr. Gary

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

9:00am Dominic Hunt (Neier)

11:00am SJA

Monday, April 29

8:00am No Mass

Tuesday, April 30

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, May 1

No Mass

Thursday, May 2

8:00am No Mass

Friday, May 3

8:00am No Mass

Saturday, May 4

**4:30pm Jeanette Formadel
(Byrnes)**

Sunday, May 5

9:00am SJA

**11:00am Francis Carragher
(SJA Parish)**

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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**



In The Garden of Life with Toni Colini

Plants of the Week

April 22, 2024

Dicentra spectabilis- Old Fashioned Bleeding Heart

Plant Type: Herbaceous perennial with foliage that will disappear as the summer gets warmer and drier.

Bloom: Blooms in May through June with long stems of heart shaped flowers.

Culture: Not a difficult perennial to grow, tolerant of many conditions, and grows in sun or partial shade.

Biblical/ Marian Connection: The flower depicts the great sorrows of the Blessed Mother and Jesus. The flower resembles a bleeding heart as when Jesus side was pierced. It also reminds us of how Mary's heart was broken to see such torment to her beloved son.

Where: In the entry walk to the Garden of Life on the right hand side.



Cercis canadensis- Eastern Redbud (Judas Tree)

Plant Type: Ornamental flowering tree that blooms in late April early May.

Bloom: Red-purple in bud opening to a rose pink with purple hues.

Culture: Partial shade to full sun, adapts to acid or alkaline soils, likes moist, well-drained rich conditions.

Biblical Connection: Legend has it that the Redbud is the Genus of tree that Judas hanged himself on. The flower buds (redbuds) also represent the droplets of blood that Jesus sweated in the garden of Gethsemane which open in glory to a beautiful flower.

Where: Garden of Life (weeping form) on the right side near the Visitation statue.



Myosotis scorpioides- Eyes of Mary (Biennial Forget -me-not)

Brunnera macrophylla- Eyes of Mary (Perennial Forget-me-not)

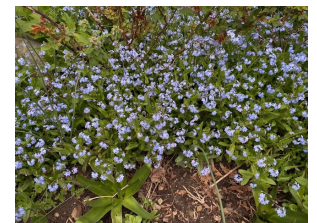
Plant Type: The biennial reaches 8-10" and will reseed throughout the garden, the perennial grows about 18"; both bloom in late April early May.

Bloom: Small pink buds opening to tiny blue clusters of clear blue flowers above the foliage.

Culture: Prefer semi shade to shady moist rich soils. The biennial will grow in extremely wet areas.

Marian Connection: The gold center of the forget-me-not is the reflection of Jesus in paradise in Mary's blue eyes. The flower is to remind us of paradise reflecting on Jesus as the center of life and hopes of everlasting life.

Where: In the garden of Life along the entry walk to the arbor and just beyond the arbor.



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!



WEEKLY COLLECTION

4/20-4/21

Collection: \$ 7,049.00

Online: \$ TBA

Thank You for your continued support!

FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, May 2nd 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

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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.

We have had a few questions about our Mary Thon Pledge drive.

The Pledge form is online, and it is also in the bulletin. Make several copies and reach out to friends and families for their support. Write your name in the "Pledges for" space. Share with them that their donation will be going to the Garden of Life right here at St. Joan of Arc for revamping our current space. Once you have completed your rosaries return the form to each sponsor to let your donor know the number of rosaries that you prayed and the amount of their donation. Return the signed form with cash or Check made out to St. Joan of Arc with Garden of Life in the memo.

Return forms to the office no later than May 19, 2024. Hope this clears up any confusion. **Please reach out to me at mprebel@stjoanofarc.org with any further questions.** Thanks so much for your support of our precious garden!



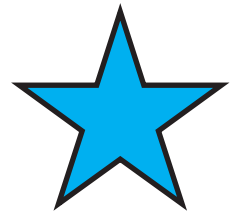
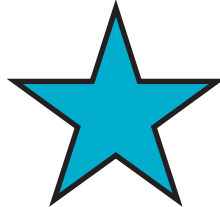
Mary-thon Schedule and link to Pledge Form Here:

Adoration May 2, 2024 8:30 am-8:30 pm

Spend some quiet time with the Lord! Join us for Adoration. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and online here:



Jesus Day 2024



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 28

Grades K-6: Mondays: April 29

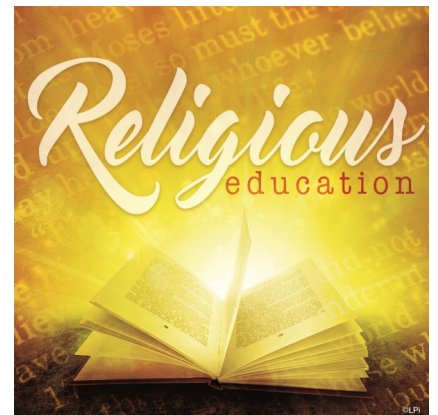
MAY CLASSES:

Grade 7: Sunday May 5

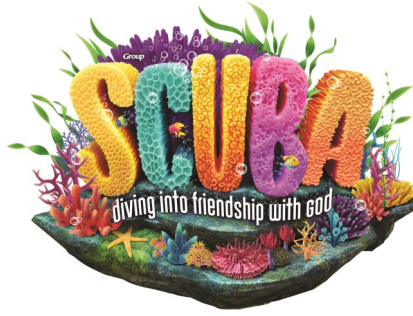
Grades K-6: Monday May 6



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.



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**

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.**

