



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Resurrection of the Lord - April 9, 2023



EASTER SUNDAY

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, 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.

From the Pastor

Greetings of Easter Peace. Here is a great "Easter story," back by popular demand!

A teacher brought some large plastic eggs 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 egg-like container. 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 running about the church property in 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 exclaimed, "Somebody didn't do their assignment."

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

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's nothing there! It's empty. The tomb is empty! The tomb is empty!" Silence followed and the lesson was learned.

May the Blessings and Peace of this Feast of New Life fill your hearts and lives with the Love of Christ and his abundant Grace.

You are in my heart and in my prayers.

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

Blessings and Easter Peace,

Fr. Gary

One final note. I will be here this week; still there is not a "daily mass" in the parish on Easter Monday, April 10. Daily mass will resume on Tuesday April 11. Then, looking ahead, I will be out of town (Gone Fishin') leaving after masses on Sunday April 16 and will return for masses on Sunday April 23. There will not be a "daily mass" at St. Joan of Arc while I am away – that is the week of April 17 and the week of April 24. 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 SJA staff. Again, Easter Blessings!

Shawl Ministry



The Shawl Ministry has been busy crocheting and knitting shawls to lend support, love and prayers to the ill, home-bound, the lonely, or anyone who is missing a loved one. Many prayers and blessings are knitted or crocheted into every shawl. If you or someone you know (of any faith) needs a shawl, **please contact Nicole DeMille at 516-428-4206.**

The St Joan of Arc Avilas are back and looking for new members!

We are an organization of men and women, joined together under the Patronage of St. Theresa of Avila, praying for religious vocations. On the Second Friday of each month, members attend the 8:00 AM Mass, followed By the Recitation of the Rosary and praying the Avila prayers for vocations to The Priesthood and Religious life.

PLEASE JOIN US ON FRIDAY'S Thank you Mother Mary!
For Information, Contact Matthew "Mickey" O'Hearn, 440-338-5914, or
mohearniii@gmail.com



St. Joan's 60th Anniversary



In Celebration of St. Joan's 60th Anniversary, the Women's Guild would like to invite all women and men parishioners to our Spring luncheon. The lunch will be held at Guido's Party Center in Chesterland on Thursday, April 27th. **SAVE THE DATE!** The Guild is planning a wonderful celebration. We are asking all past priests and sisters of St. Joan of Arc to come!

Our lunch will benefit the children of the inner city of Cleveland. There will be a silent auction held, if you have any items to donate **Please call Mirta 714-878-7147.** Details of this event will be announced soon. Please put this event on your calendar, and we hope to see you there.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 9

9:00am SJA

11:00am Ziggie Walkiewicz

(Walkiewicz)

Monday, April 10

8:00am No Mass

Tuesday, April 11

9:00am Janos Szigeti (Szigeti)

Wednesday, April 12

No Mass

Thursday, April 13

8:00 St. Joan of Arc Ministries

Friday, April 14

8:00 Volunteers of St. Joan of Arc
Church & School

Saturday, April 15

4:30 Nancy Ortmann (Zilly)

Sunday, April 16

9:00 Lajos Kovacs (Szigeti)

11:00 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**

Home Visitation Ministry

Do you know someone in the parish who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist? The Home Visitation Ministry teams brings 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.





SJA Elizabeth Ministry Presents

April Bunco

April 25, 2023

7:00PM

Holbrook Hollows

HEY LADIES! IT'S MOMS' NIGHT OUT!

*Please bring an appetizer to share and \$5
(singles preferred) to cover venue rental and
prize money. No experience necessary!*

BYOB

RSVP to Lisa Hamsmith
lpajek@gmail.com

Food Pantry Collection in the Narthex

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 your support!

Food Pantry Thursday

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, April 13th from 10-11am for you to drop off items.

- Sugar-Flour-
- Grits-Chicken-
- Taco Seasoning-Taco Shells-



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

Eucharistic Ministers- Help Needed

Are you a Eucharistic Minister? Volunteers are needed to bring Holy Communion to Hillcrest Hospital. Our volunteers are back and safely ministering to our patients. We welcome you to join them. Training is provided. **Proof of Covid vaccination is required.**

Contact Christine Young at 440-312-3739 for more information.

Weekly Collection

4/1-4/2

Collection: \$ TBA
Online: \$ TBA

Thank You for your continued support!

Reminder

Please be mindful of those Parishioner's who may need use of the designated Handicap Parking spaces. These spots have been set aside for their specific use. If you have a Blue Handicap placard please have it clearly displayed in your car window. If you do not have a permit, you are not to be parking in these spots unless you have a temporary need to.

Thank You!



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**, email **dinah627@windstream.net**

To schedule a Baptism, please contact the Rectory Office at 440-247-7183

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. 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
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022



Coffee & Donuts

Donuts are back... After 9:00am and 11am Mass. Please stop by the Parish Hall after Mass and enjoy connecting with your fellow parishioners!
Please note that there will not be any donuts today due to the Easter holiday.

Moms, Pops & Tots

Weekly play groups will meet on Mondays throughout the school year at 9am-10am in the Olsavsky Center - School Gym.

Any Questions please contact Kelly Rohr at 614-477-4032.





St. Joan of Arc School is thrilled to announce that we have received the preliminary totals from the Angel Scholarship Fund donations. **There were 107 donations totaling \$118,450!** 100% of these donations will be used for student tuition scholarships in the 2023-2024 school year.

Thank you! We are overwhelmingly grateful to each individual and family who took advantage of this tax credit, while also supporting our school. More specifically, this would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the ROMEO Club. These gentlemen offered to take on this brand new program. They were determined to obtain as many donations as possible in order to support the students and families of St. Joan of Arc. Our school is blessed to have parishioners who recognize the value (and expense) of a Catholic education. Thanks to the generosity of so many, more families will be able to afford a St. Joan of Arc education for their children.

The Angel Scholarship Fund has already begun collecting donations for tax year 2023. There is an option for a monthly recurring gift or a one-time gift. For more information, please go to: <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel-scholarship-fund/overview>

"Here's to Our Health"

Now that we are in the month of April, we are in the midst of cold & flu season. Medical professionals indicate cases are becoming more prevalent. And Covid is not done with us, yet. RSV is becoming more prevalent. If you are sick or feeling ill, please take appropriate precautions so you don't spread "the bugs" around. It is more prudent to stay at home rather than coming to church when one is sick. Missing church, if you are sick, is not a sin. As a matter of fact, not spreading the germs is an act of kindness! For your convenience SJA will continue to make masks available on a table as you enter the Church.

Thank you. Stay well, warm, and faithful.

Office of Faith Formation

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



FIRST EUCHARIST

Jesus Day for those preparing for the sacrament of First Communion is Saturday, April 22 from 8:30am – noon. Parent help is still needed. If you did not already sign up, please consider helping with this fun-filled day for the First Communion candidates. Contact the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3606 or officeoffaithformation@stjoanofarc.org

First Communion is the weekend of May 6-7. Please keep our 2nd graders in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this blessed sacrament.

PSR

Thank you to all the children who collected money and turned in their CRS rice bowls! Your generous donations will help many in need through Catholic Relief Services. Thank you!

APRIL CLASSES:

Grades K-6: Mondays: 4/17, 4/24 (no class Monday, 4/10)

Grade 7: Sundays: 4/16, 4/23, 4/30



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

As you plan and book your summer vacations do not forget to **SAVE THE DATE for this year's VBC, June 19-23** from 9am-12pm for ages 4 through 6th grade. 7th grade and above can sign up as volunteers. Adults are needed too! Watch your email for ways you can sign up to help. Registration forms are coming! Join us for a STELLAR week where our children will learn to **"Shine Jesus' Light"**.



The recent train derailment in East Palestine, OH, with toxic chemicals and the aftermath, has caused much concern about the health of the residents there.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in East Palestine and St. Jude Parish in adjacent Columbiana have agreed to accept monetary donations and to distribute them to those in need in that area. For those who wish to offer assistance, donations can be made out to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and mailed directly to: St. Jude Parish Office 180 7th St. Columbiana, OH 44408

Please continue to pray for the residents of East Palestine.

For questions, please call parishioners Christine DiStaulo (440) 476-2166 or Angie Coyne (216) 402-2627.



