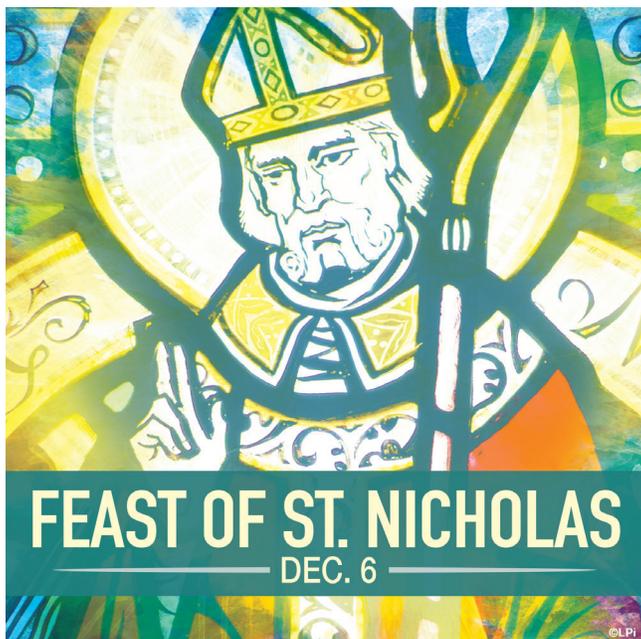




# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2022



## 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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**Website:** [www.stjoanofarcchurch.org](http://www.stjoanofarcchurch.org)

### Parish Staff

**Fr. Gary J. Malin, Pastor**

**Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Dunlop, Deacon**

**Rev. Mr. Dennis Guritza, Deacon**

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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, 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 Peace as we enter the month of December and as we begin the Second week of Advent. (This column was written well before Thanksgiving – since “due dates” for our parish bulletin are adjusted around “holidays.”)

The Giving and Sharing Tree is on display in our church Gathering Area. We are accepting Gift Cards this year as well as gifts – as requested on the tags on the tree. This is one great way to bring the joy of the Christmas Season to those who may need it. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this outreach ministry and to those who coordinate this wonderful service in our parish. We ask that your generous gifts be turned in by 10:00am, Sunday December 11.

**Looking ahead to Christmas, and for your planning, our Christmas mass schedule is:**

**\* Christmas Eve, Saturday December 24: 4:30 PM and 8:00 PM**

**\* Christmas Day, Sunday December 25: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

**Also note there will not be a “daily morning mass” in the parish on Friday December 23 or on Monday December 26.**

And more to note about Christmas! Christmas has been a time when many people often come to mass! Christmas masses can be quite crowded. In today’s world, with Covid, RSV, colds and flu, we will need to be prudent and practical. If the need presents itself, it may be possible for us to have some “overflow” directed to our Gym for the Christmas eve 4:30 PM mass – and hope to be able to live stream mass there and also “deliver communion” there. Again, this is for the 4:30 PM Christmas Eve mass. If this pans out, details will need to be arranged. Furthermore, for those in “high risk” categories or other considerations could perhaps choose to remain home – out of caution and for your own health. Finally, our Christmas mass should be available on the St. Joan of Arc Parish website.

**Thursday of this week is December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. To honor this day, masses will be celebrated at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM on that day.**

As the days grow shorter and colder, may the warmth of our love and faith increase!

An Advent “prayer” is “Come Lord Jesus.” May the Lord come into our world today through each of us and the way we live.

Blessings and Advent Peace,

**Fr. Gary**



## The Giving and Sharing Tree- St. Joan of Arc Church - 2022

### List of Charities:

**-Westside Catholic Center**, offers hot meals, hospitality, clothing and household goods, emergency services, advocacy, a family shelter and a housing solutions program to those in need at no charge.

**-Family Promise**, empowers homeless families to transform their lives, become self-sufficient and fulfill their promise.

**-Zelie's Home**, provides houses of hospitality and ongoing support to help pregnant and parenting women in need reach their goals.

**-St. Martin de Porres Family Center**, provides an array of services for early childhood, older adults, after-school programming, food pantry, home-delivered meals and emergency assistance.

**-Stella Maris**, offers a comprehensive range of addiction recovery services: inpatient, outpatient,



### Giving and Sharing Tree

The tree will be in the Narthex starting November 19 for parishioners to select tags and purchase gifts.

Sunday December 11th will be the Final Sunday. This outreach initiative has been so well received and appreciated for over 30 years for 5 Cleveland organizations.

St. Joan's has always been very generous and we are so happy to be able to reach out again this year.

Thank you,

Jane Zilly





**Sunday, December 4**

9:00am SJA

11:00am Norman Botamer

(Tatham Family)

**Monday, December 5**

8:00am Philip Owen ( Florkiewicz)

**Tuesday, December 6**

9:00am Marty Lamprecht

( Gleason)

**Wednesday, December 7**

No Mass

**Thursday, December 8**

9:00am SJA

7:00pm The Rule Family ( Rule)

**Friday, December 9**

8:00am Jean W. McKinley ( Cibia)

**Saturday, December 10**

4:30 Barbara Miller ( Cocoran Family)

**Sunday, December 11**

9:00 Carol Nester (Zveker)

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.**



## Office of Faith Formation

### Parish School of Religion

#### December PSR Classes:

Grades K-6: December 5, 12, 19

Grades 7,8: December 4, 11

High School: December 4, 11, 18

#### Advent Blessings to All Our PSR Families

Don't forget to help those in need through the Christmas season by taking a tag from our Giving Tree.



## ADOPT A CLASSROOM

Our St Joan of Arc parish family includes our day school and our Parish School of Religion. Both schools are dedicated to instill within each student a lifelong desire to learn, lead, and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our children are up against a lot of turmoil in the secular world. Here at St. Joan's parish we can make a difference in the lives of these young children with our prayers. We are encouraging all our parishioners to "Adopt" a classroom to pray for. Tuck your list in your prayer book, post it on your refrigerator, place it in plain view to remember to pray every day for each child on your list. Classroom lists are available in the Narthex. Please take one list, or more and keep the children of our parish in prayer under the loving protection of our heavenly Father.

Thank you,  
St. Joan of Arc Parish

## Dementia and the Holidays

Dementia Education  
sponsored by Arden  
Courts Promedica  
Memory Care



Entering into the holidays with a loved one suffering from dementia can be challenging to navigate. During this event, common missteps around the holidays and how to avoid them will be discussed, as well as winter safety, tips for reducing stress and a Q and A session.

There will be a virtual option for those not able to attend in person. **Please contact Millie Prebel 440-247-1141 ext 127 or email [mprebel@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:mprebel@stjoanofarc.org) for dates and times.**

Peace and blessings,  
Millie Prebel

## 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

- Eggs-Milk-
- Kielbasa-
- Cake frosting-
- Oranges - Apples\_-

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, December 8th from 10-11am for you to drop off items.

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



## Upcoming Blue Christmas Program

Blue Christmas is a Western Christian tradition that happens on or around the longest night of the year, the Winter Solstice. It is about comforting fellow Christians who are grieving and struggling to find joy and hope during the season.

Peace and Blessings,  
Millie Prebel



## Eucharistic Ministers- Help Needed

Are you a Eucharistic Minister? Volunteers are needed to bring Holy Communion to the 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.**

## COMING IN January!

### Rev Gerald J. Bednar Ph.D

#### The Book of the Apocalypse: A 'New' and uplifting 'Old Reading'

A new approach to the Book of Revelation looks back to the oldest interpretation we have, and discovers there a fresh reading. Surprisingly comforting and challenging at the same time, it displays a much more Christian sense of love and mercy than people often think.

Here's the key: everything in the Book of Revelation has already happened, is happening now, and will happen in the future.

Come and explore this ancient understanding on five Monday evenings: **January 9, 16, 23, 30, and Feb. 6 at 7 PM.** in the Parish Hall. Talks will be given by **Rev. Gerald J. Bednar, Ph.D, former associate pastor at SJA.,** and will last approximately 60 minutes, with time allotted for discussion at the end of each lecture. The final session will feature live input from the Australian author of the new commentary, Rev. Francis Moloney, SDB.

## 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**

## Coffee & Donuts

Donuts are back...After 9:00am and 11 am Mass. Please stop by the Parish Hall after Mass and enjoy connecting with your fellow parishioners!



## 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.**

## 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. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, where you will find the free "Give + Church" smart phone app.

After downloading, you can set up a personal account and use the site for regular offertory, holy days of obligation, and special collections. You will be prompted to enter our zip code of 44022 or the St. Joan of Arc Church name. Click on our church name and address in the list and then begin the process of setting up you account.

3. 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

## ST. PAT'S HUNGER CENTER COORDINATOR NEEDED

St. Joan of Arc, partnering with Holy Angels, cooks and serves an evening meal at St. Pat's, 3603 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, four times a year. It is always the fourth Tuesday of months with five Tuesday's. St. Joan's and Holy Angels coordinators alternate shopping and providing the food so you would only have to be in charge twice each year.

We are currently serving meals for 100 people. Volunteers meet at St. Pat's around 3:00 to begin preparing the food, we begin serving at 5:00 and finish cleaning up around 6:45.

Please consider this position.

**Contact Connie Eddy at  
CEddy543@aol.com for information.  
Thank you!**



## Did You Know...from the SJA Bible Study Group

In the past two bulletins, we've looked at the scriptural base for various parts of the Mass. Continuing on in the Mass, we find references for the Holy, Holy, Holy in Isaiah 6:3 "holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!" and Mark 11: 9-10 "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!... Hosanna in the highest!"

Before the Sign of Peace, the priest says, "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you..." (John 14:27). The Sign of Peace comes directly from Christ's words the first time he appears to the apostles after he has risen (John 20: 19).

Following the Sign of Peace are John the Baptist's words upon seeing Jesus "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". (John 1:29)

Before we receive communion, we pray the words of the centurion when Jesus offers to come cure his servant "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant (we say 'soul') will be healed".

**\*\*What We Believe; the Beauty of the Catholic Faith by Marcellino D'Ambrosio and Andrew Swafford\*\***

### "Here's to Our Health"

Now that we are in the month of November, 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. Plus, 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!

Thank you. Stay well, warm, and faithful.





## **OHIO TAX PAYERS - YOU CAN HELP OUR SCHOOL!!!**

### **St. Joan of Arc School: Six Decades Of Excellence In Catholic Education**

- Superior academics producing test scores above national averages.
- Dedicated teachers collaborating with parents for the benefit of the students.
- Small class sizes allowing personal attention and more hands-on learning.
- Promoting a student journey that ties faith in God with traditional learning. Fulfilling the Mission: Learn, Lead, and Live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

You have the opportunity to support our St. Joan of Arc Parish School through the Angel Scholarship Fund utilizing your Ohio Income Tax Credit. Your participation strengthens St. Joan of Arc School's future by providing tuition assistance for St. Joan students.

Now we are able to receive 100% Ohio income tax credit, up to \$750.00 (\$1500.00 if filling jointly). Contribute your money to the Angel Scholarship Fund and specify our St. Joan of Arc School as the recipient of your donation.

You need to act before the end of the tax year; act now by donating and obtaining your tax credit!

**More information is available: <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/ways-to-give/donate/angelscholarship-fund>**

## WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

**11/12-11/13**

**Collection**    \$6,470.39  
**Online**         \$321.00  
**Total**            \$6,791.39

**11/19-11/20**

**Collection**    \$9,865.39  
**Online**         \$6,618.69  
**Total**            \$16,484.38

**11/26-11/27**

**Collection**    \$10,679.39  
**Online**         \$742.00  
**Total**            \$11,421.39



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