



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

First Sunday of Lent - February 26, 2023



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Peace early in the Lenten Season.

Our parish family is inviting you to join us for a "parish mission," which will focus on reconciliation and the rewards that come with God's forgiveness. A "mission" is a special time for us to gather and gain insight into a faith filled life. We welcome Fr. Tom Blau, a Dominican Friar from Columbus and a Cleveland native who will lead a 3-night presentation and discussion about how to live a moral life, beyond mere commandments, with opportunities to ask questions about Catholic moral teaching, confession, and reconciliation. The Mission will be Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings, February 26, 27, and 28.

On Friday February 17th I received a memo from Bishop Malesic requesting parishes to place the following in parish bulletins to help support relief efforts in Turkey and Syria. "The February 6 earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria has caused the deaths of more than 40,000 people, injured countless more, and devastated the Turkish and Syrian people who are mourning unimaginable losses." Bishop Edward C. Malesic is requesting the prayers of the faithful for all those impacted by this disaster, and is asking those who are able, to give generously to support relief efforts.

Please join with Bishop Malesic and our Holy Father Pope Francis in praying for the souls of the departed, for the many others suffering in the wake of this tragic event, and for the emergency responders tending to them. Please donate to the Catholic organizations providing emergency humanitarian relief to our brothers and sisters in need:

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

P.O. Box 5200

Harlan, IA 51593-0700

<https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes>

Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)

1011 1st Ave, Floor 15

New York, NY 10022-4195

<https://cnewa.org/work/emergency-syria/>

Thank you and may God Bless you.



And more from the diocese: "In our continued effort to comply with the requirements of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the Office for Protection of Children & Youth (of the Diocese of Cleveland) is asking parishes to publish the bulletin announcement below at least twice during the time period of January 2, 2023 and February 28, 2023. When published, parishes are asked to forward an electronic copy of the bulletin to the Diocese..." Here at St. Joan of Arc, We will comply.

Protecting God's Children

"The Diocese of Cleveland's 'Protecting God's Children' program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the **Diocesan Response Service Office at (216) 334 -2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org** . You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior."

Blessings and Peace – early on our Lenten journey!

Fr. Gary





Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 26

9:00am SJA

11:00am Bob Fay (Clegg)

Monday, February 27

8:00am David Deioma (Clark)

Tuesday, February 28

9:00am Janos Szigeti (Szigeti)

Wednesday, March 1

No Mass

Thursday, March 2

8:00am SJA Faculty & Staff

Friday, March 3

8:00am Rosie Brault (SJA PTO)

Saturday, March 4

4:30 Julie Koehler (Conacher)

Sunday, March 5

9:00 Rick Morris

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

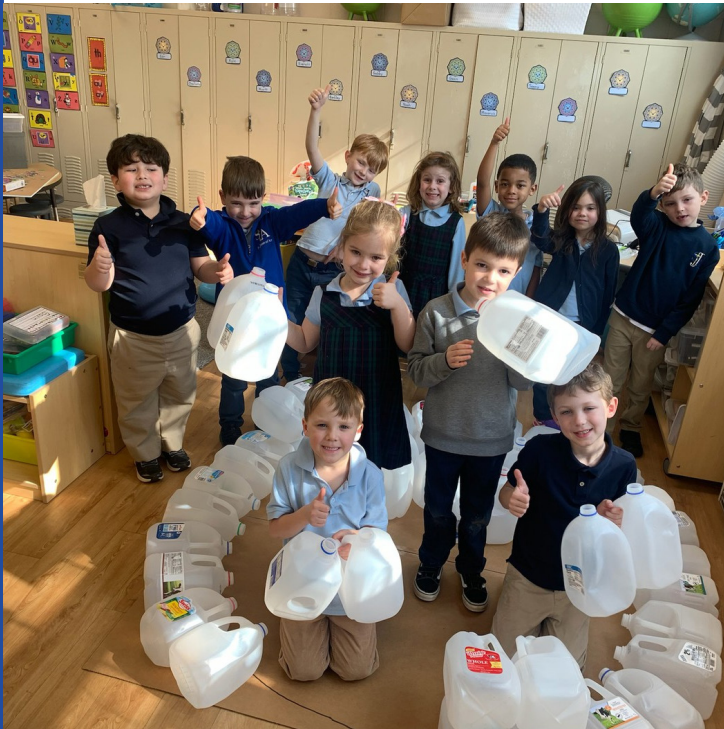
Do you know someone in the parish who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist? The Home Visitation Ministry teams brings the Eucharist to the sick and the homebound on a regular basis. These visits afford the opportunity for prayer and social visitation.

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



HELP OUR KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Kindergarten is in need of "clear" plastic containers for a project. We are collecting gallon or half-gallon milk or juice containers that have been rinsed out, please! If you have this type of container to send in, we would appreciate it!



From the desk of Millie Prebel:

Stations and soup suppers are back hosted by none other than your SJA ministries. Stations begin at 6:30 with Soup suppers directly following.

Mark your calendars March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31st. Join us for this SJA tradition!

SJA Parish Mission is back this year with Dominican friar Fr. Thomas Blau originally from Cleveland but now living in Columbus, Ohio. Currently Fr. Thomas is an itinerant preacher in the Diocese of Columbus doing parish missions with his residence at St. Patrick Priory.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This Message is for You promises to be a faith filled time spent with our Lord and our community.

Mark your calendars to enrich your Lent experience to prepare for Easter. Join us February 26, 27 and 28 starting at 6:00 for dinner and/or the presentation at 6:45.

Babysitting will be provided.

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

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, March 2nd from 10-11am for you to drop off items.

- Cracker (Soda or Oyster)-
- Butter-Sour Cream-
- Corn Muffin Mix-Apples-

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 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.



Weekly Collection

2/18 - 2/19

Collection: \$ 9,109.39

Online: \$ 4,193.00

Thank You for your continued support!

The former Handbell Choir of St. Columbkille will be here to ring for 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday March 5.

They will ring our St. Joan of Arc Bells and our hope is that this will inspire the formation of our own Handbell Choir of teens and adults this fall. If you have any questions, please see Jon Thibo, Director of Music Ministry after any Mass.



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 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.

Healing service at St. Joan of Arc

Started in the spring of 2016, and located on the campus of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. Peter's shadow is a non-profit ministry that provides healing, deliverance, and evangelization.

Their hope and mission is to bring health and healing to a wounded world through the proclamation of the Gospel, signs and wonders, and miraculous healing.

Please join us for this night of healing March 29th at 6:30 pm.

**Peace and blessings,
Millie Prebel**



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 February, 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



CONFIRMATION

Saturday, February 25, our St. Joan of Arc 2023 Confirmation Class celebrated Spirit Retreat Day! This was a day for reflection, instruction, sharing, and fun. Thank you to our facilitator Adam Lesko, our Youth Minister Allie Gall, Table Leaders and Sr. Theresa for organizing and facilitating a faith-filled, joyous day for our teens. An additional thank you to sponsors and parents for journeying and guiding the teens, as well as our SJA parishioner Prayer Partners who have kept their teen partner in their prayers. Five of our neighboring priests and Fr. Gary have given their time to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation with the teens at the retreat, thank you! The Holy Spirit was truly at work touching the hearts and souls of our youth in anticipation of Confirmation on March 22nd. Thank you also to the parish community as a whole for keeping our youth in your prayers. We are so proud of you, teens!

PSR

FEBRUARY CLASSES:

Grades K-6: no class Monday, 2/27

Grade 7: Sunday, February 26 th class is in session

Grade 8: no class, Sunday, 2/26

Lenten "little purple" booklets and Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls went home with children in grades K-6 (upper grades will get them at their next scheduled class). Please ask your child or check their PSR bag for these wonderful resources to enhance your family's Lenten traditions.

FIRST EUCHARIST

A parent meeting for parents of students making their First Communion in May 2023 will be held on Thursday, March 2, from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Parish Hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS/SOUP SUPPER

Our Parish School of Religion is hosting Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 31! PSR children in Grades K-12 are invited to participate in Stations of the Cross. We will visit the classes and take names of children who would like to take part and parents will be contacted. Parents are invited to make a meatless soup for the soup supper following stations of the cross. See your newsletter that was emailed last week with the sign-up genius link. Thank you!

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. Stay tuned for our theme reveal.....!



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Follow the link to read the full article and see how Catholic Schools in our diocese maintained student learning despite the pandemic.



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