



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

February 23, 2025 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."
- Lk 6:38

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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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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 Peace as we are approaching the end of February. Once we begin March I think the end of winter is near! We certainly have had our share of cold, snow, and more this winter season!



In 1-1/2 weeks we begin the Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025. Have we considered what act of penance or service we will “take on” during the Lenten Season? It might be good to reflect now so that when Lent begins we can fully enter into this holy time of year, preparing to celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. These are the days of our salvation.

As we prepare for Lent here is a review” of the “rules” the church asks us to follow in this holy season.

--Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are Days of both Fast and Abstinence.

--The Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

--Fasting means, “one full meal, two other light meals” – and together, the “lighter meals” are not equivalent to the one main meal

--Abstinence means “no meat”

--Catholics 14 years old and older are to Abstain from meat on the Fridays in Lent and on Ash Wednesday

--Fasting is asked of Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 (on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday)

It is also prudent to remember there are cases and circumstances that excuse one from the obligations of Fast and/or Abstinence. "Excused" are those who are "outside the age limits," those who may be physically or mentally ill – including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses – such as diabetes – are "exempt" from the "rules." Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women or others with physical needs, those who "exercise manual labor for a living," and such alike. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and no one should jeopardize their health by Fasting.

Ash Wednesday

Looking ahead, here is the schedule at St. Joan of Arc for Ash Wednesday, March 5.

- Distribution of Ashes will take place at parish masses at 9 AM and 7 PM.
- We will also have a Prayer Service "with Ashes" at 12 noon.

All are welcome to participate as we enter into Lent.

Finally, please be aware that we are still dealing with illnesses such as colds/flu, RSV, CoVid strains/variants, and more. If you are feeling ill, please take appropriate precautions so we don't spread any bugs around. For those who are not feeling well or sick, please stay home! Missing church due to illness in "not a sin." Actually, it is more prudent to stay at home rather than coming to church when one is sick. Not spreading germs is an act of faith and kindness to us all! Thank you for your cooperation.

Stay well, warm, and faithful! Have a great week.

Blessings and peace,

Fr. Gary

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00am SJA

**11:00am Tatjana Sindely
(Sindely)**

Monday, February 24

8:00am Jean Shane (Gleason)

Tuesday, February 25

9:00am Janos Szigeti (Szigeti)

Wednesday, February 26

8:00am No Mass

Thursday, February 27

**8:00am Ernie Kellermann
(Walkiewicz)**

Friday, February 28

8:00am Ulla Rusch (Rusch)

Saturday, March 1

4:30pm Ann Shutack

(SJA Ladies Guild)

Sunday, March 2

**9:00am John Joseph, Tracy Sr.
& Theresa M. Tracy (Miller)**

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.

SESSIONS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA)

Thursdays at 6:30pm, September - May. Contact Deacon Jeff at 440-376-9177

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.



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 their 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 SJA , call Diana at 440-552-1046 or email at dianag@stjoanofarc.org



DAILY ROSARY—ST. JOAN OF ARC AVILAS

Please join us to pray the Rosary, Weekdays following the 8:00am Mass in the Chapel.

The St. Joan of Arc AVILAS, an organization of men and women, joined together under the patronage of St. Theresa of Avila, praying for religious vocations, meet on the Second Friday of each month. Member's attend the 8:00am Mass, followed by the Recitation of the Rosary and praying the Avila prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

For more information , contact Matthew " Mickey" O'Hearn at 440-338-5914 or mohearniii@gmail.com



Lenten Parish Mission

Parish Mission - here at St. Joan of Arc
Mark your calendars for April 6 – April 8
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday 7-8 PM

Fr. Damian Ferrence will speak on the following topics:

Sunday: GOD & CREATION

Monday: SIN & REDEMPTION

Tuesday: SACRAMENTS & MISSION

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IN THE NARTHEX

Please bring your non-perishable food donations (canned vegetables, fruits, spaghetti sauce, soup, pasta, rice, ramen noodles, peanut butter, etc. when you come to Mass. Thank You for your support!



WEEKLY COLLECTION

WEEKEND COLLECTION \$ 2/15-2/16
Collection: \$ 6,522.00

WEEKLY COLLECTION ONLINE :

Collection: 2/3-2/7 \$ 6,543.00
2/10-2/14 \$ 4,027.00

Thank You for your continued support!

FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot
Thursday, February 27, 2025 from 10:00-
11:00am

-Pizza Sauce-

-Shredded Mozzarella Cheese-

-Pepperoni-Pizza Crust-

-Brownie Mix-



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



HOME VISITATION MINISTRY

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



FEBRUARY PSR CLASSES:

Grades K-6: Monday, February 24

Grade 7: Sunday, February 23

MARCH PSR CLASSES:

Grades K-6: Mondays, March 10, 17

Grade 7: Sundays, March 2, 9, 16

Grade 8: Sunday, March 2



FIRST COMMUNION

A parent meeting will be held Thursday, February 27 at 7pm in the Parish Hall for all parents of First Communion candidates. At least one parent needs to attend. Children do not need to attend. We will address all aspects relating to this year's candidates' First Communion, including Jesus Day.

VIRTUS TRAINING

Any adult anticipating volunteering in parish in activities with children are required by the Diocese of Cleveland to participate in Virtus Training. There will be two training sessions here at St. Joan of Arc. The sessions will be February 24 and March 24 from 5:30pm-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. We are blessed to have these sessions close here at our parish! Register for a session at virtusonline.org



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word for children is held during the 11:00 Mass each Sunday for those children in grades K-3. If you would like to volunteer to help with this important ministry, please contact Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3606. Or email

mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org



SAVE THE DATE !! SJA VACATION BIBLE CAMP!



JUNE 16-20, 2025

9AM-12PM

AGES 4yo-6TH GRADE



St. Patrick's Hunger Center

St. Joan of Arc will be cooking and serving meals on Tuesday, March 4th at St. Patrick's Hunger Center (3603 Bridge Ave., Cleveland). We start cooking at 3PM and usually finish cleaning up by 7PM. 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 4th. Also, please put your name / address on your containers if you would like them to be returned.

For more information, please call Tim & Jacquie Cogan at 440-725-4602 or email tcogan82@gmail.com St. Patrick's Hunger Center

In the Mail....



Our parishioner's statements of itemized donations to our Church & School for calendar year 2024 were mailed the first week in February. If you do not receive yours please contact the Parish office.

Thank you for your generosity to our Church and School. !

10 Day Marian Pilgrimage!

AUGUST 11 - 20, 2025

Lourdes, Fatima, and more!

Join parishioners from around the Diocese of Cleveland on a life-changing pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France!

Book at Lpjp.org

PRICE: \$4,900

ALL INCLUSIVE (EXCEPT LUNCHES)

Enrollment fee - \$400 (Payable on booking)

50% due - MARCH 10, 2025

Full balance due - MAY 10, 2025



Fr. Damian Ference



Sr. Jane Nesmith &
Hortensia De Jesús