



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - January 1, 2023



## 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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Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

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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**

**Mrs. Mary Vincenti, Director of Religious Education**  
440-247-3606 | [officeoffaithformation@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:officeoffaithformation@stjoanofarc.org)

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440-247-1141 | [mprebel@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:mprebel@stjoanofarc.org)

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440-247-4316 | [agall@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:agall@stjoanofarc.org)

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440-247-7183 ext.131, [jthibo@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:jthibo@stjoanofarc.org)

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440-247-6530 | [swebster@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:swebster@stjoanofarc.org)

*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 Christmas Peace as we begin a New Year of Grace, 2023!

I hope your Christmas celebrations were blessed and joyful. And in the midst of Christmas, this weekend we honor Mary, the Mother of God, who said “yes” to bringing the world our Savior. We can also pray with St. Joseph, the father of Jesus and husband of Mary. Yes, the Holy Family is a model for us and our living!

In the church, we celebrate Christmas until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This year we will recall the Lord’s baptism on Monday January 9, 2023. Until then, the church is festive with our Christmas decorations, we sing carols, and we rejoice at the dawning of our Salvation in the birth of Christ. Even though the stores have had everything on clearance for at least a week (or more!), we proclaim the birth of the Messiah and celebrate his presence and love! Again, Merry Christmas!

Next weekend, January 7-8, we will celebrate the Epiphany in church – another “Christmas Celebration.” A great description of Epiphany is, “Follow that Star!” For Epiphany, I will put a “House Blessing Prayer” in my bulletin column next weekend. Each individual or family in the parish can use this prayer to bless their home or residence. The U.S. Bishops have said that it is most appropriate for those who reside in a home to ask God to bless their dwelling! Therefore, please use the blessing we provide for you in next weekend’s bulletin. Then gather as a family in any “main room” of your home and celebrate the “House Blessing Prayer.” All you need is an open heart (and a piece of chalk, if you’d like to mark your doorpost!

Looking ahead, I will be on vacation from Sunday afternoon January 8 until later on Saturday January 14, 2023. Moreover, we will not have daily mass at SJA the week I am gone. The neighboring priests will do their best to respond to any funerals or emergencies that may come up in my absence. Thank you, Fathers! Our parish ministerial staff will also be of service and help.

May the Savior, born for our salvation, give you his Grace and Peace.

Blessings and Peace. Noel. Happy New Year.

**Fr. Gary**





### **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 and January 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 last 60 minutes with time 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.



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, January 1

9:00am SJA

11:00am Gewn Beck ( Conacher)

### Monday, January 2

8:00am No Mass

### Tuesday, January 3

9:00am Carlos Nieves ( Aquila/Elliott)

### Wednesday, January 4

No Mass

### Thursday, January 5

8:00am Eddie Giordano ( Zeleznik)

### Friday, January 6

8:00am Siggie Walkiewicz  
( Walkiewicz)

### Saturday, January 7

4:30 Chris Cantanese ( Janda)

### Sunday, January 8

9:00 John Rath ( Gleason)

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.**



**From the Office of Faith Formation**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**JANUARY PSR CLASS DATES**

Grades K-6: 9th, 23rd, 30th

Grades 7,8: 8th, 22nd

High School: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

**CONFIRMATION**

5th Session: Thursday, January 12,  
6:30-8:00pm



**From the desk of Millie Prebel:**

**We have a few exciting events coming soon!**

Join us for the second presentation in the Healthy Discipleship Series coming in late January.

Our presenter will be Millie Prebel, certified Spiritual Director and Lay Ecclesial Minister and also a plant based chef. We will explore what it looks like to be a healthy disciple for the Lord mind, body and spirit. **Details coming soon.**

We hope you are enjoying your gift from the parish, Holy Moments, a Handbook for the Rest of your Life by Matthew Kelly. We will be doing a one evening follow up book study to share and discuss the fruits of its message. **Stay tuned for date and time. Coming early February.**





## 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, January 5th from 10-11am for you to drop off items.

- Butter-Oil-
- Apples-Oranges-
- Kielbasa-
- Frozen Vegetables-

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

**12/10-12/11**  
**Collection: \$16,053.39**

**Online: \$5,693.00**

**12/17-12/18**  
**Collection: \$13,707.39**

**Online: \$ 4,663.69**

**Total: \$40,117.47**

**\*\*Correction to Online Giving  
11/12-13 \$858.00\*\***

**Thank You for your continued  
support!**



## 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!**



We will be mailing our parishioners their statement of itemized donations to our Church & School for calendar year 2022. We plan to begin sending these out around the third week of January 2023, so please be patient as we close-out our year!

Thank you for your generosity to our Church and School!



**Rosary in the Chapel**  
**8:30 am**

**January 5, 2023 & January 6, 2023**



### **Avila Notice**

**The St. Joan of Arc Avilas are back and still 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 8:00am Mass, followed By the Recitation of the Rosary and praying the Avila prayers for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

Please join us Friday, January 13th. Thank you Mother Mary!

**For information, contact Matthew" Mickey" O'Hearn, 440-338-55914 or mohearniii@gmail.com**



### **"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! For your convenience SJA will have masks available on a table as you enter the Church. 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>**

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