



# St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

January 26, 2025—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.  
- Lk 4:18*

## 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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### Parish Staff

**Fr. Gary J. Malin**, *Pastor*  
**Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Dunlop**, *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-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.



Wow did we have a cold week – with very low temperatures and even more snow. Let's hope things are looking up. We have less than 2 months of winter remaining! It is amazing that we are completing the month of January. February begins next weekend. It feels like we just began the New Year and 2025 is already 8-1/2% over! We also see more daylight each evening! These are all signs of hope!



This week is "Catholic Schools Week" and we will have an "Open House" for our Parish Day School after the 11 AM mass on Sunday, January 26. Our parish day school is a gem. Feel free to reach out to our school to arrange a tour of our nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence if you are interested in seeing what a St. Joan of Arc Catholic School education is all about. We especially welcome prospective students! And "thank you" to our day school Principal Mrs. Stacie Webster, Barb in our school office, and all of our faculty, staff, aides, and support personnel.

In a few weeks all the parishes in our diocese will participate in the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. The outreach services of Catholic Charities are needed now more than ever. Needs "out there" are great. The diocese and Bishop Edward C. Malesic are gearing up for this year's appeal, and so are we here at St. Joan of Arc. Thank you in advance for your generous support.



As we all know, this time of year we see a prevalence of illnesses such as colds, flu, RSV, and more. In addition, we are not yet done with CoVid strains/variants, yet. For those who are feeling ill, please take appropriate precautions so as to not spread any

bugs around. A good rule is that if you are not feeling well, 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 around is an act of faith and kindness to us all! Thank you for your cooperation. I recently dealt with some sinus issues and not having much of a voice. That held on for a few weeks. Each of us will need to determine whether or not it is prudent to attend mass because of, based on our individual circumstances. I say, "Let's be prudent and practical." Here's to our health.

Next weekend we will celebrate the Presentation of the Lord at masses. In Christmas we remember Jesus, who was born for our salvation. Now, 40 days after Christmas we see the true significance of the one who is born for our salvation. Jesus comes to the Temple. He is the Promised One whose light will shine with beaming rays of hope to all the world. With Christ as our light we are called to warm and illumine a lost and wintry world. Let's strive to do our job!

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

**Blessings and Peace,**  
**Fr. Gary**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

**9:00am Mary Hunt ( SJA Parish)**

**SJA**

**11:00am Eugene Wagner  
( Turdick)**

**Monday, January 27**

**8:00am Kevin Ockuly  
( SJA Parish)**

**Tuesday, January 28**

**9:00am Kathy Bernnan  
( SJA PTO)**

**Wednesday, January 29**

**8:00am No Mass**

**Thursday, January 30**

**8:00am Al Zinetti (Gleason)**

**Friday, January 31**

**8:00am Gerri Victor ( Kelley)**

**Saturday, February 1**

**4:30pm SJA**

**Sunday, February 2**

**9:00am Dolores Mara  
( SJA Parish)**

**11:00am Lena Pasquariello  
(Rice)**

## **OTHER SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto:mohearniii@gmail.com)**

## Notes from Jon Thibo

We are welcoming new members with the start of the New Year 2025. If you are interested in Handbell Choir-Monday from 7-9, Adult Choir-Tuesday from 7-9, and Children's Choir Tuesday from 4-5 p.m. Handbell Ringers who can read music would be helpful, but not necessary. Please feel free to email me if you have any questions. Jon Thibo, Director of Music Ministry [jthibo@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:jthibo@stjoanofarc.org).



We will be mailing our parishioners their statement of itemized donations to our Church & School for calendar year 2024. We plan to begin sending these out the 4th week of January 2025 so please be patient as we close-out our year!

Thank you for your generosity to our Church and School





## **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 S 1/18-1/19**

**Collection: \$ 7,493.00**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION ONLINE :**

**1/13-1/17 \$ 3,552.00**

**Thank you for your continued support!**

## **FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY**

**There will be a car in the SJA parking lot  
Thursday, January 30, 2025 from 10:00-  
11:00am**

**-Flour-Sugar-**

**-Rice-Grits-**

**-Toothpaste-Paper Towels-**



**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

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please keep our 2nd grade First Reconciliation candidates in your prayers as they receive the sacrament this week and next. May they feel joy in the beauty of reconciling all things with God.

First Reconciliation (Last name A-K) January 29, 7pm

First Reconciliation (Last name L-Z) February 5, 7pm



### 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.



### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

#### **JANUARY PSR CLASSES:**

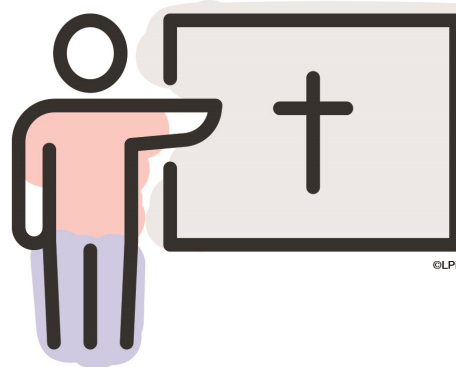
Grades K-6: Monday, January 27

#### **FEBRUARY PSR CLASSES:**

Grades K-6: Mondays, February 3, 10, 24

Grade 7: Sundays, February 2, 9, 23

Grade 8: Sundays, February 2, 9





## **CONFIRMATION**

If you are a prayer partner with a Confirmation candidate, please send us your letter to your prayer partner to the Office of Faith Formation via email, drop off to our office or the rectory office, or regular mail. Your teen will receive your letter at their Spirit Day Retreat. Thank you for being such an important part of your teen's preparation for this sacrament.

Spirit Retreat Day is Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 10:00 am concluding with Mass at 4:30pm. This retreat is mandatory for the candidates to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Please remind sponsors of their participation in part of the retreat also. Information was in their sponsor packet and reminders with details will be emailed.

## **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](mailto:mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org)



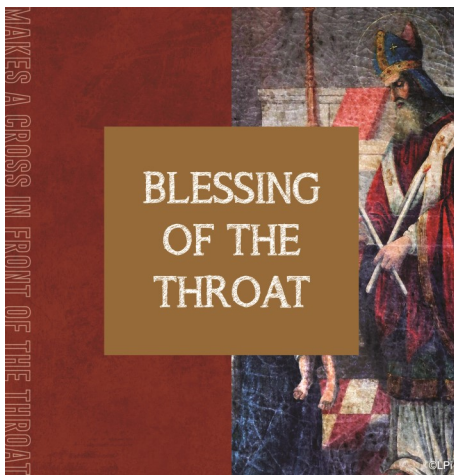




## **Candlemas Day**

Forty days after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas Day. This year it falls on a Sunday, February 2nd. The Church blesses the candles that will be used throughout the year. If you have candles that you want blessed, Father Gary will bless the candles at masses the weekend of February 1-2.

## **St. Blaise Day**



The Feast Day of St. Blaise is on February 3rd. The Church recalls a miracle cure that was associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats with candles. Throats will be blessed at the 8:00am Mass on Monday, February 3rd.

## **You are Invited**

Experience God's Love - You are invited to St. Helen Church to join Fr. Jay McPhillips and worship band, Collective Grace, on Saturday, February 1st for an evening of contemporary Praise & Worship music, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ! Prayer teams will be available for those seeking individual prayer beginning at 7:45 p.m. The evening is from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and you are welcome to join for just a portion or the entire night. God is love. Come experience His love in a fresh way with Collective Grace.

## **Parish Calendars for 2025**

2025 Parish Calendars are available in the church Gathering Area and the parish office. We say "Thank You" to the St. John Funeral Home in Bainbridge and Bedford for providing our annual calendars.



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# SJA DIAPER DRIVE

TO BENEFIT BIRTHRIGHT GEAUGA AND  
LOCAL MOMS/DADS AND THEIR BABIES

Our drive will benefit Birthright Geauga who provides essential services to moms and families in need. Birthright's mission is to offer not only practical assistance but also emotional and spiritual support, fostering an environment where mothers and families feel valued and cherished.

**Please bring your donations on the collection weekends  
indicated below when you come to Mass and  
place them in the Playpen in the Gathering Area.**

**THESE ARE THE NEEDED ITEMS:**

DIAPERS SIZES 5-7  
PULL-UP SIZES 3-4, 4-5 AND 5-6  
MONETARY DONATIONS



COLLECTION WEEKENDS/AFTER EACH MASS:  
JANUARY 18-19, JANUARY 25-26, FEBRUARY 1-2

TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE DIAPER DRIVE, PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS DI STAULO AT [CDISTAULO78@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CDISTAULO78@GMAIL.COM).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!