



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent - March 12 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.



3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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.

We are entering the third week of our Lenten journey and it is hard to believe that Easter is less than a month away. We also "spun our clocks ahead one hour" on Saturday March 11. We lose one hour of sleep and gain daylight in the evening. Very soon we will enter the Season of Spring! This weekend, March 11-12, we eavesdrop on an encounter between Jesus and the Woman at the Well, from chapter 4 of the Gospel of John. And what an encounter it is. In her thirst for water, she spiritually thirsts for Jesus. Then she becomes a witness who leads people to Jesus, who is living water. Since Lent is "all about baptism," this encounter is very appropriate. In baptism we are immersed into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This Gospel shows us that Jesus is our source of living water – and our very life. In truth, only Jesus quenches our thirst. Amen!

And this week we celebrate St. Patrick Day on Friday, March 17. As I shared last week – I share again. Bishop Edward Malesic issued the following statement regarding numerous requests for dispensation from obligation to abstain from eating meat on St. Patrick's Day. The bishop said, "Throughout the season of Lent we are invited to participate in the opportunity for prayer, fasting and almsgiving in order to deepen our awareness and better appreciate the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us on Good Friday. This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday in Lent, and several have inquired about the possibility of a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in Lent.

"After prayerful consideration, I am granting this dispensation from the obligation to abstain from meat for those who feel it absolutely necessary to be dispensed in order to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick. I ask that those who exercise this dispensation and eat meat on the Feast of St. Patrick to select another non-Friday day during Lent to abstain from eating meat or to make some offering on behalf of the poor, whether by prayer, fasting or almsgiving. Be assured of my prayers for all the faithful who continue to strive to imitate the joy of the saints and follow their example with the same seriousness and commitment with which they practiced their faith.

"May God bless you and those you love."

Finally, a Lenten note about Reconciliation. This week there will be a Lenten Communal Penance Service on Wednesday March 15 at 7:00 PM at Resurrection in Solon and next week at St. Rita on Tuesday March 21 at 6:30 PM. Moreover, confessions are offered here at St. Joan on most Saturdays throughout the year. Generally, confessions are on Saturdays at 3:30 PM until all are heard. In Advent and Lent confessions are heard on Saturdays from 3:15 PM until 4:00 PM – however, not on Holy Saturday afternoon, which is April 8 this year.

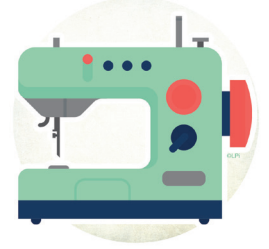
I hope you have a blessed week and seek the way of the Lord in the journey of Lent

Blessings and Peace.

Fr. Gary



## Shawl Ministry



The Shawl Ministry has been busy crocheting and knitting shawls to lend support, love and prayers to the ill, home-bound, the lonely, or anyone who is missing a loved one. Many prayers and blessings are knitted or crocheted into every shawl. If you or someone you know (of any faith) needs a shawl, **please contact Nicole DeMille at 516-428-4206.**

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

**PLEASE JOIN US ON FRIDAY'S Thank you Mother Mary!**  
**For Information, Contact Matthew "Mickey" O'Hearn, 440-338-5914, or mohearniii@gmail.com**



## St. Joan's 60th Anniversary



In Celebration of St. Joan's 60th Anniversary, the Women's Guild would like to invite all women and men parishioners to our Spring luncheon. The lunch will be held at Guido's Party Center in Chesterland on Thursday, April 27th. **SAVE THE DATE!** The Guild is planning a wonderful celebration. We are asking all past priests and sisters of St. Joan of Arc to come!

Our lunch will benefit the children of the inner city of Cleveland. There will be a silent auction held, if you have any items to donate **Please call Mirta 714-878-7147.** Details of this event will be announced soon. Please put this event on your calendar, and we hope to see you there.



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 12

9:00am SJA

11:00am Marlene Lowe ( Brosnan)

### Monday, March 13

8:00am Hector & Mary Jo Buch  
( Clark)

### Tuesday, March 14

9:00am Susan Krovanka  
( Aquila/Elliott)

### Wednesday, March 15

No Mass

### Thursday, March 16

8:00am Lois Wright ( Ostergard)

### Friday, March 17

8:00am Boomhower/Conacher  
Families ( Conacher)

### Saturday, March 18

4:30 Janos Szegeti ( Szegeti)

### Sunday, March 19

9:00 David York ( York)

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

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation practice is this Saturday, March 18 from 9:30am-10:45 am in the church for teens and sponsors only. Confirmation is Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00pm.

As a follow up to our Spirit Retreat Day, we are so proud to report that more than half of the candidates in our Confirmation class completed MORE THAN the 10 required service hours as part of their preparation program. The hours of service in total as a class were a whopping 825 hours of service to others/their community this past year! God bless you teens!

### PSR

#### MARCH CLASSES:

Grades K-6: Mondays 3/13, 3/20

Grade 7: Sundays 3/12, 3/19

Grade 8: Sundays 3/12

Lenten "little purple" booklets and Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls went home with children in grades K-8. Please ask your child or check their PSR bag for these wonderful resources to enhance your family's Lenten traditions.

### FIRST EUCHARIST

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Meeting for First Eucharist. If you were not able to attend the meeting, please stop in the Office of Faith Formation to pick up your information packet. Parent help is needed for Jesus Day, April 22 from 8:30am - noon. If you did not already sign up, please consider helping with this fun-filled day for the First Communion candidates. Contact the Office of Faith Formation.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS/SOUP SUPPER

Our Parish School of Religion is hosting Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 31. Practice is at 5:30pm followed by Stations at 6:30pm. 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. Regardless of whether your child is a participant in Stations of The Cross, parents are invited to make a meatless soup for the soup supper following stations of the cross. See your newsletter that was emailed with the sign-up genius link. **Or see below:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094cacaf2ba13-psrhosted#/> 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 for ages 4 through 6 th grade. 7 th grade and above can sign up as volunteers. Registration forms will be coming later. Join us for a STELLAR week where our children will learn to "Shine Jesus' Light".

## From the Desk of Millie Prebel

Greetings St. Joan Families,

We are excited to announce the reinstatement of servers at masses. Serving at the altar is a great privilege and an opportunity to grow in holiness for the server and the server's family. A training sessions will be offered which includes instruction in the rites and ceremonies of the church, primarily the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Servers are encouraged to learn and grow in understanding the meaning and purpose of what they are doing and why. Boys and girls are welcome to become altar servers. The position of servers is open to all boys and girls grades 6-12 and local college students. We will consider on a case by case basis "mature" fourth and fifth graders.

Permission forms are required and can be obtained in the parish office or emailed to you. Our training session will take place **March 15 th at 6:30 pm at the church.** We request at least one parent to also attend the session. If you cannot make that session but would still like to serve we can schedule a follow up training session as needed.

Blaise Rudmann is our server coordinator, please reach out to him for sign up and any further questions. His email is [rudmanbl@cbhs.edu](mailto:rudmanbl@cbhs.edu)



### 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 16th from 10-11am for you to drop off items.

-Hot Dogs-Hot Dog Buns-  
-Butter-Bread-Jam



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 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

**3/4 - 3/5**

**Collection: \$ TBA**

**Online: \$ TBA**

**Thank You for your continued support!**

**Thanks to Fr. Thomas Blau** who led our Parish mission and all who came out to gather in prayer and fellowship. **Thanks to the mission team: Patti Valencic, Debbie Fitzmaurice and Bobby Covey and special thanks to Connie Gleason and Liz O'Neil** and their many helping hands providing the meals each night. We received wonderful, positive feedback!

Mark your calendars for **A Night of Healing Prayer** by Peter's Shadow March 29th from 6:30 to 9 at the church. Please share with friends and family in need of healing.

Coming this spring: **An Evening of Hope** with an area bereavement speaker and Healthy Discipleship with Jen Ricard, Theology of the Body. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.

#### Area happenings

**The Church of the Holy Angels** is offering a Lent Mission with Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB March 14 th at 4 pm with a pasta dinner to follow, March 13 and 14 at 7pm. He will be reflecting on each of the dimensions of our Baptismal character and provide suggestions for exercising and strengthening them.

**SS. Cosmas and Damian Parish** is offering a Lent Mission with Fr. Michael Stalla on March 12,13, and 14 at 7:00 PM each night in the church. The theme this year is: Distinguishing



## 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 11am 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 814-477-4032.

## 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 March, 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.



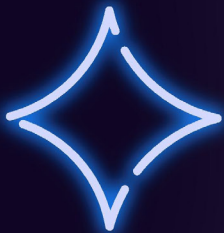
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ADVENTURE THAT'S LIGHT  
YEARS OF FAITH-BUILDING  
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SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 19 - 23



The recent train derailment in East Palestine, OH, with toxic chemicals and the aftermath, has caused much concern about the health of the residents there.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in East Palestine and St. Jude Parish in adjacent Columbiana have agreed to accept monetary donations and to distribute them to those in need in that area. For those who wish to offer assistance, donations can be made out to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and mailed directly to: St. Jude Parish Office 180 7th St. Columbiana, OH 44408

Please continue to pray for the residents of East Palestine.

For questions, please call parishioners **Christine DiStaulo (440) 476-2166** or **Angie Coyne (216) 402-2627**.



## Girl Scout Cookie Time

The SJA Girl Scout Troop 71429 will hold it's cookie booth after all Masses on the Weekend of March 11-12.



Support our Troop by buying a box or two of your favorites.

Thank You



## A BIG Thank You from the SJA Kindergarten Class



Thank you to everyone who donated jugs to our igloo!! It was a true lesson in working together and patience. It is completed, and now we will use it as a special place to read and enjoy.

Thanks again!



