



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 19 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.



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

### Parish Information

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### Parish Staff

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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, 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 this 4th Sunday of Lent – and we are in mid-to-late March. Easter is 3 weeks away. Spring starts this week. Palm Sunday weekend is 2 weeks away. Amazing! This week we celebrate Confirmation in our parish with our 8 graders on Wednesday evening, March 22. Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and who will strengthen them to follow the Lord with a deep faith. “Come Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful...”

Looking ahead to Palm Sunday and Holy Week our schedule for Holy Week and Easter is:

-Palm Sunday weekend mass: Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday 9 AM & 11 AM

Palms will be blessed at all masses and available on tables in the Gathering Area

-Holy Thursday evening mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM

Followed by adoration in the chapel until 10 PM

-Good Friday Solemn Passion at 3 PM

-Easter mass: Holy Saturday 8 PM, and Easter Sunday 9 AM & 11 AM

These liturgies in Holy Week and Easter are very special and sacred. They should also be available on our parish website [stjoanofarcchurch.org](http://stjoanofarcchurch.org). Join us in prayer and worship for “These are the Days of our Salvation.”

In the gospel this weekend, March 18-19, we hear the narrative of the Man born Blind from John. The gospel writer “sets up an interesting parallel in this story. On the one hand, we have the blind man who, without any action on his part, is healed by Jesus. On the other, we have the crowd, including the righteous, believing observers who, it turns out, can't see the wonder and the truth of the one who stands before them. The physical blindness of the man-born-blind is not the real disability in this story. Instead, it is the emotional, intellectual, and spiritual blindness of those who condemn Jesus and refuse to open their minds and hearts to the truth of his message” (adapted from “Connect Sunday Reflection” for the 4 Sunday of Lent, from LPi, “A Journey of Preparation” by Bro. Silas Henderson, SDS, March 2023). Lent can be the season for us to open our eyes, minds, and hearts to receive Jesus, his, message, his light and life, and truly follow him.

This week there will be a Lenten Communal Penance 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. This sacrament is a good way to celebrate the Lord's love and mercy which we celebrate in a special way in Lent and Easter.

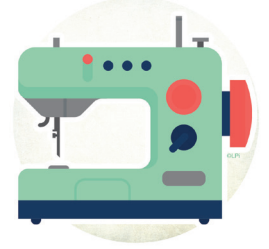
I hope you have a great week and seek the way of the Lord in Lent. You are in my heart and in my prayers

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 19

9:00am David York ( York)  
11:00am SJA

### Monday, March 20

8:00am Lori Minello Ede ( Kearney)

### Tuesday, March 21

9:00am Bonnie Tanko  
( Aquila/Elliott)

### Wednesday, March 22

No Mass

### Thursday, March 23

8:00am Jacob Kostelnik ( Horrigan)

### Friday, March 24

8:00am Frank & Martha Boomhower  
(Conacher)

### Saturday, March 25

4:30 Janos Szigeti ( Szigeti)

### Sunday, March 26

9:00 SJA  
11:00 Kimberli-Diemert Steinberg  
( Kearney)

## 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

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is this Wednesday, March 22, at 7:00pm with Rev. Daniel Schlegel presiding. As a Parish Community, please keep our Confirmation candidates, sponsors, parents, and guardians in your prayers. We ask the Holy Spirit to fill them with the peace and the fullness of His Gifts!



### PSR

#### MARCH CLASSES:

Grades K-6: Monday 3/20

Grade 7: Sunday 3/19

### 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. PSR children in Grades K-12 are invited to participate 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".



### 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 23rd from 10-11am for you to drop off items.

- Link Sausage-Eggs-
- Jam-Bread-
- Canned Fruit-

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: \$ 9,047.39**

**Online: \$ 6,375.00**

**3/11-3/12**

**Collection: \$ 11,472.39**

**Online: \$ 8,433.69**

**2/25-2/26**

**Collection: \$ 7,848.31**

**Online: \$ 3,133.69**

**Thank You for your continued support!**

### The Outdoor stations are back!

Join St. Joan of Arc and the Chagrin Valley Council of Churches for the CVCC outdoor stations of the cross.

We will once again gather at the Gazebo at 11:45 April 7th on Good Friday to pray the stations of the cross.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Peace and Blessings  
Millie Prebel



## 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.





SJA Elizabeth Ministry presents



# March Bunco Night

## Mom's Night Out

Tuesday, March 21, 2023  
Holbrook Hollows  
7:00PM

Please bring an appetizer to share and BYOB  
Also- to make the game more interesting, please bring \$5  
(singles appreciated). The money will cover the rental of  
Holbrook and prize money for the winner.

RSVP to Lisa Hamsmith  
[lpajek@gmail.com](mailto:lpajek@gmail.com)



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**.



## Spotlight Students

This week we would like to introduce the 2nd grade class of SJA. This class is very busy. They recently received their First Reconciliation. They are currently preparing for Easter & their First Holy Communion. Please keep these beautiful children in your prayers as they move closer to receiving their First Holy Communion.

