



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

March 31st 2024— Easter Sunday The resurrection of the Lord



EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." - Mt 28:5b-6

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 Easter Peace. He is Risen. He is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Here is an Easter story – back by popular demand! *Remember when Dick Feagler’s beloved stories about “Christmas at Aunt Ida’s” appeared in the Newspaper each year? Maybe this story is becoming a tradition at St. Joan of Arc!*

A teacher brought “egg-like” panty hose containers” to her religion class of young students. Each student received one and were instructed to go outside on that lovely spring day and find some symbol for “new life” and put it in the plastic egg.

After each student hunted for their sign of new life, they returned to the classroom.

As you can imagine, the children were all full of excitement and anticipation about how they would share their new-life symbols – after their diligent search.

Entering the classroom, they each placed the containers on the table in the middle of the room and the students gathered around the table with their teacher.

Surrounded by the children, the teacher began to open the eggs, one by one. After each one was opened, the child who discovered each symbol of new life would explain their symbol to the class.

One was a flower. Another was a leaf. Others had blades of grass or a feather from a bird. After each “unveiling” and explanation, the class would “ooh” and “ahh.” Yes, springtime is filled with signs and symbols of new life!

As they were nearing the end of this wonderful lesson, another “egg” was opened, revealing nothing inside.

Many of the children began to laugh. Others said, “That’s stupid. Somebody didn’t do their assignment.”

"Little Billy" (there is one in every class!) spoke up. "That's mine.," he said.

Some other students said to Billy, "You don't ever do things right!"

Just when the teacher was about to begin to bring order to the classroom, "Little Billy" exclaimed, "I did do it right. There's nothing there! It's empty. The tomb is empty!"

Silence followed and the lesson was learned.

We also welcome those who were received into the Catholic church with us here at St. Joan of Arc at the Easter vigil mass. Welcome. We are glad you are part of us in faith! Nice!!

May the Blessings and Peace of this Feast of New Life fill your hearts and lives with the Love of Christ and his abundant Grace.

Happy Easter! He is Risen. He is Risen, Indeed. Alleluia!

Easter Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary

And special thanks to those who help make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so wonderful here at St. Joan of Arc – our Art and Environment people, those who help with our sacristy and liturgy, Mr. Jon Thibo and our music people, choirs, soloists, and accompanists, our Deacons, and to you, our parishioners. It is your presence and faith that makes our parish and our celebrations so worthwhile. Thank you and again, Happy Easter!



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

**9:00am Jeanetter Fornadel
(Byres)**

11:00am SJA

Monday, April 1

8:00am No Mass

Tuesday, April 2

9:00am Joe Chizmar (Gleason)

Wednesday, April 3

No Mass

Thursday, April 4

**8:00am Rose Marie Weber
(Clark)**

Friday, April 5

8:00am Judy Gutelius (Yoe)

Saturday, April 6

4:30pm Ginger Cirino (Cirino)

Sunday, April 7

9:00am SJA

11:00am Kevin Ockuly (Zilly)

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.

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.

Any questions please contact Paulina Rudmann, (440) 724-1468



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 the 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 St. Joan of Arc, call Diana at 440-552-1046 or email dinah627@windstream.net**



News from the Women's Guild

Please save the date of April 25th for the Annual Women's Guild Spring Luncheon.

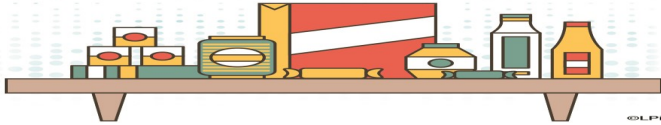
This year the lunch will be at the Club of Hillbrook. It will be in benefit of St. Joan's Garden of Life. A fashion show by Blush of Chagrin and Breezewood Gardens.

If anyone has any silent auction items for the lunch, please call Jackie Rohr at 440-773-5120. We hope to see you there for what is always a fun filled afternoon.



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!



FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, April 4th from 10:00am-11:00am for you to drop off items.

-Oatmeal-

-Rice-Kielbasa-

-Flour-Jelly-

-Dishwashing Liquid-

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

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

3/23-3/24

Collection: **\$ 7,580.67**

3/23-3/24

Online: **\$ 5,782.69**

3/16-3/17

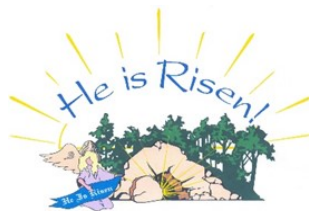
Online: **\$ 5,792.69**

Thank You for your continued support!



If you are 70 1/2 years of age or older, you are able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help St. Joan of Arc Parish and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your financial advisor and IRA Administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift made is directly from an IRA to St Joan of Arc.

Office of Faith Formation



HALLELUIAH, HE IS RISEN! MAY THE PEACE OF THE RISEN LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS. HAPPY EASTER!!

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION



Thank you to all the children who collected money for their class CRS rice bowls. The PSR students raised \$500 for Catholic Relief Services! The winning class collecting the most was 3rd Grade. Your generous donations will help many in need through Catholic Relief Services. Thank you!



APRIL CLASSES:

Grade 7: Sundays: April 7, 14, 21, 28

Grades K-6: Mondays: April 15, 22, 29

PSR Registration forms for the school year 2024-2025 will be ready in early April and will be sent out to current registered families.

FIRST COMMUNION



Jesus Day is Saturday, April 20 from 9:00am – 12:30pm. We could still use a few more parent volunteers. If you have not already signed up to help, please consider helping with this fun-filled, faith-filled day for the First Communion candidates. Please contact the Office of Faith Formation to sign up officeoffaithformation@stjoanofarc.org

VACATION BIBLE CAMP



Vacation Bible Camp will be June 17-21, 2024. Volunteers are the heart of our Camp! If you have gifts and talents that you think could be used to enhance this week and make it come alive, please contact the Office of Faith Formation to discuss how you can help or email: sjavbc@stjoanofarc.org. The theme this year is "SCUBA, Diving into Friendship with God."



Bible Study

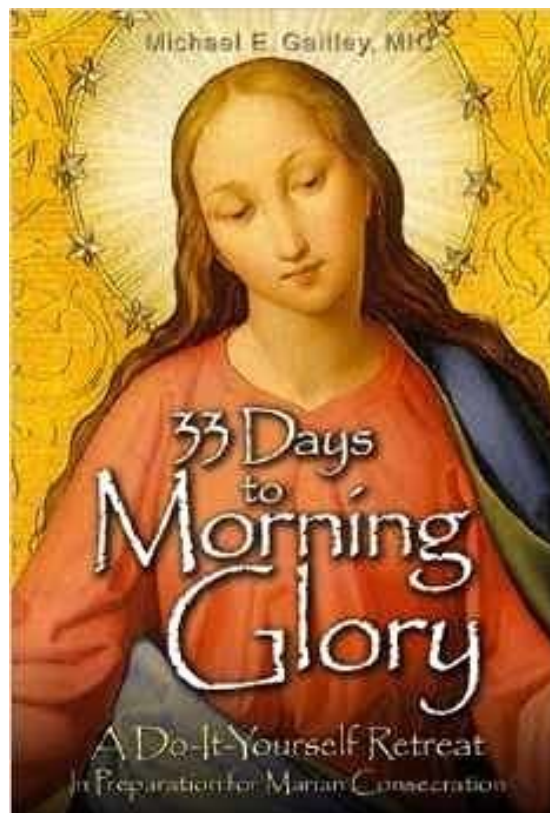
**Mary Study: 33 Days to Morning Glory in Preparation for Marian
Consecration by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC**

When and Where: April 11 – May 13 Every Thursday 8:30 – 10:00 AM in the rectory
basement

Cost: \$15.00 for book

For info: Patti Valencic mpvalencic@gmail.com

**Sts. Louis de Montefort, Maximillian Kolbe, Mother Theresa, and
John Paul II lead us on a spiritual journey to consecrate ourselves
to Jesus through his mother. This is a life changing journey
involving readings, dvds and small group sharing. Those who
have completed it, cannot say enough about it.**





From the Desk of Millie Prebel

HE IS RISEN!

Easter Blessings one and all! Praying this season of our risen Lord brings you comfort, peace, and hope!

Encounter Jesus in Divine Mercy™- Saturday, April 6, 2024 5:30 pm (after the 4:30 Mass)

Parish Hall

Join us for a presentation that includes veneration of a Divine Mercy Image from Poland, praying of the Chaplet and a miraculous testimony. Pray teams available for personal prayer. For more info Contact Marilyn Lopez 440-829- 5582

MARRIAGE SERIES

The first event in the series is Saturday. April 13, 2024 5:00 PM, SS

COSMAS AND DAMIAN Parish with speakers Nellie and Neil

Krawczynski

Nellie is a licensed Independent Social Worker and spiritual director. Neil works at Metro Health and is currently attending The Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation. Together they are Prepare-Enrich certified and assist the Diocese as Marriage Mentors. Their talk is about the relationship within your relationship: Embracing holy intimacy and living marriage within the heart of the Trinity.



Have a Happy and Blessed Easter

From the St. Joan of Arc Staff

