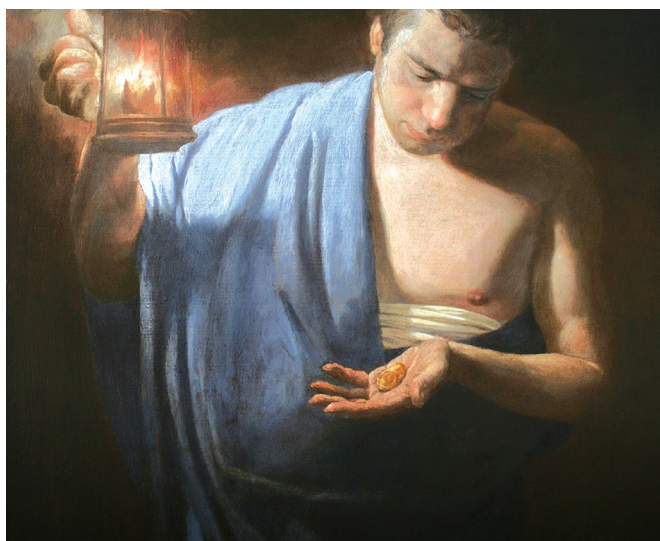




ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 19 2023



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, 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 week we celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday November 23rd and so it is appropriate to say "Happy Thanksgiving."

Please note: This column is being written in early November because of the coming Thanksgiving holiday, early due dates from our bulletin company and our parish office, and my travels.

It happens I am out of town this week, November 19-25 and so there will not be a daily mass in the parish this week, including Thanksgiving Day. Still, it is always good to take time to thank Almighty God for the blessings and gifts he bestows on us every day. Amen! And next weekend we begin Advent. Christmas is about one month away. Wow!

Two years ago St. Joan of Arc participated in the "Heart of a Shepherd" campaign in our diocese. Thank you so much to all of those who participated in this effort here at St. Joan when we were asked to generously support our seminarians who are preparing for ministry as priests in our diocese and to "update" the seminary facilities. Because of this important effort our diocese can continue to offer excellent formation for those who will serve us in the years ahead. The work on the seminary is completed and the campaign was a great success.



As we supported our seminary and seminarians, we recently shared our St. Joan of Arc annual parish finance report. Let me again say THANK YOU for your generous support of our parish. Your gifts help us "give and minister and serve." I think "we have a good thing going" here at St. Joan and we hope to "keep going." You are the ones who help us do that. For those who do support us, we are very grateful. For those who can perhaps increase their gifts, that would be wonderful. For those who cannot, my heart goes out to you. We all "do what we can" to help build the Kingdom and reach out and serve.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks for the guidance of our parish Finance Council who offer insight and expertise to me as we strive to administer our "temporal goods" of the parish and strive to be good stewards of what is entrusted to us. THANK YOU!

As mentioned above, I am out of town and I will return for masses on Sunday November 26th. We welcome Fr. Jamie Mazanec here this weekend and he will also be here on Saturday November 25th for confessions and the 4:30 PM mass. Fr. Jamie is "recently 'retired'" and is generous with his ministry is offering assistance to area parishes when he may be needed and is available to help. Fr. Mazanec has some connections with us here in Chagrin and part of his family is here at St. Joan of Arc. Welcome Fr. Jamie! Since I am away there will not be daily mass at the parish this week, including Thanksgiving Day. Our neighboring priests will do their best to assist with any sacramental needs or emergencies that may present themselves and our Parish Ministerial Staff will respond and assist as they are able. Thank you.

You are in my heart and prayers. Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings and Peace,
Fr. Gary





Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 19

9:00am SJA

11:00am Thomas Curran (Curran)

Monday, November 20

8:00am No Mass

Tuesday, November 21

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, November 22

No Mass

Thursday, November 23

8:00am No Mass

Friday, November 24

8:00am No Mass

Saturday, November 25

4:30 Ginger Cirino (Cirino)

Sunday, November 26

9:00 Edna Fay (John Murphy
co-workers)

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**

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.

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration..." - Pope St. John Paul II

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**

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ANGEL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Turning taxes into tuition with the
Catholic Community Foundation*

NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

Ohioans can now receive a 100% tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1,500 for married couples filing jointly) for donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund. The aim of this tax-credit scholarship program is to award scholarships for elementary and high school students. This is a great opportunity to provide tuition assistance for families who wish to send their children to our Catholic schools.

NEW in 2023!

HB 33 passed by the Ohio State legislature in July 2023, extended the scholarship tax credit deadline- donors now have until April 15, 2024 to make a contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund that is eligible for a 1:1 state tax credit in 2023.



YOUR SUPPORT

- ✓ Directly impacts an SJA family's ability to afford a Catholic education
- ✓ Helps provide high quality Catholic education to students at **St. Joan of Arc**
- ✓ Allows you to choose what your tax dollars support



IT'S QUICK. IT'S EASY. WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

CALL: 216-902-1312 ONLINE: WWW.CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/ANGEL



Food Pantry Thursday

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday November 30th from 10-11:00 AM for you to drop off items.

No Food Drop Off (11/23/2023)

Thank You so much for helping us stock the pantry shelves. **Please call Jane Zilly with any questions 216-402-8912**

Weekly Collection

11/11-11/12

Collection: \$ TBA

Online: \$ TBA

Thanks you for your continued support!

GIVING TREE

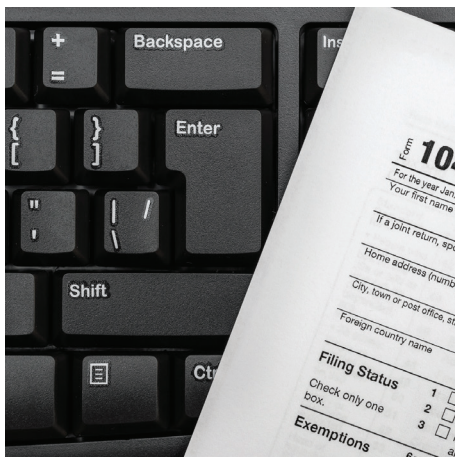
The tree will be in the Narthex starting next weekend, November 18-19. Please take a tag off the tree and return with the gift on or before December 10th. This outreach initiative has been so well received and appreciated for over 30 years. Please note the organizations next to the tree that have been recipients of your generosity. Thank you so much.



IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

If you are 70 1/2 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 advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as St Joan of Arc.

As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2023, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciate such as stocks or bonds.



JOIN US AT SANTA'S WORKSHOP



Enjoy cookies, crafts, Santa, and shopping!

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 02**
AT ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH HALL
10:00AM - 12:00PM



Tickets: \$25 per family

TICKET INCLUDES: CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST,
VISIT WITH SANTA AND MRS CLAUS, CRAFTS, AND
TIME IN OUR SANTA SHOP

To Register:

[HTTPS://GIVEBUTTER.COM/COOKIES2023](https://givebutter.com/cookies2023)

For more information:

(440)247-6530

From the Desk of Millie Prebel:



Brown Bag lunch series:

December 5th at noon, Parish Hall. Featuring the movie Science Tests Faith. Hear the Story unfold as Science finds: Blood & Flesh, Human DNA, Heart Muscle and White Blood Cells, all in a Bleeding Consecrated Host as the Truth of the Eucharist is revealed by Science! Yet science cannot produce a detailed DNA profile from not only the Host but also from a bleeding statue of Christ. A fascinating true story revealed by investigative journalists.



Coming this Advent

Watch the bulletin for our Advent Taize service coming this December.

A BIBLICAL WALK WITH MARY

"Journey with Mary toward Christmas and Beyond," study begins Thursday Dec 7th, 8:30 - 10 AM.
8 sessions: Dec 7, 14, 21, Jan 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb 1
\$20 (for workbook and videos).

**Must register at mpvalencic@gmail.com by
NOVEMBER 22, 2023**



Office of Faith Formation

Recognition of First Communion Candidates at Mass

- This weekend our SJA second graders preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist and their parents were recognized in a special way at all the Masses. They received a pin to acknowledge their ongoing preparation for these sacraments. They are being asked to wear their pin each week when they come to Mass. If you see one of our children with their pin on, please say hello along with a few words of encouragement for their preparation efforts! They will celebrate their First Reconciliation at the end of January 2024.



Parish School of Religion

- November PSR Classes:
High School: Sundays, November 19, 26
Grades 7 and 8: Sundays, November 19
Grades K-6: Mondays, November 20



CLW

- Good news!! The Children's Liturgy of the Word program is coming back! Thank you to the volunteers who said "Yes"! We could use a few more people, however! We hope to have it up and running again after the start of the new year in January. For more information, **please call Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3606.**





As we approach the Holiday Season, a new liturgical year with the beginning of Advent, and the many events and happenings in our lives, the interesting reality is this Bulletin for 11/19 is being penned on 11/9.

Last night 11/8, a number of families from SJA gathered to consider how we develop a "Family Ministry". I believe no one left the meeting without recognizing a new enthusiasm and commitment to building support for our families. We all agreed to meet again soon, defining our objectives, looking to recruit additional families in creating a functioning ministry meeting the challenges that we face. Key questions to be considered among others;

- ❑ In fact, how do we communicate? How do we provide for two-way communication safely and responsibly within a Faith Based community of shared values, in support of all families?
- ❑ How might we "buddy" or companion each other as families that are just joining the Parish or just beginning the transition to families with children? Utilizing all our families as companions, including the experiences and support even our "empty nesters" can provide.
- ❑ How can we share our life experiences with one another relative to schools, health care, and current topics of concern?

In the weeks to come we look to define these elements and more. Looking to provide for a ministry that can gather the resources and gifts of our Parish and our entire community. If you would like to engage, and share in this formation, please step up.

Separately, as we prepare for our first Second Sunday Vespers on the 12th , we anticipate to grow a new opportunity to pray, and connect as a Parish community in support of all our Ministries including our newly developing Family Ministry.

More next time.

Have a Blessed week. Deacon Denny

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