



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

The First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022



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.

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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 as we begin Advent!

Christmas is less than a month away! In Advent, we "wait in joyful hope." And we hope "things will get better in our world" in the midst of Covid,RSV, and Colds/the Flu. Preparations for Christmas (in our homes and church) may need to be "flexible." (This column is being written in early November since our "due dates" are adjusted because of the Thanksgiving Holiday – and my travels.)

This is the season we have our "Giving and Sharing Tree" in our church Gathering Area. This year we are accepting Gift Cards as well as gifts – as requested on the tags on the tree. This is one great way to bring the joy of the Christmas Season to those who may need it. Thank you for your generosity and support of this outreach ministry and to those who coordinate this wonderful service in our parish.

As we enter this Advent Season it might be good to reflect on the meaning and purpose of a symbol we often use in this Season: The Advent wreath. Fr. Paul Turner writes about this season and symbol of this season by saying, "An Advent Wreath symbolizes our longing for the coming of Christ. The wreath is a circle of evergreen branches into which are set four candles. Traditionally three candles are violet and one is rose, but four violet or four white candles may also be used.

"The wreath symbolizes many things. Evergreens signify God's enduring promise of redemption, evident like green branches in the midst of snow. The circle signifies our hope for the return of Christ, whose kingdom will have no end. The colors of the candles match the traditional colors of the vesture for the four Sundays of Advent. Violet garments signify our penitent hope for salvation. The rose color, which may be worn on Advent's Third Sunday, signals that the season is nearly over – joy is at hand!

"The wreath's most luminous symbol is its growing light. One candle is lit on the First Sunday of Advent; two on the Second, three on the Third and all four on the Fourth. In the northern hemisphere, Advent comes at a time when the days decrease to their shortest length. As the hours of darkness increase, we light more candles on the wreath. The wreath, which symbolizes the coming of Christ, grows in intensity as the anniversary of Jesus' birth draws near.

"The Advent wreath may be used at home or at church. It could be blessed on the First Sunday of Advent. When used in homes, the wreath could be blessed by a family member and lit during the evening meal, to remind everyone of the true meaning of this holy season."

Fr. Paul Turner is the pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri and director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph. He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from Sant' Anselmo in Rome.

As we wait in joyful hope, let us be attentive to the coming of the Lord – who is with us every day!

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary



Did You Know....from the SJA Bible Study Group

Every Mass begins with "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," based on Jesus' command "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..." (Mt 28: 19)

The Kyrie ("Lord have mercy") is based on the pleas of the lepers to Jesus in Lk 17:13 and the prayer of the tax collector in Lk 18: 13.

The Gloria is taken from the angels proclaiming to the shepherds in Lk 2: 13-14. The Nicene Creed begins with "I believe in one God." It takes its roots from Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord."

****What We Believe; the Beauty of the Catholic Faith by Marcellino D'Ambrosia and Andrew Swafford**



Giving and Sharing Tree

The tree will be in the Narthex starting November 19 for parishioners to select tags and purchase gifts.

Sunday December 11th will be the Final Sunday. This outreach initiative has been so well received and appreciated for over 30 years for 5 Cleveland organizations.

St. Joan's has always been very generous and we are so happy to be able to reach out again this year.

Thank you,

Jane Zilly





Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 20

9:00am SJA

11:00am Gameiro Gullo (Gullo)

Monday, November 21

8:00am No Mass

Tuesday, November 22

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, November 23

No Mass

Thursday, November 24

8:00am No Mass

Friday, November 25

8:00am No Mass

Saturday, November 26

4:30 Charlie Rule (Rule Family)

Sunday, November 27

9:00 Joan Kmieck (Gleason)

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



Mass of Recognition

Congratulations to all our 2nd graders who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion this school year. They were recognized in a special way at all the weekend Masses last week. Please keep these children in your prayers!

Sacrament of Confirmation

A meeting of all Confirmation Candidate Sponsors will be held on November 30 from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Parish Hall. This is a very important meeting for the sponsors. If the sponsor is unable to attend, a parent may come in their place.

Parish School of Religion

Our K-6 th grade Parish School of Religion classes will hold an Advent Prayer Service on Monday, November 28 from 4:35 – 4:55 in the school gym. Parents are invited to drop your children off then proceed to the gym and sit on the bleachers. After the teacher's take attendance, the children will proceed to the gym as well and sit on the gym floor with their class. Please join us for this beautiful ceremony to start this Advent Season!



ADOPT A CLASSROOM

Our St Joan of Arc parish family includes our day school and our Parish School of Religion. Both schools are dedicated to instill within each student a lifelong desire to learn, lead, and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our children are up against a lot of turmoil in the secular world. Here at St. Joan's parish we can make a difference in the lives of these young children with our prayers. We are encouraging all our parishioners to "Adopt" a classroom to pray for. Tuck your list in your prayer book, post it on your refrigerator, place it in plain view to remember to pray every day for each child on your list. Classroom lists are available in the Narthex. Please take one list, or more and keep the children of our parish in prayer under the loving protection of our heavenly Father.

Thank you,
St. Joan of Arc Parish

Dementia and the Holidays

Dementia Education
sponsored by Arden
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Memory Care



Entering into the holidays with a loved one suffering from dementia can be challenging to navigate. During this event, common missteps around the holidays and how to avoid them will be discussed, as well as winter safety, tips for reducing stress and a Q and A session.

There will be a virtual option for those not able to attend in person. **Please contact Millie Prebel 440-247-1141 ext 127 or email mprebel@stjoanofarc.org for dates and times.**

Peace and blessings,
Millie Prebel

Food Pantry Collection in the Narthex

Please bring your non-perishable food donations (cornbread mix, cranberry sauce, green beans, stovetop stuffing, turkey gravy, white rice, brown sugar.) when you come to Mass. Thank you for your support!



Food Pantry Thursday

Thank you for your Thanksgiving Donations. Your continuing support has given others a bountiful table this Thanksgiving.

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, December 1st from 10-11am for you to drop off items.

- oranges-**
- frozen vegetables-**
- chicken-**
- brown sugar-**
- laundry detergent-**

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 the 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.

ADVENT : AN EVENING OF REFLECTION

Are the overwhelming influences of the secular world overshadowing this important liturgical season of Advent?

Are we preparing our spirit for this season as much as we prepare our homes and our menus?

Fr Andrew Morkunas will lead us in a discussion of the solemnity of the season. Advent, as the church teaches, is a 'Little Lent', a time of preparation for when "Christ will come again." We as church need to prepare our hearts for that reality.

Join us for this sacred time in prayer and preparation. Monday November 28 th 7-8:30 refreshments and light snacks will be provided.

Peace and blessings,
Millie Prebel



Upcoming Blue Christmas Program

Blue Christmas is a Western Christian tradition that happens on or around the longest night of the year, the Winter Solstice. It is about comforting fellow Christians who are grieving and struggling to find joy and hope during the season.

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**

Coffee & Donuts

Donuts are back...After 9:00am and 11 am Mass. Please stop by the Parish Hall after Mass and enjoy connecting with your fellow parishioners!



Mom's, Pop's & 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 614-477-4032.

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. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, where you will find the free "Give + Church" smart phone app.

After downloading, you can set up a personal account and use the site for regular offertory, holy days of obligation, and special collections. You will be prompted to enter our zip code of 44022 or the St. Joan of Arc Church name. Click on our church name and address in the list and then begin the process of setting up you account.
3. 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

Collection Weekend

Collection amounts in next weeks bulletin!

Thank you for your Support!

ST. PAT'S HUNGER CENTER COORDINATOR NEEDED

St. Joan of Arc, partnering with Holy Angels, cooks and serves an evening meal at St. Pat's, 3603 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, four times a year. It is always the fourth Tuesday of months with five Tuesday's. St. Joan's and Holy Angels coordinators alternate shopping and providing the food so you would only have to be in charge twice each year.

We are currently serving meals for 100 people. Volunteers meet at St. Pat's around 3:00 to begin preparing the food, we begin serving at 5:00 and finish cleaning up around 6:45.

Please consider this position.

**Contact Connie Eddy at CEddy543@aol.com for information.
Thank you!**



Helpers Needed

Cookies with Santa

Cookies with Santa on Saturday, December 3 is looking for some helper Elf's. This is a great way to earn Service Hours for Confirmation 8th graders!!

Please contact the Office of Faith Formation for more details, 440-247-3606



"Here's to Our Health"

Now that we are in the month of November, 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. Plus, 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!

Thank you. Stay well, warm, and faithful.



Let's Get Ready

Advent and Christmas will be here before you know it, so come, let's meet and get started making music together, with me Jon Thibo, the new Director of Music. We will gather on Tuesday's , at 7:00pm in the church. Please feel free to bring your instrument if you play one and enthusiasm for a new beginning. Questions , **please contact me at JTHIBO@stjoanofarc.org**.

Thanks, Jon Thibo





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St. Joan of Arc School: Six Decades Of Excellence In Catholic Education

- Superior academics producing test scores above national averages.
- Dedicated teachers collaborating with parents for the benefit of the students.
- Small class sizes allowing personal attention and more hands-on learning.
- Promoting a student journey that ties faith in God with traditional learning. Fulfilling the Mission: Learn, Lead, and Live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

You have the opportunity to support our St. Joan of Arc Parish School through the Angel Scholarship Fund utilizing your Ohio Income Tax Credit. Your participation strengthens St. Joan of Arc School's future by providing tuition assistance for St. Joan students.

Now we are able to receive 100% Ohio income tax credit, up to \$750.00 (\$1500.00 if filling jointly). Contribute your money to the Angel Scholarship Fund and specify our St. Joan of Arc School as the recipient of your donation.

You need to act before the end of the tax year; act now by donating and obtaining your tax credit!

More information is available: <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/ways-to-give/donate/angelscholarship-fund>

Giving Tuesday

On November 29, commonly known as "Giving Tuesday", SJA will again be participating in the #WeGiveCatholic campaign. All gifts made to SJA through the following website;

<https://www.wegivecatholic.org/organization/St-Joan-Of-Arc-Parish>

Contributions will be put towards a new sound and video system in the gym. A new sound system will allow for better sound during band and music concerts as well as all school assemblies. The addition of a new sound system, including a video screen will benefit both the school and parish and provide a space for larger gatherings. Please tell your friends and family members about St. Joan of Arc and invite them to join us in helping to make a difference. **Please look for more information to come on** <https://www.wegivecatholic.org/organization/St-Joan-Of-Arc-Parish>.



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