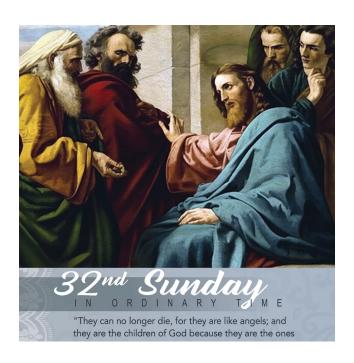
# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sunday, November 6 , 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.

#### **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.

#### **Parish Information**

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#### **Parish Staff**

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### From the Pastor:

### **Greetings of Peace**,

This weekend on Saturday November 5 at our 4:30 PM mass, we remember the Faithful Departed whose funerals or memorials we had in our parish during the past year. Our dearly departed will be named in a "Litany of Remembrance" and we will lift them up to the Lord in prayer. We are one in faith and fellowship with all the Faithful Departed, whom we remember in a special way in the month of November. "Eternal Rest grant unto them, 0 Lord."

Moreover, November is the month we are called in a special way to remember "all our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection." Here at St. Joan of Arc we have our "Book of Remembrance" in the Gathering area for parishioners to inscribe the names of their beloved dead – and we will remember them in prayer during this month. May the writing of the names of our loved ones who have died help to console us and remind us of the hope of new life, for which we all long!

Here is my annual "Sociological analysis." Each year all churches in the Diocese of Cleveland – and in the USA – are asked to do an "October Count" to see how many Catholics are attending mass. "Tracking" mass attendance is one good indicator of how many Catholics are actually practicing their faith.

In the past few years the mass attendance numbers throughout our diocese, here at St. Joan of Arc, and actually the eastern United States have trended downward. This has also been the case at most of our neighboring parishes.

Average attendance (per weekend) in the month of October 2022 at St. Joan of Arc

- 10 years ago 1,180
- 5 years ago 975
- -4 years ago 905
- 3 years ago 860
- 2 years ago 270 \*
- -1 year ago 550 \*
- This year 520 \*

\* Since the CoVid health crisis, the numbers these past few years have been "skewed." Still, the trend of lessening attendance at mass (even before the pandemic) is quite significant. Reduced attendance impacts parish life, stewardship, involvement – and even our collections. It is further evidenced in the fact that we have one priest at St. Joan. (In 2013, and before, we had two full time priests). This trend of lower attendance also impacts the number of people in our parish who are available to participate in ministries, groups, committees, and so on. In December 2018 we adjusted our weekend mass schedule here at St. Joan of Arc. Previously we had four (4) weekend masses: 1 mass on Saturday and 3 masses on Sunday. We now have 2 Sunday masses while maintaining our Saturday vigil mass.

Since the pandemic – and the trend of lessened mass attendance, we now average under 600 people at mass, per weekend. Our church seats about 500. We strive to have a weekend schedule that meets the "pastoral needs" of St. Joan of Arc Parish and, at the same time, creates a "reasonable work-load" for our pastor and parish staff.

Looking at all this, and in light of our recent health pandemic, all of us as Catholics can personally look at our commitment to the faith. Before the pandemic, studies indicated that under 27% of Catholics attended mass on a regular basis. Same studies indicate that those who do come to church are often less involved in the life of the church. The numbers show this is even fewer, now.

Here in the Diocese of Cleveland, we will ordain 4 priests in the spring of this academic year (2022-23). You know as well as I do that there are many more priests who will retire, die, or otherwise not be able to do ministry than we are ordaining. Let me ask this: If what we do in church (with mass, sacraments, baptisms, funerals, weddings, priestly work, etc.) is important to us, as Catholics, then who will be the ones to do this priestly ministry in the future? All of us can consider ways we can help foster vocations of service in the church.

Again, I wanted to communicate all this to you and offer it for your perusal!

The good news in the midst of all this is YOU ARE HERE! And most of you have been here! This is wonderful! Thank you for your faith and for your presence at St. Joan of Arc.

Lastly, looking ahead, I will be here this week – and then I will be away from the parish, on vacation, leaving after masses on Sunday November 13 and will return for masses on Sunday November 27 (Sunday of the weekend we begin Advent and look ahead to Christmas!). Visiting priests will be here the weekend of November 19-20 and on Saturday November 26. Our parish staff will do their best to respond to any "matters that may present themselves" while I am away.

Next weekend we will have our annual "Finance Report" at all weekend masses. Thank you for your kind and generous support of our parish.

You are in my heart and prayers. Have a great week. Blessings & Peace,



Fr. Gary

#### **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

## From the Desk of Millie Prebel:



Teresa S. Yohman, Director of Marriage and Family Ministry has arranged for a high level Gottman therapist, Nichole Melchi to come and do workshops for married couples on Strategies for connection.

She is a dynamic presenter and this is a hands- on opportunity event, appropriate for marriages of all stages and ages.

Where: Our Lady of Angels /St John Bosco

- When: Sunday, November 6, 2022 Saturday, November 19th
- Time: Following Following 11:00am Mass & 4:00pm Mass

Please RSVP As Soon As Possible. https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events for more details

## **Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, November 6** 9:00am SJA 11:00am Shelly Artz (Jones)

**Monday, November 7** 8:00am Marilou Strathern (Nally)

**Tuesday, November 8** 9:00am Mariatana Salerno (Elliott/Aquila)

Wednesday, November 9 No Mass

Thursday, November 10 8:00am James Robert Hoffman (Hoffman Family)

Friday, November 11 8:00am Patricia Williams (Hoffman Family))

**Saturday, November 12** 4:30 The Rule Family (Rule)

**Sunday, November 13** 9:00 Frances D'Ambrosia ( Zeleznik) 11:00 SJA



#### **Office of Faith Formation**



#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation Parent Meeting**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Parent Meeting (parents only) will be Thursday, November 10, from 7:00-8:15pm in the Parish Hall. We will talk about what the children are learning about the sacrament and the meaning of reconciliation in our lives, and the important role you have as parents in the preparation of your children for the sacrament.



#### Recognition of First Communion Candidates at Mass

Our SJA second graders preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist and their parents will participate in a special recognition on Saturday, November 19 at 4:30pm Mass, or Sunday, November 20 at the 9:00am or 11:00am Masses.



#### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

The 4th instructional session for our Confirmation Candidates is Thursday, November 17, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All candidates are reminded to bring their binder to each session. Thank you!

A meeting of all Confirmation Candidate's Sponsors will be held on November 30 from 7:00-8:15 pm in he Parish Hall. If the sponsor if unable to attend, a parent may come in their place.

## From the Desk of Millie Prebel, Pastoral Minister

November is the month we remember and pray for "All Souls." Our 4:30 PM mass on Saturday November 5, 2022 will remember those whose funerals or memorials we have had here during the past year.

This year we are also partnering with Church of the Holy Angels in Bainbridge, Ohio for their Mass of Remembrance Prayer Service, on Wednesday November 7th at 7pm. It will be an evening of faith and hope, remembering our loved ones. If you would like to attend please **RSVP to Millie at 440-247-7183 ext #127** so that your loved ones will be included in the service.

### **ADOPT A CLASSROOM**

Our St Joan of Arc parish family includes the 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



### **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, November 10th from 10-11 for you to drop off these items. -Bread-Flour--Oranges--Dish washing Liquid--Laundry Detergent-

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

## **Parish Service Day**

Join us on Saturday, November 19th as we help serve the greater Cleveland area!

Sign up as individuals (16+ only) or as a family, all ages welcome. Choose a volunteer shift: morning or afternoon (exact times vary by location). You will be matched with other parishioners and given details about your service site assignment about 2 weeks before the service day.

Receive a t-shirt to wear while you serve (or wear yours from prior years). Come join us and make a difference in the community!

Sign up on the Parish Website by November 6th.



### **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 Wreath-Making Event!**

Join us on Sunday, November 27 from 3-5pm in the Olsavsky Center for a fun afternoon of making an Advent Wreath! It's the perfect way to spend the First Sunday of Advent. You'll have a beautiful, fresh Advent Wreath ready to go!

All supplies are provided. Light refreshments will be available. The cost is \$30/family, payable at the door or before the event in the Parish Office. Registration is capped at 25 families.

Register by going to the Parish Website no later than Wednesday, November 17. **Please contact Allie Gall at** agall@stjoanofarc.org or 440-247-4316 with any questions.



#### **Directory Update Time**

It's that time again to update your information for the SJA Parish Guide Book and Directory. If you did not receive a Directory please let us know. The form can be found in your current directory. You can submit your updated form by dropping it in the collection basket or by dropping it off at the Parish office.

The deadline for submission is November 23, 2022. Any questions please contact the Parish office at 440-247- 7183 or cathiem@stjoanofarc.org



## **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 or you can contact Cathie in the Rectory at cathiem@stjoanofarc.org** 

#### 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 10/29-10/30 Weekly: \$16,135.39 Online: \$5,913.00 Total: \$22,048.39 Thank you for your Support!

## **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 start meeting on Mondays throughout the school year starting September 12th, 9am-10am in the Olsavsky Center - School Gym.

#### Any Questions please contact Kelly Rohr at 614-477-4032.

#### 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!



#### 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 FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11. Thank you Mother Mary!

For Information, Contact Matthew "Mickey" O'Hearn, 440-338-55914, or mohearniii@gmail.com



### "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.** 







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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-togive/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 or go to: https://www.wegivecatholic.org/ organization/St-Joan-Of-Arc-Parish.

Dear God,

Thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshiping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbors. Amen.







