



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 1, 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.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 enter the month of October.

Last weekend we had our “Ministry Fair” at St. Joan of Arc and it went very well! Let me offer sincere thanks to our Stewardship Group for their hard work at coordinating the event, “decorating,” contacting the ministries, groups, committees, and more to “staff” the tables, for the video that accompanied the event in our parish hall, and more. I also would like to express my thanks to you, the good people of SJA parish for all you do to make our parish vibrant and a sign of faith to our community. For those who may not have been here or did not sign up to serve or volunteer in a parish ministry or group – it is not too late! Please let us know. We appreciate your generous service!

The Ohio Bishops (Catholic Conference of Ohio), Bishop Malesic, and the Diocese of Cleveland have asked us to share these reflections with you this weekend, September 30 – October 1, since this is “Respect Life Sunday” (Weekend). The bishops say: “Today is Respect Life Sunday, and as we approach the November election we continue to pray and educate ourselves and our neighbors and prepare to Vote... (in November). We reflect with God’s Word on how Christians respond to the injustice of the world by pursuing justice for those on the margins, including vulnerable women and preborn children.

“Our world is not fair, especially to vulnerable women and children. Our world is terribly unjust and does not Respect Life. Not just life in the womb, but the migrant, the poor, and the lonely are also the victims of the sins of our society. Abortion is a cruel solution offered by a cruel world

—60% of women who seek an abortion report being pressured or coerced (David C Reardon and Tessa Longbons, “Effects of Pressure to Abort on Women’s Emotional Responses and Mental Health,” *Cureus*, 2023, <https://doi.org/10.7759/cureus.34456>.)

—75% of abortions involve poor or low-income women (“U.S. Abortion Patients,” Guttmacher Institute, August 24, 2022, https://www.guttmacher.org/infographic/2016/us-abortionpatients?gad=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwzJmlBhBBEiwAEJyLuweqSU6CeayzJ0_JfoTOYZ2TRyS3ewYmfmsvDeRBff eaXoeQ_ ailjhoCTcgQAvD_ BwE.))

—Abortions disproportionately affect women of color (and minorities)

“Christ is our model of God’s fairness, which is justice and mercy. The Christian response to the unfairness of the world is to be like Jesus Christ. Jesus’ response to the world was obedience to his Father: caring for the poor, the ill, the sorrowful, and all those on the margins. “To be like Christ, it is not enough to condemn injustice and cruelty – we must act and seek to do the Father’s will”. Like Jesus, we are called to address the injustice and cruelty of the world, especially the injustice and cruelty of abortion. It is not enough to simply say that we support women and children – we must act



As a Church we have vital ministries for those who are pregnant, dealing with difficult decisions, and for those who may have chosen an abortion.

The bishops ask us to form our consciences and to vote "No" on Proposition #1.

On Respect Life Sunday, we ask the Lord to remember his mercies and to empower us to pray and fast, educate our neighbors, and prepare to Vote No on Proposition # 1...

Let us ask God for the grace to be like the son who responds to his father in obedience and like Jesus Christ, who united justice and mercy in his tender response...

The Catholic Conference of Ohio serves as the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on matters of public policy. Catholic Conference of Ohio, 100 E. Broad Street, Suite 600, Columbus, OH 43215. ohiocathconf.org.

This weekend, September 30-October 1, we will have a "Parish Voter Registration Table" here at St. Joan of Arc. This is "Respect Life Sunday" weekend. Members of the St. Joan of Arc Angels for Life will be available in the Gathering Area at the table to help and answer any questions. We can also visit VOTEOHIO.GOV to:

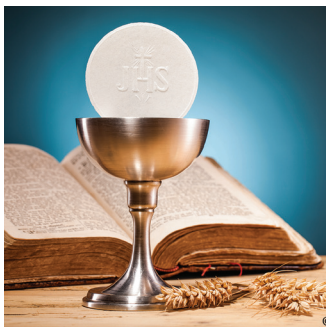
- Register to Vote
- Update Voter Record
- Check Voter Status
- Request Absentee Ballot
- Find Election Information

Finally, in order to vote in the November election, the registration deadline is October 10, and early voting begins on October 11. Let's allow our faith to influence us as we participate in our civic life and vote.

Have a great week. Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary





Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 1

9:00am Richard Yoe (Kaczor)

11:00am SJA

Monday, October 2

8:00am Dr. Robert Porter
(Nimeth Family)

Tuesday, October 3

9:00am Ginger Cirino (Cirino)

Wednesday, October 4

No Mass

Thursday, October 5

8:00am Edward D'Ambrosia
(Zeleznik)

Friday, October 6

8:00am Bob Ockley (Valencic)

Saturday, October 7

4:30 Daniel Horgan (Moriarty)

Sunday, October 8

9:00 SJA

11:00 James P. Mockler (McCune)

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@cynergegroupp.com**

MINISTRY FAIR



A big **THANK YOU** to our Stewardship Committee for a wonderful Ministry Fair! A special thanks to Al and Kathy Catani for once again spearheading it and to all the ministry leaders and volunteers who were on hand to greet people.

If any of you were not able to attend, please check the list of 50 ministries on the flyers in the Narthex. We can always use more volunteers to serve our parish and community!



The Chagrin Documentary Film Festival



The Chagrin Documentary Film Festival Salad Luncheon will be October 5th. The Women's Guild has hosted this sell out event for the past 13 years.

The following documentaries will be shown; Junk Genius, Go-Kart Therapy, Carpenter and School Fish.

Special thanks to all of the ladies who prepared their wonderful salads.

Reservation are required.

The Price of the lunch is \$25

For reservations, Sally at 440-247-6945



Blanket Donation

As the weather gets colder, some of our neighbors will not be able to keep warm. We will be collecting new and like new blankets, sheets, and pillow cases for those who are less fortunate. On Saturday, September 30th and Sunday October 1st. Items can be left at the Narthex of the church. You can also make a cash donations.

Any Questions please contact Mary Horvath at 440-759-5322.



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 October 5th from 10-11:00 AM for you to drop off items.

**-Onions-Cheese-
-Dishwashing Liquid-
-Toilet Paper-Paper Towels-**



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

9/23/-9/24

Collection: \$ 5,877.00

Online: \$ 2,837.69

Thanks you for your continued support!

Now, more than ever, we need to stand up for life. Abortion advocates have a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot in November, threatening the lives of babies in the womb and eliminating parental rights. Please join the Arc Angels for Life at St. Joan of Arc in our fight to be a voice for the voiceless. There are so many ways to engage – from prayer to community engagement, in accord with Directives of the Diocese of Cleveland. **For questions or to sign-up to join the Arc Angels distribution list, please contact Megan at 216/312-3798 or meganhet@yahoo.com**

Scholarship awards for the Angel Scholarship Fund were recently submitted to the Catholic Community Foundation. The school was able to offer awards to 62 students from 39 different families. Seven of those families are new to the school community. These funds have helped families to keep a Catholic education at SJA affordable! There are some remaining funds that have been allocated for new families who may wish to enroll at St. Joan's over the summer.

Now is the time to begin thinking about your upcoming contributions to the Angel Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made as a one-time gift or as a recurring monthly gift. Remember the state of Ohio allows taxpayers to contribute up to \$750 (\$1500 if filing jointly) of their state taxes to St. Joan of Arc. **Please visit the following link for more information:**
<https://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel-scholarship-fund/overview>

**CATHOLIC
CONFERENCE OF OHIO**

We have been asked to include this bulletin announcement this weekend by the bishops

Catholic Support for Women

Our state is facing a change to the constitution that threatens pregnant women and preborn children. Just as Jesus defended vulnerable women, the Catholic Church in Ohio stands in radical solidarity with pregnant women and those affected by abortion through various ministries:

- Walking with Moms in Need** – Offers material resources such as clothing, food, and baby supplies, and personal accompaniment to pregnant women
- Catholic Charities** – Sponsors educational programs for expecting mothers and fathers and accompanies families into parenting; Supports families with programs related to housing, food insecurity, and other needs
- Project Rachel** – Provides confidential post-abortive healing to women and men affected by abortion

The Catholic Church in Ohio also advocates for the needs of mothers, children, and families. The Catholic voice in public policy has helped build a culture of life in Ohio by eliminating sales tax on baby products, investing money in housing for pregnant women, extending a cash assistance program through all months of pregnancy, and creating a new doula program to address infant and maternal mortality rates. As Catholics, we must support women and children in need by Voting NO on Issue 1.

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From the Desk of Millie Prebel:



October is shaping up to be a month filled with unique opportunities to grow in faith. Mark your calendars!

The Eucharist, a Challenging Truth to Swallow. October 10, 2023, 6:30pm at St. Joan of Arc Parish

Legally blind, Trapper Jack made a name for himself as a family-friendly morning radio host for 30+ years. Since his departure from secular radio in 2012, Trapper has taken to using his microphone to share his faith through podcasts and inspirational talks. The miraculous brought Trapper back. Suddenly, God became real and Trapper understood that he was being called into a relationship. He believes sharing God's miraculous encounters will help keep people in the pews with the realization that God is far from boring. Join us for his inspirational talk on Eucharistic Miracles.



Beauty Wonder and Awe: The Birds of Northeast Ohio October 17, 2023, at noon.

"Watching the daily and yearly rhythms of wild birds can bring Beauty, Wonder and Awe into our lives. Some are stunningly beautiful, like warblers and wood ducks, while others make us wonder how they can make annual migrations of thousands of miles just to come here to raise their families. The more we know about them, the more in awe we are of the complexities of the marvelous world in which we live, and our loving God who created it all." Join us for our very first Brown Bag Lunch with Matt Valencic sharing his pictures and stories about The Birds of NE Ohio.

We welcome back Peter's Shadow for a Healing Service October 26, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

If you feel that you need or desire healing in any area of your life, Physical, Spiritual or Emotional, the mission and hope of Peter's Shadow ministry is to bring health and healing to a wounded world through the proclamation of the Gospel, signs and wonders, and miraculous healing. Don't miss this opportunity to grow deeper in your faith walk.

Stewardship Opportunities

And finally we are extending the opportunity offered this past weekend to explore the different ministries here at St. Joan of Arc. Please pray for discernment to where the Lord is calling you to share your gifts and talents with God's people, the church and beyond. If you are uncertain of your gifts please contact me for guidance. I'm happy to meet with you in person or over the phone.

**Yours In Christ,
Millie Prebel**





Office of Faith Formation

Thank you to all who stopped by our table at the Ministry Fair. It was wonderful to see some new faces and some familiar ones as well! Thank you to those who signed up to volunteer and to those considering it. God bless you for your helpful spirit!

Parish School of Religion

October PSR Classes:

High School: Sundays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Grades 7 and 8: Sundays, October 1, 8, 22, 29

Grades K-6: Mondays, October 2, 9, 23, 30

Family Religion Program Meeting: Sunday, October 22 at 12:15pm in the school.

Confirmation

Watch for our annual "Prayer Partner" sign up at all the weekend Masses, date TBD soon. This is an opportunity for a parishioner to pair with a Confirmation candidate to pray for them through their preparation journey and in return, they will pray for you! No meetings are involved, just prayers!

CLW

The Children's Liturgy of the Word program at the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays is suspended for the time being. We hope to get it back up and running soon as we get more volunteers. You do not have to be a catechist.

For more information, please call Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3606.



Below are the names of the St. Joan of Arc catechists/teachers whose names were inadvertently left off of the list for Catechetical Sunday. **We thank them for their ministry:**

**Barb Aquila
Nancy Ball
Sue Bondra
Vicki Brigeman
Tony Colini
Allison Coulson
Suzanne Dean
Chris Elliott
Allie Gall**



BUILDING COMMON GROUND

Notes from Deacon Denny

The results are in



Along with our spectacular FESTIVAL... we signed up a number of new families for the drawing for the FAMILY MINISTRY BASKET. Thanks to many contributors the basket was loaded with treats, Family Bibles and many warm wishes. Special thanks to Augie's Pizza and Fireside Books for their contributions from our community.

The winner of the Basket is the Nelson Family.....please congratulate them, next time you see them.

The current count is over 100 families have signed up "for more info" and many who have indicated "How can I help?". The purpose of family Ministry is to bring together families at the basic stages of family life; new families, growing families and yes even empty nester families. The goal is to companion individuals as well as families to families at multiple levels; sharing who we are, sharing our gifts, and essentially "being" Church for one another. Some of the initiatives being discussed are to address the following:

1. How do we best communicate with each other....via a closed system of internet-based communication, announcements, and private discussions?
2. How do we welcome new families with babies joining or Parish, coming for Baptism with their children....or just moving into town?
3. What kinds of events would be appreciated?
4. What are those questions that come up at home that mom and dad need refreshers on when the kids ask, that we can help with? For Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation?

We have begun the discussion, please feel free to ask questions, provide ideas, become cheerleaders, or join the growing team. Emails work best...

notes@deacondenny.net

Have a Blessed week. Deacon Denny

