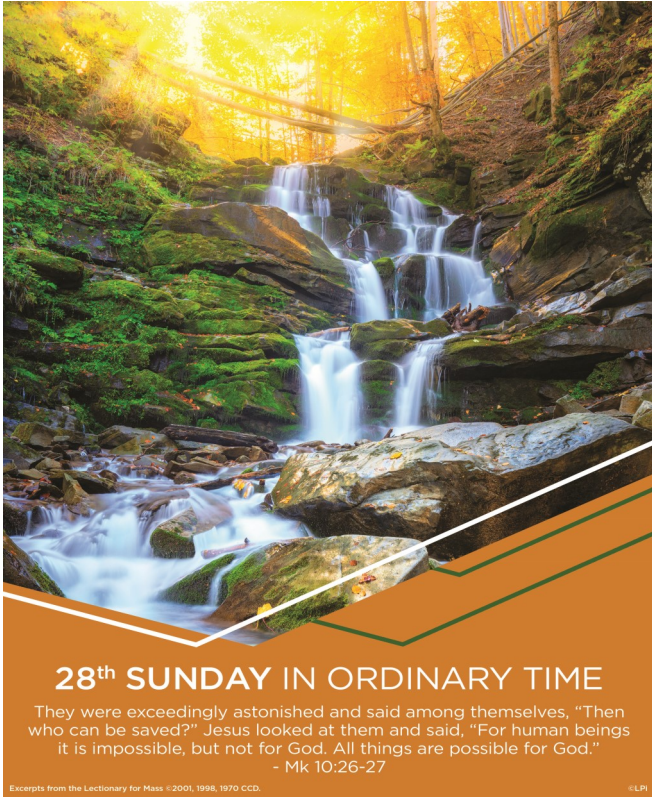




St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

October 13, 2024—Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."
- Mk 10:26-27

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 Peace in mid-October.

This column is being written much earlier than usual since the due-date is while I am away, participating with the priests of the diocese of Cleveland. *The convocation took place most of the past week, October 8 through Friday October 11, 2024.* This “extended convocation” takes place every other year. I am so grateful that you keep me and the priests of the Diocese of Cleveland in your prayers. Know that I do remember you! You are a gift.

We are still in the midst of our **Parish Stewardship Appeal**, asking for your support in enhancing our Offertory Collections. I give a heartfelt “Thank you” for your openness and generous support.

Here are some STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: IT TAKES A LIFETIME

Generations of faith-filled Catholic people have passed on to us the most precious gift that we possess – the gift of faith. As this generation’s “good stewards,” we are obligated to pass on the gift of faith to our children.

Children primarily learn through the examples of their parents. Today, many parents are volunteering their time and talents to their churches and community groups and bringing their children along with them. More and more churches are encouraging children to return a portion of their “treasure” – their allowance or other earnings... As we know from our own experience, it takes a lifetime to develop the habits of good stewardship.

God has blessed us in so many marvelous ways. Stewardship is a way of life built around gratitude to God, lived out by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us. There is no more precious inheritance we can pass on to our children than this lifestyle of gratitude.

“If you will give these instructions... you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching you have followed.” (1 Timothy 4/6)

And here is a STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

Our Stewardship Appeal is being very well received by the people of St. Joan of Arc. Since I needed to write this column so early I am still awaiting “numbers” and “amounts” of those parishioners who have increased their contributions in response to our stewardship of treasure appeal. I will share updated information as it is reported to me. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Cathedral Corp., with whom we are working on this appeal, said, “Please use the Special Response form to indicate your new level of giving, and then return to your regular envelope packet for succeeding weeks.” And if you are interested in receiving information on our Electronic Giving Program, please contact the parish office.

Finally, there is a letter from Bishop Malesic in today’s bulletin – as we approach the **November election**. In sum, please vote and become informed on candidates and key issues. And, because we are people of faith, let us allow our faith to influence our thoughts and actions – including how we vote. *Also note that the Diocese of Cleveland and St. Joan of Arc does not permit leafleting of any kind nor placing flyers (or any other partisan materials) on vehicles or on parish property at any time. Anyone who might do so is not acting in the name of the parish or with the authorization of our church or diocese.*

Have a great week. Blessings and peace,

Fr. Gary



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

**9:00am Diane M. Nester
(Distaulo)**

11:00am SJA

Monday, October 14

8:00am No Intention

Tuesday, October 15

**9:00am Jane & Norman
Conacher – Wedding
Anniversary (Conacher)**

Wednesday, October 16

No Mass

Thursday, October 17

**8:00am Richard Rickelman
(Rickelman)**

Friday, October 18

8:00am Dorothy Toth (Toth)

Saturday, October 19

4:30pm Ginger Cirino (Cirino)

Sunday, October 20

9:00am SJA

**11:00am Richard Rickelman
(Rickelman)**

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

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.

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 their 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 SJA , call Diana at 440-552-1046 or email at dianag@stjoanofarc.org

DAILY ROSARY—ST. JOAN OF ARC AVILAS



Please join us to pray the Rosary, Weekdays following the 8:00am Mass in the Chapel.

The St. Joan of Arc AVILAS, an organization of men and women, joined together under the patronage of St. Theresa of Avila, praying for religious vocations, meet on the Second Friday of each month. Member's attend the 8:00am Mass, followed by the Recitation of the Rosary and praying the Avila prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

For more information , contact Matthew " Mickey" O'Hearn at 440-338-5914 or mohearniii@gmail.com

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

HIGH SCHOOL THEOLOGY ONLY THIS SUNDAY, 10/13.

NO 7 TH , 8 TH PSR SUNDAY 10/13

NO K-6 PSR ON MONDAY 10/14.

Our K-6th grade PSR classes held a Rosary Prayer Service on the Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary, October 7. Each student received a rosary and learned about the history of the rosary and prayed together! October is the month of the rosary. Pray it often!!

Can you occasionally give an hour of your time on Monday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30pm? We need substitute adult (or teen) aides in our grades K-3 PSR classrooms.

Please contact the Office of Faith Formation for more information.

440-247-3606 or [email mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org).

There is also a sign-up genius to sign up:

PSR Volunteer: PSR Volunteer 2024/2025 (signupgenius.com)

October PSR Classes:

Grades K-6: Monday, October 21, 28

Grades 7,8: Sunday, October 20, 27

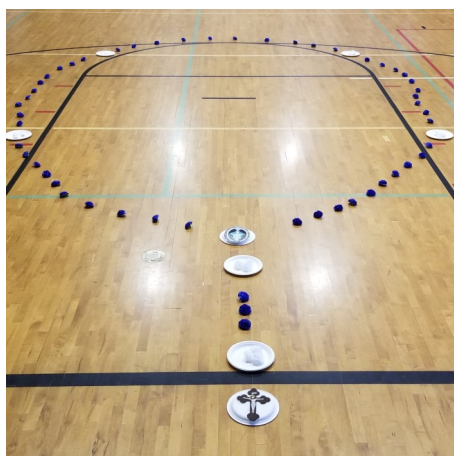
High School: Sunday, October 13, 20, 27

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation preparation Session #3 will be Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 pm in the Church/Parish Hall. Teens bring your binders and journals!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word has returned. It is for children in grades K-3 rd . Without more volunteers we will not be able to provide CLW every Sunday. We need additional adult volunteers! Please contact Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation if you are interested or for more information at 440-247-3606. Or [email mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org](mailto:mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org)



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!



WEEKLY COLLECTION

WEEKEND COLLECTION S 10/5-10/6

Collection: \$ 8,948.00

Weekly Collections Online

9/23 -9/27 \$ 5,837.00

9/30-10/4 \$ 6,202.69

Thank You for your continued support!

FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, October 17th from 10:00am-11:00am for you to drop off items.

-Milk-Butter-

-Eggs-Cheese-

-Kielbasa-

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



HOME VISITATION MINISTRY

Do you know of someone in the parish who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist? The Home Visitation Ministry teams bring 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.

How would you best describe “being Catholic”, and/or practicing our Faith? Last week we described a great summary text describing a summary view of our teachings and our belief. But who companioned you along the way? Your parents, teachers, sponsors/ God Parents? Throughout our life journey, particularly as we mature in our thinking, we often develop new “companions”. Some come as new teachers, or Mystics or Saints that we read about that share some life experience with us that draws our attention. Sometimes it’s a Spiritual Director, or prospective sponsor for a Sacrament. Perhaps, even a close friend that we trust.

OCIA or other recent programs in Faith development or explorations of Spirituality often connect us to resources and people who “companion” us along the way, even if only for a time. Many formation programs even require such a relationship to be defined. The Church continues to find that there are two sides to this idea. First, we all can benefit from a companion on our journey of faith and maturation in what God has called us to be....our personal becoming of the Saint we were designed to be. But each of us doesn’t need to have a PhD in Theology or a “Certificate” to be an outstanding “Spiritual companion”, walking with someone on their journey, discovering together. Mystics, Spiritual Directors, Professors & teachers, throughout history report they learn more from the person that they companion, than perhaps they share! Yes, you too can be and probably are already acting in that role. Our programs today need to encourage “companioning” with each other. Companioning in small groups or one-to-one, helps us all discover things we never dreamed of. This is an important concept for all of us to consider in all our endeavors.

We are looking in the coming weeks to add additional “points of entry” into new discovery for enrichment or discerning a potential journey with our team at SJA. We are open to discussion of questions or potential meetings in person or on zoom to chat about these topics.

Have a Blessed week,
Deacon Denny deacondenny@stjoanofarc.org

RCIA – Sessions 2024 – 2025

Are you interested, or do you know anyone who is interested, in learning the Catholic faith and in joining the Catholic Church? The Rite (Order) of Christian Initiation Of Adults (R/OCIA) accomplishes just that, and we have been providing this process each year typically from October to the Easter Vigil Mass in the following year. We invite anyone interested to inquire about this wonderful journey into God's gift of faith. We anticipate regular sessions starting in early October. Sessions are held typically once a week in the rectory meeting room from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the evening, for adults. We also have separate sessions for "teens" and grade school children needing to prepare for sacraments as well. To inquire about our program, to open up private conversations concerning questions, or seeking information we invite any inquiry.

Those interested may contact the following for information:

1) Deacon Jeff Dunlop - 440-376-9177 - deacjeff@gmail.com

2) Deacon Denny Guritza - 440-829-8760 - dguritza@synergegroup.com

Walking with Moms in Need

Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It works to ensure that any woman who finds herself in an unplanned pregnancy, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and be connected with the resources she needs.

Volunteers walk with moms throughout the motherhood journey, offering them authentic Christian friendship and ongoing support. At St. Joan of Arc, we will be coordinating our Walking with Moms in Need program with other Catholic Churches in Geauga County, in an effort to optimize our resources for pregnant and parenting mothers. **If you are interested in learning more, please contact Megan Frankel at meganhet@yahoo.com or 216/312-3798.**



St. Patrick's Hunger Center

St. Joan of Arc will be cooking and serving meals on Tuesday, October 22nd for St. Patrick's Hunger Center,

We need homemade cookies to serve with dinner. If you would like to bake, please let us know and drop cookies off in the Parish Hall (kitchen) on the morning of the 22nd. Also, please put your name / address on your containers if you would like them returned.

For more information, please call Tim & Jacquie Cogan at 440-725-4602 or email tcogan82@gmail.com



In a recent memo from the Diocese, parishes were asked to print this letter in parish bulletins... to remind parishioners of their obligation to participate in our democracy (by voting) while allowing our Catholic faith to be their guide.

Catholic Diocese of Cleveland
Office of the Bishop
669/2024
27 September 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Catholic Tradition of responsible citizenship, we are morally obligated to participate in political life and to make choices based on a properly formed conscience, voting for the candidates who best support the moral teachings of our Catholic faith. As you prepare to cast your ballot for the upcoming November election, I ask that you pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and educate yourself on the candidates' positions on the critical issues that will affect us all, both now and in the future.

Before we are members of any political party, we must be faithful followers of Jesus, who told us "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 3:35). So, it is incumbent on us who are believers to live our Catholic faith outside the walls of our Churches, putting Christ at the center of our public lives as citizens. Our consciences must be well informed through prayer and fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Then we must vote our consciences, which I urge you to do, so that your Catholic faith will impact the moral and social fabric of our society.

In the Introductory Note to Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the document issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to help guide us on our political responsibilities, we bishops again said that the defense of unborn life remains our pre-eminent priority because abortion is a direct attack on the most vulnerable among us. We also recognize that other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, human trafficking, the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, racism, and the lack of care for our common home. All these issues must be considered when voting for the person who will best represent us, placing the interests of the most vulnerable first among others.

At a time when our nation is so polarized by partisanship and ideology, and the issues are so serious and complex, it is of the utmost importance that we persevere in hope, remembering the words found in the Book of Micah, who said, "You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do justice and love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

For those looking for more information on faithful citizenship, both the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Conference of Ohio (which outlines topics specific to our state) offer extensive materials and resources to provide guidance.

Please join me in praying for all those who are running for office in the upcoming election. May the Lord inspire and guide them to lift up the dignity of all persons they will serve if chosen by the electorate. May the Lord guide us in these important decisions at this critical time in our history, heal our divisions, and unite us one nation, under God.

May God bless you and those you love.

Your brother in Christ,
Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL, Bishop of Cleveland



**You Are Invited
Second Sunday**

Vespers

at St. Joan of Arc Parish

496 E. Washington St, Chagrin Falls

Season II' Kick-off

Sunday October 13th 2024 at 6:30 PM

Join us in the Universal Prayer of the church

*Community Vespers at 6:30

*"Ted Talk" Presentation by Special Guest

● Fr. Max Cole, Holy Angels Parish

*Night Prayer

* Refreshments and Community Building time



Prayer and worship aids will be provided, bring a friend.

For more information contact deacondenny@stjoanofarc.org

HOLIDAY GIFT BOUTIQUE

The Hamlet -Atrium

200 Hamlet Hills Drive

Saturday, November 2, 2024 10:00am–2:00pm

****Cash and Checks Only**** (440-) 247 4201

