



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 15, 2023



28TH 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.

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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 in the middle of the month of October!

This time of year is beautiful, yet the weather is pretty unpredictable. One day it is very warm and the next it is cool...or even cold. Likewise in the church and our parish buildings. We will try our best to make the temperature in our buildings consistent with the weather. But, like in your homes, one day we might need the air conditioning and the next day we will need heat. Let's be patient as we strive to do our best to make the temperature of our buildings and worship space comfortable during the change of seasons. It is a beautiful time of year. I heard that this week and next week is "prime time" for the fall colors. I think this is one of the most beautiful times of the year. Enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

Did you know that the changing of colors is not really due to "weather conditions." Leaves change color because of the lessening amount of daylight which affects photosynthesis. Fall also brings us wonderful holidays like Halloween and Thanksgiving. And, in a few weeks, we will have the end of Daylight Savings Time (DST) when we "spin our clocks backwards" and gain an hour's sleep. We "Fall back." I'd prefer to never change our clocks – neither in the spring nor in the fall. Oh well! This year DST ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday November 5th and we'll change our clocks at bedtime on Saturday November 4th.

As we all know, fall is often called "cold and flu season." We are dealing with those illnesses as well as RSV, CoVid strains/variants, and more. If you are feeling ill, please take appropriate precautions so we don't spread any bugs around. For those who are not feeling well or sick, please stay home! Missing church due to illness is "not a sin." Actually, it is more prudent to stay at home rather than coming to church when one is sick. Not spreading germs is an act of faith and kindness to us all! Thank you for your cooperation. Here's to our health!

In a few weeks we will participate in an election. The Ohio Bishops and Bishop Malesic have asked us to regularly communicate with you about the amendment to enshrine abortion into the Ohio Constitution. This issue is officially on the November 7, 2023 ballot. The bishops tell us, "The church must not be silent and cannot remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life. Therefore, the Catholic Conference of Ohio (CCO) – in collaboration with the Catholic dioceses across the state – is informing Catholics in Ohio about the dangers of the amendment and encourages them to vote no..."

–Please vote!

–Secondly, we should allow our faith influence us as we form our consciences and become informed on issues – and candidates...

–Also note, the Church does not support or oppose particular candidates; the church does seek to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues.

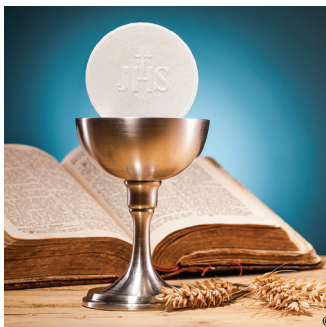
I have been known to say, "The church is...and always will be...pro-Life."

Finally, I am away this week – on Retreat. It is good to take some time to focus on "the spiritual" as I go on an annual retreat. I will keep you in my heart and prayers while I am on retreat. I would also appreciate your prayers. Thank you. Because I am not here this week, there will not be a "daily mass" at St. Joan of Arc. Our ministerial staff is very good and they will continue to be of service here at SJA while I am away – and our priest/neighbors will do their best to be of assistance, if the need presents itself. Thank you, Fathers – and to our SJA staff. I will be back for the schedule of confessions and mass the weekend of October 21-22.

Stay well, warm, faithful, and have a blessed week.
Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary





Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 15

9:00am Janos Szigeti (Szigeti)

11:00am SJA

Monday, October 16

8:00am No Mass

Tuesday, October 17

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, October 18

No Mass

Thursday, October 19

8:00am No Mass

Friday, October 20

8:00am No Mass

Saturday, October 21

4:30 Dorothy Toth (Toth Family)

Sunday, October 22

9:00 SJA

11:00 Nan Morgan (Curran)

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)
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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**



Angel Scholarship Fund- Back in 2023!

The Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF) is a State of Ohio approved Scholarship Granting Organization. Donors to ASF may be eligible for a 100% tax credit on their State of Ohio income tax return for the year the contribution is made. ASF donations are awarded as tuition assistance for K-12 students in the Diocese of Cleveland, and donors may designate a school/schools to receive their donation.

Here's how it works*:

The maximum credit amount is \$750 per individual; married couples that file a joint return can each claim this credit if both spouses make eligible donations (\$1,500 total). **Please note this is a non-refundable credit, which means that the amount of the credit cannot exceed the amount owed in state taxes.** Just follow these three steps:

STEP 1- Estimate your 2023 Ohio state tax liability

STEP 2- Make your donation to ASF

STEP 3- Claim your scholarship tax credit when you file your 2023 State of Ohio taxes

* This does not constitute income tax advice. Always consult with a tax professional for information on the impact of any charitable donation.

Contributions can now be made that are eligible for the credit in the 2023 tax year. Please visit www.catholiccommunity.org/angel to make an online contribution or download a mail-in form.

For more information, call, email or scan:

216-902-1312 / asfinfo@dioceseofcleveland.org /

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 19th from 10-11:00 AM for you to drop off items.

**-Milk-
-Cornbread Mix-Crackers-
-Cereal (not Cheerios)-
-Soup-**



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

10/7-10/8

Collection: \$ 8,265.39

Online: \$ 6,402.69

9/30-10-1 \$ 5,892.00

Thanks you for your continued support!

St. Patrick's Hunger Center

St. Joan of Arc will be cooking and serving meals on Tuesday, October 24th at St. Patrick's Hunger Center.

We need homemade cookies to serve with dinner. If you would like to donate, please let us know and drop cookies off in the Parish Hall (kitchen) on the morning of the 23rd.

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



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CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

Early Voting Against Issue 1 – Puts Women at Risk 10/15/2023

We have been asked to include this bulletin announcement this weekend by the Ohio Bishops and Bishop Malesic. The Catholic Church honors Mary, the Mother of God, as the perfect model of the love that God wants to share with every person. When Catholics look to Mary, her cousin Elizabeth, or her ancestor Ruth, we see that God's plan for the world's salvation was entrusted to women. In Ohio, an amendment on this November's ballot puts women at risk and the Catholic Church cannot stand by as women are threatened in our state. The Catholic bishops of Ohio urge the faithful to Vote NO on Issue 1, which puts women at risk by...

—Endangering health and safety standards for women – Ohio laws that require that a woman has guaranteed access to a hospital during an abortion in case of an emergency or the 24-hour waiting period before having an abortion could be struck down.

Issue 1 claims to help women, but this policy would put women at risk. Our faith teaches us that pregnant women deserve a community of support, so Catholics cannot be silent when an extreme amendment threatens to remove protections for women's health and safety. Learn more at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect.

Your vote is needed to save Ohio from this extreme amendment. Look up your early voting location at www.voteohio.org and protect women in Ohio by Voting NO on Issue 1.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for the dignity of life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education.

Catholic Conference of Ohio, 100 E. Broad Street, Suite 600, Columbus, OH 43215, ohiocathconf.org



From the Desk of Millie Prebel:

October is Respect Life Month. Join Catholics nationwide praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death October 13-21. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org!

The month of October is also dedicated to the holy Rosary as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on October 7th. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. We encourage you to teach someone else the rosary! We have several opportunities to pray the rosary here at St. Joan of Arc. After each morning mass and every Wednesday, rain or shine in the Garden of Life. Add the rosary to your week, maybe even your day! You'll gain a peace beyond understanding. We will be doing another Evening with Mary, a fall evening rosary in the garden, stay tuned for details to come.

*******Don't forget these upcoming events mark your calendars!!*******

October 16- Ss. Cosmas and Damian Memorial Mass: Pregnancy and Infant Loss and Right to life 7:30pm at SS. Cosmas and Damian 10419 Ravenna Rd, Twinsburg, OH 44087

October 17 – Brown bag lunch Beauty, Wonder and Awe: the Birds of Northeast Ohio with Matt Valencic 12pm Parish Hall

October 17 – Bishop Woost Liturgical Minister Evening 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe 9080 Shepard Rd, Macedonia, OH 44056

October 26 – Peter's Shadow Healing Prayer Service. 6:30pm

November 4 – An evening of Adoration, Fellowship and Reflection for Couples 5-9:30 pm Church of the Holy Angels, Chagrin Falls

All events are at St Joan of Arc Parish unless otherwise noted.

Saturday October 14- 12-1:00pm Twinsburg Town Square Corner of Rts. 82 and 91

Join Ss. Cosmas and Damian for their 16th year of participation in the Annual Nationwide America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally led by Father Matt Cortnik.

Bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather. Rain or Shine.

We are looking to partner with area parishes to rotate bringing couples events to parishes. We need Couple ambassadors that would work with their individual parishes to get the word out and be part of the planning team. If you hear the Holy Spirit whispering in your heart that this is for you please reach out to me and let me know. You can be involved as little or as much as you would like from just getting the word out to planning and volunteering at events.

Our first event is at **Holy Angels** November 4th. You can check out the details at the marriage and family life office on the diocese website. Click on events and look for

An Evening of Adoration, Fellowship and Reflection for Couples

Office of Faith Formation



Our 8 th graders enjoyed some time in the Garden of Life on a beautiful Sunday a few weeks ago to say the rosary as a class. All our PSR students are learning about the rosary during October, the Month of the Rosary, and will receive a rosary. Our K-6 th graders had an interactive Rosary Prayer Service during PSR in the gym with a giant rosary (made from paper plates!) on the gym floor as each student had a part in the service.



Confirmation

This weekend is our annual "Prayer Partner" weekend at all the Masses. This is an opportunity for a parishioner to receive the name of a Confirmation candidate and pray for them through their preparation journey and in return, they will pray for you! Sign ups will be at a table in the Gathering Area after all the Masses.

Our next Confirmation Session #3, for teens only, will be on Thursday, October 19 from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Please drop your teen off at the church. A meeting for all Confirmation sponsors will be held Thursday, October 26 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. If a sponsor cannot attend, a parent needs to attend in their place. Teens are welcome to attend with their sponsor!



Parish School of Religion

October PSR Classes:

High School: Sundays, October 15, 22, 29

Grades 7 and 8: Sundays, October 22, 29

Grades K-6: Mondays, October 23, 30

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



CLW

The Children's Liturgy of the Word program 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.**



Prayer Before an Election

Catholic Conference of Ohio - Communications Office

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



