



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

October 20, 2024—Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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-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 are approaching "later October." As of this writing, it is quite cool outside. That's what happens this time of year!

One day it is cool or cold and then it warms up. In our homes we may need the heat one day and another day we open the windows! I do enjoy the change of seasons in northeast Ohio!

We are still in the midst of our Stewardship Appeal and it looks like is being very well received by the people of St. Joan of Arc. Thank you.

Here is a STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: SPENDING TIME

Stewardship of time is one of the three interlinked dimensions of our call to stewardship. Just as with our financial resources, we talk about spending time, saving time, and wasting time. But how well do we steward our time, or use it in a way that reflects our gratitude to God for every hour of every day?

According to the latest government survey, the average American spends about 5 hours of "spare" time each day in these activities:

2.8 hours watching TV

38 minutes socializing and communicating

20 minutes reading

20 minutes using the computer for fun

17 minutes participating in sports, exercise, active recreation

16 minutes relaxing and thinking

20 minutes on "other activities"

(Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)

How do you use your leisure time? Where do your priorities lie? How much time do you give back to God—in prayer, study, volunteering in the parish?

"Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart." (Psalm 90:12)



And here is a STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

To date, we have received about 150 response-cards and most have generously increased their weekly contribution in response to "our ask" to support our Stewardship of Treasure Appeal. We are still working on what that amounts to as a projected "Increase of \$\$ funds for the parish" – and when we know that with more precision, we will share that with you.

I say "Thank you" to those who have replied. Envelopes and reply cards are also in the pews again this weekend. Responses can be completed today and placed in the regular collection or returned to the parish office.

For those interested in receiving information on Electronic Giving, please contact the parish office and we will gladly help you with that. Thank you so much again for your generous response to the call to stewardship – and for the ways you share your time and talent with us here at SJA as well.

You are a gift and I am very grateful.



Finally – I will be away on retreat this week, leaving St. Joan of Arc after mass on Sunday October 20 and returning for confessions and mass on Saturday October 26. Since I am away, there will not be a "daily mass" this week at the parish. Be assured that I will keep you in my heart and prayers as I am on my annual retreat. I would be very grateful if you would please pray for me, too. Thank you.

Have a great week. Blessings and peace,

Fr. Gary

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00am SJA

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

Monday, October 21

8:00am No Mass

Tuesday, October 22

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, October 23

No Mass

Thursday, October 24

8:00am No Mass

Friday, October 25

8:00am No Mass

Saturday, October 26

**4:30pm Edward Cocoran
(Corcoran Family)**

Sunday, October 27

9:00am Bette Remington (Zilly)

11:00am 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

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

October PSR Classes:

Grades K-6: Monday, October 21, 28

Grades 7,8: Sunday, October 20, 27

High School: Sunday, October 20, 27



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)

CONFIRMATION

A meeting of all Confirmation Sponsors for this year's candidates will be Thursday, October 24 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. This is for sponsors only, not the teens. A parent needs to attend if a sponsor is not able to come. This will be the only meeting for the sponsors and will include information they will need to know such as how to make the most out of their responsibilities as a sponsor as well as information regarding their role in the February Retreat, practice for Confirmation, and the Mass itself. It will conclude at approximately 8:15 pm.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word has returned. It is for children in grades K-3rd. 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 10/12–10/13

Collection: \$ 8,453.00

WEEKLY COLLECTION ONLINE

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Thank You for your continued support!

FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, October 24th from 10:00am–11:00am for you to drop off items.

- Pancake Mix-Syrup-**
- Eggs-Breakfast Sausage-**
- Bread-**

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.

Over the last several weeks we have been looking at our "Faith" and how we come to evolve and share that faith with others, as Church, in receipt of the Sacraments growing up or via OCIA as an adult. Last Sunday night we kicked off our second season of Sunday Night Vespers, to the growing number of regulars with visitors from neighboring Parishes as well. Our guest for the "Ted Talk" was Fr. Max Cole, Pastor of Holy Angels Parish. We were delighted with a truly delightful presentation, on how Fr. Max came to be a priest, asking us all, "what is our relationship with God?", and sharing his love for prayer, in particular the Liturgy of the Hours (the Prayer of the Church). Which includes both Evening & Night Prayer, two of the seven prayers recited daily around the world, which we use monthly at our Second Sunday Vespers. Fr. Max's presence and beautiful story served to amplify the Church's continuing mission of bringing the Christ message in scripture and the prayer traditions of the Church to us all. Thanks to Fr. Max, with the ongoing invitation to all, to join us for Second Sunday Vespers, each month, as we expand and provide speakers and the opportunity to pray in community and to meet and share our stories with each another.

Last Sunday's homily on **Wisdom** prompted a number of inquiries on the references to Bernard McGinn. He is the author of several books including; a series of 7 volumes on Mysticism and the latest, **Modern Mystics an Introduction**, the Crossroad Publishing Co., NY. 2023. In keeping with our theme over the last weeks, on discovering and/or deepening our faith, a number of people have suggested perhaps a few sessions on these and other topics either in person or concurrently on zoom. Have a topic or question you would like to discuss as a group? Send a note to the email below.

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

Respect for Life Novena

Join thousands of Catholics praying the Respect Life Month Novena, Tuesday, October 22 – Wednesday, October 30. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by signing up at respectlife.org/celebrate and join the Arc Angels for Life ministry by contacting Megan Frankel at meganhet@yahoo.org and 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





Parish Service Day

SCAN ME



Saturday, November 16th

Register Online by Nov 3rd

www.stjoanofarcchurch.org or scan QR code

We can do small acts of kindness with great love!

- 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 & given details about your service site assignment about two weeks before the service day
- Receive a t-shirt to wear while you serve (or wear yours from prior years)
- Dinner served for volunteers in the Parish Hall following the 4:30pm mass
- Register online at the parish website with Google Forms by **November 3rd**

In 2023, over 150 parishioners volunteered at these sites around Cleveland!

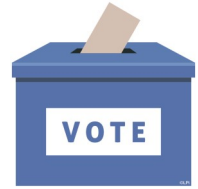
Cleveland Food Bank, Lakeside Men's Shelter, Rescue Village, The Lantern, Chagrin Falls Park, Geauga Habitat Restore, Medwish International, Hamlet Village, Bainbridge Library, Malachi House, The Weils, Hattie Larlham, Geauga County Hunger Task Force, Kid's Book Bank, Ozanam Center at St. Philamena, Anna Maria of Aurora, The Village at Marymount, Light of Hearts Villa, St. Augustine Health Ministries, Westside Catholic Center, Zelig's Home, WomenSafe.

This year, sites may vary.

Registration Contact: Debbie Fitzmaurice 216-849-7878 debbie.fitzmaurice@gmail.com

The election is just about 2 weeks away!

Here is a prayer from the U.S. Bishops:



"Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, state, and country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens..."

"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."

Also note. We have been bombarded with ads and partisan politics for the past year... and more. Please note what the US Bishops have said:"

"We strongly urge all parishioners to register to vote, to become informed on key issues, and to vote."

And further, The Church does not support or oppose any particular candidate, but seeks to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues. Moreover, we do not authorize the distribution of partisan political materials on parish property.

In summary, as people of faith, let us allow our faith to influence our thoughts and actions – including how we vote. As above, St. Joan of Arc does not permit leafleting of any kind nor placing flyers (or any other materials) on vehicles 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.)



Just a reminder, that there will not be Eucharistic Adoration of October 31st, because of Halloween.