



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

October 27, 2024—Thirtieth - 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.



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.
- Mk 10:51-52

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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.

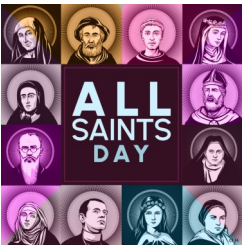
From the Pastor



Greetings of Peace.

This is being written on Friday October 18, since the due date" to our parish office is while I am on retreat (the week of October 20). When I "get away to retreat," I try to be "off the grid," as much as possible. I will keep you in my prayers as I am on retreat. If you could send up a prayer for me, I would be very grateful.

It is hard to believe that this week we end October and enter into November. Before long it will be Advent, then Christmas, then the New Year 2025! And snow! And next weekend we "spin our clocks backward" as we "fall back" one hour.



Friday of this week, November 1, is All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9 AM and 7 PM. We join in prayer with all the saints who intercede for us on our pilgrim way to heaven.



On Saturday November 2nd we will remember all those whose funerals or memorials we had here at St. Joan of Arc since last year when we remembered the Faithful Departed. We will pray a litany and remember them by name at our Saturday 4:30 PM mass. "Eternal rest, grant to them O Lord."

As we approach the month of November, we will place our parish "Book of Remembrance" in the Gathering Area – where we can write the names of our dearly departed loved ones. We will remember them in a special way this month when we remember All the Faithful Departed. "May they Rest in Peace..."

Here is another STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION from Cathedral Corp., called "You are Gifted"

We are used to hearing the term "gifted" applied to people of exceptional ability or talent. Yet each of us is gifted. Through God's grace, each of us has strengths, gifts, talents, and abilities without which the Body of Christ, the Church, is incomplete. This key dimension of stewardship – the use of our gifts in service to others – is the one many Catholics have the most trouble with. We can see ourselves, with prayer and sacrifice, giving more of our time and our treasure.

But talent? That's for those other people, the "gifted" ones, we think.

The term "talent" for a gift with which we have been entrusted by God comes from Jesus' Parable of the Talents, where it originally meant a valuable coin. Like the stewards in the parable, entrusted with valuable commodities by our Master, will we hide them away in fear, or invest them for great return? Spend some time this week thinking about the gifts that you alone can share with our parish community and the wider world – and then make a plan to share them.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4/10)

Here is a parish update of our Stewardship Appeal here at SJA (as of Friday October 18).

Our Stewardship Appeal to increase our offertory is meeting with great success. To date, 125 households have increased their weekly contribution of 152 responses. (Again, this is current as of Friday October 18. I am sure more will come to us in the mail and over the weekend.) I would love to have 100% participation in our Stewardship Appeal to increase our parish offertory – which directly funds our parish operating funds and budget.

For those who have yet to reply, we welcome receiving your response-card. *At present, the average weekly increase pledged to the parish is about \$3,000. This is wonderful. Thank you.*

Again, those who have yet to do so, parishioners can complete a response-card indicate if they are able to increase their gift to the parish or offer a new level of giving.

Let me say, "Thank you for the ways you show your care and support for St. Joan of Arc Parish."

If you are interested in receiving information on Electronic Giving, please contact the parish office. We will gladly help you with that.

By your support you are saying, "Yes. We can. We will." Thank you, again!

You are in my heart and in my prayers. Blessings and peace.

Fr. Gary



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

**9:00am Bette Remington
(Zilly)**

11:00am SJA

Monday, October 28

**8:00am Walkiewicz Family
(Walkiewicz)**

Tuesday, October 29

9:00am Elena Margiotta (SJA)

Wednesday, October 30

No Mass

Thursday, October 31

8:00am Janos Szigeti (Szigeti)

Friday, November 1

**9:00am Jeanette Fornadel
(Byrnes)**

**7:00pm Michael Senoyuit
(Zumerling)**

Saturday, November 2

**4:30pm R. Anne Horgan
(Moriarty)**

Sunday, November 3

9:00am SJA

**11:00am Karl Sutherland
(Anderson)**

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

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 440-247-3606. Or email mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org

Advent Wreath-Making Event

Save the date! Our annual Advent Wreath-Making Event will be Sunday, December 1 from 2pm-4pm in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$30 via cash or check (payable to St. Joan of Arc Parish) to the Parish Office or at the door.

To register, scan the QR code, visit the Parish website, or contact Allie Gall at agall@stjoanofarc.org or 440-247-4316.



Altar Server Training

All 5th-12th graders are invited to become an altar server! This is a fabulous chance to get involved in your Church community and share your gifts and time to help enrich the Liturgy for everyone. Altar Serving is easy and low-commitment - one training session and getting scheduled to serve Mass only a couple times per month. It's also a great way to earn community service hours!

We're offering three training session opportunities:

Monday, November 4 from 5:45-6:45pm

Tuesday, November 12 from 3:00-4:00pm

Sunday, November 17 from 12:00-1:00pm

Current altar servers are invited to attend a training session to brush up on your knowledge, get sized for your serving robe, and help welcome new servers! ALL current altar servers SHOULD fill out the registration form to make sure all contact information is current.

Please register to be an altar server by scanning the QR code or visiting the Parish website. Please contact Allie Gall at agall@stjoanofarc.org with questions.



Join us for Youth Group!

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for Youth Group! Even if you've never attended an event, you're still welcome! Anyone can jump in any time. Our next event is Sunday, November 17 from 3:30-5:00pm. We'll be playing Catholic Jeopardy, planning our Christmas service project, and more!



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 10/19–10/20

Collection: \$ 8,643.00

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 31st 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.

Back in 2021, we started a “synodal team” to partake in the **discussion** with the Diocese and the greater Church in general. We went to meetings, generated many of those discussions and generated significant conversations. Lot’s of great ideas, some beginning to take root. Concurrently, book study groups, “spirituality” explorations, and continuing discussions at the local and even the national level continue to be underway. Additionally, following all those discussions of looking at the new OCIA ideas for our Parish, our evolution to the “Deanery” system in our Diocese, and a true desire in our Parish to discern our best way forward as the Catholic Community Parish in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, it becomes that question for each of us.....“where do I start?”. (How do “I” participate?)

This last week, in response to our general **discussion** in the Parish, a parishioner (Thanks J), sent over an article speaking directly to that point, which should help us focus on what each of us should be considering. Referring to the “Synodal Concept”; “That starts by each of us undergoing what the pope calls a “relationship conversion.” “The first is fully embracing the conviction that we belong to others and others belong to us.” “Second, relationship conversion brings us to accept that we are co-responsible for one another, for synodality is about walking together, helping each other along the road of life.” “Finally, relationship conversion involves coming to the conviction that our gifts and talents are to be shared, rather than as seen as personal assets solely for our own personal advancement and benefit but also that the gifts of everyone should be welcome.”¹

At our last Second Sunday Vespers, Fr. Max spoke of our relationship with Jesus as a great starting point. That is clearly a key part of our personal journey. Concurrently, we must also look at our relationships with others in our families and in our communities. Building the Body of Christ with sharing our gifts. Some would say that begins with “companioning one another”; in personal relationships and small groups. A key element in OCIA is that “companioning”, as we search for a way forward. Perhaps we ought to consider some new ways of “companioning”. How might you help?

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

¹ Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Synodality and ‘relationship conversion’, October 17, 2024

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

Project Rachel

It is common but often unspoken - to grieve the loss of a child by abortion. It may seem that nothing can fill the emptiness of one's heart. Be assured that there is forgiveness, hope, and healing. Many women and men have participated in diocesan Project Rachel Ministries and been transformed by God's merciful love.

Project Rachel is a ministry of the Catholic Church in the U.S. to those who have been involved in abortion. It is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. In addition to referring for Sacramental Reconciliation, the ministry provides an integrated network of services, including pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and referrals to licensed mental health professionals.

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, she (or he) can find help and a referral to a listening ear and compassionate heart at a local Project Rachel ministry by visiting www.hopeafterabortion.com. Project Rachel is available to walk with those in our own Cleveland Diocese.





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 approaching – on Tuesday November 5, 2024

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.