



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 29, 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.



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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 this last weekend of October. As of this writing, I am told the **fall colors have reached their peak**. Yes, leaves are really falling off the trees. When we enter November perhaps our minds turn to winter – and snow! Oh no!!

And looking ahead to November (which is not very far away!), it happens that **Wednesday November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation**. Our All Saints mass schedule is 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. **(There will not be a morning mass on Tuesday October 31.)**

November is the month **we remember the Faithful Departed**. Our parish **"Book of Remembrance"** will be in the Gathering Area of the church in November. Parishioners are invited to inscribe the names of our departed loved ones in the book and we will remember them in a special way in our prayers in November.

Additionally, **we will remember those whose funerals or memorials we had at St. Joan of Arc this past year at the 4:30 PM mass on Saturday November 4th**. "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord." Amen. We are all on our journey to the kingdom of God – the Faithful Departed, (us) the Faithful Present, and the Faithful yet to come are one in faith and called to be united in God's love.

Please note that on **Saturday November 4th (before bedtime) we "Fall Back" – turning our clocks backwards one hour**. I like to say "we spin our clocks" – we leave Daylight Savings Time.

Finally, **last weekend we shared our "annual finance report"** at our parish masses. In part, I shared these words before our finance report and wanted to include them for you this weekend (coupled with some words that were shared in the parish report):

Each year we share with the parish our finance report – which will happen in a moment by a member of our parish Finance Council. They are a great group and I am grateful for their service and guidance. I am a pastor, spiritual leader, and "scripture guy" – not a "finance officer." Our Finance Council is a true gift – to me and to the parish.

... I need to say that **your presence here at St. Joan of Arc...your support in so many ways...being involved in our parish groups, ministries, parish programs, and more...is also a great gift. You are good people**. And your stewardship and financial gifts are what helps to make all this happen at St. Joan. **I cannot say it enough, "Thank you."**

One thing to note is that our attendance numbers at mass are still "down" from where they were before the "CoVid shut down" in March 2020 (as are most parishes in our diocese, in this part of the country, and actually in most of the USA).

In October we count the #'s of those who come to mass on weekends; I will report on that in November or December...giving my "sociological analysis!" Attendance at mass has impacted our Sunday collections.

Another point in our finance report is about our parish Day School – which is an excellent school.

I am very aware of the importance of Catholic education and the role and value of our St. Joan of Arc Parish Day School to the mission of our parish and to the future of the Catholic church. Our students have excelled here at our school – and in high school, college, further, and in life.

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We have experienced a decline in the number of students at our Day School. Sadly, we are not alone in this. Most parishes in our diocese that have elementary schools have seen lower enrollment. Our Principal, Mrs. Stacie Webster and I (along with all parishes, schools, and institutions in our diocese) have been participating in diocesan “Keeping the Faith” sessions about parish schools and Catholic education – and these meetings will continue.

And just over a week ago there was a meeting of all the priests in our diocese with Bishop Malesic – in which we are in an ongoing discussion of the vibrancy of parishes (and schools) – and the commitment of the people of our diocese.

Again, I need to be clear about my unconditional support for our parish school as a key part of the mission of the Catholic Church and our parish’s mission here in Chagrin Falls. We are looking at some of the possible reasons for the recent decline and will strive to mitigate this trend. We have also been making efforts at marketing our great school, and will continue these efforts to promote the school – to the community and especially to prospective students and parents.

Moreover, the diocese has enlisted a full-time marketing person to promote Catholic schools – and we will also rely on his guidance to assist us in this endeavor.

Parishioners and those in our neighborhood are encouraged to send their children to our parish school, and grandparents can encourage our elementary school children and families to consider our great school. The Diocesan “Angel Scholarship” and the State of Ohio “Ed Choice” are available to most to help offset tuition. Feel free to arrange a tour of our fabulous school.

I am confident in our people – school, parish staff and personnel – to continue the good work we are doing here at St Joan of Arc...and to try to make it even better! Your support can help as well. We can and will bolster our parish, our Sunday collection revenue, and our school. We also know that all this can take time.

We also appreciate your financial contributions – and those who may be able increase what they offer to our parish. Thank you.

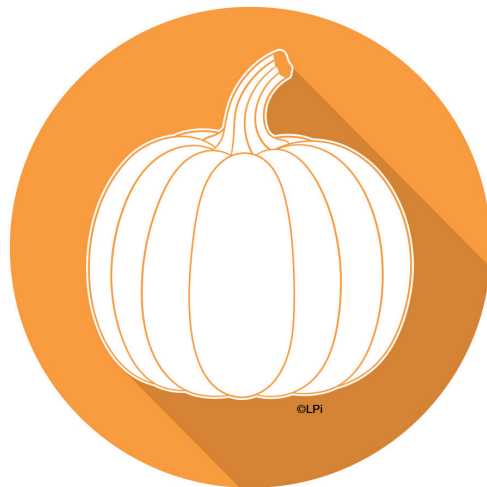
“Together, we can do it! Yes, ‘We are St. Joan’.”

We are a good, vibrant, active, generous, and loving community. That’s you!

THANK YOU for your presence and support at St. Joan of Arc.

Have a great week.

**Blessings and Peace,
Fr. Gary**





Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 29

9:00am Edna Fay (John Murphy
co-workers)

11:00am SJA

Monday, October 30

8:00am Fr. Clarence Williams, CSSP

Tuesday, October 31

9:00am No Mass today

Wednesday, November 1

All Saints Holy Day

9:00am Janos Szigeti (Szigeti)

7:00pm Robert Dahl (Gustavson)

Thursday, November 2

8:00am Lajos & Margit Kovacs
(Szigeti)

Friday, November 3

8:00am Richard Yoe (Kaczor)

Saturday, November 4

4:30 Ginger Cirino (Cirino)

Sunday, November 5

9:00 SJA

11:00 Patricia Hagan (Genske)

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@windstream.net**

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ANGEL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Turning taxes into tuition with the
Catholic Community Foundation*

NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

Ohioans can now receive a 100% tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1,500 for married couples filing jointly) for donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund. The aim of this tax-credit scholarship program is to award scholarships for elementary and high school students. This is a great opportunity to provide tuition assistance for families who wish to send their children to our Catholic schools.

NEW in 2023!

HB 33 passed by the Ohio State legislature in July 2023, extended the scholarship tax credit deadline- donors now have until April 15, 2024 to make a contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund that is eligible for a 1:1 state tax credit in 2023.



YOUR SUPPORT

- ✓ Directly impacts an SJA family's ability to afford a Catholic education
- ✓ Helps provide high quality Catholic education to students at **St. Joan of Arc**
- ✓ Allows you to choose what your tax dollars support



IT'S QUICK. IT'S EASY. WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

CALL: 216-902-1312 ONLINE: WWW.CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/ANGEL



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 November 2nd from 10-11:00 AM for you to drop off items.

**-Milk-Butter-
-Eggs-Oatmeal-
-Sugar-**

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.

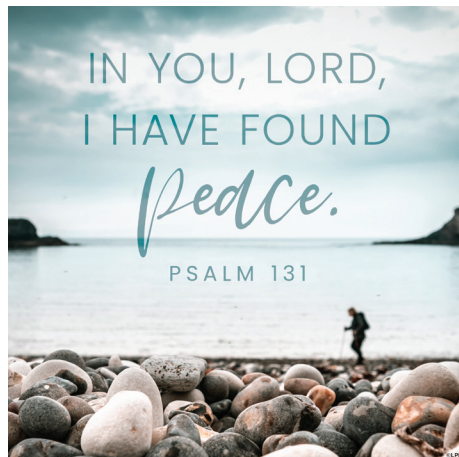
Weekly Collection

10/21-10/22

Collection: \$ 8,021.39

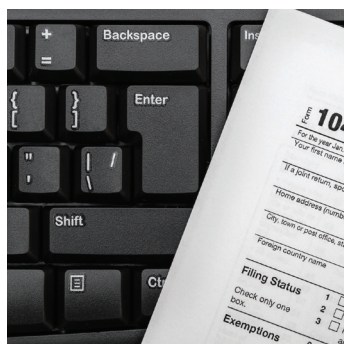
Online: \$ 3,092.69

Thanks you for your continued support!



SECOND SUNDAY VESPERS Beginning Sunday, November 12th at 6:30PM

Vespers, (Evening Prayer) known to our Protestant friends as **Eventide** or **Evensong**, have a long tradition in the Catholic Church. We will have Vespers here at St. Joan's every **second Sunday** monthly. The evening includes prayer, reflection, music and peace and lasts under an hour. The perfect way to end the week. Please plan to attend with your family. Watch the bulletin for more details.



IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you are able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help St Joan of Arc Parish and reduce your taxable income.

Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as St Joan of Arc.



Parish Service Day



Saturday, November 18th

Register Online by Nov 5th

www.stjoanofarcchurch.org or with 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 5th

In 2022, 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, Boys and Girls Club Cleveland.

This year, sites may vary.

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

From the Desk of Millie Prebel:

Please help me welcome 5 new candidates Deacon Jeff and I will be journeying with in RCIA as they discern their full initiation to the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. **Please pray for Wes, Dru, Steve, Jill and Chris!**

We **thank Matt Valencic** for launching our first Brown Bag Lunch series sharing his amazing knowledge of the birds of Northeast Ohio and how all God's creatures are connected to His creation. And thanks to all those who came out! **Watch for details about Decembers Brown Bag Lunch talk coming soon!**



Do you have an incarcerated loved one or know someone who does? Please share this welcoming and safe community where you will be accepted without judgement. L.E.A.F. Ministries will be having local meetings at **Church of the Resurrection in Solon**. Listening, Encouraging, Assisting Families of the incarcerated. Their first meeting is **November 13, 2023 at 7:00pm**. Succeeding meetings will be on the second Monday of each month. **Have questions? Call 440-248-0980 x27**

Our **All Souls mass will be November 4, 2023 at the Saturday 4:30 vigil mass**. We will be remembering all the souls we buried out of our parish. It is a beautiful mass and a wonderful time to reflect on all our loved ones who have transitioned.

Please take a look at all the various opportunities to serve this season at St. Joan of Arc Parish. If you don't know where you should best serve don't hesitate to call. I'd be happy to help you discover what your gifts and talents are!



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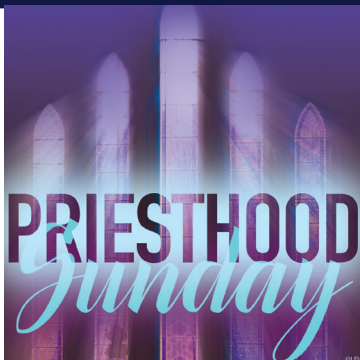
DATE NIGHT: An Evening of Adoration Fellowship and Reflection for Couples

Saturday, November 4 from 5:00pm - 9:30pm

Church of the Holy Angels 18205 Chillicothe Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

Adoration and Appetizers! Marriage Encounter of Northeast Ohio and the Marriage and Family Ministry office are hosting an event with the help of Holy Angels & St Joan of Arc. Couples are invited to attend an evening of adoration with a reflection by Deacon Michael and his wife Francine Costantini. Mass starts at 5:00 pm and the evening will end at 9:30 pm.

Registration is \$25 and includes heavy appetizers. Please note in the registration of any food allergies and the need for babysitting. Deadline is October 25. Tickets are nonrefundable.



Priesthood Sunday October 29, 2023

Priesthood Sunday is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. Please join us in prayer and appreciation for Fr. Gary and the priests of the Diocese of Cleveland who minister to us and for more vocations to the priesthood.



Office of Faith Formation

Parish School of Religion

November PSR Classes:

High School: Sundays, November 5, 12, 19, 26

Grades 7 and 8: Sundays, November 5, 12, 19

Grades K-6: Mondays, November 6, 13, 20

First Reconciliation

A meeting of all parents of children making their First Reconciliation this year will be held on Thursday, November 9, from 7:00pm to 8:15pm in the Parish Hall.

All students making their First Reconciliation/First Communion this year will be acknowledged at a Recognition Mass at all weekend Masses on November 18 (4:30pm Mass) and November 19 (9:00am and 11:00am Masses). Congratulations to our candidates for these sacraments!

Confirmation

November 16 will be our next teen Confirmation preparation session at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

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.**





Liturgy of the Hours (LOH), a brief introduction.

At Vatican II in the 1960's, recognition of the Liturgy of the Hours as the "prayer of the Church" and an extension of the Sacraments and the prayer life of both the clergy and laity continues to provide the impetus to the ongoing development of the Hours.

Key points in understanding the collection of prayers, psalms and readings in today's version of the LOH includes a number of interesting antidotal observations.

❓ The Psalms (150), of which rotation of the four-week Psalter includes praying all of the psalms over the period of four weeks, was the prayer that Jesus himself prayed.

❓ Evening Prayer (Vespers) is one of the two predominant prayers of the day along with Morning Prayer (Lauds).

❓ The Parish Community as well as other communities within the church are encouraged to pray these prayers "in community" to further share more deeply the prayer of the church as well as to join in the sense of intercession.

❓ The current Evening Prayer/ Vespers utilizes the Psalms, Antiphons and readings based on the New Testament readings and scripture components and modern intercessory prayer.

❓ Modern adaptations by the community along with teaching of various music and psalmody as sung or in recitation are possible to share both the rich history as well as a greater means of reverence and devotion through community song.

On November 12, we will begin to gather for monthly prayer as community. It will always be an opportunity to learn about the Hours, pray in community, and find news sources of building our Faith as we journey toward becoming Saints as we were called through our Baptism. More to follow.

Questions, inputs, information and/or conversations welcome.
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Have a Blessed week. Deacon Denny

