



# St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

October 6, 2024—Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

## 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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### Parish Staff

**Fr. Gary J. Malin**, *Pastor*  
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*Rev. John R. Olsavsky, Pastor Emeritus*

### 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 **first weekend of October**. The Fall colors are supposed to become more vibrant this week into next week – although the weather and drought will have an impact on their “brightness,” I am told.

We are 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: RESOLUTIONS

*Each year, people throughout the world make New Year’s resolutions. For many, these resolutions are short lived and quickly forgotten. At our Baptism and Confirmation, we made New Life resolutions. Our baptismal promises are lifelong commitments to Jesus and the Church.*

*We recognize that all that we possess comes from God. We are God’s stewards. We have been empowered to manage the abundant gifts that we have received.*

*As “good stewards,” it is our responsibility to give back a portion of the time, talent and treasure we receive from our generous and loving God. Let us recommit ourselves to the Lord by taking the time to plan. Let us make stewardship of time and talent part of our lifestyle, and stewardship of treasure part of our budget.*

*“Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (II Cor 9/7)*

And here is a STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

Follow-up letters from me will be mailed to all households from whom we have not yet received a response to our Stewardship Appeal. We would appreciate it if you could please respond as soon as you are able by placing your intention card in the collection basket or dropping it off at the parish office. Thank you. I will also offer regular updates at our weekend masses. Those who have replied should receive a note from me offering my thanks!

**We are about a month away from the November election.** 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, because we are 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 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.

Finally, Here is an important note. **This week, the priests of the diocese of Cleveland will gather for a convocation from Tuesday October 8 until Friday October 11, 2024.** Since I will be participating the convocation, I will not be at the parish those days. As a result, we will not have daily mass at St. Joan of Arc on Thursday or Friday of this week. This "extended convocation" takes place every other year. Please keep the priests of the Diocese of Cleveland in your prayers as we gather for this convocation and time of being together. I will remember you!

**You are a gift. Have a great week.**

**Blessings and peace,**

**Fr. Gary**



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**9:00am SJA**

**11:00am Marquerite McCourt  
( Moriarty)**

**Monday, October 7**

**8:00am Mary Ann Kovalski  
( Poch/Waligura)**

**Tuesday, October 8**

**9:00am Lynn Dorn  
( Florkiewicz)**

**Wednesday, October 9**

**No Mass**

**Thursday, October 10**

**8:00am No Mass**

**Friday, October 11**

**8:00am No Mass**

**Saturday, October 12**

**4:30pm Joan Tighe Lucas  
( Moriarty)**

**Sunday, October 13**

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

**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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:mohearniii@gmail.com)**





You Are Invited To



# SJA'S

## FALL PICNIC AND CAMPFIRE

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**  
**PICNIC/GAMES AT 5:00**  
**CAMPFIRE AT 6:30**

**WHERE: SJA BACKYARD (BEHIND  
THE SCHOOL)**

**JOIN US FOR A PICNIC, GAMES, CAMPFIRE,  
S'MORES, AND SONGS**

**BYO PICNIC DINNER, BLANKETS,  
FLASHLIGHTS**  
**OPTIONAL- ROASTING STICKS, LAWN  
CHAIRS, GUITARS, UKULELES, SONG  
IDEAS**

### QUESTIONS?

**LISA HAMSMITH (LHAMSMITH@STJOANOFARC.ORG)**  
**OR LAURA KENNEDY (LKENNEDY@STJOANOFARC.ORG)**



Let's play,  
sing, and  
socialize!



## **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 9/28 -9/29**

**Collection: \$ 8,618.34**

**Weekly Collections Online**

**9/23 -9/27 \$ TBD**

**Thank You for your continued support!**

## **FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY**

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

**-Flour-Sugar-**

**-Jelly-Syrup-**

**-Ramen Noodles-**

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.**

## **Office of Faith Formation**

### **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

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 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

### **October PSR Classes:**

Grades K-6: Monday, October 7, 21, 28

Grades 7,8: Sunday, October 6, 20, 27

High School: Sunday, October 6, 13, 20, 27



### **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation preparation Session #3 will be Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 Mass began September 29.

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)





## **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](mailto:deacjeff@gmail.com)**
- 2) Deacon Denny Guritza – 440-829-8760 – [dguritza@synergiegroup.com](mailto:dguritza@synergiegroup.com)**
- 3) The rectory office – 440-247-7183**

## **Respect Life Sunday**



In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. Please join the Geauga County Catholic Pro-Life Coalition (H.E.L.P.) at their annual Life Chain Rally at the corner of RT. 306 and RT 322 on Oct. 6 from 1pm-2pm. Parking is available at

Parkside Park which is adjacent to the Life Chain event. Bring your rosaries and join us as we pray for the spiritual health and well-being of those facing a crisis pregnancy and especially for babies whose lives are at risk because of abortion.



How would you best describe “being Catholic”, and/or practicing our Faith? Your Sacramental Certificates, the list of classes and courses along with your academics growing up, regular attendance at Church functions and practices on the annual liturgical calendar? What would you add to this list? Recent Popes have suggested considering a purposeful and ongoing need for continuing growth or maturation of Head, Heart & Hands, partially defined as; Catechetical study, Spiritual Development and Charitable actions. The new Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), details “rites” and practices for one on a journey of faith toward becoming a Catholic with the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation, while experiencing sacramentals, catechesis and spiritual guidance along the way. This typically is coupled with Scripture study, developing a prayer life, participating with your gifts in a community, companioning and/or mentoring others in our Christian faith Tradition, and seeking to define your personal spirituality. Albeit there is no simple recipe. It is truly part of all of our ongoing Faith Journeys.

One of these ongoing developments is a new single volume book, **This Is Our Faith: A Catholic Catechism for Adults** by Michael Pennock (Author) widely used in our diocese as a starting point for review or beginning your Faith journey. You can read about the book and look at reviews and various formats of the book at [https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07CXFDBTT/ref=kinw\\_myk\\_ro\\_title](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07CXFDBTT/ref=kinw_myk_ro_title) or other book sellers as well.

We are looking in the coming weeks to add other “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](mailto:deacondenny@stjoanofarc.org)

# **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](mailto:deacondenny@stjoanofarc.org)

## **Handbell Choir**



Anyone who's still interested in playing in the handbell choir you are most welcome. If you indicated an interest this summer, we are still holding your place.

Thank you. Jon Thibo