



# St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

September 1, 2024— Twenty-second 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.

### Parish Information

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### Parish Staff

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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.**



**Note: This column is being written earlier than usual because of deadlines from our bulletin company, the parish office, and since it is the “Labor Day” holiday weekend.”**

**This weekend we enter the month of September. According to the “official calendar” we still have a few weeks of summer left to enjoy. This year the Season of Fall will officially start on September 22 – with the arrival of the autumnal equinox. In “meteorological circles,” though, September 1 is the beginning of fall. “Meteorological seasons” are based on the annual temperature cycle. So September, October, and November are known as “Meteorological Fall.” Meteorological Summer, for example, would run June through August – the hottest months of the year. Of course, the “coldest months of the year are December, January, and February. That would be “Meteorological Winter.” Regardless of which “calendar” we follow to “mark” the Seasons, we see we are “losing more daylight” as we move through September. The Seasons are a great gift and I hope we all enjoy God’s creation and gifts God gives to us in nature.**

**Now that we are in September, here is a reminder about our “daily mass” for Tuesdays. Each year, beginning in September (and after Labor Day), the Tuesday morning daily mass in our parish will be at 9 AM. (In the “summer months of June, July, and August the Tuesday daily mass is 8 AM. In September through May the daily mass on Tuesdays is 9 AM. Our parish Day School will join us for mass on most Tuesdays. Thank you for making a note of this!**

**Monday of this week, September 2, is Labor Day. Our morning mass on Labor Day is 9:00 AM on this civic holiday.**

Here is a note about "Labor Day." The US Department of Labor says, "Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being."

And Pope John Paul II wrote about "human work" in his 1981 encyclical "Laborem Exercens." The Holy Father encouraged all of us to look at all the various "works" we do in our lives as a way to share in the work of God and "building the Kingdom" here on earth. In essence, it is our "work" to renew the face of the earth and reflect God's goodness and love. I say, "Amen."

## Parish Festival

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Finally, next Sunday afternoon, September 8, is our **Parish Festival-Picnic** is the afternoon of Sunday, September 8. All are welcome! Come and enjoy! It is also the beginning the football season for the **Cleveland Browns**, who begin their year with a game at 4:30 PM.



You are in my heart and prayers. Have a great week as we enter September.



**Blessings and peace,**

**Fr. Gary**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**9:00am Helen Rooney  
( Moriarty)**

**11:00am SJA**

**Monday, September 2**

**9:00am Joseph Baratowski  
( Rickelman)**

**Tuesday, September 3**

**9:00am Helen Walkiewicz &  
Family**

**Wednesday, September 4**

**No Mass**

**Thursday, September 5**

**8:00am Richard Zeleznik  
( Zeleznik)**

**Friday, September 6**

**8:00am Jack Wareham  
(Schorgl)**

**Saturday, September 7**

**4:30pm Jane Bergh (SJA)**

**Sunday, September 8**

**9:00am SJA**

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

## **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 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 [diana@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:diana@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)**

## Youth Ministry is Back!



All students in grades 6-12 are invited to be a part of Youth Ministry! We're taking it back to basics this year and focusing on growing our faith and having fun while building community. **Our first event for the year is Sunday, September 22 -- we'll attend the 11:00am mass together, then head outside for some games and ice cream! The event will end at 1:30pm. No need to RSVP - just show up ready for games and fun!**

Don't forget to register for Youth Ministry! It's a quick and easy online form that includes a waiver, photo release, and emergency medical information. This is super important - it needs to be complete before participating in Youth Ministry events, just for safety. Scan this code to register now!



As always, keep an eye on the bulletin, weekly e-blast, parish social media, and the parish website for more information and upcoming events. **You can always contact Allie Gall, coordinator of Youth Ministry, at [agall@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:agall@stjoanofarc.org) for more information.**



## **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!**



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## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**8/24-8/25**

**Collection: \$ 10,058.67**

**Online: \$ TBD**

**Thank You for your continued support!**

## **FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY**

**There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, September 5th from 10:00am-11:00am for you to drop off items.**

**-Instant Oatmeal-**

**-Instant Grits-**

**-Potatoes-**

**-Bread-Jelly-**

**-Ground beef-**



**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



PSR classes will be starting soon! Please register asap if you haven't already. Visit our website [stjoanofarcchurch.org](http://stjoanofarcchurch.org) under the tab "Faith Formation" for more information and forms. PSR is available to children in grades K-12.

First day of classes:

Grades K-6: Monday, September 9

Grades 7,8: Sunday, September 15

High School: Sunday, September 8

## Confirmation



Opening Session: Saturday, September 7, 2pm in the gym, closing with Mass at 4:30pm.

## Special Note:



*To receive the sacrament of Eucharist in 2nd grade, two years of regular religious education are required. Therefore, if you have a child entering 1st grade this school year, please make sure to register him/her in our SJA Parish School of Religion for the 2024-2025 school year.*

*To receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 8th grade, two years of regular religious education are required. Therefore, if you have a child entering 7th grade this school year, please make sure to register him/her in our SJA Parish School of Religion for the 2024-2025 school year. For Confirmation in 8th grade, in addition to attendance of a regular religious education class, attendance in our supplemental Confirmation preparation program will be required.*

*If your child attends a Catholic school, they do not need to attend our PSR classes, however, for Confirmation as an 8th grader, they will need to register for our Confirmation preparation program only.*

**Please call the Office of Faith Formation for more information 440-247-3606.**

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 Mass will begin again in September. The program is in need of 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)**



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Join Night: September 10  
6:00 PM  
South Russell Village Park  
1000 Bell Rd



## **Happening's at St. Helen**

Soak in His Presence! Please join Fr. Jay McPhillips and worship team, Collective Grace at St. Helen Church in Newbury on Saturday, September 7th from 7:00 - 9:00pm for an evening of Adoration, Praise & Worship and Confession. Prayer teams will be available for individual prayer. Step away from the world and come before Jesus in prayer, uplifting music and encouraging words. You are welcome to stay for a bit or for the full 2 hours.



**NOTES FROM DEACON DENNY**

Over the last several weeks we have been talking about our Faith Journey as something that never stops. Here at SJA we are expanding our Right of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), newly updated to OCIA, with new options and programs.

Historically we have had an adult catechesis program starting in the fall for adults, most recently led by Deacon Jeff. Additionally, we have specialized preparation for teen formation leading to the Sacraments, and individualized sacramental preparation for grade school students joining our faith community having missed some or all of the appropriate preparation.

This year we are expanding to include some new options;

- \* Inquirer sessions, individual or small group, in exploring our faith our Traditions, issues of returning to Church or seeking general information without any commitment or expectation....just discovery.( information only)
- \* Interest in exploring steps needed on an individual or family basis for joining the Catholic Church.
- \* Signing up for our newly forming cohort for RCIA for the coming year.
- \* Joining our team as; companions, sponsors, or just "tagging along"
- \* Interest in forming a faith sharing group;
  - o Richard Rohr's-second half of life book-"Falling Upward"
  - o Starting a small group in Discovering Spirituality

Over the next few weeks, Deacon Jeff and I will be available by phone, by zoom, by email or in person at the Parish Picnic to answer any questions about the any of the above-mentioned options.

We also invite you to reach out to people you may know who may have an interest, a personal invitation is always a gift.

Have a Blessed week

Deacon Denny ([deacondenny@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:deacondenny@stjoanofarc.org)) **(Note new email)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT SJA

### St. Joan Music Ministry

The Music Ministry of St. Joan of Arc Parish is kicking off our liturgical year soon. **Adult Choir** will begin on Tuesday September 3rd and new singers are really needed to fill in our ranks. **Handbell Choir** will begin Monday September 9th from 7-9 p.m. **Children's Choir**, students grades 2-8, both Day School and PSR will begin Wednesday September 4th with a NEW TIME this year, from 4-5 p.m. Day School Student Cantors, grades 4-8 will begin Tuesday September 3rd from school dismissal until 4 p.m. New members are really needed this year, so please consider sharing your talents with us! **For questions, Jon Thibo at [jthibo@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:jthibo@stjoanofarc.org).**



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### SJA Bible Study

#### THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BIBLE

A study written and narrated in video by Fr. George Smiga

Christian belief in the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Trinity was not officially defined by the church until the fourth century. But centuries earlier, The Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament were already describing the action and presence of the Holy Spirit. Come explore scripture with us and learn more about the role of the Holy Spirit in your personal life.

**When: Wednesday's from September 5–October 23 from 8:30-10:00am**

**Where: Rectory Basement**

**Cost: \$15 for book.**

**Email Patti Valencic at [mpvalencic@gmail.com](mailto:mpvalencic@gmail.com) to register**

