



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 10, 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.

### 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, 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.

Note: This column is being written much earlier than usual because of bulletin deadlines and Monday of this past week being Labor Day. At any rate, here it is!

Now that we are past Labor Day, school is in full swing. Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) is readying to begin and so are the preparations for the "sacramental sessions" for those who will receive Penance, Confirmation, and First Eucharist this "academic year."

And the Cleveland Browns begin their new season this Sunday, September 10. So, too, is our St. Joan of Arc parish festival (picnic)!

**Here is a reminder – since we are now in September, the parish "Daily mass" on Tuesdays will be at 9 AM throughout the school year so our parish school can join us most Tuesdays. Thank you for making a note of this!**

This weekend, all parishes in our diocese and in the State of Ohio are asked Bishops of Ohio to introduce a "54 Day Novena" in anticipation of the November election in which we can choose to uphold and defend life...We will communicate Information from the bishops in our bulletins, on the parish and diocesan websites, on tables in the Gathering Area, and perhaps more. The bishop asks us, "Pray for Life. Support Life. Take a stand for Life."

To participate in the 54 day Novena, we pray a rosary each day from now until election day "for life." **See the following link <https://catholicaoc.org/pray54ohio/>**

Finally, let me reiterate the "policy" in our diocese (for over 4 years) about our "Posture at mass." We should remain standing after the Lamb of God, throughout the distribution and reception of Holy Communion and the singing of the Communion Hymn. When the distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful has been completed we may sit or kneel for private prayer. It is understood, though, that individual members of the faithful who may not be able to stand or kneel for a period of time because of health reasons or physical limitations may do what is best for themselves and their circumstances.

In sum, during the mass we assume different postures – standing, kneeling, sitting – and we make a variety of gestures as well. These postures and gestures are not merely ceremonial. They have profound meaning. The Church sees in these common postures and gestures both a symbol of the unity of those who have come together to worship and also a means of fostering that unity.

The bishop said we should not change these postures to suit our own individual preference or piety. The Church makes it clear that our unity of posture and gesture is an expression that we are indeed the one Body of Christ, united in body, mind, spirit, and voice. I say, "Amen."

**Have a great week. You are in my heart and in my prayer.**

**Blessings and Peace,**

**Fr. Gary**







## **The Chagrin Documentary Film Festival**

**The Chagrin Documentary Film Festival Salad Luncheon will be on October 5th. The Women's Guild has hosted this sell out event for the past 13 years.**

**The following documentaries will be shown: Junk Genius, Go-Kart Therapy, Carpenter and School of Fish.**

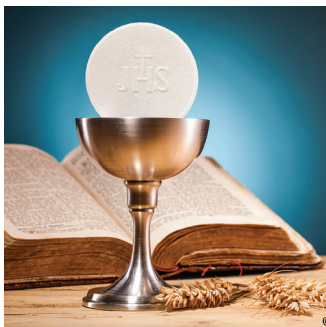
**Special thanks to all of the ladies who prepared their wonderful salads.**

**Reservations are required.**

**The price of the lunch is \$25.**

**For reservations, Sally 440-247-6945**





## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, September 10

9:00am SJA

11:00am Edna Fay ( John Murphy's  
(co-workers)

### Monday, September 11

9:00am Patricia Hagan ( Genske)

### Tuesday, September 12

9:00am Terry Masterson (Zelevnik)

### Wednesday, September 13

No Mass

### Thursday, September 14

8:00am Richard Yoe ( Gleason)

### Friday, September 15

8:00am Matthew C. O'Hearn Jr.  
( O'Hearn Family)

### Saturday, September 16

4:30 R. Anne Horgan ( Moriarty)

### Sunday, September 17

9:00 Richard Yoe ( Kaczor)

11:00 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**

## 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**



## NOTES FROM JON THIBO:



St. Joan of Arc Music Ministry will be forming a new Children's Choir for Parish Masses one Sunday each month at 11 a.m. Mass. Students in our PSR and Day School graded 2-8 are encouraged to attend rehearsal starting Tuesday September 19 from 4:30-5:30 in the church with Mr. Jon Thibo, Director of Music.

Student Cantors for our Day School Masses will still meet on Wednesday right after school until 4 p.m. in the church to prepare for those weekly Masses. Students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to participate starting Wednesday September 13.

Our Adult Choir will resume rehearsal on Tuesday September 5 from 7-9 p.m. in the church, and New Members will be welcomed, especially in the Tenor/Baritone section. High School and College Students are very welcome here! You can join through the month of September, not just the first night, so please consider sharing your time and talent so that this vibrant part of our liturgical celebrations here at our parish continues to grow.

A new Handbell Choir is forming as well, high school students through adults are welcome and an ability to read music, while helpful, is not necessary. Rehearsal will be Monday September 16 from 7-9, come get acquainted with Handbells and how to ring them to add more beauty to our liturgy. The goal will be to ring one Mass per month at 11 a.m. as well as Christmas, Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

## Resurrection Catholic Church :

Resurrection Catholic Parish in Solon is beginning L.E.A.F. ministry for those who have a loved one who is incarcerated – Listening, Encouraging, Assisting Families of the incarcerated. It is said that "When a loved one goes to prison, the whole family goes to prison." Family and friends of the incarcerated often experience isolation, shame, and guilt. They have questions about the system and the way it works. They fear for their loved one. L.E.A.F. offers support, comfort, and information to help address the difficulties these families and friends face. The monthly meetings are open to all people irrespective of faith affiliation. They are confidential and there is no fee involved.

**The first meeting will be Monday, November 13 at 7 PM at Church of the Resurrection in Solon, OH.**

## 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 September 14th from 10-11:00 am for you to drop off items.

- Eggs-Oranges-
- Kielbasa-Rice-
- Dishwashing Liquid-



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

**9/2/-9/3**

Collection: \$ 9,602.00

Online: \$ 7,739.00

**8/26-8/27**

Online: \$ 800.69

**Thanks you for your continued support!**

Now, more than ever, we need to stand up for life. Abortion advocates have a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot in November, threatening the lives of babies in the womb and eliminating parental rights. Please join the Arc Angels for Life at St. Joan of Arc in our fight to be a voice for the voiceless. There are so many ways to engage – from prayer to community engagement, in accord with Directives of the Diocese of Cleveland. **For questions or to sign-up to join the Arc Angels distribution list, please contact Megan at 216/312-3798 or [meganhett@yahoo.com](mailto:meganhett@yahoo.com)**

Scholarship awards for the Angel Scholarship Fund were recently submitted to the Catholic Community Foundation. The school was able to offer awards to 62 students from 39 different families. Seven of those families are new to the school community. These funds have helped families to keep a Catholic education at SJA affordable! There are some remaining funds that have been allocated for new families who may wish to enroll at St. Joan's over the summer.

Now is the time to begin thinking about your upcoming contributions to the Angel Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made as a one-time gift or as a recurring monthly gift. Remember the state of Ohio allows taxpayers to contribute up to \$750 (\$1500 if filing jointly) of their state taxes to St. Joan of Arc. **Please visit the following link for more information:**  
**<https://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel-scholarship-fund/overview>**

## **BUILDING COMMON GROUND**

### **Notes from Deacon Denny**

#### **Join me at the SJA Festival**

"Falling Upward" 1 a great book by Richard Rohr talks about stages in life. From when you are "growing and developing/surviving" to switching to a next stage with less worries, a "new Life Calling". One application would compare new families to mature families, or even empty nesters. As you at first, struggle with how to deal with bottles, formula, schedules and a new form of chaos in your life, to the time when the kids are well on their way, to a time when we can take a deep breath and live a different life. "No more diapers" turns to "can I have the car keys?". Also, to grandparents who have lived through the struggles at various stages, willing to share both their wisdom and some comforting hugs.

That's why FAMILY MINISTRY is starting at SJA. We as a community are here to share who we are and to support each other along the way. So, we are forming a young families **network**, along with "sponsor/companion" families team and even part-time "Grandparents" squad (free babysitting for two hours, some Friday night, by professionals). So come and sign up or even sign up on line if you can't make it this Sunday.

#### **Inviting you to join the conversation.**

Have a Blessed week.....  
Deacon Denny

**[notes@deacondenny.net](mailto:notes@deacondenny.net) or see you in person at the Festival.**

## From the Desk of Millie Prebel:



With Fall quickly approaching we are looking forward to many new opportunities for spiritual growth and enhancement.

Our Peter's Shadow prayer services are very well attended and open to all. Their ministry addresses those with physical, spiritual and emotional pain. You can also bring your intercessory prayers for someone who cannot attend. We will be welcoming them back to another session this fall.

There will be two Eucharistic events this fall in our alignment with the Eucharistic Revival. We welcome **Trapper Jack bringing an amazing presentation about Eucharistic Miracles you won't want to miss. October 10 at 6:30.**

The other Eucharistic event will be the first in a **"Going Deeper" brown bag lunch series. We will watch a Eucharistic Miracle movie called "Science Tests Faith. Following the trail of the blood of Christ."** I will also share the experience visiting the Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem Portugal on my recent pilgrimage. Stay tuned for dates and times.



We will be offering server training this fall for 5th graders and up. **Watch for an email coming to school and PSR parents within the next few weeks.**

Peace and blessings,  
Millie Prebel





## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

### **Parish School of Religion**

Classes begin Sunday for High School and Monday for grades K-6!

Please keep our catechists, children, and their families in your prayers as we begin this new school year!

### **PSR Classes begin:**

Sunday, September 10 for High School

Monday, September 11 for grades K-6

Sunday, September 17 for grades 7 and 8

### **Confirmation**

Congratulations to our new Confirmation class of 2024 who were recognized as candidates for Confirmation and received a special blessing at the 4:30 Mass this weekend to kick off their preparation. The candidates attended their Opening Session during the day and celebrated as a group by attending Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this most blessed sacrament.

### **CLW**

Due to a lack of volunteers, the Children's Liturgy of the Word program at the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays is being suspended for now. If/when we get volunteers, it will be reinstated. For more information, please call **Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3606.**



## Women's Guild News:



The Women's Guild invites you to a special event on **Patriot Day, Monday, September 11th** in memory of the Americans killed by terrorists. Parishioner, Melinda Redding will give a presentation on her Father, CWO Michael Jacob Schick of the U.S. Marine Corp. Her Father was a prisoner of war in China for a total 45 months during World War 2. He held the record as the longest POW in Cleveland. . Melinda will tell this very interesting story about her Dad at our St. Joan Parish Hall. **The program will begin at 7:00 PM. On Monday September 11. For information, call Melinda 440-477-8910 or Sally 216-832-6243.** Hope that you will be able to stop by, and hear Melinda share this incredible story about her Dad.

## SCRIPTURE STUDY: Eucharist: The Real Presence



**Thursdays September 7th thru October 5th 8:30-10 AM in rectory basement.**

A 2019 PEW study revealed that only 25% of Catholics believe that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.

Join us to learn why this is and what the ramifications are.

We will learn how to understand and explain transubstantiation and where its scriptural origins are. We will read and discuss **This is My Body, a Call to Eucharistic Revival** by Bishop Robert Barron.

The Bishop is the founder of Word on Fire and is a well-respected lecturer. His sermons and podcasts are delightful and enlightening! We will spend 30 minutes each week watching his podcasts and sharing insights from his book.

**To register, email [mpvalencic@gmail.com](mailto:mpvalencic@gmail.com) or call 440-338-7177 no cost.**





