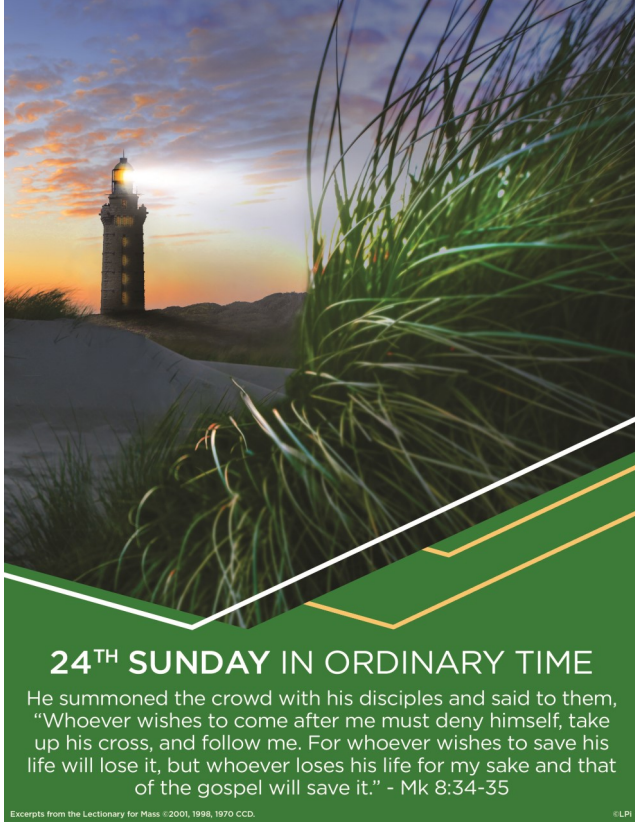




St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

September 15, 2024— Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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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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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 in mid-September.

What a parish festival day we had on Sunday, September 8. I think we can say, "A good time was had by all!" Thanks to those on our Stewardship Committee and so many others who helped plan and carry out this wonderful event. And we are grateful for the participation of our parishioners who attended. Again, what a great day!



Speaking of Stewardship, our parish is participating in a Stewardship Appeal/Offertory Enhancement Process. Last weekend introduced this process and this weekend we will hear more.

I think we can all say we are blessed by God. We, in turn, are called by God to bless others!

Through your participation we have accomplished many good things in our ministry and outreach here at St. Joan of Arc, and it is only through your continued participation that we can continue those good efforts! "For Christians, it is both a duty and an honor to give back to God a portion of the goods they have received from Him." (Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, n. 10)

In this effort, we have partnered with Cathedral Corporation who will help us to:

- provide immediate offertory enhancement (with 100% of the increased revenue benefitting the parish), and
- provide on-going formation efforts for helping us understand that stewardship as a way of life, critical to growing an active and engaged Church community.

With your generous support, our parish will continue its good work and ministry, and please know I am very grateful for all you do to make this a reality.

Next weekend (September 21-22) I will ask our parish family to prayerfully consider increasing the amount of the offering you currently give to the parish and, to this end, I will ask the parish to participate in an "in pew process". To prepare for next weekend, it might be good to reflect on the questions:

- How is God calling me to use the blessings and gifts he has entrusted to me?
- Am I being called to give, with increase, the gifts I have been given to help my church and God's people?

Thank you for working with me and our Parish Finance Council as we strive to meet the needs of our church and reach out in service to God's people.

The November election is not too far off. We have been bombarded with ads and partisan politics...and the presidential candidates just had a debate this week. 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."

And so, 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.

I often say, "As people of faith, let us allow our faith to influence our thoughts and actions – including how we vote."

Here is an election prayer from the U.S. Bishops:

"Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront (us) and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens..."

"We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty."

"We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender."

"We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom."

"We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace... Amen."

You are a gift and are in my heart and in my prayers. Have a great week. Blessings and Peace.

Fr. Gary



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**9:00am David Rickleman
(Rickelman)**

11:00am SJA

Monday, September 16

**8:00am Virginia Ortmann
(Ortmann)**

Tuesday, September 17

9:00am Fred Kramer (Lang)

Wednesday, September 18

No Mass

Thursday, September 19

8:00am Marvin Cook (Cook)

Friday, September 20

8:00am Jim Clark (Yoe)

Saturday, September 21

**4:30pm Msg. Benedict F. Tighe
(Moriarty)**

Sunday, September 22

9:00am SJA

11:00am Mary Dersh (Gleason)

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



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



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 11am 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 for more information.**

Chagrin Falls Meals on Wheels

Drivers Needed!

We are seeking people to deliver meals one day per week.

- > Deliveries are in the Chagrin Valley area.**
- > Minimal time commitment and substitute drivers available.**
- > BIG reward! You will be helping those who are not able to adequately cook or shop for themselves.**

Make a Difference!

Apply to volunteer today.

Call: 440-543-1405

Or apply online: chagrinfallsm Meals.org/volunteer



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 9/7-9/8 2024

Collection: \$ 7,432.67

Weekly Collections Online

8/26-8/30 \$ 6,317.00

9/2-9/6 \$ 6,359.69

Thank You for your continued support!

FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, September 19th from 10:00am-11:00am for you to drop off items.

-Candy-Chips-

-Apples-Potatoes-

-Chicken-Milk-

Thank you so much for helping us stock the pantry shelves. Please call Jane Zilly with any questions 216 -402-8912



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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

Today is Catechetical Sunday, a day to honor our dedicated and hard-working catechists and teachers who give so much of themselves to pass on our Catholic faith to others here at St. Joan of Arc Parish. Thank you for all that you do to teach the Catholic faith to our youth and adults. They will receive a special blessing at the 11:00 Mass.

Our **High School Theology** class began last Sunday for our high schoolers. It is a small class. Please consider, if you have a child of high school age, talking to them about joining Mr. Hogan for one hour each Sunday (from 12-1:00pm). This is a great way to continue their faith journey after Confirmation. High school is a time when teens need the helping hand of God more than ever in their life so far. Mr. Hogan will help them tackle these age-appropriate issues through the eyes of the truths of our Catholic faith.

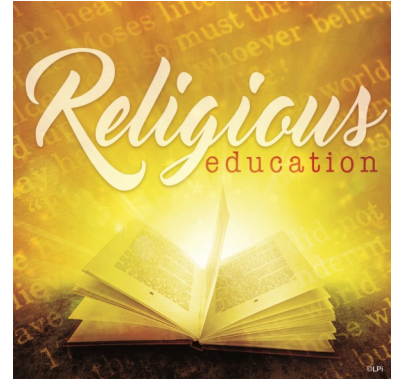
High School Theology at St. Joan's follows a four-year cycle, which addresses four critical areas of religious education—examining what it means to be human, religious, Christian, and Catholic. This year's course will follow the fourth of four critical questions, namely: "What does it mean to be Catholic?"

This year's topics will include:

- *The Priesthood and the Papacy
- *Catholic Church Teaching/ Dogma and Doctrine
- *Church Tradition/ Questions on Church Authority
- *Art/Justice/Angels
- *Catholic vs. Protestant Theology
- *Saints and Mary
- *The Eucharist
- **These topics will be given in the context of objective truth in the Catholic Tradition.

If you have ever heard Mr. Hogan teach, you will know that his discussions are very engaging. Alumni from Mr. Hogan's classes have said, "He really helped me think and sort out all the stuff thrown at me in my life" ..." He helped me look to God for help" "He makes learning about God interesting".

Please call the Office of Faith Formation if you have any questions (440) 247-3606.



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Our K-6thgrade PSR classes got off to a wonderful start! Thank you, parents, for sending your children to our religion classes and thank you to the catechists and aides who are so dedicated to teaching our faith.

September classes:

Grades K-6: Monday, September 9, 16, 23, 30

Grades 7,8: Sunday, September 15, 22, 29

High School: Sunday, September 8, 15, 22, 29

CONFIRMATION

Our next preparation session for the teens only will be Thursday, September 26 from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the Parish Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 Mass will begin on September 22. 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



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Nancy Ball

Sue Bondra

Vicki Brigeman

Peggy Bruening

Tony Colini

Allison Coulson

Suzanne Dean

Chris Elliott

Allie Gall

Lisa Hamsmith

Jill Harmat

Jim Hogan

Mary Horvath

Gina Huber

Jan Jones

Laura Kennedy

Jessica Lewinski

Julie Lewinski

Holly McBride

Joseph Nieves

Autumn Onders

Lori Rice

Megan Ritchie

Bobbie Trew

Patti Valencic

Mary Vincenti

Stacie Webster

Anne Wisniewski

With gratitude to our dedicated St. Joan of Arc Teachers and volunteer Catechists, who through their goodness and witness, help to form our children, teens and adults in the Catholic faith.



Catechetical Sunday

What is OCIA?

Over the last few weeks, in our weekly Notes, we have been talking about the evolution of the RCIA program in our church's around the world. Many folks have responded and raised the question, what is RCIA and what is OCIA? As the church continues to evolve in the context of greater understanding of our Scriptures and Traditions in the context of our current cultures, the Church "updates" this fuller understanding looking at creating greater clarity. Over the last few decades, to assist in this fuller understanding, particularly since Vatican II, our sacramental practices and "Rites" have continued to be clarified and then translated into the various languages around the world. These clarifications, and new discoveries, consequently, have been organized to replace older documents such as "Rites" into documents called "Orders" with new language translations as well. Recently the Rite of Baptism has evolved to the **Order of Baptism**. Now in 2024 the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will become the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**.

In our Diocese as well as in our Parish, we are looking at enriching our practices for sharing who we are as a faith community and what we believe, as a faith community in support of what our church teaches. Consequently, we will be starting some monthly sessions, in person and concurrently on "zoom" to share and discuss the findings of RCIA programs (including ours) from around the country and around our Diocese to evolve our program of OCIA here at SJA. More to come.

Have a Blessed week

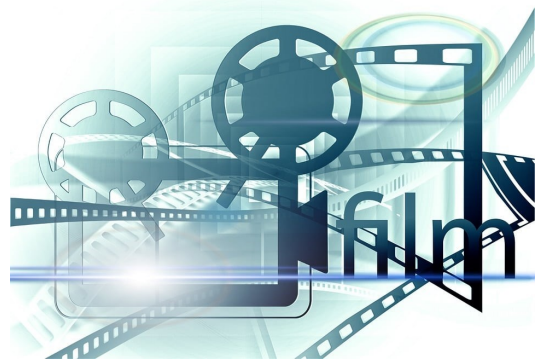
Deacon Denny (deacondenny@stjoanofarc.org) (Note new email)

Second Sunday Vespers

Season II-Begins

Mark your calendars, October 13, will begin our new season of once-a-month Vespers and Night prayer (The Prayer of the Church), with a "Ted Talk" and refreshment social time.

More to come..... questions? Want to become part of the team; program, speakers, refreshments? **Let us know at deacondenny@stjoanofarc.org**



The Chagrin Film Festival Salad Lunch

The 15th Chagrin Documentary Film Festival is coming up very soon. Our church has been a part of the film festival from the beginning. Our famous salad luncheon will be on Thursday, October 3rd. We ask the ladies of St. Joan of Arc to bring a salad to share for 10 people. Your salad is your ticket to the lunch. ***Our luncheon is always a sell out. Please RSVP ASAP to Sally 216-832-6243 or Mirta 741-878-7147. We hope that you can join this fun event!!***



"If you see Tony Colini, please thank him for all the lovely flowers that have graced our altar over the past several weeks. He manages all the flowers on our property and owns Sweet Bay Gardens, a flower farm in Bainbridge.

He has donated all the flowers at no cost. This would have amounted to hundreds of dollars if we had purchased them. We appreciate his generosity and all his hard work ."

"Thank you to Don and Joan Matz who covered the expenses for the lovely all white flower arrangement that graced our altar the first weekend in September. September 1 was their 66th wedding anniversary. What a thoughtful and generous gesture!

Happy Anniversary to a very special couple."

