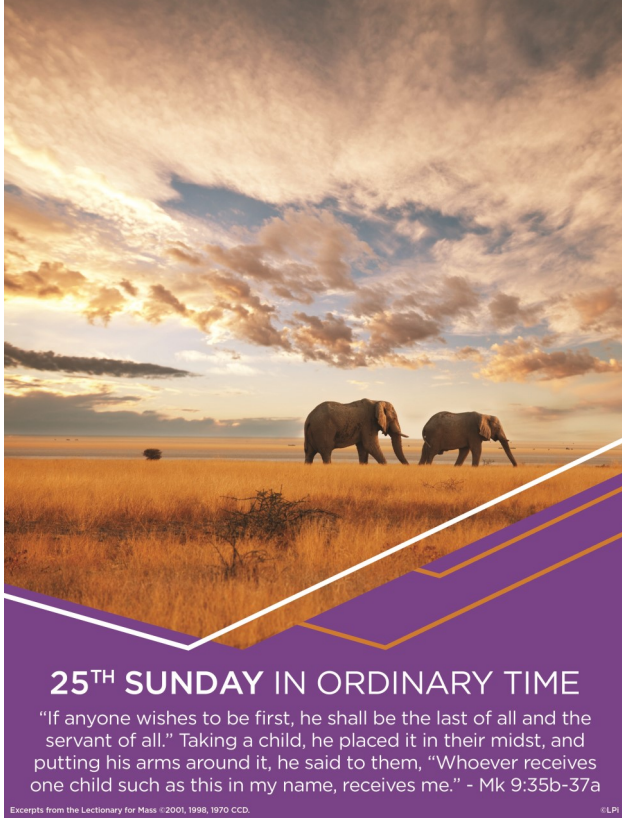




St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

September 22, 2024— Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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,

This weekend, Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 8:43 AM, we begin the season of Fall or Autumn. Believe it or not, it is about 3 months until Christmas! I read this about the beginning of Fall, "Day and night will be nearly equal in length as Earth spins 'side-on' to the sun, as autumn officially begins in the Northern Hemisphere." Sad to say, the start of fall is also accompanied by rapidly shortening days... and the first weekend of November we "spin our clocks back one hour" and lose more daylight in the evening. Autumn is also the time when the warmer and somewhat stable weather of summer gives way to cooler and more erratic weather conditions – though this can vary from one region to another. And because of lessening daylight, we anticipate the "changing of colors." This year, Fall colors are supposed to "peak" from October 7-14, although the dry summer and recent storms are said to have an impact on the fall foliage. Then winter begins on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at 4:21 AM. Oh boy!

Last Sunday, September 15th, we celebrated "Catechetical Sunday" and we recognized and blessed those that give of their time and talent in teaching, witnessing, and imparting the Catholic faith to our children, teens, and adults in our PSR, Day School, Sacramental programs, RCIA, and more. We thank God for blessing us with generous and dedicated catechists here at St. Joan of Arc. We ask our good and loving God, who is the source of all wisdom and knowledge, to bless and strengthen our catechists, who teach by word and example. THANK YOU, catechists, for your dedication, commitment, faith, and service. We are very grateful! Well done.

Here at St. Joan of Arc parish, we are participating in a Parish Stewardship Campaign. Over the past two weekends we had parishioners speak at mass about stewardship in general and last weekend we spoke about stewardship in light of our parish annual financial report.

This weekend we are asking our parishioners to prayerfully consider increasing the amount of the offering currently given to the parish by participating in Commitment Weekend. I will lead an "in pew process" where we complete an "Intention Card." This Intention Card serves two main purposes:

- it is aimed at helping the parish plan our finances
- it can serve to help each parish family or household be specific about what they might be able to do to support the church so we can continue to meet the needs of our parish and reach out in service to God's people

Over the past few years our Sunday collections have trended downward and we are about 15% below where we were before the Pandemic, which began in March of 2020. Long story short, here is the situation we are facing: Budgeting for increased costs (with inflation) and decreasing income. The Parish Finance Council and I thought of this appeal as a prudent way address this.

Through your participation over the years, we have accomplished many good things in our parish ministry and outreach here at St. Joan of Arc, and it is only through your continued participation and generosity that we can continue those good efforts!

Please know I am very grateful for the many ways you support our parish of St. Joan of Arc. Your spirit of stewardship and generosity are what makes our parish and school very much alive. Please join in continuing to giving back to the Lord a portion of what we have received so our parish can continue its ministry and service in the Chagrin Falls area. It is only through your continued participation and generosity that we can continue those good efforts! Thank you so much for your generous support. Again, please know I am very grateful.

Finally, the "Cleveland Football Team" won its first game of this season last Sunday. "Hope springs eternal," so we shall see if this will be a good year. Also of note, things are looking good for the "Cleveland Baseball Team." Again, let's hope for a good "end of season" run.

Have a great week. You are in my heart and prayers. Blessings and peace,

Fr. Gary



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00am SJA

11:00am Mary Dersh (Gleason)

Monday, September 23

**8:00am Helen Walkiewicz
(Matz)**

Tuesday, September 24

9:00am Carol Voase (Nally)

Wednesday, September 25

No Mass

Thursday, September 26

**8:00am Paul (Lou) Repasky
(Mingione)**

Friday, September 27

**8:00am Jeanette Fornadel
(SJA)**

Saturday, September 28

**4:30pm Cookie Tolin –Mother of
Rick Toin (Fitzmaurice)**

Sunday, September 29

**9:00am Wayne Redding
(Redding)**

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



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 9/14-9/15 2024

Collection: \$ 6,495.67

Weekly Collections Online

9/9-9/13 \$ 4,597.00

Thank You for your continued support!

FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, September 26th from 10:00am-11:00am for you to drop off items.

-Candy-

-Cookies-

-Chips-



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

High School Theology classes have begun 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.

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

All grades in our PSR classes have begun! 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 16, 23, 30

Grades 7,8: Sunday, September 22, 29

High School: Sunday, September 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. Teens please remember to bring the binders that you received at the Opening Session.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 Mass will begin soon. The program needs 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

"The 8th graders from Chagrin, Kenston, University School, and Hawken were disciples on the walk to discovery. As Jesus asked, "Who do you think I am?" we also asked one another and got to know each other in this Communion of Saints.



Second Sunday Vespers Season II-Begins



Mark your calendars, October 13th at 6:30pm 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**



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**
- 2) Deacon Denny Guritza – 440-829-8760 – dguritza@synergiegroup.com**
- 3) The rectory office – 440-247-7183**

A recent study by the Public Religion Research Institute shares some concerning results, while the dialog that is ensuing raises some interesting questions for us all. The report says;

- * Up to 48% of young adults do not affiliate with any religion.

In conversations with Gen Z's, four issues emerge;

- * They are looking for relationships not necessarily religion.
- * How can they define and understand and share the Judeo/ Christian ethic that this country is founded on?
- * How do you find Truth?
- * How do we get a "Hand Up" not a "Hand out"

Historically, Churches and Synagogues were the places where we built relationships and learned the moral lessons. So, the question becomes how do we respond?

Our response at SJA includes an upcoming series of monthly talks and workshops, in person, in small group, on zoom, and with independent study. Based on the continuing lessons learned in the RCIA program, now becoming the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA), the questions become:

- * What resources (books, media, and internet) do I need (in my personal library) to refresh myself and share with others.
- * How do we build relationships with meaning?
- * How do we each become part of the story of "Building the Body of Christ" right here in our Parish and Community?

More to follow next week. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Second Sunday Vespers 6:30 PM on October 13.

Have a Blessed week

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



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 714-878-7147. We hope that you can join this fun event!!***

Blanket Weekend 2024



Blanket weekend will be October 5-6, 2024. We will be collecting new and like new blankets, sheets, pillowcases, and comforters. Thank you for helping our brother and sisters stay warm .If you have any questions, **please call Mary Horvath at 440-769-5322**

Please drop off your items in the narthex.

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