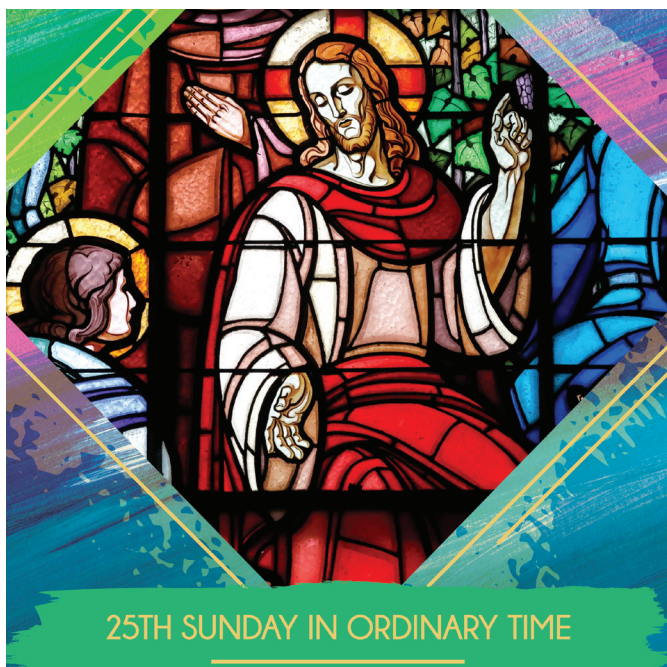




# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 24, 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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*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, 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 this first weekend in the Season of Fall (Autumn). Here in northeastern Ohio we are beginning to see hints of our annual fall foliage – and are told that the colors will be more evident in the first week of October. It is anticipated that the peak of the fall colors will be in the third week of October. This is based on the Ohio fall foliage forecast by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Please check the ODNR to be in the right place at the right time for enjoying the “annual colors.” To me, this is a beautiful time of year.



Bishop Malesic, the Diocese of Cleveland, and the Catholic Conference of Ohio (the Ohio Bishops) are reminding us to “Register to Vote,” because your vote matters, as we approach the November election. We can visit [VOTEOHIO.GOV](http://VOTEOHIO.GOV) to:

- Register to Vote
- Update Voter Record
- Check Voter Status
- Request Absentee Ballot
- Find Election Information



In order to vote in the November election, the registration deadline is October 10th and early voting begins on October 11th.

Here at St. Joan of Arc we will have a “Parish Voter Registration Table” the weekend of September 30th–October 1st which is also “Respect Life Sunday” weekend. Members of the St. Joan of Arc Angels for Life will be available in the Gathering Area at the table to help and answer any questions. Additionally, a recent communication from Bishop Malesic, the Diocese of Cleveland, and the Catholic Conference of Ohio (the Ohio Bishops) said the following about the gospel at mass for this weekend (September 24). “Jesus offers the parable of the workers in which the workers all bring different degrees of contribution to the day, but the landowner pays ‘the usual daily wage’ to all workers equally.” Then the bishops say, “...Jesus’ parables tell us about the Kingdom of God, where the ways of God are not like our ways. Let us give thanks that God is so generous, and that He does not place any conditions on the value of our lives. God loves and cares for those that our society rejects, including the poor, the refugee, vulnerable women, and preborn children. This bishops ask:

- “What can we do to protect all lives? ”
- “Educate yourself and your neighbors.”
- “Prepare to Vote No on Proposition #1 in November...”



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**Have a great week. Happy Autumn.  
Blessings and Peace,  
Fr. Gary**





## **The Chagrin Documentary Film Festival**

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

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

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



**Reservation are required.**

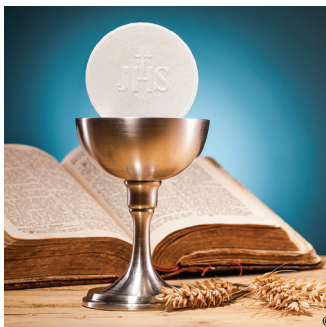
**The Price of the lunch is \$25**

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



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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, September 24

9:00am SJA

11:00am Richard Hummel ( Voinovich)

### Monday, September 25

8:00am Tony & Mary Cook

Wedding Anniversary ( Brail)

### Tuesday, September 26

9:00am Mary Loyol Berger Boehlke  
( Smith Family)

### Wednesday, September 27

No Mass

### Thursday, September 28

8:00am Rita Curran (Brail)

### Friday, September 29

8:00am Wayne Redding (Redding)

### Saturday, September 30

4:30 Ed Gallagher ( Gallagher Family)

### Sunday, October 1

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 11:00 AM Mass. Students in our PSR and Day School grades 2-8 are encouraged to attend rehearsal starting Tuesday September 19th 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 4:00PM in the church to prepare for those weekly Masses. Students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to participate starting Wednesday September 13th.

Our Adult Choir will resume rehearsal on Tuesday September 5th from 7:00-9:00 PM 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 begin Monday September 16th from 7:00-9:00PM. 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 11:00AM as well as Christmas, Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

## 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.**

## 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 28th from 10-11:00 AM for you to drop off items.

**-Apples-  
-Canned Fruit-  
-Maple Syrup-  
-Milk-Cookies-**



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

**9/16/-9/17**

Collection: \$ 6,349.39

Online: \$ 4,097.00

**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>**

## **CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO**

**Bishop Malesic and the Ohio Bishops remind us to Register to Vote by October 10th.** We have been asked to include this bulletin announcement this weekend. This November, Ohioans will vote on a proposed change to the Ohio Constitution that would enshrine abortion into law. Our Catholic faith tells us that God places no condition on the value of human life from conception until natural death. Therefore, the Catholic Church cannot be silent when vulnerable women and preborn children are threatened by an amendment that...

- Puts women at risk by endangering medical and safety standards
- Allows painful, late-term abortions by not setting any clear limits on abortion
- Threatens parental rights by challenging notification requirements when minors seek abortions or other reproductive interventions

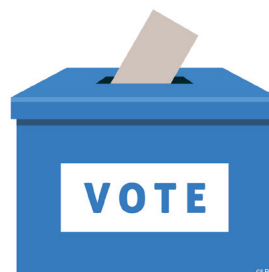
Your vote is needed to save Ohio from this extreme amendment.

Register to vote or update your information by October 10th [www.voteohio.gov](http://www.voteohio.gov)

Catholics must protect both women and children by Voting No on Issue 1.

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**Catholic Conference of Ohio, 100 E. Broad Street, Suite 600, Columbus, OH 43215, [ohiocathconf.org](http://ohiocathconf.org)**





## From the Desk of Millie Prebel:

**October 17th at 7:00PM Bishop Michael Woost will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Macedonia** offering a presentation for all Liturgical ministers including lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, ushers, greeters and all involved in the mass liturgy. Many of you that attended his EM training last fall know what a wonderful presenter he is! All are welcome!

**Monday October 16th at 7:30PM, Ss. Cosmas and Damian, in honor of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and Right to Life Month** will be offering a memorial mass for all families who have experienced this loss honoring these beautiful lives. The diocese has also partnered with Red Bird Ministries to bring a **Red Bird Retreat** for parents who have lost children. The day will include personal witnesses, a time for reflection, spiritual direction, lunch and we'll end the day with mass at 5:30 PM. **The location will be St. Bridget Kildare Parish, Parma. Please share this with anyone you know who may benefit from this service. For more information about any of these events please contact Millie Prebel at [mprebel@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:mprebel@stjoanofarc.org)**

**Peace and blessings,  
Millie Prebel**



## Blanket Donation

As the weather gets colder, some of our neighbors will not be able to keep warm. We will be collecting new and like new blankets, sheets, and pillow cases for those who are less fortunate. On Saturday, September 30th and Sunday October 1st. You can also make a cash donations.

**Any Questions please contact Mary Horvath at 440-759-5322.**





## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



### **Parish School of Religion**

All classes have officially begun for all grades in PSR! Please keep our catechists, children, and their families in your prayers as we begin this new school year! We are always open to having new catechists and aides join our team throughout the year as substitute catechists and aides. Please call the **Office of Faith Formation for more information: 440-247-3606.**

### **October PSR Classes:**

High School: Sundays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Grades 7 and 8: Sundays, October 1, 8, 22, 29

Grades K-6: Mondays, October 2, 9, 23, 30

Family Religion Program Meeting: Sunday, October 22 at 12:15pm in the school.

### **Confirmation**

This past Thursday our Confirmation class held their first "evening" preparation session and explored the themes of "Accepting God's Call" and "Building a Friendship with God".

Watch for our annual "Prayer Partner" sign up at all the weekend Masses, date TBD soon. This is an opportunity for a parishioner to pair with a Confirmation candidate to pray for them through their preparation journey and in return, they will pray for you! No meetings are involved, just prayers!

### **CLW**

The Children's Liturgy of the Word program at the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays is suspended for the time being. We hope to get it back up and running soon as we get more volunteers. You do not have to be a catechist.

**For more information, please call Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3606.**



SJA Elizabeth Ministry Presents

# Mom's Night Out

## September Bunco

Tuesday, September 26, 7:00PM  
Holbrook Hollows

Hey ladies! It's time for a night out!  
Bunco is fun game and is easy to  
learn!

Please bring a small appetizer to  
share and \$5 to cover venue costs  
and prize money.

Bring a friend!

BYOB





