



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

September 29, 2024— Twenty-sixth 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.



26th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39b

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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 as we conclude the month of September this week.



We welcome Ms. Mary Horvath to our Pastoral Staff here at St. Joan of Arc. Mary will serve as our Pastoral Minister and comes with an energy and enthusiasm to serve! Mary said she would like to share her passion for our Catholic faith within a parish setting as we journey together on our pilgrim way. Mary is a long-time parishioner and faithful woman and she said is looking forward to ministering at St. Joan of Arc in this new role for her. "Welcome Aboard," Mary, and we look forward to serving with you and your gifts of pastoral ministry. We are glad you are with us on our parish staff.

This weekend we participate in Commitment Weekend – as we are in the midst of our parish Stewardship Appel. This weekend we particularly ask your support to enhance or parish offertory, which is the main source of funds for our parish operations. We were going to do this last weekend; yet, for a variety of reasons we moved it to this weekend, September 28-29.

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 and support of our parish over the years, we have accomplished many good things in our ministry and outreach here at St. Joan of Arc; it is 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.

And our parish stewardship committee has a table set up in the gathering area this weekend with a member there, to answer any questions anyone might have concerning Time & Talent opportunities here at St. Joan of Arc. There are many ways to serve!

You are in my heart and prayers. You are a gift.

Blessings and peace,

Fr. Gary



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

11:00am SJA

Monday, September 30

**8:00am Karl Sutherland
(Sutherland Family)**

Tuesday, October 1

**9:00am Bill Cull, Jr.
(Florkowicz)**

Wednesday, October 2

No Mass

Thursday, October 3

**8:00am Grady & Francis
McMannus (Gustavson)**

Friday, October 4

**8:00am Edward D'Ambrosia
(Zeleznik)**

Saturday, October 5

**4:30pm Jeanette Fornadel
(Byres)**

Sunday, October 6

9:00am SJA

**11:00am Marquerite 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 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

SJA Youth Group

Youth Group is up and running for the new year! We had a great turnout for the first event of the year, and we can't wait for more friends to join us in October! Check out these pictures of our 9-Square game from this weekend.

Our next event is October 20! All students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for First Quarter Faith: Join us for game day snacks, a faith discussion, and fun! Stay and watch the first quarter of the Brown's game with us too! Meet in the Parish hall at 12:00pm - 1:30pm. Bring a bag of unwrapped fruity/sour candy to share (we're making candy salad!) - think Nerds gummy clusters, gummy bears, etc.

Contact Allie Gall with any questions - agall@stjoanofarc.org



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



WEEKLY COLLECTION

WEEKEND COLLECTION S 9/21-9/22

Collection: \$ 9,389.00

Weekly Collections Online

9/16-9/20 \$ 3,187.69

Thank You for your continued support!

FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, October 3rd from 10:00am-11:00am for you to drop off items.

-Apples-

-Kielbasa-

-Milk-

-White Rice-



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

Can you occasionally give an hour of your time on Monday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30pm? We need substitute adult (or teen) aides in our grades K-3 PSR classrooms. Please contact the Office of Faith Formation for more information. 440-247-3606 or email mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org.

September Classes:

Grades K-6: Monday, September 30

Grades 7,8: Sunday, September 29

High School: Sunday, September 29

October Classes:

Grades K-6: Monday, October 7, 21, 28

Grades 7,8: Sunday, October 6, 20, 27

High School: Sunday, October 6, 13, 20, 27

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 Mass began September 29. It is for children in grades K-3 rd . Without more volunteers we will not be able to provide CLW every Sunday. We need 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



"Mrs. Lewinski's Kindergarten PSR class is learning about creation and had fun painting and drawing everything God created!!

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@synergegroup.com**
- 3) The rectory office - 440-247-7183**

October is Respect Life Month



As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. There are many ways to honor and celebrate this month and you can learn more by visiting respectlife.org/celebrate. **You can also sign-up to join the Arc Angels for Life ministry by contacting Megan Frankel at meganhet@yahoo.com or 216/312- 3798.**

Recent articles in this space has resulted in many interesting conversations, mostly characterized by the question; “so how did you become Catholic? OR What do you need to do to become Catholic? A few of the answers include;

- * I was raised Catholic.
- * I memorized 214 questions and answers of mimeographed questions to be ready for my confirmation questions with Bishop_____.
- * I went to Catholic School.
- * I went to PSR or was it CCD????
- * I think it was those red books....you know.....the Baltimore Catechism?

Interestingly, in today’s world our expectations concerning our credentials include “certification” for specific skill sets like Doctors & Pharmacists, and other professions, often with “continuing education” on a regular basis, and/or with a commitment to keeping up with new things; new discoveries, new ways of thinking and doing things.

At the same time, Jesus did NOT need or expect certifications, registrations or credentialing. With Jesus it is simply; what is in your heart and how do you act lovingly as a member of the Body of Christ. Yet, does our personal Catholic Faith journey include “updates”? Refreshers? With our busy schedules and responsibilities, time slips away, and the best intentions are to be met next week....or later, not an urgent matter. As mentioned in earlier Notes, OCIA suggests not only a pathway for “new recruits”, but it can also be a way of doing a little refresher for all of us. Many religious orders or Spiritual Direction programs provide regular means and times of reflection and personal growth opportunities for our life-time journey of Faith and discovery of God’s Presence in our lives on a regular basis throughout our lives.

Are you up to date on our Catechism, with an understanding of our Sacramental lives (as a teen or adult), Prayer, companioning one another on our journeys of Faith. Over the next weeks, we will outline opportunities in these areas.

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