



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 3, 2023



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in

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.

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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.

This week is Labor Day on Monday, September 4, 2023. Our "daily mass" on Labor Day is at 9 AM. The US Department of Labor says, "Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being."

And Pope John Paul II wrote about "human work" in his 1981 encyclical "Laborem Exercens." The Holy Father encourages all of us to look at all the various "works" we do in our lives as a way to share in the work of God and "building the Kingdom" here on earth. In essence, it is our "work" to renew the face of the earth. Amen. We have been in the month of September for a few days, already! According to the "official calendar" we still have a few weeks of summer left to enjoy. This year I believe the Season of Fall will officially start on Saturday September 23 – with the arrival of the autumnal equinox. In "meteorological circles," though, September 1 is the beginning of fall. "Meteorological seasons" are based on the annual temperature cycle. So September, October, and November are known as "Meteorological Fall." Meteorological Summer, for example, would run June through August – the hottest months of the year. Of course, the "coldest months of the year are December, January, and February. That would be "Meteorological Winter." Regardless of which "calendar" we follow to "mark" the Seasons, we see we are "losing more daylight" as we move through September. The Seasons are a great gift and I hope we all enjoy God's creation and gifts God gives to us in nature.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio (CCO, the Ohio Bishops) and Bishop Malesic in our diocese are "urging all Catholics to learn about the dangers of the Proposition 1 amendment on abortion and encourage them to vote no..." In addition, we can pray a 54-Day Novena, invoking 54 different saints to intercede in the cause to defeat the amendment on abortion.

–What: A Rosary each day for 27 days in petition; then immediately a Rosary each day for 27 days in Thanksgiving

–When: September 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows) to November 7 (Election Day)

The bishops have said that all of us are encouraged to vote (and register to vote, for those who are not registered). Moreover our faith can influence us as we form our consciences and seek to become informed on issues – and candidates. Also note, the Church does not support or oppose particular candidates; the church does seek to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues.

Finally, since we are in the month of September, please note that the "daily mass" in the parish on Tuesdays will be celebrated at 9 AM throughout the school year. In June, July, and August, the Tuesday morning mass is 8 AM. During the "academic year," for the months of September through May, we shift the time our Tuesday mass to 9 AM so our school family can join the parish at daily mass. Thank you for noting the Tuesday morning mass will be at 9 AM starting in September.

**Have a great week.
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 3

9:00am Richard Yoe (Babula)
11:00am

Monday, September 4

9:00am Richard Zeleznik (Zeleznik)

Tuesday, September 5

9:00am Thomas Curran (Curran)

Wednesday, September 6

No Mass

Thursday, September 7

8:00am Bill Thompson (Bosley)

Friday, September 8

8:00am Richard Yoe (Kaczor)

Saturday, September 9

4:30 Marilou Strathern (Gustavson)

Sunday, September 10

9:00 SJA
11:00 Edna Fay (John Murphy
co-workers)

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 7th from 10-11:00 am for you to drop off items.

**-Rice-Potatoes-
-Corn Bread mix-
-Sugar-Milk-**



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

8/26-8/27

Collection: \$ 13,751.39

Online: \$ TBA

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 meganhet@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

BASKETS...PART 2- Family Ministry Sign-up

Join me at the SJA Festival

We are starting a new ministry for Families, welcoming new ones, supporting on-growing ones, and re-engaging empty nester ones in our Parish.

As a Parishioner at SJA for nearly forty years and a Deacon for 18 years; welcoming new families, baptizing their children (and watching them grow), marrying their children, and otherwise companioning one another, we are seeking new ways to talk, to engage on the topics of interest today, and strengthen our Faith & Spirituality (our moral compass), while sharing our Faith.

I will be having a separate table at the Festival for sign up, chats, and sharing thoughts about this new Ministry, while gathering individual contact information, for evolving information and activities.

Just for signing-up at or during the Festival, you and your family will be eligible to win a very special **Family Ministry Gift Basket**. The free drawing for this basket will be at conclusion of the Festival (need not be present to win).

Join us and meet other parishioners and celebrate who we are.

Inviting you to join the conversation.

Have a Blessed week.....

Deacon Denny

notes@deacondenny.net or see you in person at the Festival.



ST. JOAN OF ARC

PARISH FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 12PM-4PM

**COME JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR PARISH,
CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY,
AND HAVE FUN!**



**DON'T
MISS
OUT!**



**FOOD & DRINKS
PONY RIDES
ROCKET CAR
BUBBLE SHOW
IRISH DANCING
RAFFLE
GAMES
AND MORE!**



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Parish School of Religion

As we get ready to begin a new PSR school year, we welcome back our returning families and welcome our new families!

PSR Classes begin:

Sunday, September 10 for High School

Monday, September 11 for grades K-6

Sunday, September 17 for grades 7 and 8



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

Special Note:

To receive the sacrament of Eucharist in 2nd grade, two years of regular religious education are required. Therefore, if you have a child entering 1st grade this school year, please make sure to register him/her in our SJA Parish School of Religion for the 2023-2024 school year.



To receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 8th grade, two years of regular religious education are required. Therefore, if you have a child entering 7th grade this school year, please make sure to register him/her in our SJA Parish School of Religion for the 2023-2024 school year. For Confirmation in 8th grade, in addition to attendance of a regular religious education class, attendance in our supplemental Confirmation preparation program will be required.

If your child attends a Catholic school, they do not need to attend our PSR classes, however, for Confirmation as an 8th grader, they will need to register for our Confirmation preparation program only.

CLW

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

From the Desk of Millie Prebel:



Prayer for our staff at St. Joan of Arc school and our students.

Lord, as a new school year begins, bless the teachers, the entire staff, and students to start the year strong. Give teachers renewed energy and enthusiasm to teach with passion and purpose. I pray for smooth routines and procedures to be established within the school. May the new year bring new hope, excitement, and readiness to learn and grow. We thank you for the wonderful role teachers and the entire staff at Saint Joan of Arc play in the lives of children and in our society. Grant them peace in their classrooms as they conduct their daily tasks, lessons, and assignments with your grace. We pray for unity in the classroom among students, and for peace and harmony to prevail each day. Let the model of the life of Jesus and the grace of the Holy Spirit be our guide. Amen. Your Saint Joan of Arc Parish family

Our **Parish Festival** is fast approaching! One of the best ways to get to know others in the parish is to serve! Please consider volunteering with your family and friends to make this day a wonderful experience for all! **Contact Haley Covey at haleykovey@gmail.com**

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 or call 440-338-7177 no cost.

