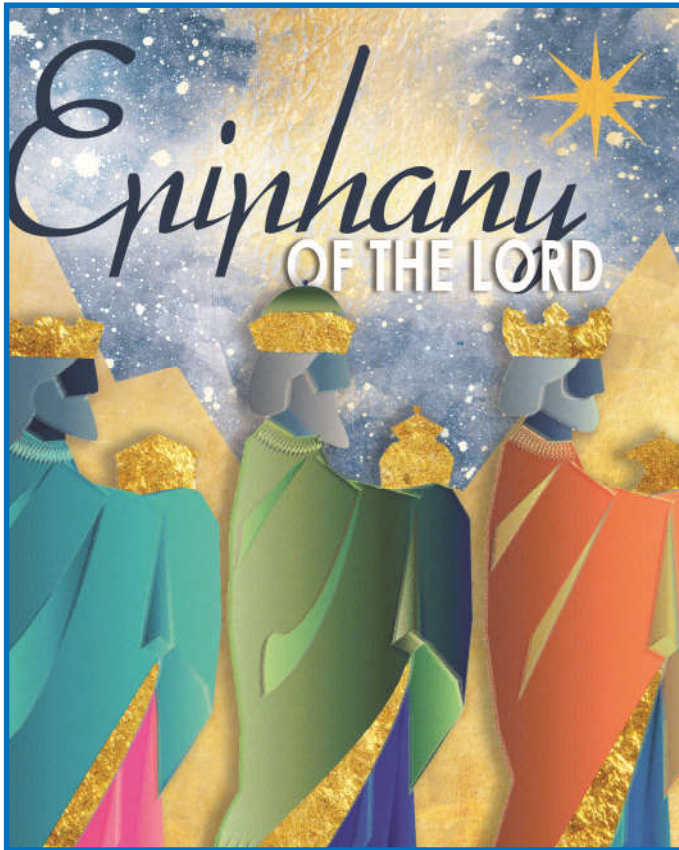


# St. Joan Of Arc Church

496 East Washington Street • Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022

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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 and to grow in faith, holiness and service.

## 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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Rev. Gary J. Malin, Pastor  
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Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Dunlop, Permanent Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Dennis Guritza, Permanent Deacon  
Sr. Ann Marie Kanusek, SND, Pastoral Associate  
Miss Melissa Olenik, Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
Mr. Patrick Wickliffe, Director of Music

Rev. Damian J. Ference, Weekend Celebrant  
Rev. John R. Olsavsky, Former Pastor, Retired

### Weekend Mass:

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

### Weekday Mass:

Monday, Thursday & Friday - 8:00 a.m.  
Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. (during the school year)/8:00 a.m. Summer  
Legal Holidays - 9:00 a.m.

**Baptism:** At most weekend Masses or on most Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Contact Parish Office.

**Reconciliation: (Confession)**  
Saturdays 3:30 p.m. until all are heard.  
(Advent and Lent: 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.)

**Sponsor Certificates:** 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 married in the church, if married). Please contact the Parish office.

**New Parishioners:** Welcome!  
Call the Parish Office to register.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please contact a priest or deacon at least one year before the anticipated date.

**Sessions in the Catholic Faith (RCIA):**  
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., (September thru May).

**Care of the Sick and Elderly:**  
Please inform us of persons sick or aged who are unable to come to church or who are hospitalized.

**Funerals:** Please contact the rectory before scheduling or publishing (generally through a funeral director). Bereavement committee available for hospitality.

## **DATE & SUBJECT**

### **January 8, 2017 — Epiphany**

**“We observed his star at its rising.”** (Matthew 2:1-12)

The astronomers from the East made some brilliant calculations regarding the star, but they greatly miscalculated when they showed up at Herod’s palace. If the wise men believed Herod when he said he wanted to worship the new king to, they must have been fatally innocent. Any child who hears this story knows that Herod is lying.

Still, these three do manage to find the child and recognize his greatness, despite the simplicity of his surroundings. And out of their coffers they surrender their wealth to the King of the poor.

The church has always seen these three as representatives of the universal nature of the good news of Christ. All nations will bow down in worship, as Isaiah foretold. God is the Lord of these three strangers from the Orient, who recognize the Savior even before his own people acknowledge him. And those who followed a star out of their lands are led back safely by a dream.

How is God’s glory revealed in our world at this time? How does this revelation help you to hold peace in your heart? Cultural pressures dictate our prejudices and fears about those who are “other” than us. How do you mend the divisions that you may have been taught to uphold? Have you ever taken a journey in faith, as the wise men did? What mistakes did you make? How did God supply what you lacked?

*Application: Pope Paul VI said, “if you want peace, work for justice.” We manifest the glory of God in our world to the extent that we make*



*justice and peace a reality. Brainstorm with our family or primary community one way that you can make a concrete commitment to justice this year.*

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## **WELCOME TO ST. JOAN’S**

Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship at St. Joan of Arc Church. May God bless our time together.

## **MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, January 8th -**

8:00 a.m. Gennaro DiStaulo (Alfidi)  
10:00 a.m. Tory Barrett (Balough)  
12:00 noon Living & Deceased of SJA

### **Monday, January 9th -**

8:00 a.m. NO MORNING MASS

### **Tuesday, January 10th -**

9:00 a.m. NO MORNING MASS

### **Wednesday, January 11th -**

8:00 a.m. NO MORNING MASS

### **Thursday, January 12th -**

8:00 a.m. NO MORNING MASS

### **Friday, January 13th - Christmas Weekday**

8:00 a.m. NO MORNING MASS

### **Saturday, January 14th - Vigil Mass Vigil Mass:**

4:30 p.m. Anthony Giordano (Mother)

### **Sunday, January 15th -**

8:00 a.m. George Voinovich (Florkiwicz)  
10:00 a.m. Rose Giordano (Rule)  
12:00 noon Living & Deceased of SJA

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Prayers for Deceased and III Members of Our Parish.**

In your charity please pray for all the deceased of the Parish.

Remember the sick of our parish. Especially Jack O’Brien (son of William & Karen), Dr. Patrick O’Hara, Jim Mackey, Gilda Grimaldi and Ted Rossy (brother of Maria Collura). May God’s healing love strengthen them.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**

The Catholic University of America is the national University of the Catholic church in the United

## **Collection for Sunday January 1, 2017**

290 Envelopes Used	\$16,045
Cash	800
ACH	1,887
Total	\$18,732

*Thank you for your support!*

## **This Week’s Readings**

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29/Mt 3:13-17

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year.

Next weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. We appreciate your generosity.

## **ST. PAT’S HUNGER CENTER**

St. Joan’s will be cooking and serving meals on Tuesday, January 24th. We will need cookies to serve with the dinner. Watch future bulletins for drop off dates. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help cook

## **WEEKEND MASS CELEBRANT 1/14 & 1/15**

4:30 Fr. Damian

8:00 Fr. Damian

10:00 Fr. Gary

12:00 Fr. Gary

(subject to change)

## From the Pastor

Greetings of Christmas Peace. This weekend we celebrate Epiphany. The Magi followed the star and found our Lord! They offered gifts and did him homage. We can do the same. Seek the Lord. Discover his love. Give him the gift of your life. Worship him – the one who truly deserves our praise!

On the Feast of Epiphany, it is customary for people to bless their homes. For those wishing to bless their homes this Epiphany prayer can be used. *(If you wish to mark your doorpost, a piece of chalk is needed.)*

### BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON EPIPHANY



All make the sign of the cross, and the leader begins:  
*Peace be with this house and with all who live here.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

**All respond:** *Now and forever.*

The leader introduces the blessing:

*During these days of the Christmas season,  
we keep this feast of the Epiphany celebrating the manifestation of Christ  
to the Magi, to John in the River of Jordan, and to the disciples  
at the wedding of Cana. Today Christ is manifested to us!  
Today this home is a holy place!*

The Scripture is read by a family member:

From the *Holy Gospel according to John: (John 1/1-2, 14)*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.  
All things came to be through Him and without Him nothing came to be.  
And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us,  
and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth. The Gospel of the Lord.*

**All respond** *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The leader continues:

*Let us pray:  
Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed Your only begotten Son  
to every nation by the guidance of a star.  
Bless this house and all who inhabit it.  
Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others  
may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

**All respond:** Amen.

The leader or a family member marks the doorway of the house with chalk with the year and the initials of the names attributed to the three Magi, Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar:

20 + C + M + B + 17 *(indicating the current year)*



**They presented him with gifts of Gold, and Frankincense, and Myrrh. (Matthew. 2/11)**

*I will be on vacation this week (Gone Fishin') and will return late Saturday night January 14, 2017. And to this week there will not be "daily mass" at SJA. The neighboring priests have graciously agreed to respond to any funerals or emergencies that may come up in my absence. Thank you Fathers! And one more thing - since I am out of town there will not be a "Pastor's Column" in next weekend's bulletin (January 14-15, 2017). Instead, we will have a "guest columnist!" Stay tuned!*

Noel, Happy New Year, and Blessings & Peace,

*Fr. Gary*

and/or serve, please contact Jane Zilly at 440.338. 8561.

### **PARISH NEWS COFFEE & DONUTS**

Coffee & Donuts are back today!  
Join fellow parishioners in the parish

hall after the 8 and 10 Masses for fellowship.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

All new and expectant parents who have never attended a baptismal preparation class are required to do

so before the baptism of their child. The next class will be held January 9th, 7-9 p.m. in the Gathering Area of the church. For more information or to register, please contact Diana Guritza at 440.552.1046.

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATION**

We received an additional flower donation from Mrs. Veronica Mino. Thank you to everyone who donated to our Flower Fund. It is truly appreciated.

## **OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

### **PSR CLASSES – PREK-4-HIGH SCHOOL THEOLOGY**

All Sunday PSR classes, PreK-4, Gr. 7-8, and High School Theology resume on **Sunday, January 8, 2017**. All Monday PSR classes, Gr. 1-6, resume on **Monday, January 9, 2017**.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Our Confirmation Candidates' last instructional session is **Thursday, January 12th**, from 6:30-8:15 pm in the Parish Hall. Candidates need to bring their red folder to each session. \*All **Sponsor Certificates** need to be handed in at this session if not already given to Sr. Judy.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY** **7/8 NIGHT: SAINTS & SOLDIERS**

Sunday, January 8, 6:30-8 pm, Parish Hall. Did you know there are many saints who were soldiers? At our meeting we will learn about courageous saints who were soldiers...then build snow forts and have a snowball fight! So, grab your hat, gloves and boots and pray for good packing snow! If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll have indoor activities.

### **HS NIGHT: THE "WHATS" & THE "WHYS"**

Sunday, January 29, 6-8 pm, Parish Hall. Every aspect of our faith has meaning. At this HS night, we'll dive deeper into the sacraments, especially the Mass & Eucharist. You'll most certainly leave #mindblown. Oh and there will be pudding...and other snacks too!



## **St. Joan of Arc Catholic School News**

By Mrs. Shelley DiBacco,  
School Principal

*Faith. Academics. Excellence*



**Here at St. Joan of Arc School we have put Christmas behind us and are ready to begin the second half of the 2016-2017 school year.** Pope Francis recently gave ten suggestions for New Year resolutions. In his very first suggestion He said, *"Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."*

**Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> with 10:00 Mass followed by an Open House from 11:00 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.** Tours will be offered, hospitality will be served, and our teachers are looking forward to visiting with you in their classrooms. The open house is the first in a weeklong series of events planned as St. Joan of Arc School joins over 8,000 Catholic schools across the nation in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. All are welcome so please set aside this date and join us as we celebrate our parish school. Students attending 10:00 Mass are encouraged to show their SJA pride by wearing their school uniform to Mass.

**In preparation for our Open House, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been busy over the past three months working on their Science Fair projects.** Science Fair is a journey of scientific inquiry. It begins with students answering a scientific question by conducting an experiment and the process ends with our Science Fair showing the students that their work matters to the school community. Science Fair projects integrate skills they've learned in other classes including: math skills, computer skills, research skills, and writing and presentation skills.

**Our eighth graders will begin working on their high school applications this week.** Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this process.

**In celebration of Martin Luther King Day there will be no school on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.** Third quarter begins on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **MISSION TRIP**

Adults and teens (current 9<sup>th</sup> grade & up), consider joining the **Belize Mission Trip, July 15-21** to share your gifts in the name of Christ. Ministries include: leading a VBS, distributing food, playing sports with kids and possibly a medical team. Visit the Parish Mission Trip section of the parish website under "community life."

**Applications are due January 12th** and are now online along with a video slide show from 2015's trip.

Contact Melissa with questions:

stjoanofarcym@gmail.com or 440-247-4316.

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

#### **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Any adult who has not been confirmed and wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please call Sr. Ann Marie at 440-247-1141. The session will be January 12, 19, 26 and February 2 and 9.

#### **BIBLE STUDIES RETURN**

The adult Bible Studies that started in September are back after a short

holiday break. You can attend one or both. There are two on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. or at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory meeting room downstairs. These are two different bible studies that are being offered. For more information, please contact Patti Valencic at 440.338.7177.

### **WOMEN'S GUILD** **USED BOOK, PURSE & JEWELRY SALE**

The Women's Guild will be having our annual "New to U" Sale, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 1 p.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 22nd, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Due to a function taking place in the parish hall in the morning on January 14th, please **DO NOT drop off donations before January 14th.** Donations can be dropped off in the Parish Hall on Saturday, Jan. 14th, after Mass and Sunday, Jan. 15th, after all Masses and January 16th-19th, 8:00 am-5:00 pm. We are accepting gently used books, purses & jewelry. Look for signs in the Gathering Area. For more information, please contact Judy at 216.360.8305 or Susan at 216.469.6865. All proceeds to benefit the Helping Hand Fund.

### **ELIZABETH MINISTRY** **MOMS POPS & TOTS**

Moms, Pops & Tots will meet on Monday, January 9th at 9:15 a.m. in the Olsavsky Center. If you are interested in the play group, please

contact Debbie Fitzmaurice at 440-543-0701 or [debbie.fitzmaurice@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.fitzmaurice@gmail.com)

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Maggie's Place has recently been renovated and is holding a "Maggie's Place Ohio Open House" on Sunday, January 22nd, 1 to 5 p.m. at The Zechariah House. Please RSVP to Erin Valencia at 440.740.1725 or [evalencia@maggiesplace.org](mailto:evalencia@maggiesplace.org) by January 17th and the address will be provided at the time of your reservation. Light refreshments will be served.

### **WELLNESS MINISTRY** **SHAWL MINISTRY**



The Shawl Ministry meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join in knitting, crocheting, sewing on medals and praying for those in need of healing and comfort. Our yarns are generously and graciously supplied by the Women's Guild of the church. Please contact Rebecca Rybak, chairperson at 607-731-9684, for more information. If you know of someone needing a shawl, please call Myra Janda (440.543.9359) or Karen in the parish office at 440.247.7183.

### **AREA NEWS**

#### **BETHANY RETREAT CENTER, CHARDON**

Join us in this *new year* for a **Quiet Day of Prayer at Bethany Retreat Center**, 13000 Auburn Road, Chardon (across from NDCL) on **Thursday, January 12th, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** The day begins and ends with prayer together and in between, you are free to create your own time of prayer and reflection. The \$10.00 donation includes lunch. Please contact Sister Jennifer Kramer, SND by Monday, January 9th to register. Email: [jkramer@ndec.org](mailto:jkramer@ndec.org) or 440-279-1143.

#### **RETRouvaille WEEKEND**

The Retrouvaille program can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. This program is supported by the Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held on January 20-22. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation.

For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha (in complete confidence) at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230. To register online, go to: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

#### **CENTER FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP**

An evening of worship and fellowship for youth and young adults will be held on Thursday, January 19th at 7 p.m. in the Sacred

### **EPIPHANY**



Heart Chapel at the Center for Pastoral Leadership.

For more information, please contact the Seminary Vocation Office at 440.943.7630.

### CATHOLIC COUPLE CHECKUP

Take the online Catholic Couple Checkup to recharge your relationship. Discover your couple strengths, growth areas and personality profiles. Surveys are available for dating and married couples. Couples receive a personalized report and discussion guide - a great value! Go online to [www.ccdcle.org/mfm](http://www.ccdcle.org/mfm) and click on the Couple Checkup graphic at the bottom of the page.

### SACRED STEPS PILGRIMAGE RETREAT

A retreat for all separated and divorced persons in the diocese. The Retreat will be on Friday, January 20th (7-9 p.m) and Saturday January 21st (8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. with 4:30 Mass) at St. Joseph Church, 12700

## \*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*

At the Spring Luncheon, I donated two Playhouse Square Broadway Series tickets to the January 20th performance of "Into The Woods". I also included parking, a restaurant gift certificate, and a handmade floral bowl. A lovely woman made the winning bid and has already paid for this delightful evening. The show tickets arrived this fall and **NO ONE** has come forward to collect them! The tickets are in the parish office.

If you are the woman, please call the Parish Office at 440-247-7183 to claim your tickets, they are waiting for you! If you know who the winner is, **PLEASE** let us know!!

Sincerely, Jan Jones

Pearl Road, Strongsville. The cost is \$25.00.

Call Jane at 216.334.2978 by January 13th to register. For more information about the retreat, please contact Deacon Bob Lester at 440.238.5555 ext. 110 or Carol Petro, LSW at 216.334.2975.

### FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

*Herod was frightened of Jesus. He feared Jesus would replace him and*

*he would lose control. In families fear appears when we are threatened by what is out of our control. We fret but it does no good. Give these situations to the Lord and let Him lead us like He led the Magi.*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Sunday, January 8th

**Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon**  
10:00 am PSR (School & OC)  
11:00 am Grades 7 & 8 (School & OC)  
12:00 noon HS Theology (Library)  
6:30 pm Youth Ministry (Hall)

#### Monday, January 9th

10:30 am District Meeting (Hall)  
7:00 pm Baptism Class (GA)  
7:30 pm Respect Life Meeting (Hall)

#### Tuesday, January 10th

9:00 am Shawl Ministry (Hall)

#### Wednesday, January 11th

7:00 pm RCIA (Rectory)  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Hall)

#### Thursday, January 12th

8:30 am Bible Study (Rectory)  
6:30 pm Confirmation Session (Hall)  
7:00 pm Bible Study (Rectory)

#### Saturday, January 14th

**Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm**  
**Used Books & Jewelry Drop-Off after Masses**  
3:30 pm Confessions (Church)

#### Sunday, January 15th

**Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon**  
**Used Books & Jewelry Drop-Off after Masses**  
12:00 noon HS Theology (Library)

## The Giving Pantry

### The Following Items Are Needed Every Week:

Canned Beef, Pork, Spam, Salmon, Tuna, Chicken, Stew, Rice, Noodles, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce with Meat, Dry Soup Mixes, Cereal, Dried Fruit, Raisins, Peanuts, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Coffee, Tea, Crackers and Cookies

### The Following Items Are Needed Monthly:

Bath items, hand soaps, toothpaste & toothbrushes, shampoo/conditioner, Depends, feminine products, toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, laundry detergent, fabric softener, dish soap.

### Donations can also be made to our Helping Hands Fund

#### Donation for the USO:

Individual Size: peanut butter, drink mix, hot cereal, wipes and shaving cream. Also: beef jerky, lip balm, raman noodles, all sizes Ziploc bags, toiletries and hard candy

### Please put items by the flag in the Gathering Area

#### Manufacturer Coupons

Please continue to drop off store coupons found in the local newspapers, magazines or online. Place them in a bag or envelope and put them in the food pantry collection baskets in the Gathering Area after Mass. Thank you