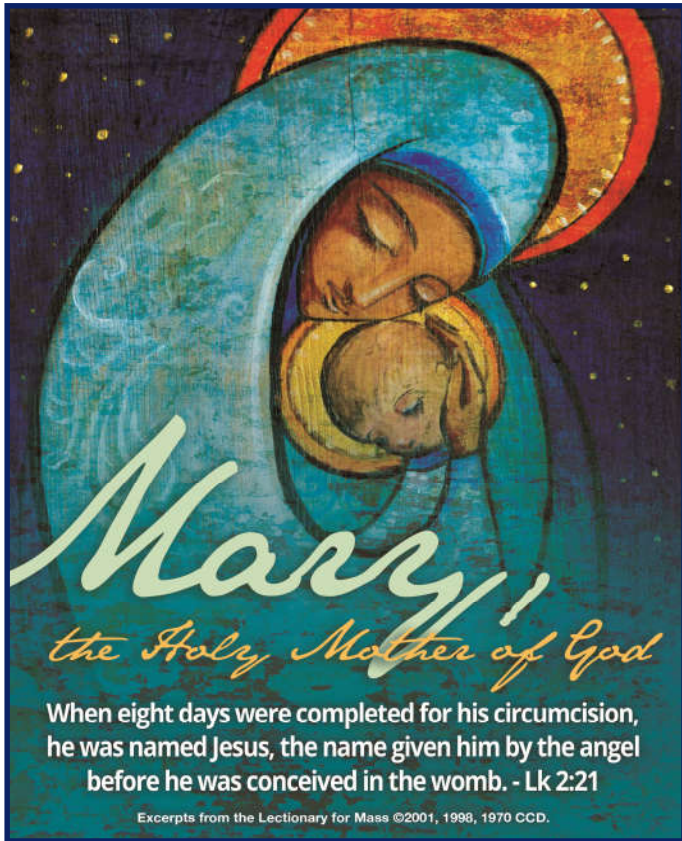


# St. Joan Of Arc Church

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  
Sr. Judith Bucco, SND, Director of Religious Education  
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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 1, 2017 — The Solemnity of Mary



*“Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.”*

(Luke 2:16-21)

Mary had a lot to reassure in her heart. There was Gabriel’s visit to her, and her visit to Elizabeth. There was the conception of a child that would be called Son of the Most High. Then there was the birth of her child in a strange city, under hard conditions, but with a good man at her side to help and protect her and the baby. And then the shepherds showed up.

These people smelled of animals and long periods of time without a bath. They were wild and unsocialized people who lived in the wilderness to care for their animals. When they stumbled into her presence on that eventful (and likely exhausting) night, they told wild stories. An angel, a proclamation, a Messiah, a heavenly host! None of it would have made any sense, except that Mary knew about angels and proclamations already.

The one with the good voice sang the first Christmas carol, imitating the angel: “Glory to God in the highest...” Mary decided it was time to start treasuring, as these events were not likely to be repeated in her lifetime, or anyone’s. Did she guess that we would continue to reflect on them until the end of time?

How is God smiling upon your life right now? Count your blessings and thank God.

When have you experienced the freedom of surrendering a heavy load? How does your faith lighten your load at this time?



What memories do you treasure and reflect upon? What lessons do they teach you?

*Application: Bless the new year, and be a blessing for those around you. Treasure the good and holy things in your past, and reflect on how you can share your treasure with a needy world.*

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### WELCOME TO ST. JOAN’S

Welcome to worship in this new year of our Lord 2017! Please greet one another in the spirit of Christ.

### MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, January 1st -

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of SJA  
10:00 a.m. Louise Corsaro (Paris)  
12:00 noon James Herbstreit (DiStaulo)

#### Monday, January 2nd - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

8:00 a.m. Flora Irving (Friends)  
Tuesday, January 3rd – Christmas Weekday

9:00 a.m. Mary Aulisio (Nally)

#### Wednesday, January 4th - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 a.m. NO MORNING MASS

#### Thursday, January 5th - St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Eddie Giordano (Mother)  
Friday, January 6th - Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. Jim Stepanek (Gross)  
Saturday, January 7th - Vigil Mass Vigil Mass:

4:30 p.m. A. J. Scolio (O’Hearn)

#### Sunday, January 8th -

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



The Parish Office closed at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 30th and will remain closed until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3rd.

### Collection for Sunday December 18, 2016

252 Envelopes Used	\$10,694
Cash	919
ACH	3,017
Total	\$14,630

**Religious Retirement Collection: \$3,326.00**

### Collection for Sunday December 25, 2016

557 Envelopes Used	\$54,165
Cash	3,967
ACH	3,590
Total	\$61,722

*Thank you for your support!*

### This Week’s Readings

**Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 2:1-11

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Prayers for Deceased and Ill Members of Our Parish.

In your charity please pray for all the deceased of the Parish. Remember Ann Marotta, Amy Covarrubias (daughter-in-law of Fred and Agnes), Deacon Donald Lodbell, Larry Hogan, Marge Skala and Nancy Barnard Hastings, all recently passed away.

### WEEKEND MASS CELEBRANT

1/7 & 1/8

4:30 Fr. Gary

8:00 Fr. Gary

10:00 Fr. Gary

12:00 Fr. Dan Schlegel  
(subject to change)

## From the Pastor

Greetings of Christmas Peace as we begin a New Year of Grace, 2017!

I hope your Christmas celebrations were blessed and joyful. And in the mist of Christmas, this weekend we honor Mary, the Mother of God, who said “yes” to bringing the world our Savior. (I also pray with St. Joseph, the father of Jesus and husband of Mary. Yes, the Holy Family is a model for us and our living!)

In the church, we celebrate Christmas until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This year we will recall the Lord’s baptism on Monday January 9, 2017. Until then, the church is festive with our Christmas decorations, we sing carols, and we rejoice at the dawning of our Salvation in the birth of Christ. Even though the stores have had everything on clearance for at least a week (or more!), we proclaim the birth of the Messiah and celebrate his presence and love! Again, Merry Christmas!



Next weekend (January 7-8) we will celebrate the Epiphany in church – another “Christmas Celebration.” A great description of Epiphany is, “Follow that Star!” For Epiphany, I will put a “House Blessing Prayer” in my bulletin column next weekend. Each individual or family in the parish can use this prayer to bless their home or residence. The U.S. Bishops have said that it is most appropriate for those who reside in a home to ask God to bless their dwelling! Therefore, please use the blessing we provide for you in next weekend’s bulletin. Then gather as a family in any “main room” of your home and celebrate the “House Blessing Prayer.” All you need is an open heart (and a piece of chalk, if you’d like to mark your doorpost!).

*Looking ahead, I will be on vacation from Sunday afternoon January 8 until later on Saturday January 14, 2017. Moreover, we will not have daily mass at SJA the week I am gone. The neighboring priests have graciously agreed to respond to any funerals or emergencies that may come up in my absence. Thank you Fathers!*

May the Savior, born for our salvation, give you his Grace and Peace.

*Fr. Gary*



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

### **JOYFUL APPRECIATION**

Our Christmas celebration was enhanced so much this year because so many persons shared their gifts, talents, energy and time!

The decorations in Church once more focused on the altar and the manger, the real meaning of the celebration. The music at the Christmas Masses lifted up our

spirits. The various ministers at the altar, directors of our children’s liturgy and the ushers/greeters provided the assistance we needed for a warm and welcoming celebration. Thanks to all of you who were a part of this preparation and celebration.

Fr. Gary, Fr. Damian and the parish staff would like to thank each of you for all the cards and special kindnesses during the Christmas season.

# **A YEAR FOR PEACE**

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

Coffee & Donuts has taken a little break. We will not be serving on Sunday, January 1st. Coffee & Donuts will return on Sunday, January 8th. Have a blessed Christmas and safe and happy New Year.

### **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.

## **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**.

### **CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

We will **not** have Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Christmas or on Sunday, January 1.

### **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**

#### **YM FAQs**

**Q:** What do you do at youth group meetings? **A:** They are very different from PSR and Catholic school religion class! Each month we have fun activities in which we connect to



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

By Mrs. Shelley DiBacco,  
School Principal

*Faith. Academics. Excellence*



Today is the first Sunday of the New Year! A new year always brings new hopes and new expectations. On Wednesday, January 4th, we welcome back our St. Joan of Arc School students and staff. The first part of our school year brought many wonderful experiences from prayer to performances, reading to science, and uncertainty to self-confidence. We are so proud of our students and we look forward to seeing and to sharing the accomplishments of the second part of the year.

our faith, read scripture and have lively discussions with the help of the YouCat. **Q:** What’s the YouCat? **A:** It is a catechism book designed for youth, but adults like it too! Find it on Amazon. **Q:** How will youth group help a teen grow in faith? **A:** This year we’ve introduced the “You Challenge.” At the end of every night the teens are sent home with a challenge written on paper. It’s not homework, just a way to continue thinking about the topic throughout the week. It also encourages them to practice the prayer style we used that night. **Q:** Who can participate? Can teens invite non-parishioners? **A:** Anyone in grades 7-8 or 9-12 can come. That’s the only rule! Friends outside SJA are always welcome. **Q:** When do you meet? **A:** The 7 & 8 grade and HS groups each meet once a month. We offer service projects and retreats too. Check the website for details.

### **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, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade teens, 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 “WHAT’S” & 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!

## **\*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

### **MISSION TRIP**

Adults and teens (current 9<sup>th</sup> grade & up), consider joining the **Belize Mission Trip, July 15-21, 2017** 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 CHRISTMAS TEA**

The Women's Guild would like to give special thanks to Gerry Koprowski for the wonderful Christmas Tea that she chaired. The food was fabulous! We had great music from Dan Anderson and Bonnie Andre. It was a great afternoon, and the best part is that we sent hundreds of cookies to the West Side Catholic Center delivered by Sister Judy Bucco. Many thanks everyone for your support for this

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS**

Listed below are donations made to the Flower Fund after the printing of the Christmas Bulletin:

In memory of Cecille & John Eget — Daughter

In honor & memory of the friends & family of Carl & Caroline Gluf — M/M Gluf

In memory of Dorothy & Alex Toth — The Toth Family

In memory of Robert B. Krupansky — Wife

In memory of Gretchen Aquaviva and deceased of the Aquaviva, Crout & Aeola Families — Tom Aquaviva

Lynn Ricketts

M/M William Cosgrove

special event. Blessings to you all in the New Year!

### **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 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.

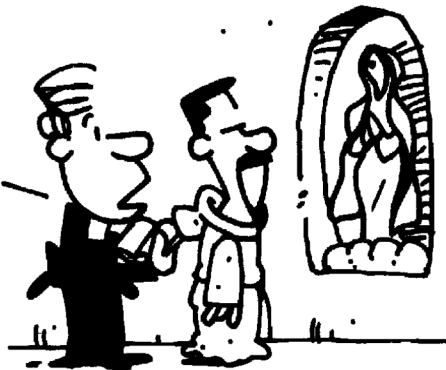
### **ELIZABETH MINISTRY MOMS POPS & TOTS**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to Christmas Vacation, the Moms, Pops & Tots will NOT be meeting on

## **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

"MARY KEPT ALL THESE THINGS, REFLECTING ON THEM IN HER HEART."

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I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU ARE — SOMETIMES YOU JUST CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT GOD IS DOING WITH YOU!

January 2nd. We will resume on Monday, January 9th. 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)

### **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.

# Adoration and Benediction



*Join us for a Holy Hour of prayer  
Thursday, January 5, 2016—7-8 P.M.  
Followed by Adoration throughout the  
night until Friday at 8:00 a.m.*

Come and spend time in prayer before Christ present in the Eucharist. It will be an opportunity to gather as a community to pray for our world and for our personal needs in the presence of Christ our Savior.

### **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.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **Sunday, January 1st**

**Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon**

#### **Thursday, January 5th**

8:30 am Bible Study (Rectory)

7:00 pm Bible Study (Rectory)

7:00 pm Holy Hour (Church)

8 pm-8 am Adoration (Chapel)

#### **Saturday, January 7th**

4:00 pm Mass (Church)

#### **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)

### **FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

*Mary, the Mother of God and our Blessed Mother is The Model Disciple for all of us. The gospels portray her as having a heart always open to the Lord and His will. How can our hearts be open like hers? To take time to be mindful of God acting in the world and to prayerfully reflect on them in our hearts.*



## 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