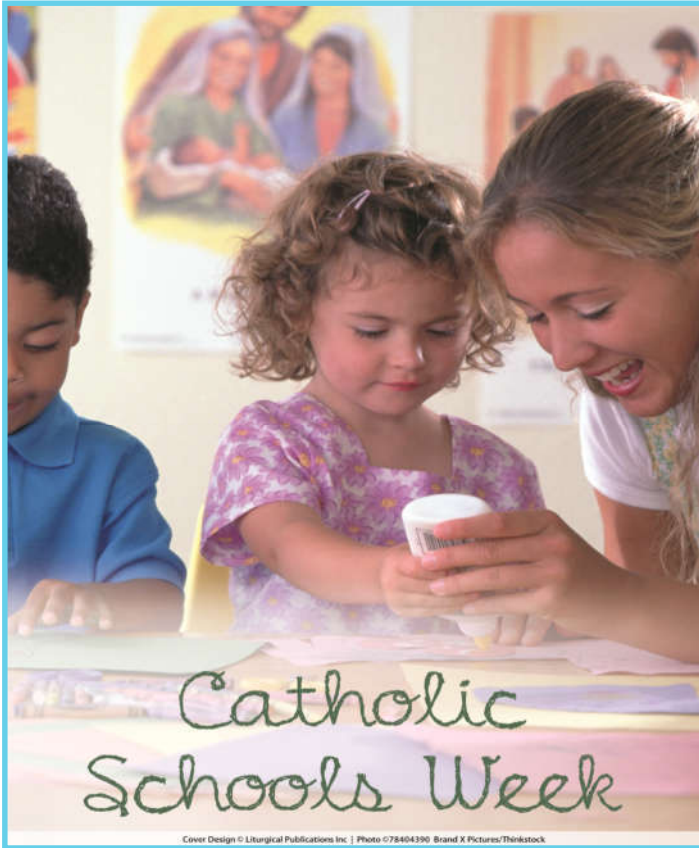


St. Joan Of Arc Church

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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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Rel. Education Office/Sr. Judy Bucco (440) 247-3606
Sr. Ann Marie Kanusek, SND (440) 247-1141
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Rev. Gary J. Malin, Pastor
Sr. Judith Bucco, SND, Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Shelley DiBacco, Principal
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 29, 2017 — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“How blest are the poor in spirit.”
(Matthew 5:1-12)

Jesus says some pretty doubtful-sounding things in the Sermon on the Mount, but the Beatitudes take the cake. How blest are the poor in spirit? Not very! And the sorrowing, the hungry, and the persecuted are not doing so well either. In fact, the merciful are mocked as soft, the peacemakers as “doves,” and the single-hearted dismissed as lacking imagination.

What Jesus promises is a reward in heaven—of course he would not presume too much for the charity of this world. But the Beatitudes were delivered to two audiences with two purposes in mind: to the lowly, to increase their hope, and to the powerful, as a warning. It is not accident that, in Luke’s version, the “blessed be” verses are followed by the “woe to you” section, to spell it out for the hard of hearing.

Good news for the weak in always bad news to the strong. That’s why, if we stand in any position of power or have any resources at hand, we are warned to put our advantage at the service of the lowly. God will side in the end with the poor. I repeat: God will side in the end with the poor.

Consider Zephaniah’s description of the day of humility. Whom do you know who best exemplifies the spirit of that day? In what ways do the Beatitudes sound like good news to you? Are they also bad news in some ways?

Application: Choose one Beatitude—the one that strikes you



most keenly—and find a way this week to make someone feel blessed in their lowliness. Make your presence/action/generosity a beatitude for others.

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WELCOME TO ST. JOAN’S

Here we learn what is good and what the Lord requires of us: justice, mercy and walking humbly with God (Micah 6:8). May you find blessing and inspiration as you hear God’s Word today.

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 29th -

8:00 a.m. Dawn Palisky (Florkiewicz)
10:00 a.m. Rose Giordano (Koons)
12:00 noon Living & Deceased of SJA

Monday, January 30th - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Jean Murphy (Bomback)

Tuesday, January 31st – St. John Bosco, Priest

9:00 a.m. Anthony Iafelice (Fatica)

Wednesday, February 1st - Weekday

8:00 a.m. NO MORNING MASS

Thursday, February 2nd -

Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Howard Haris (Lynch)

Friday, February 3rd - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Margaret Schmidt (Gleason)

Saturday, February 4th - Vigil Mass

Vigil Mass:

4:30 p.m. Karyn Spanolo (Yoe)

Sunday, February 5th -

8:00 a.m. Margaret Horner
(Florkiewicz)

10:00 a.m. Richard Burr (Dunlop)

12:00 noon Living & Deceased of SJA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers for Deceased and Ill Members of Our Parish.

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

Remember the sick of our parish. Especially Georgia Wagner (wife of Gene), Dr. Patrick O’Hara, Jim Mackey, Lisa Ricchino and Infant Vivian Rode Weber. May God’s healing love strengthen them.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Liturgical Publications will be here the week of February 27th to secure

Collection for Sunday January 22, 2017

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| 270 Envelopes Used | \$11,596 |
| Cash | 1,095 |
| ACH | <u>3,122</u> |
| Total | \$15,813 |

Thank you for your support!

This Week’s Readings

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/

1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31/

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103/
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/Heb 2:14-
18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23/
Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112/
1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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SPECIAL EVENTS

PARISH MISSION: HOLINESS REVOLUTION: DISCOVER LIFE ANEW! DISCOVER FAITH ANEW!

Join with fellow parishioners on **February 26th through February 28th** for this powerful three-day mission that will change lives! **Dan**

WEEKEND MASS CELEBRANT

2/4 & 2/5

4:30 Fr. Gary

8:00 Fr. Gary

10:00 Fr. Damian

12:00 Fr. Damian

(subject to change)

From the Pastor

Greetings of Peace.

Each year all churches in the Diocese of Cleveland do a "Count" (usually in the month of October) to see how many Catholics are attending mass. "Tracking" mass attendance each year is one good indicator of how many Catholics are actually practicing their faith by coming to mass regularly.



In the past few years, the numbers attending St. Joan of Arc have trended downward. Although attendance has been "relatively consistent" over the past two (2) years, you can see from the numbers, below, we now have 130 fewer people attending mass (on average than there were even as recently as five (5) years ago.

Average attendance per mass at St. Joan of Arc

| Mass | 5 years ago | 2 years ago | 1 year ago | Fall 2016 |
|-------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 4:30 | 300 | 295 | 285 | 300 |
| 8:00 | 200 | 190 | 200 | 200 |
| 10:00 | 460 | 385 | 410 | 365 |
| 12:00 | <u>275</u> | <u>250</u> | <u>240</u> | <u>240</u> |
| Total | 1235 | 1120 | 1135 | 1105 |

I am not a sociologist, but this is significant and it shows we must face some realities. It impacts our collections. *(Therefore we recently engaged in "Grateful Giving" with the purpose of increasing our weekly collection.)* Fewer people attending mass is also evidenced in the fact that we now have one full-time priest at St. Joan (when 3-1/2 years ago we had two full time priests). It also impacts the number of people in our parish who are available to participate in ministries, groups, committees. There are other implications of fewer people coming to mass, as well.



Now St. Joan of Arc is not unique in this matter. Other parishes in our diocese are experiencing a similar pattern. But, I am told, the decline over the past five years is a bit higher in the Diocese of Cleveland than what other dioceses in the eastern part of the United States are experiencing. Moreover, I have read that "less participation" locally is also higher than the experience of other denominations.

What sense can we make of all this? Good question. My intent, here, is to communicate this to you and offer it for your perusal!

Thank you for your faith and for your presence here at St. Joan of Arc. You are in my heart and in my prayers.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary

DeMatte, an international speaker and best-selling Catholic author of "*Holiness Revolution*," will speak at our Parish Mission each evening. His themes include: Sunday: "*Drop Everything*," Monday: "*The Holiness Revolution*," and Tuesday: "*The Transformation*."

This mission is enjoyed by adults and youth 6th Grade through High School. ALL ARE WELCOME and please bring a guest or guests!

LATIN AMERICA-EL SALVADOR COLLECTION

This is the only appeal made by

the diocesan Mission Office for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador and will be taken up Feb. 4/5. It is the main support for three priests and one religious Sister who work in the three parishes served by our Missionaries. This appeal also make a contribution to

the Collection for the Church in Latin America that is managed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America.



World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2nd, and in parishes on the weekend of February 4-5. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Your support of the 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal helps us to carry out the mission the Jesus entrusted to us: *"Whatever you did for the least of mine, you did for me."* Please consider a gift that will change the lives of more than 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio with essential programs and services throughout the eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. The church "in pew" appeal takes place on Feb. 11 & 12.

PARISH NEWS

ST. PAT'S HUNGER CENTER

Thank you to everyone who helped cook, serve, clean up and baked cookies. It was appreciated and the bags of cookies sent home were a big hit! Anyone interested in helping in the future, please contact Jane Zilly at 440.338. 8561.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

PSR CLASSES

Please note that there are no PSR



St. Joan of Arc Catholic School News

By Mrs. Shelley DiBacco,
School Principal

Faith. Academics. Excellence



Today is kickoff Sunday for Catholic Schools Week 2017. In today's Gospel we hear the story of how Jesus taught His disciples the Beatitudes. *When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them." (Matthew 5: 1-12A)* It is fitting that we hear this Gospel today, because as a Catholic school, we invite Christ the Teacher to be present in our school everyday, and we actively teach students about Jesus and His great love for us and for all people. We are grateful for our parents and for our teachers who teach the faith on a daily basis and we are grateful for the opportunity to pass on our faith to the next generation, in our homes and in our school.

Please come over to school for our open house. The open house is the first in a week-long series of events planned as St. Joan of Arc School joins over 8,000 Catholic schools across the nation in celebrating this year's theme: *"Catholic Schools: Academics, Faith, Service"*. In these uncertain times, investing in our children's future is more important than ever, and a St. Joan of Arc School education is an investment that truly pays dividends for life. **All are welcome** – please join us as we celebrate our parish school.

Our Book Fair is Here! The whole school is excited about our Book Fair. An amazing selection of books is headed our way. At the Book Fair you will find the latest and finest titles for kids, as well as books of interest to parents. Please come over to the school immediately following 10 a.m. Mass today. The whole family can join in the fun! In addition, you can shop online at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stjoanofarcschool>. You can contribute books to your child's classroom library. The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading. See you there!

In conjunction with our *One School, One Book* project, the students in grades Kindergarten–5, went on a virtual "field trip" to the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. The students were able to get a "behind the scenes" look at the penguin exhibit. They learned about the different types of penguins that live in the exhibit and what the aquarium does to make the animals comfortable and safe. The students also watched a webcast straight from the South Pole! Be sure to come over to school to see the giant igloo our first grade teacher, Miss Samantha DiIorio, built for the students. What a perfect place for the students to relax and to read our book selection, *Mr. Popper's Penguins*.

St. Joan of Arc School is currently accepting registrations for any families, K-8, who are interested in attending St. Joan of Arc School for the 2017-2018 school year. You may stop at the school to complete the registration forms. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour, please call the principal, Mrs. Shelley DiBacco at 440-247-6530. The school hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

classes for PreK-4-Gr. 8 on Sunday/Monday, January 29th and 30th. St. Joan of Arc School has Catholic Schools Week Open House on

Sunday, and the Chagrin Schools are off on Monday. The last class for High School Theology is on **Sunday, Jan. 29**, in the Parish Hall.

PSR EVALUATION REPORTS

Your child's PSR Evaluation Report will be given on January 22/23. Please sign and return them to your child's Catechist by **Sunday/Monday, February 5/6**. Thank you!

TO PROTECT-PRAESIDIUM PROGRAM

Called to Protect, a program that helps protect our children against sexual abuse is part of the religious education curriculum of the Diocese of Cleveland. Our Catechists, who have been trained to teach this program, will teach the *Called to Protect—Praesidium Program* on **February 5, 12, and 26 (Grade K and Grade 7)** and **February 6, 13, and March 6 (Grades 1-5)**. Thank you for your support.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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!

SOUPER BOWL VOLUNTEERS

After all Masses, February 4 & 5. Teen grades 7-12 are needed to help collect donations after all masses. This money will be used for our annual Shopping War in February. Pick a mass time and sign

Adoration and Benediction



**Join us for a Holy Hour of prayer
Thursday, February 2, 2017 - 7-8 P.M.
Followed by Adoration throughout the
night until 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.

up with Melissa, thanks!
stjoanofarcym@gmail.com

7/8 NIGHT: BATTLE SHIP

Sunday, February 12, 6:30-8 pm, Parish Hall. Teens, grades 7-8, join us for a life-sized game of Battle Ship! Teams will battle against each other using Christian trivia and our life-sized 3-D gameboard. Don't forget to invite a friend!

WOMEN'S GUILD

THANK YOU

Thank you to the volunteers who worked tirelessly, the generosity of donors, and the shoppers who many times said "keep the change." All of you gave generously of your energy, donations, money and TIME which made our sale a SUCCESS! The Guild the proceeds to St. Joan of Arc "Helping Hand Fund. Also, from the unsold items donations of purses and jewelry were made to "Dress for Success" program and children's books to an inner city

school. We are humbled by everyone's generosity. With gratitude, Judy and Susan

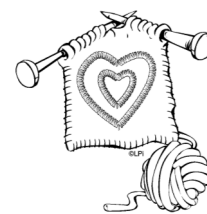
ELIZABETH MINISTRY

MOMS POPS & TOTS

Moms, Pops & Tots will meet Monday, January 30th 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

WELLNESS MINISTRY

SHAWL MINISTRY



The February meeting of the Shawl Ministry will be held on Tuesday, February 14th at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. There will be no agenda and no collection of finished items (please save them for March's meeting). The time will

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





SJA Youth Ministry's Souper Bowl of Caring Collection February 4th and 5th After all Masses

Teens will be collecting monetary donations after Mass for our annual Souper Bowl of Caring. Teens will go shopping with monies raised and donate the items to locate food pantries. A donation will also be made to the Chagrin Falls Park "Strategies for Life" program. Thank you for your support!

be available for working on unfinished projects while enjoying each other's company and having refreshments. Project yarn will also be available. Please call Karen in the parish office at 440.247.7183 or Myra Janda at 440.543.9359 if you know someone needing a shawl. Chairman, Rebecca Rybak, at 607.731.9684.

AREA NEWS

BAPTISM CLASSES

On Sunday, Feb. 5th, both Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Holy Angels will hold Baptism classes.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help is at 12:30 p.m. in Room 201. Call 330.562.8519 or email mcorrigan@olphaurora.org to register.

Holy Angels is at 1:30 p.m. Call 440.708.0000 or

cathy@holyangelschurch.com to register.

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

The Ss. Cosmas & Damian Prayer Group invites all to attend a Festival of Praise on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Ss. Cosmas & Damian Church, Twinhaven Hall from 6:45-9 p.m. This will be a time to come together to praise and worship God through song and prayer. The Church is located at 10419 Ravenna Rd., Twinsburg. Please call Jerry or Grace Wrobel at 330.425.2678 for additional information.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a recipe if we want blessings upon family. The need for control, power and selfishness must give way to fair treatment, forgiveness, peace and

love for even the weakest member. A blessing is more than a prayer-it's the result of a life well lived. A life of virtue yields blessings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 29th

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon
12:00 noon HS Theology (Hall)
3:00 pm Rosary Cenacle (Chapel)
6:00 pm Youth Ministry (Hall)

Tuesday, January 31st

10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Hall)

Wednesday, February 1st

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

Thursday, February 2nd

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, February 4th

Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm
Souper Bowl Collection after Masses
3:30 pm Confessions (Church)

Sunday, February 5th

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon
Souper Bowl Collection after Masses
10:00 am Pre-K-3 PSR (School/OC)
11:00 am Gr. 7 & 8 PSR (School/OC)
3:00 pm Rosary Cenacle (Chapel)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

It's the week to celebrate all-things in Catholic Education and students, teachers and parents are doing just that at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School. Some parents don't think twice about sending their children to a Catholic school, but for others, they need to visit a school and learn more about it. St. Joan of Arc School welcomes prospective new families at any time to come and take a look at the school.

All families and community members are invited to join parishioners and St. Joan of Arc School faculty and students to join in a special Celebratory Mass this Sunday, January 29th at 10:00 am, followed by refreshments, an Open House and Tour of the school from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Seventh and eighth grade Science projects will be on display. You will also have an opportunity to visit the Science and Computer Lab, Art Studio, and Music Room. You will also have the opportunity to with teachers in their classrooms and get information. St. Joan of Arc School is the 2011 recipient of the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award.

