

# Saint Joan Of Arc Church

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday Vigil (Sunday Obligation): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass: Mon. through Sat. — 8:30 a.m.

#### **HOLY DAYS:**

Vigil: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 8:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

#### **BAPTISMS:**

By appointment. Contact the Parish Office.

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Daily: One half hour before Mass.

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. and by appointment.

#### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Please contact the Parish Office six months in advance.

#### **SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Contact the Parish Office.

#### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS:**

Anyone interested in learning more about the vocation to priesthood or diaconate, is invited to contact the pastor, or the diocesan office of clergy vocations at 724-837-0901.

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:30AM—4:30PM

If assistance is needed at other times, please call the parish office.

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

Welcome! Please register as soon as possible. Contact the Parish Office.

#### **MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND:**

To arrange for the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office. Eucharistic Ministers are available for Communion to the homebound.

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES:**

Counseling is available through the Diocesan Catholic Charities Office. Contact the Parish Office.

#### **EVENT SCHEDULING:**

All proposed events to be held at St. Joan of Arc Church must be submitted to the Parish Office one month prior to the planned event. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

### **Coronavirus Update**

**All Masses are canceled until further notice.**

**The church is now closed. Please go to [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org) for information regarding on line prayer services and Masses.**

#### **Prayer for Home and Family**

**O God, our refuge in adversity, our strength in sickness, our comfort in sorrow, protect our family, nation and world, that under your care, our community and world might be spared from further sickness and find relief through Your loving mercy. Amen.**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—APRIL 19, 2020**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, Apr. 18 Anticipated—2nd Sunday of Easter**

5:00 pm.....Thomas Scott  
Lillian & David Cale

**Sunday, Apr. 19—2nd Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am.....Continued Good Health for Dean  
Pam Whyel

**Monday, Apr. 20**

8:30 am.....Ron Gross  
Sara Gross

**Tuesday, Apr. 21**

8:30 am .....Joseph Michener  
The Foutz Family

**Wednesday, Apr. 22**

8:30 am.....Sally John  
Buzz John

**Thursday, Apr. 23**

8:30 am .....Prayer Shawl Recipients

**Friday, Apr. 24**

8:30 am.....Dennis Staggs  
Gina Staggs

**Saturday, Apr. 25 Anticipated—3rd Sunday of Easter**

5:00 pm.....Teresa Ferrato  
Paul & Patty Bobish

**Sunday, Apr. 26—3rd Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am.....James Maust  
Rheba Maust

**Note: Father says one private Mass daily. Masses  
scheduled for 11 AM on Sundays are being rescheduled.  
Thank You**

**ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS**

**Pope Francis—thought for the day (Apr. 19)**

God is faithful and our hope in Him is like a fixed anchor in heaven.

*Everybody should see kindness in your face, in your eyes, in your smile, in your warm greeting.*

*Mother Teresa*

**Collection Report for  
Sunday, April 12, 2020**

**First Collection**

Envelopes Dated Sunday, April 12, 2020	\$1,495.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	875.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	
Loose Cash and Checks	200.00

**Second Collection  
Improvement Fund**

Envelopes (All Dates)	425.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc and Visitors	
Loose Cash and Checks	

**Other**

Cemetery Fund	50.00
Votive Candles	3.00
Flower Fund - Regular	32.00
Palm Sunday	65.00
Holy Thursday	57.00
Good Friday Holy Land	47.00
Easter Offering	310.00
Mother's Day	70.00
Donations	500.00
Missal Dedications	375.00

**TOTAL: \$4,504.00**



**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**1: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43**

**2: Colossians 3: 1-4**

**3: John 20: 1-9**

**Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:**

Peter speaks to his listeners about what has happened all over Judea—the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Paul tells the Colossians they have been raised with Jesus and therefore need to seek what is above. In the Gospel, Mary of Magdala brings the news of the empty tomb to Simon and Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. Peter and the beloved disciple rush to the tomb.

**Focus: We demonstrate our belief in the empty tomb by the way we live our faith.**

Peter and the beloved disciple rush to the tomb and believe. We rush towards many things in our busy lives—does our rushing around include paying attention to how God is working in our lives, and speaking to us? We show we believe the tomb is empty by the way we live our faith.

**Commemorative Bricks**

**Attention Parishioners and Visitors!!!**

Celebrate life events such as weddings, births, graduations, and wedding anniversaries with a permanent memorial displayed on Saint Joan of Arc grounds in our peaceful mountain setting. This is also a wonderful way to memorialize loved ones and family.

For more information, call the office at 724-329-4522

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

**Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers**

We are working on the May and June Ministry Schedules. If you have dates you would like to be assigned or dates you are not available, please contact Lillian by phone at 724-439-1683 or email her at [reservations@laurelcaverns.com](mailto:reservations@laurelcaverns.com). Please note: Ascension Thursday is May 21st, so we need all ministries for Wednesday, May 20th and Thursday, May 21st, both days at 7 PM.

***How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet***

- 1. Make the Sign of the Cross**
- 2. Our Father**
- 3. Hail Mary**
- 4. The Apostle's Creed**
- 5. The Eternal Father large bead at beginning of decade**

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

**6. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade**

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

**7. Repeat for the remaining decades**

Saying the "Eternal Father" (5) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (6) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

**8. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)**

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: "I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy."

Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

But the road to the universal recognition and institutionalization of the devotion was anything but smooth. Since Sister Faustina's diary, which she claimed Jesus himself had asked her to keep, had been previously listed on the Index of Forbidden Books, it curtailed the exercise of the devotional practices. Detractors claimed that her writing contained theological errors, while her defenders attribute mistakes to a faulty translation from Polish to Italian. While the diary is no longer on the Index and her canonization has officially put away concerns regarding the orthodoxy of her writings, critics remain.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

**A Wave of Mercy**

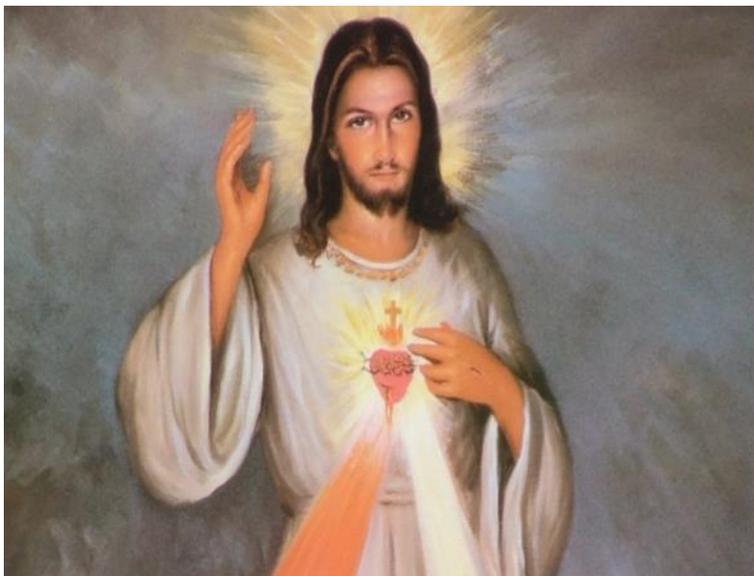
The Evangelist John makes us share in the emotion felt by the Apostles in their meeting with Christ after His Resurrection. Our attention focuses on the gesture of the master, who transmits to the fearful, astounded disciples the mission of being ministers of divine mercy. He shows them His hands and His side, which bear the marks of the passion, and tells them: “As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you” (Jn20:21). Immediately afterwards “He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained” (Jn 20: 22-23). Jesus entrusted to them the gift of “forgiving sins,” a gift that flows from the wounds in His hands, His feet, and especially from His pierced side. From there a wave of mercy is poured out over all humanity.

Let us relive this moment with great spiritual intensity. Today the Lord also shows His glorious wounds and His heart, an inexhaustible source of light and truth, of love and forgiveness.

The Heart of Christ! His “Sacred heart” has given us everything: redemption, salvation, sanctification,. St. Faustina Kowalska saw coming from this Heart that was overflowing with generous love, two rays of light which illuminated the world. The “two rays,” according to what Jesus Himself told her, “represent the blood and water.” The blood recalls the sacrifice at Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist; the water, according to the rich symbolism of the Evangelist John, makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit (Jn 3:5, 4:14).

Through the mystery of this wounded heart, the restorative tide of God’s merciful love continues to spread over the men and women of our time. Here alone can those who long for true and lasting happiness find its secret.

St. John Paul II, Homily, April 22, 2001



**7 Day Candle Offerings**

Jerry & Cat  
Ron & Teresa Steimer

Eric and All Who Love Him

Catholic Charities offers counseling for individuals, couples and families

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg offers faith-based assistance with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, interpersonal conflicts, recovery support, parenting and family issues, anger management, and other personal and family issues. Counseling is provided by licensed, professional and experienced therapists. Fees are low, and many insurances accepted. Offices are located in Greensburg, Indiana, Uniontown, Kittanning and New Kensington. For more information or an appointment, call 724-837-1840 or email [counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

**Mass Intentions for 2020**

Mass intentions for 2020 may be scheduled by filling out a the envelope found in the church pews or by contacting the church office (724-329-4522).

Mass is celebrated nine times each week here at St. Joan of Arc. Arranging to have a Mass offered for loved ones (living and deceased) is a perfect way to show how much you care. Mass cards are available upon request.

**Remember Loved Ones with Missal Dedications**

If you missed the opportunity to dedicate one of our new Glory and Praise Missals to family and friends, we invite you to memorialize them now. For \$25, you can dedicate a missal to family, friends and loved ones.

To initiate a dedication, please call the office at 724-329-4522

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS  
THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER:**

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| REV. WILLIAM LECHNAR   | ANNA SMITH                |
| MARK KRUEGER           | GARY MYERS                |
| PAT MYERS              | ANONYMOUS (WISDOM IN JOB) |
| EASTON STEPHANS-RIVERA | STEPHANIE GENTILE         |
| AMY TUNGATE            | JOHN LIGHTSEY JR.         |
| CHUCK GENTILE          | PAT WELLER                |
| LORI BATTELLI          | ALBERT B. CROSBY          |
| CATHERINE GALIDA       | JERRY GALIDA              |
| RHEBA MAUST            | MILLIE DETTMAN            |
| RICH HOLCHIN           | JIM AND CHRIS AUGUSTINE   |
| BARB HOLLAND           | DAVID RUSKO               |
| MARY JUDD              | MADDY MARTIN              |
| DOLORES YURKOVICH      | JOHN YURKOVICH            |
| ESTER SUCHEVITS        | EVELYN DAHL               |

If you would like to request prayer for yourself, a friend or loved one, please complete a Prayer Request Card located on the table in the rear of the church, or call Dorothy at 724-329-4522. If you would like the prayer recipient to receive cards of encouragement throughout the year, please provide an address.