

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

Our church building is closed until further notice.

Facebook—Saint Joan of Arc Church

Please join us for Mass on facebook Sundays at 10 AM. Weekday Masses at 9 AM may also stream. Check our page!

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, Apr. 27

8:30 am.....Brent Turner
Dean & Wilma Clawson

Tuesday, Apr. 28

8:30 amShirley Gearing
M/M Dan Gearing

Wednesday, Apr. 29

8:30 am.....Eric Murren
The Murren Family

Thursday, Apr. 30

8:30 amValerie Alexander

Friday, May 1

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

Saturday, May 2 Anticipated—4th Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm.....Patricia Blair
Mary Ann, Carolyn, Theresa

Sunday, May 3—4th Sunday of Easter

Streaming on Saint Joan of Arc Church facebook page

10:00 am.....Dolores Franczyk
Shimshock Family

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

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF THE EARTH

God our Father and Creator, we give you thanks for the wonder of creation which inspires us, the fruit of the Earth which feeds us, and the joy of life which gives us hope. Heal the places where your creation has been marred, and restore all creatures to the splendor of your glory, that all may delight once again in your goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Diana Macalintal, "Prayer for the Care of the Earth," in *The Work of Your Hands: Prayers for Ordinary and Extraordinary Moments of Grace* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2014), 24. Used with permission

Third Sunday of Easter

- 1: Acts 2: 14, 22-33**
- 2: 1 Peter 1: 17-21**
- 3: Luke 24: 13-35**

Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:

In the first reading, Peter proclaims to the Jews and all in Jerusalem that Jesus, *commended to [them] by God*, was also killed by them. But that God raised Him up. Peter writes that all have been ransomed by the *precious blood of Christ*. In the Gospel, two disciples traveled from Jerusalem to Emmaus, discussing all that had happened. Jesus joined them, but they did not recognize Him until they sat for a meal and *He took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them*.

Focus: Let us rejoice in the good news of salvation: Jesus is God's promise fulfilled.

The joy of the Easter season is still with us as we rejoice in the risen Christ. He is truly present to us in the celebration of the Mass. He is the promise fulfilled, and we are nourished with His word, and His body and blood. Just like those on the road to Emmaus, we know Him in the breaking of the bread.

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Apr. 26)

The cry of the people of God, the cry of the poor, is a kind of prayer; it opens our heart and teaches us to be attentive.

I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky. Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness He brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?

Pope Francis

Sanctuary Light

The sanctuary candle burns in memory of Mary Anne Gross, May 2 through May 15th as requested by Dorothy Murren.



**Collection Report for
Sunday, April 19, 2020**

First Collection

Envelopes Dated Sunday, April 19, 2020	\$735.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	305.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	
Loose Cash and Checks	

Second Collection

Enter the name of the second collection here!

Envelopes (All Dates)	68.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc and Visitors	
Loose Cash and Checks	

Other

Cemetery Fund	
Votive Candles	3.00
Flower Fund - Regular	
Holy Thursday	110.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	10.00
Easter Offering	195.00

TOTAL: \$1,426.00



Our Version of the Story

What happens in Jerusalem doesn't stay in Jerusalem. Especially if you don't understand what happened. So the downcast disciples make their way back to Emmaus. Tired to the bone, grief stricken and confused. Conversing and debating about what had happened to their Teacher in the previous days.

And then along comes a complete stranger, inserting himself into their intimate conversation: "What are you discussing as you walk along?" Benign enough, but the question stops Cleopas in his tracks: "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who doesn't know what happened there these past days?" Perhaps the most ironic question ever.

I wonder if Jesus—still getting used to standing upright and walking around—may have momentarily lost His balance, the waves of misery washing over Him. Wounds reopened. The friends who betrayed, abandoned, and denied Him. The wood of the cross. The nails. Every agonizing hour, every sickening second. All the horrific things that had happened to Him, resurfacing now on the road to Emmaus.

"What sort of things?" he asks, curious to hear His disciples' version of the story. To their credit, Cleopas and his companion mostly get it right. But Jesus takes them further back in salvation history, pointing out how all that had happened in Jerusalem was according to God's plan. We get the abridged one sentence version of His account, but surely it was a slower moving miles-long story. Something about it captivated those weary travelers. Something about this story-telling stranger they couldn't yet see....

"Please stay with us," they urge Him. And He, Who did not stay in the tomb, would stay with them at Emmaus. And it happened that at table, in the blessing and breaking and sharing of the bread, they recognized Him. And then He was gone, vanishing from their sight.

What happened in Emmaus didn't stay in Emmaus. We know that. Through the centuries, many a scholar and mystic have waxed eloquently (or sometimes not!) about the parallels between Emmaus and the Eucharist. But be sure of this: The One Who comes to us in Word and Sacrament longs for us to share this most intimate encounter. He must not vanish from our sight when we walf away from the Table.

"When do we see Christ hungry and feed Him, thirsty and give Him a drink? When do we see Christ ill or in prison and visit Him? When do we see Christ in a strangert or refugee and welcome Him?" (see Matt 25: 31-46). Perhaps the most relevant communion questions ever.

What happens at Mass cannot stay at Mass.
Mary Stommes



Saint Joan of Arc will be celebrating the National Day of prayer on Thursday, May 7th at 7 PM. Please join us on Facebook—Saint Joan of Arc Church—as we recite the Patriotic Rosary to pray God's glory across the earth.

For anyone who would like to continue celebrating the national Day of Prayer at the national level, services with various speakers will start at 8 PM. Please log on to nationaldayofprayer.org to participate.

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. Call 724-329-4522 For more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER:

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.

Meaning of the Miraculous Medal



The two sides of the medal convey two different messages for us.

The front presents the person of Mary. It shows Mary in the glory of her Immaculate Conception. She stands upon the globe, as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. Her feet crush the serpent, to proclaim that Satan and all his followers are helpless before her. It shows her as intercessor, the rays of light from her hands symbolizing the gifts coming through her intercession to all who ask for them. Etched about the rim is the invocation composed by Mary herself: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you."

The reverse of the Medal shows Mary in relationship to us, the Church. There are no words there because, as Mary said to Sister Catherine, "the M and the two hearts express enough." For they tell us that Mary is not only Queen and intercessor, but also our mother who knows our sorrows and mother of our Redeemer. For the love of God's children His heart wears a crown of thorns and hers is pierced with a sword. We find her with Jesus at the foot of the cross, as shown in the cross intertwined with the letter M.

The twelve stars are a double reminder. They can refer to the apostles, who represent the entire Church as it surrounds Mary. They may also be reminders of the stars in the vision of Saint John, in which "a great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." In this we can see Mary's part in our salvation. She brings her children through the sorrows of earth to the bliss of heaven, where in the crown of the Queen they will shine like stars for all eternity.



7 Day Candle Offerings

Jerry & Cat
Ron & Teresa Steimer

Eric and All Who Love Him

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

**MASS 10AM ON FACEBOOK EACH SUNDAY
SAINT JOAN OF ARC ON FACEBOOK (LIKE US)**

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.

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Novena to St. Joan of Arc

Glorious Saint Joan of Arc, filled with compassion for those who invoke you, with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I kneel at your feet and humbly beg you to take my present need under your special protection...(mention here). Vouchsafe to recommend it to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and lay it before the throne of Jesus. Cease not to intercede for me until my request is granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace to one day meet God face to face and with you and mary and all the angels and saints praise Him through all eternity.

O most powerful Saint Joan, do not let me lose my soul, but obtain for me the grace of winning my way to heaven, forever and ever. Amen.

First Communion

First Communion, normally scheduled for the first Sunday in May, will be rescheduled to a later date.