

Saint Joan Of Arc Church

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A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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Holy Week

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:

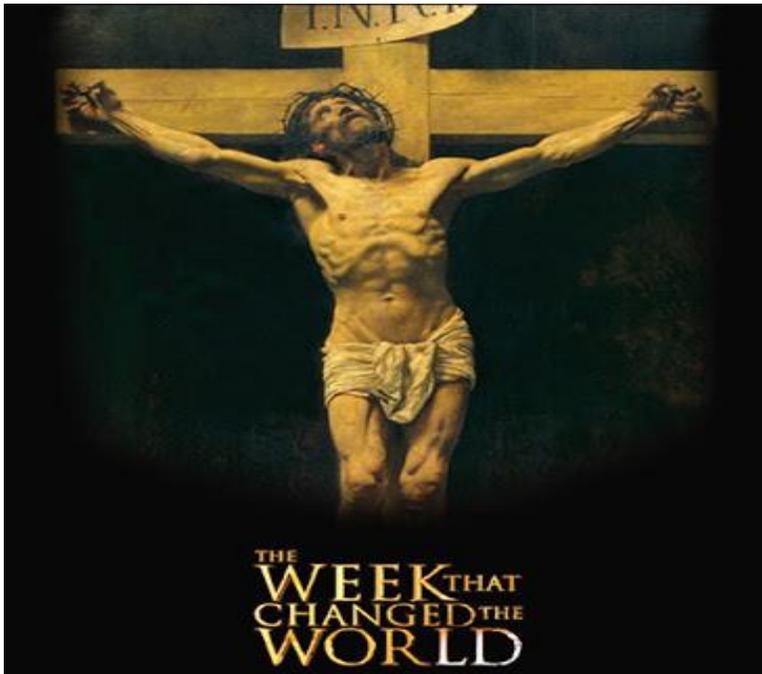
To arrange for the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office. Eucharistic Ministers are available for Communion to the homebound.

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, Penitential Services, Stations of the Cross are canceled until further notice. The fish lunches and dinners and the Holy Thursday Dinner are canceled.

The church is open for private prayer from 10 AM until 4 PM daily.

Please pray for all impacted by the pandemic.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Apr. 4 Anticipated—6th Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm.....Brent Turner
Charlotte Ghion

Sunday, Apr. 5—6th Sunday of Lent

8:00 am.....George E. Bissell
Diane Bissell & Ed Bissell

11:00 am.....James Maust
Rheba Maust

Monday, Apr. 6

8:30 am.....Helen Kovacic
Jim & Gloria Nuccetelli

Tuesday, Apr. 7

8:30 amLeah LaPresta
Flo Richardson

Wednesday, Apr. 8

8:30 am.....Paul Varhach
Thomas Wajda

Thursday, Apr. 9

8:30 amNO MORNING MASS
7:30 pm.....Gearing & O'Hern Families
M/M Dan Gearing

Friday, Apr. 10

8:30 am.....NO MORNING MASS

Saturday, Apr. 11

8:30 am.....NO MORNING MASS

Saturday, Apr. 11 Anticipated—Easter

9:00 pm.....Intentions of our Parish Family & Friends

Sunday, Apr. 12—Easter

8:00 am.....Intentions of our Parish Family & Friends

11:00 am.....Intentions of our Parish Family & Friends

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

April 11/12, 2019

LECTORS

Saturday, Vigil 9:00 pm.....B. Galida & D. Murren
Sunday, 8:00 am..... P. Whyel
Sunday, 11:00 am..... B. Citro

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, Vigil 9:00 pm.....M. L. Dick
Sunday, 8:00 am..... M. B. Mazur
Sunday, 11:00 am.....M. Herring

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Vigil 9:00 pm.....L. Cale & P. Terravecchia
Sunday, 8:00 am.....H. Mazur
Sunday, 11:00 am.....C. Homer

GREETERS

Saturday, Vigil 9:00 pm.....B. Galida
Sunday, 8:00 am.....
Sunday, 11:00 am.....R. Homer

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Palm Sunday

- 1: Isaiah 50: 4-7
- 2: Philippians 2: 6-11
- 3: Matthew 26: 14-27: 66



Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:

Saint Matthew writes of Jesus' celebrated entry into Jerusalem, where some of the *very large crowd....cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road.* Isaiah prophesies of one who *will speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.* Paul writes to the Philippians about the total self-giving of Christ and His exaltation by the Father. In the Gospel, Matthew gives His account of the last hours of Jesus, including their Passover meal, His betrayal, and His passion, death, and burial.

Focus: We recall and commemorate the events of our salvation as we begin Holy Week.

As we remember the suffering and death of Jesus, we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of God's steadfast love for all humanity: God so loved the world that He sent His only Son that all may be saved.

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

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Apr. 5)

I can say that the most beautiful and natural expressions of joy which I have seen in my life were in poor people who had little to hold on to.

**Collection Report for
Sunday, March 29, 2020**

First Collection

Envelopes for Sunday, March 29, 2020	\$230.00
Envelopes (Past and Future Dates)	\$320.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	
Loose Cash and Checks	

Second Collection

Extraordinary Expenses

Envelopes (All Dates)	210.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc and Visitors	
Loose Cash and Checks	

Other

Cemetery Fund	5.00
Palm Sunday	5.00
Candles	75.00
Missal Dedications	500.00

TOTAL: \$1,345.00

Palm Sunday—The Passion

I know how the passion comes out. Jesus goes to His death. He dies, He is buried. He rises. The sun shines brilliantly. I can listen to the passion without worrying about how it will all end.

In our almost two thousand years of celebrating these holy days of our salvation, I wonder if we've lost any sense of that unsettled feeling the disciples must have had—seeing signs that suggested things were not as they had been or should be, but not knowing quite what they meant and how it should all come out. Can I listen to the passion, present to its reality, without racing on ahead to the ending? Worried I have let my sure knowledge of the resurrection eclipse the mystery, I tune my ears to the voices of those unsure and those shaken by what is taking place: Pilate and his wife, Peter, the centurians at the cross. For I cannot welcome the light if I have not first plunged into the darkness.

Pray for the grace to walk the passion slowly and reverently, to look beyond the high points and seek out the moments when faith falters, when underlying assumptions are shaken. Listen too for the times when tiny sparks of uncertainty burst into flames of recognition—"Clearly, this is the Son of God!"

Prayer: Lord, God, give us the courage to hear your passion as though for the first time. Grant that we might for this moment stand in the darkness that enveloped the world before You redeemed it, that we might more deeply experience the dawning of our new life in the days to come.

DLA: "Support a ministry in bloom"

Support a ministry in bloom like the Interfaith Grief Support Group started at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, by graduates of the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Program. Your donations to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal provide scholarships for certificate students. They can go on to serve as ecclesial ministers or ordained permanent deacons or take on leadership roles in parish life. They are equipped with the knowledge to take on parish responsibilities with theological competence, pastoral sensitivity and spiritual depth. "Grow in the Lord" and donate today to the 2020 Diocesan Lenten Appeal at DioceseofGreensburg.org/GROW.

Our parish target this year is \$17,945. To date, we have contributed \$10,500. Any money in excess of our target will be returned to our parish to be used for our needed kitchen renovation.

Beginning in a dark church stripped to the bone, the incense from the Mass of the last Supper still lurking in the corners, we pray in these age old words to commend ourselves to God. ***Into your hands I commend my spirit.*** I am encouraged when I encounter these words in the psalms we will pray at our Good Friday liturgies. I marvel that these words from Psalm 31 were on Jesus' lips on the cross.

What might stop you from handing your life over to God?

Prayer: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our lives, our spirits and our souls. Keep watch for us when the darkness encroaches, and keep us safe under your wings when we can no longer keep vigil for ourselves.

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. 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.

Father, Forgive Them

"You rejected the holy and righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you and you killed the Author of life, Whom God raised from the dead." Acts 3: 14-15

Jesus died crying out His love for each of us: young and old, saints and sinners, the people of His times and of our own. We have been saved by His cross, and no one can repress the joy of the Gospel. No one is far from the Father's merciful gaze. Looking at the cross means allowing our priorities, choices, and actions to be challenged. It means questioning ourselves about our sensitivity to those experiencing difficulty.

Pope Francis

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11: 26

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 WELER
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.

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, pick up a form in the church vestibule or contact the parish office.

St. Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love. You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me so that some day I may share in the same everlasting joy.

Amen

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.

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.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



7 Day Candle Offerings

Jerry & Cat Ron & Teresa Steimer

Tree of Life

This is the dead wood which at His touch is transformed to a living tree. At His touch, the hewn tree takes root again, and the roots thrust down into the earth, and the tree breaks into flower.

Already in Bethlehem, when the newborn child lay in the manger, a secret bud shown on the tree of life. Now its going to break into flower forever, and that flower will sow the seeds of life that will never die, for Christ is the flower and the seed...

Because Christ has changed death to life, and suffering to redemption, the suffering of those who love Him will be a communion between them. All that hidden daily suffering that seems insignificant will be redeeming the world, it will be healing the wounds of the world. The acceptance of pain, of old age, of the fear of death, and of death will be our gift of Christ's love to one another; our gift of Christ's life to one another.

No man's cross is laid upon him for him alone, but for the healing of the whole world, for the mutual comforting and sweetening of sorrow, for the giving of joy and supernatural life to one another. For Christ receives our cross that we may receive His. Receiving this cross, the cross of the whole world made His, we receive Him. He gives us His hands to take hold of, His power to make it a redeeming thing, a blessed thing, His life to cause it to flower, His heart to enable us to rejoice in accepting our own and one another's burden.

Caryll Houselander, *The Way of the Cross*

