

Saint Joan Of Arc Church

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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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.



Mission Statement

We, the parish of St. Joan of Arc, are a community of visitors and seasonal and local members of diverse backgrounds. Spiritual life, fellowship and outreach are important in our mountain setting. We are called to worship, to teach and live the gospel message and to extend concern and compassion to all. As a result of our growth and past experience, we look to the future and affirm our commitment to the evangelization of all age groups.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 25, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Aug. 24 Anticipated—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm.....Kaelyb Suchevez
Ladies Guild

Sunday, Aug. 25—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Matt Bingaman
Bingaman Family & Patrick Miller

11:00 am.....Gerry Kamp

Monday, Aug. 26

8:30 am.....Jane Pramuk
Barry & Kathy Balchak

Tuesday, Aug. 27

8:30 am.....Kaelyb Suchevez
Larry Hajduk

Wednesday, Aug. 28

8:30 am.....Matt Bingaman
Pat & Sue Lawlor

Thursday, Aug. 29

8:30 amElizabeth Ferruti
Helen Muzidal

Friday, Aug. 30

8:30 am.....Sally John
Lillian & David Cale

Saturday, Aug. 31

8:30 am.....Pro Populo

Saturday, Aug. 31 Anticipated—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm.....Sally John
Buzz John

Sunday, Sept. 1—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Matt Bingaman
Pat & Sue Lawlor

11:00 am.....Ruth Carnegie
Dan & Delores Winter

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

August 31/Sept. 1, 2019

LECTORS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....C. Martin
Sunday, 8:00 am.....P. Whyel
Sunday, 11:00 am.....M. Jarina

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....M. L. Dick
Sunday, 8:00 am.....A. Clark
Sunday, 11:00 am.....M. Herring

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....L. Cale
Sunday, 8:00 am.....D. Graham
Sunday, 11:00 am.....J. & M. Frazee

GREETERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....C. Bryan
Sunday, 8:00 am.....
Sunday, 11:00 am.....R. Homer

Thank You for Your Service

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1: Isaiah 66: 18-21**
- 2: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13**
- 3: Luke 13: 22-30**

Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:

In the first reading, God proclaims that He comes to gather all nations. The second reading exhorts the Christian community not to disdain discipline, as it originates from God's love. In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus tells His followers to strive for salvation through the narrow gate.

Focus: Strive to enter through the narrow gate.

Today we are given fair warning by Jesus that we should strive earnestly to enter the kingdom of God, and not simply assume a place will be reserved for us. So let's make an effort, as we travel the path of discipleship, to travel lightly, unencumbered by unnecessary attachments to the things of this world.

Attn: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers

We are working on the September and October schedules. Please let Lillian know any dates you cannot serve or special dates you would like to serve. If you do not respond, it will be assumed that you are flexible for scheduling purposes. Also, the 7:00 pm Vigil for All Saint's Day is Thursday, October 31st and all ministries are needed. There will be no 7:00 pm Mass on Friday, November 1st. Only the 8:30 AM liturgy will be available on the Holy Day. Please contact Lillian at reservations@laurelcaverns.com or 724-439-1683.

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Aug. 25)

Let us strive to oppose violence by preaching and sowing goodness, fostering concord and preserving unity, praying that all these sacrifices may open the way to a future of full communion between us and of peace for all.

**Collection Report for
Thursday, August 15, 2019**

Assumption of Mary - All Masses

Envelopes for Thursday, August 15, 2019	\$109.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	5.00
Loose Cash and Checks	126.00
TOTAL:	<u>\$240.00</u>

**Collection Report for
Sunday, August 18, 2019**

First Collection

Envelopes for Sunday, August 18, 2019	\$938.00
Envelopes (Past and Future Dates)	230.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	157.00
Loose Cash and Checks	511.00

Second Collection

Extraordinary Expenses and Improvement Fund

Envelopes (All Dates)	190.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc and Visitors	10.00
Loose Cash and Checks	218.00

Other

Votive Candles	37.00
Assumption of Mary (Thursday, 08/15/2019)	64.00
Catholic University of America (08/25/2019)	40.00
Catholic Charities	25.00

TOTAL: **\$2,420.00**

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone who attended our parish picnic. We had a great time, even with grill problems and some bad weather. The food was great, the music was nice, and I really enjoyed my time with you.

I want to thank all of those who volunteered their time to help. It would not happen without those who gave of their time to sell tickets, and those who worked to set up and break down on the day of the picnic. I especially want to thank Chef Jon and our cooks for a great meal despite numerous challenges. I hope to see everyone next year. God bless you!

Father Jim

Two Million Medals

We are just weeks away from celebrating Mary's birthday on September 8. The Association of the Miraculous medal is trying to distribute 2 million medals by Mary's birthday. Please help by taking as many as you can distribute from the basket in the church vestibule.

As of today, 1,220,095 have been distributed! Please help us reach our goal!

Let It Ring...

The first few times it made me sad; now I am resigned to it. I walk into a classroom, and there are my students, faces glued to their phones. Only a few years ago I would walk into that same room, and students would be buzzing about last night's hockey game, what might be on the chemistry exam, who just started going out. Now, dull silence. Plugged into their phones, they are disconnected from one another.

We conduct our lives on our phones. Afraid of missing something or being out of touch for even a moment, we risk isolating ourselves from the very love of God in our midst. So busy buying things with the tap of a finger, we do not stop to realize what we have.

Had smartphones existed at the time, the young man in Matthew's Gospel would likely have had one—and Jesus would ask him to hand it over. *Let it go*, I imagine Jesus saying. *Look up from the screen and see those in need around you. Unplug the ear buds and listen to the pleas for help. The world is so much bigger than the data in your phone; God's creation is so much greater than your own little piece of it.*

I don't think Jesus is calling us to ditch our digital devices altogether, but to "unplug" in order to plug into the fullness of life, to "disconnect" in order to connect to God's grace in our midst, to "turn off" the clamor of the world in order to engage with God in the love of family and friends.

So let it ring...and let it ping. You're busy with life.

Deacon Jay Cormier
Matthew 19: 16-22

Diocesan Collection—Catholic University and Catholic Schools

Our annual appeal for Catholic University and Catholic schools will take place the weekend of August 24-25, 2019. This year, 50% will be used to aid the Catholic schools in our own diocese, with the remaining monies used to support Catholic University, the only higher education institution founded by the American bishops and chartered by the Vatican. Our 12 diocesan schools are centered on Christ's teachings and Catholic doctrine, both very important to a child's lifelong success. Please prayerfully consider your support for this collection. Thank You.

Labor Day Festival

St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Masontown is hosting a Labor Day festival on the parish grounds on Aug. 31 & Sept. 1 from 5 PM until 10 PM both days. Highlights include great food, live entertainment, theme baskets, raffles, games, children's corner, cash awards and more. For more information, call 724-583-7866.

Back to School—August 26th

Most of our children will be starting classes on Monday, August 26th. Please pray for their safety and a wonderful learning experience for the new school year.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Baby Levi R. Morgan	Stephanie Gentile	Jim Maust
Baby Stephanie Anne Gentile	Stephen Gentile	Mark Melchek
Chris Augustine	Christine Giel	Alex McClintock
Jim Augustine	Linda Glover	Pat Mowen
Donna Bakewell	Sara Gross	Gary Myers
Lori Battelli	Doug Gurski	Pat Myers
Patrice Baranowski	Butch Haberer	Tommy P.
Coobie Bojarski	Donna Hajduk	Jimmy Polito
Kathy Bonovich	Larry Hajduk	Judy Polito
Katie Brenner	Erica Hanchek	Margie Porreco
Brother-in-Law	Joe Hanzely	Kathy Richmond
Heather Brueggman	Ryan Harvey	Thomas Rocks, Sr.
Carl Bryner	Diana Herman	Katie Roell
Colby Carr	Mary Herman	Stacey Roell
Mike Ciampelli	Colton Heyden	Kelly Rugola
Robert Cipic	Dennis Hinton	David Rusko
Stephanie Classic	Springer Humphrey	John Schvarczkopf
Jim Cropp	Kristen Jarina	Mary Schvarczkopf
Evelyn Dahl	Buzz John	James Shaffer
Mary Ann David	Mary Judd	Ella Shimko
Donnie Donofrio	Sandra Juroscio	Anna Smith
Marge Dugan	Tom Kadar	Leo Smith
Mike Dzurikanin	Jamey Kamp	Anna Sparks
Barb Fike	Michael Kitta	Sandra Steede
Matthew Filicky	Joan Krolik	Gerald Surak
Lori Ficara	Paul Kucnic	Evelyn Suter
Hank Franks	Eileen Kutchman	Elaine Swaney
Nina Frankhouser	Allen Langley	John T.
Brian Frey	John Lightsey	Gerlinda Thomas
Catherine Galida	Kasen Meyer	Charles Trump, Jr.
Nikki Galinac	Morgan McDowell	Lisa M. Ulery
Eloise Garrity	Martin Magerko	Tim Valiknac
Kathy Garrow	Mandy's Mom & Children	Wanda Viano
Louis Gattis, III	Jason Mathias	Sophia Wilson
		Cassie Wood

Mark Your Calendar
Mon. Aug. 26@ 7:30 PM.....Boy Scout Meeting

Coming Soon—Faith Formation Classes for Children
Faith Formation Classes are scheduled to start on Sunday, September 15th. Parents will be receiving registration forms and information in the mail.



7 Day Candle Offerings

Jerry & Cat	Ron & Teresa Steimer
Special Intention	Prayers for my Brother
Prayers for Gary	Karter, Kennedy & John
In Thanks	Coobie
Catherine & Don Zivic	Paul Roell
Patrick & Joanne Malloy	Husband's Health
My Family	
The Prentice, Garber, Balestriue, & D'Amica Families	

HONEY HELPING HANDS
Honey Helping Hands is collecting school supplies for over 100 children starting now through August 31st. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Please place them in the basket in the back of the church. Thank you for helping our children.

Annual Pilgrimage
The Sisters of St. Basil the Great warmly invite you to the 85th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, August 31st and September 1, 2019. Please pick up a brochure in the rear of the Church if you are interested in attending.

Bereavement Support
Stepping Stones Bereavement Support fall program will begin on Monday, September 9. It meets from 7 to 9 PM at the Fayette County Health Center, 100 New Salem Road, Uniontown. The program runs for 10 weeks with different topics being presented weekly. Anyone who is newly bereaved or is still having problems dealing with grief is invited to attend. There is no cost to participate. Contact Lillian, 724-439-1683.

30th Annual Rosary Walk
You are invited to participate in the 30th annual Rosary Walk to be held on Sunday, Sept. 15th. Please see our bulletin board for more details.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A BENEVOLENT GOD CAN LET BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE