

Saint Joan Of Arc Church

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

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Facebook Page—Saint Joan of Arc Church

Mass is streaming on our Facebook page Sundays at 8 AM. Masses are being uploaded to our website: www.sjoafarmington.org. Click on the Mass on the bottom right corner.

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. — 9:00 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:

Please call the office to schedule confession..

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Aug. 15 Anticipated 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm.....Sue Brubach
David & Lillian Cale

Sunday, Aug. 16 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Ed Ladner
Larry Hajduk

11:00 am.....Stauffer Family
Rita Bingaman & Family

Monday, Aug. 17

9:00 am.....Ivana Buchdrucker
Richard & Christina Homer

Tuesday, Aug. 18

9:00 amLinda Michalik
Clara Andrews

Wednesday, Aug. 19

9:00 am.....Michael Konechny
Evelyn Konechny

Thursday, Aug. 20

9:00 amRon Gross
Sara Gross

Friday, Aug. 21

9:00 am.....Andy Hornick
Barbara A. Spehar

Saturday, Aug. 22

9:00 am.....Pro Populo

Saturday, Aug. 22 Anticipated 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm.....Tony Podlogar
Gerry, Barb & Cat Galida

Sunday, Aug. 22 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Ed Ladner
Larry Hajduk

11:00 am.....Sal & Clar Avolio
Rita Bingaman & Family

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Liturgical Ministries Schedule

August 22-23, 2020

LECTORS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....C. Martin
Sunday, 8:00 am.....R. Graham
Sunday, 11:00 am.....D. Murren

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....
Sunday, 8:00 am.....
Sunday, 11:00 am.....

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15: 21-28

Liturgy of the Word—Meditation:

The Lord speaks through Isaiah, giving His promise that all *who hold to [His] covenant* will be brought to His *holy mountain*. In the second reading, Saint Paul tells the Gentiles that God *delivered all to disobedience, that He might have mercy upon all*. In the Gospel, a Canaanite woman asks Christ to have pity on her, for her *daughter is tormented by a demon*. In spite of initial rejection, the woman perseveres in faith and Jesus heals her daughter.

Focus: God's grace and mercy are promised to all.

The readings today wrestle with the questions of who is *in* and who is *out*. When it comes to God's grace, who will receive it? We learn that all who accept the gift of faith are incorporated into the covenant relationship with God.

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers

We are working on the September and October Liturgy schedules. Please let Lillian know any dates you cannot serve or dates you would like to serve. Lillian can be reached at 724-439-1683 or reservations@laurelcaverns.com. Thank you for your faithful service.

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 (August 16)

God loves the lowly. When we live humbly, He takes our small efforts and creates great things.

**Collection Report for
Sunday, August 9, 2020**

Regular Weekly Offerings

Envelopes Dated Sunday, August 9, 2020	\$880.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	1,110.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	450.00
Loose Cash and Checks	306.00

Extraordinary Expenses

Envelopes (All Dates)	333.00
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Other

Cemetery Fund	25.00
Votive Candles	3.00
Flower Fund - Regular	45.00
Assumption (Saturday, 08/15/2020)	35.00
Catholic University of America (Sun. 08/30/2020)	35.00

TOTAL: \$3,222.00

Prayer for End of Coronavirus

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For He took upon Himself our suffering, and burdened Himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of Resurrection. Amen

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen

Find More Time For Prayer:

Hectic day-to-day schedules can make it hard to find time for heartfelt prayer. Yet, prayer is the key to nurturing a strong relationship with God. Consider these ideas to find more time to pray:

- Wake up a few minutes earlier than usual. Devote the first minutes of your day to reading and contemplating a chapter in the Bible, saying a Rosary, or silently thanking and praising God.
- Write out a different prayer or Bible verse each week and put it where you will see it throughout the day. Tape it on your computer, bathroom mirror or refrigerator. Take a minute to reflect on it when you see it during the day.
- Listen to prayers, recorded homilies, or inspirational music during downtime while exercising, commuting, grocery shopping, or doing household chores.

A simple phrase like, "Thank You, Jesus" or "Glory be to God" are also a prayer. Close your eyes and focus on the thought to bring God's love present in the moment.

The Story of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

Reflection

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

Our Pledge to You

St. Joan of Arc wants to keep all of our friends and family safe from the coronavirus. All touch points are cleaned after each Mass, and once weekly we do a full high power antiseptic spray of the church, social hall, and bathrooms. Additional deep cleaning practices are in place. Masks and hand sanitizer are available, we will be glad to check your temperature before entering our church. If there is anything we can do to help you with needs or assistance, please call us at 724-329-4522. God Bless You!

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
DAVID RUSKO	MARY JUDD
MADDY MARTIN	MEGAN BELAN
AMANDA	JADON
DOLORES YURKOVICH	JOHN YURKOVICH
ESTER SUCHEVITS	EVELYN DAHL
JUDITH ANN DAHL	BUZZ JOHN
DENISE	ED MARTINKO
DIANE SWANSON	DAN DUNCAN
SAUNDRA CASEY	SARAH SMITH
LARRY HAJDUK	PAT MOWEN
KAREN ENSOR	

If you would like to request prayer for yourself, a friend or loved one, please 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.

August—the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The following prayer will be recited after all Masses.

O heart of Mary, mother of God, and our mother; heart most worthy of love, in which the adorable Trinity is ever well-pleased, worthy of the veneration and love of all the angels and of all men; heart most like to the Heart of Jesus, of which you are the perfect image; heart, full of goodness, ever compassionate toward our miseries; deign to melt our icy hearts and grant that they may be wholly changed into the likeness of the Heart of Jesus, our divine Savior. Pour into them the love of thy virtues, enkindle in them that divine fire with which you yourself does ever burn. In you let Holy Church find a safe shelter; protect her and be her dearest refuge, her tower of strength, impregnable against every assault of her enemies. Be the way which leads to Jesus, and the channel, through which we receive all the graces needed for our salvation. Be our refuge in time of trouble, our solace in the midst of trial, our strength against temptation, our haven in persecution, our present help in every danger and especially at the hour of death, when all hell shall let loose against us its legions to snatch away our souls, at that dread moment, that hour so full of fear, whereon our eternity depends. Ah, then most tender virgin, make us to feel the sweetness of your motherly heart, and the might of your intercession with Jesus, and open to us a safe refuge in that very fountain of mercy, whence we may come to praise Him with you in paradise, world without end. Amen.

Bishop's Farewell

Saint Joan of Arc Church would like to place a 1/2 page tribute in the Accent to wish Bishop Malesic farewell. Cost for tribute is \$300. If you wish to help with the expense, please place your donation in an envelope marked for Bishop. Thank you for your support.



7 Day Candle Offerings

Light, Happiness, & Peace Eric and All Who Love Him
Ron & Teresa Steimer

Ladies Guild Flea Market
Remember, the Flea Market is Saturday, August 22nd from 8:00 AM till 4:00 PM. We will practice social distancing, and masks are required. There will be a limited food/drink menu available.



FISH FRY ON THE FLY

Our small parish relies heavily on fundraisers to meet expenses during lean times and to pay down our parish debt. Losing three of the fish dinners due to the pandemic was a major hit for us. Now that we are able to resume fundraisers—takeout only—per diocesan directives, we would like to hold 4 fish fries, limited menu—takeout only. Currently, we are planning to serve on the following dates from 11 AM until 7 PM: September 11, September 25, (and if we have a good response), October 9, October 23.

Our current plan is similar to a fast food drive through. Customers will place an order outside from their car, the order will be called in to the kitchen, and cars will pull around to the double doors in the social hall to receive their meal. We will be serving fried fish sandwich, French fries, and coleslaw for \$8.00, no substitutions. From 11 AM till 2 PM, we will take call in orders from mountain area businesses for delivery (total order must exceed \$30). No call in orders will be taken for pick ups.



We need volunteers to be successful. If you are able to volunteer, please call the office or sign up on the sheet located in the church vestibule.

We are unable to accept food donations due to our limited menu and Covid restrictions. Donations of money to help defray costs are most welcome.