

# Saint Joan Of Arc Church

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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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](http://www.sjoafarmington.org). Click on the Mass on the bottom right corner.

**The Most Rev. Edward C. Malesic, JCL**  
**Bishop of Greensburg**

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## 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 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.

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 2, 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Aug. 1 Anticipated 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm.....Lillian Gangwere  
David & Lillian Cale

Sunday, Aug. 2 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Dolly Shimshock  
The Garricks

11:00 am.....Shirley Gearing  
M/M Dan Gearing

Monday, Aug. 3

9:00 am.....John Zapotosky Jr.  
Ferd & Susan Dolfi

Tuesday, Aug. 4

9:00 am .....Daniel Hudock  
Pat Myers

Wednesday, Aug. 5

9:00 am.....Thomas Gashie  
Rich & Brenda Pekar

Thursday, Aug. 6

9:00 am .....Elaine Marie Faverio  
James & Michelle Shumar & Family

Friday, Aug. 7

9:00 am.....Prayer Shawl Recipients

Saturday, Aug. 8

9:00 am.....Pro Populo

Saturday, Aug. 8 Anticipated 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm.....John Kolar  
Jerry, Barb & Cat Galida

Sunday, Aug. 9 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am.....Helen Mercedes  
Agnes Yablunosky

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Liturgical Ministries Schedule

August 8/9, 2020

LECTORS

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....S. Shipley  
Sunday, 8:00 am.....  
Sunday, 11:00 am.....D. Murren

ALTAR SERVERS

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55: 1-3

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14: 13-21

Liturgy of the Word—Meditation:

The Lord speaks through Isaiah, exhorting His people to come to the water and be renewed by the *everlasting covenant*. Paul tells the Romans that nothing can separate them from the love of Christ. In the Gospel, after hearing of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus heals the sick and feeds the 5,000 abundantly.

**Focus: Christ gives us all we need to feed those He calls us to serve.**

Today's readings call us, like the disciples, to feed others—but only after having nourished themselves. We are invited to delight in rich fare, feasting on the love of God that is stronger than death. In responding to God's call, we can trust that Christ will give us all we need to carry out His commands.

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.

Pope Francis—thought for the day (August 2)

Love can recognize good things even in bad situations. Love keeps a tiny flame alight even in the darkest night.

*If our life is without prayer, it is like a house without a foundation.*

Mother Teresa



**Collection Report for  
Sunday, July 26, 2020**

**Regular Weekly Offerings**

Envelopes Dated Sunday, July 26, 2020	\$1,160.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	615.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	100.00
Loose Cash and Checks	540.00

**Extraordinary Expenses**

Envelopes (All Dates)	368.00
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**Other**

Cemetery Fund	10.00
Votive Candles	23.00
Flower Fund - Regular	52.00
Assumption (Saturday, 08/15/2020)	20.00
Catholic University of America (Sun., 08/30/2020)	2.00

**TOTAL: \$2,890.00**

**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

*Stay where you are. Find your own Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering, and the lonely right where you are—in your own homes and in your own families, in your workplaces and in your schools.*  
Mother Teresa

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

I believe that You, O Jesus, are in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You and desire You. Come into my heart. I embrace You. Oh, never, never leave me. May the burning and Most Sweet Power of Your Love, O Lord Jesus, I beseech You, absorb my mind that I may die through love of Your Love, Who were graciously pleased to die through love of my love. Amen.



God is a God full of surprises. That day a great crowd had gathered, many attracted out of curiosity, others with the spiritual need to see the new prophet perform his miracles and reveal his new ideas. My miracles had made impact in many minds, they had realized that I had a new teaching which was accompanied by supernatural signs, some commented that I could be Elijah, others the Messiah, but people were not sure, however the spirit brought them to that place.

My apostles had no idea of how we were going to feed the multitude that was hungry after following me. I looked up to heaven, took the loaves and the fishes that they gave me, I gave thanks to my Father and asked Him for food for them, then I advised them to lie down and wait for their turn to eat, after that, they all ate and there were even twelve baskets filled with the leftovers.

People after realizing what a great miracle had occurred, wanted to make me their King by force; I had to run away from that place. I came not so much to feed the body, but the soul, this multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is a symbol of the eucharistic multiplication of the bread of life that I have come to offer, the food for the soul that God sends from Heaven in abundance.

Many were expecting a powerful king that would free them from the slavery of the Roman Empire; when they saw my prodigies they imagined many material things except that I was going to free them from the slavery of sin.

All my miracles were temporary signs that would bring a special relief from those moments or situations, but they represented healings of the soul. The change of the water into wine represented the new wine, which is living water of the Spirit, which all those who are spiritually thirsty must drink. The blind that received their sight represented those who are blind in the spirit and need to open their eyes to see my way, the lepers who were healed represented the souls wounded by sin and who need my healing, the mute who were able to speak represented those who don't speak with God and need the spirit in order to praise God, the paralytic and the lame who were able to walk represented those who can not walk well for lack of faith and who need spiritual health. The deaf who were able to hear represented those who have not been able to understand my word, but who listen finally to my message through the action of my Spirit. Those who were dead and brought to life represented the transformation of the soul who is dead because of sin, but who is brought to life again after a conversion.

Now, the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes represented the multiplication of my Church, the great promised banquet, the new manna which has come down from heaven and is the new food for the people of God. This miracle was a preparation for my people, who are to feel hunger for the Bread of Life, who has come down from Heaven to give strength to the soul, this miracle was a preparation for the greatest miracle which I performed, at the Holy Supper, in which I consecrated the bread as my body, and the wine as my blood.

All miracles prior to the institution of the Holy Eucharist fulfilled their purpose, however my living bread is the continuous miracle that represents my sacrifice in Calvary; it is the food of the soul that feeds my people until the end of times.

Come, come, I invite you, eat of this food that has been sent from heaven, it does not cost you money, it fills the soul, it nourishes the spirit and purifies it of sin by giving it eternal life.

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 BATELLI	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	

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. 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**

Jerry & Cat	Eric and All Who Love Him
Ron & Teresa Steimer	Dominic

**Ladies Guild Flea Market**

The Ladies Guild will be sponsoring a flea market on Saturday, August 22nd. We are looking for household items, tables, lamps and odd chairs, etc., small appliances, jewelry and accessories in slightly used condition with nothing broken or parts missing. Please, no TVs, computer screens, keyboards, or large appliances. Please call the office (724-329-4522) to make arrangements for drop off. **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 Returning Soon!!!!**

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—takeout only. Our planned menu is fried fish sandwich with choice of 2 sides—French fries, coleslaw or applesauce. Currently, we are planning to serve on the following dates from 11 AM until 7 PM: September 11, September 25, October 9, October 23.

We will need volunteers to assist with answering the phone, taking orders, delivering orders to cars, kitchen help, and clean-up. Please call the office at 724-329-4522 if you are able to volunteer. There is also a sign up sheet in the church vestibule. More info to come.

