

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.



SEPTEMBER OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Aug. 29 Anticipated 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm..... Frank E. Cettin; Frank E Cettin II
Gerry, Barb & Cat Galida

Sunday, Aug. 30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am.....Joan Marie Kane
Agnes Yablunosky

Monday, Aug. 31

9:00 am.....Loretta Weido
Eric & Emily Lukas

Tuesday, Sept. 1

9:00 amJhon H. & Anne Miller
Rita Bingaman & Family

Wednesday, Sept. 2

9:00 am.....Eleanor Franks
Dolores & Rich Kazmierczak

Thursday, Sept. 3

9:00 amDaniel Hudock
Paulette Hudock

Friday, Sept. 4

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

Saturday, Sept. 5

9:00 am.....Pro Populo

Saturday, Sept. 5 Anticipated 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, Sept. 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am.....Helen Mercedes
Helen Ponzurick

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

September 5/6, 2020

LECTORS

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....B. Galida
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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Romans 12: 1-2

Matthew 16: 21-27

Liturgy of the Word—Meditation:

Jeremiah accuses the Lord of duping him, for his prophecies are met with laughter and mocking, *derision and reproach*. Paul encourages the Romans *to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice*. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals that He must suffer greatly, and Peter attempts to dissuade Him. Jesus accuses Peter *of thinking not as God does, but as human beings do*. He then tells His disciples that in order to follow Him, they must take up their cross.

Focus: Trust in and follow the way of Jesus.

Peter can be excused for thinking as a human does, for he is human! But what gets him in trouble is his mistaken idea that he knows better than Jesus—that he knows better how Jesus ought to carry out His mission. This is reminiscent of the fall: Pride in one’s own knowledge over that of God’s. We’re all susceptible to that, and Jesus reminds Peter—and us—that *His way is the way*. All we need to do is trust, and follow.

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.

Sanctuary Light

The sanctuary light burns in memory of Joan Marie Kane as requested by Agnes Yablunosky, from August 24th through September 6th.



Pope Francis—thought for the day (August 30)

A faith that is reduced to formulas is a short-sighted faith.

Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders You have done. The things You planned for us no one can recount to You; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.

**Collection Report for
Sunday, August 23, 2020**

Regular Weekly Offerings

Envelopes Dated Sunday, August 23, 2020	\$409.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	740.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	100.00
Loose Cash and Checks	221.00

Extraordinary Expenses

Envelopes (All Dates)	298.00
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Other

Candle Offerings	36.00
Assumption (Saturday, 08/15/2020)	10.00

TOTAL: \$1,814.00

FORMED—The Catholic Faith on Demand

During this difficult time when we do not have access to the grace of the sacraments, Our Faith Formation director, Christina Homer, wants to invite you to watch in your home a powerful video study on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. First, you need to register for FORMED if you have not done so - FREE.

FORMED is a platform where parishioners are able to access a vast array of Catholic content: Catholic movies, eBooks, audio dramas, Bible Studies, Youth and Children’s programming. This year, the subscription for the parishioners is FREE.

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

<https://signup.formed.org/>

1. Enter your parish name **St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church** or best to use zip code 15437, and click on our parish.
2. Enter your name and email
3. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED. That’s it!

Watch PRESENCE and use the guide for discussion in your family <https://watch.formed.org/presence>.

May your experience of this beautiful video study on FORMED increase your desire to receive and adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

Can You Not Watch One Hour With Me?

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Friday, Sept. 4th from 9 until Noon. Benediction will follow at noon.

Volunteers Needed

Saint Joan of Arc is looking for volunteers who are willing to learn how to operate the high powered sprayer used for our weekly deep cleaning. N95 mask will be provided; hearing protection is recommended. Please call the office at 724-329-4522 if you can help.

September—Our Lady of Sorrows

Let us enter into the mind and heart of Mary and reflect on the seven major sorrows in her life during the month of September which is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. Our Sorrowful Mother can teach us much about the sanctity of suffering and be a source of consolation to all who suffer.

First Sorrow: The Prophecy of Simeon

“And you yourself a sword will pierce” (Lk 2:35).

When Mary’s 40-day period of purification has almost ended, she goes to Jerusalem to fulfill the Mosaic Law and for the required offering to the Lord of every firstborn male.

After the ceremony, imagine young Mary’s amazement when Simeon takes Jesus from her arms and acknowledges him as the Messiah! Only through divine inspiration can Simeon know this. Simeon blesses them and says to Mary, “And you yourself a sword will pierce” (Lk 2:35).

Mary shudders and holds Jesus close to her breast, as Joseph gently leads her out of the temple. Although Joseph is deeply shaken, his primary concern is for his wife and son. They return to Nazareth in silence, where Mary ponders these things in her heart.

Second Sorrow: The Flight into Egypt

“The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him’” (Mt 2:13).

Joseph hastily awakens Mary and relates his dream. She feels the sword’s sharpness as Simeon’s prophecy echoes in her heart. There is no time to worry—only time to pack a few essentials—as they prepare to flee to Egypt under cover of darkness. The lengthy journey across the desert wilderness frightens Mary, but she never voices her fears to Joseph. However, she can’t help but think, *Will there be enough food and water? How will we weather the excessive heat? What if the donkey stumbles? What if . . . ?* The “what-ifs” could have paralyzed a person of little faith. But Mary continues to trust that God will take care of her little family’s needs. None of this is recorded, so we can only imagine the hardships that the Holy Family endured while in exile. One thing is certain: nothing can sway Mary’s trust in God. She never questions. She ponders, letting the things she doesn’t understand simply be there in her heart, in complete conformity to the divine plan. Mary is a model of cooperation with grace.

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore Him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of His passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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	P. T. SHIPLEY

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.

Divorce Support Group

Anyone who has completed a divorce or who is has filed for divorce is welcome to attend an online Divorce Support Group with Zoom hosted by Saint Vincent Basilica Parish. The group will meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for 13 weeks beginning September 16. At each session we will watch a short video and then the group will discuss the topic of the video. Through this process, members accompany one another to heal the grief, doubt, anger and stress brought about by the end of their marriage relationship. We ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the materials which can be mailed to you. Please register at the link below to join!
<https://forms.gle/aTfZ8BFsHf3AcDQ19>
Questions? Contact Teri Pomerleau at teri.pomerleau@stvincent.edu.

DISCOVERING CHRIST

You are welcome to join us for Discovering Christ - a seven week experience on **Tuesdays evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., September 15 to October 27.** Saint Vincent Basilica Parish is hosting the course on Zoom for your safety and convenience. As part of the course, there will be an on-line life-changing retreat on **Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m. - noon** and **Sunday, October 18 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** When we gather online, we will listen to enlightening teachings and then discuss in small groups the meaning of life and the identity of Jesus Christ. The course is offered at no charge but to get materials to you, registration is required. You may register online at <https://forms.gle/8rZBt8QvaM6KGW8f7> or contact Kristina Davies at 724-539-8629, ext. 19 or kristina.davies@stvincent.edu for more information.



7 Day Candle Offerings

Light, Happiness, & Peace	Eric and All Who Love Him
Jerry & Cat	C. & C. Bryner
Ron & Teresa Steimer	T. & B. & Family

School Supplies for Needy Children

Saint Joan of Arc is collecting school supplies for needy children. The organizers would like to put together supplies in 175 plastic shoe boxes for needy children in our area. Recommended supplies include hand sanitizer, antiseptic wipes, pencils, pencil top erasers, individual pencil sharpeners (with container to collect shavings), blunt nose scissors, markers, and colored pencils. The team is also collecting plastic shoe boxes. Please place your donations in the basket in the church vestibule. Please see Christina Homer for more information.

FISH FRY ON THE FLY

Please join us on Friday, **September 11 and Friday, September 25 from 11 AM till 7 PM** for a new twist on our popular Lenten fish dinners—fish fry take-out only. We are offering a takeout meal consisting of an 8 oz fried cod sandwich, french fries and coleslaw for \$8.00. Just like McDonald's, customers will pull up to our ordering tent to place their orders; then drive to the side doors of the social hall for pick-up.

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.



I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. John 15: 15