

Saint Joan Of Arc Church

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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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!



**Our 9 AM Mass Monday through Saturday and our 8 AM Sunday Mass are streaming on our Facebook page—Saint Joan of Arc Church. Masses are being uploaded to our website: www.sjoafarmington.org. Click on the Mass on the bottom right corner.
Confession available by appointment.**

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: 9:00 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.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 6, 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Dec. 5 Anticipated 2nd Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm.....Mary Koury John
Alfred "Buzz" John

Sunday, Dec. 6 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am.....Mark Krueger
Ladies Guild

11:00 am.....Matt & MJ
Rita Bingaman & Family

Monday, Dec. 7

9:00 am.....Mary Margaret Burns
Anita Majock Solomon

7:00 pm.....Peg Burns
Tim & Lisa Dye & Family

Tuesday, Dec. 8

9:00 amDanielle Dugan Jones
Margaret Dugan

7:00 pm.....Ivanka Buchdrucker
The Homer Family

Wednesday, Dec. 9

9:00 am.....Paul Zvolenski
M/M Dave Srbinovich & Family

Thursday, Dec. 10

9:00 amCatherine Novasky
Kitty & Dave Whipkey

Friday, Dec. 11

9:00 am.....Evelyn Cochrane
John & Sue Maykuth

Saturday, Dec. 12

9:00 am.....Pro Populo

Saturday, Dec. 12 Anticipated 3rd Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm.....Deceased Chimino & Herman Families
Pat Mowen

Sunday, Dec. 13 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am.....Alfred "Buzzy" John
Larry Hajduk

11:00 am.....Kaelyb Suchevids
Richard, Mary & Ester Suchevids

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

December 7/8, 2020

Monday, Dec. 7 @ 7 PM

Lector.....B. Galida
Extraordinary Minister.....M. L. Dick

Tuesday, Dec. 8 @ 7 PM

LectorL. Cale

December 12/13 2020

LECTORS

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

2nd Sunday of Advent

- 1. Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11**
- 2. 2 Peter 3: 8-14**
- 3. Mark 1: 1-8**

Liturgy of the Word—Meditation:

The prophet Isaiah speaks for the Lord in giving comfort to his people, proclaiming the service of Jerusalem at an end—and that her guilt is expiated. They are to prepare the way of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and He will shepherd them with care. In the second reading, Peter writes to his community that the day of the Lord will come like a thief. Therefore, they ought to conduct themselves in holiness and devotion, eager to be found without spot or blemish before Him. In the Gospel, John the Baptist heralds the coming of Jesus as he exhorts his listeners to turn away from sin and be baptized.

Focus: Stay awake, for the day of the Lord is at hand.

The voice of God breaks into our world through sacred Scripture and the witness of modern day disciples. Does it resound and echo in our thoughts, words, and actions, forming and shaping our lives? Or, is it dulled and dimmed by our worldly ways? Now is the time to listen, now is the time to act, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Dec. 6)

Let us draw from the crib the joy and deep peace that Jesus comes to bring to the world.

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

Regular Weekly Offerings

Envelopes Dated Sunday, November 29, 2020	\$655.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	775.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	375.00
Loose Cash and Checks	91.00

Extraordinary Expenses

Envelopes (All Dates)	202.00
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Other

Cemetery Fund	10.00
Candle Offerings	3.00
Flower Fund - Regular	2.00
Christmas Flowers	117.00
Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, 11/26/2020)	
Includes Thanksgiving Day Offerings	177.00
Immaculate Conception (Tuesday, 12/08/2020)	2.00
Annual Appeal for Retired Religious and Diocesan Retired Priests (Sunday, 11/01/2020)	92.00
Angel Tree	825.00

TOTAL: \$3,326.00

Good Will Collection City Mission—Living Stones
Last year in Fayette County, 41 men, women and children found themselves homeless on Christmas Eve. This year, City Mission worked tirelessly to provide shelter, food, and support services for over 300 homeless men, women and children at two emergency homeless shelters. This organization relies on the generosity of those more fortunate to help keep the shelter doors open. **During the first 3 weekends in Advent, we once again ask for your help for the homeless. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Homeless and place it in the collection baskets. Please pray for the homeless, that God will care for them and provide the help they need.**

Sharing Christmas with Neighbors in Need

We are very grateful for all of our parish family and friends who took tags and are purchasing items for our families. We ask that all gifts be placed on the table in the rear of the church by December 14th.



Our Angel Tree volunteers are busy purchasing gifts using the generous donations provided so far for our families. **We are still accepting cash donations and gift cards until December 14th. Thank you for your outstanding generosity.**

St. Jude Prayer for Advent

Lord, Jesus, Your power is infinite, Your glory, everlasting. Quietly You come, as a tiny baby. Ready my heart for the miracle of Your birth. Bring light to this dark world, waiting silently for Your warmth in the coldness of the night. Waiting is itself Your gift, animating my heart with anticipation. Bless me with needed patience and faithful discipline to prayerfully prepare to welcome and greet You. St. Jude, eternal hope, let your holiness flow into me. May Christmas joy and burning love take root in me and grow until they bloom on Christmas Day, to carry joy to the world and inspire hope to renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Volunteers Needed

Many gifts have been purchased for our Angel Tree families. We are looking for help with gift wrapping on the following days:

Dec. 15 following the 9 AM Mass and Dec. 17 following the 9 AM Mass. If you are able to help. Please call the office and leave a message.

We are also accepting donations of gift wrap, gift bags, and gift boxes. Please leave them in the social hall.

Week of Grace

During December, St. Joan of Arc will celebrate a “Week of Grace” to provide opportunities for our parish family and friends to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for Christmas. Father Jim will be available for Confessions on the following dates and times:

- Monday, December 14—Noon until 1:30 PM
- Tuesday, December 15—5:00 PM until 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 16—Noon until 1:30 PM
- Thursday, December 17—5:00 PM until 7:00 PM
- Monday, December 21—5:00 PM until 7:00 PM

Please plan to receive the gift of Reconciliation during our Week of Grace.

2nd Sunday of Advent

The familiar “I’ll be home for Christmas” is a promise soaked in nostalgia and wishful thinking. God’s promise of homecoming, realized by Christ’s advents in past, present, and future is the reality. It’s not usually accompanied by prophetic fanfare and royal thrones. It’s offered in the quiet of our hearts by prayer, word, sacrament, and community. Come on, let’s go!!

Prayer: O Christ, you promised to prepare a place for us and return to take us there. Make our hearts and our lives ready to go with you.

Attention : Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

A lector and an Extraordinary Minister are still needed for the 9AM Christmas Day Liturgy. If you are able to serve, please contact Lillian Cale at 724-439-1683 or by email at reservations@laurelcaverns.com.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER

PAT MYERS	ANONYMOUS (WISDOM IN JOB)
EASTON STEPHANS-RIVERA	MICHAEL KITTA
AMY TUNGATE	JOHN LIGHTSEY JR.
CHUCK GENTILE	PAT WELLER
LORI BATTELLI	ALBERT B. CROSBY
CATHERINE GALIDA	JERRY GALIDA
RHEBA MAUST	MILLIE DETTMAN
IRENE EVANS	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	DENISE
ED MARTINKO	ERIKA & DARREL'S RELATIONSHIP
DIANE SWANSON	DAN DUNCAN
SAUNDRA CASEY	SARAH SMITH
LARRY HAJDUK	PAT MOWEN
KAREN ENSOR	P. T. SHIPLEY
T. & B.	JENNIFER HARDIN
SUSIE TERRAVECCHIA	PHIL TERRAVECCHIA
BETTY URICK	SUSAN HEILMAN
ANNA SMITH	GARY MYERS
GLEN & MIKE TAKACS	PUND FAMILY

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.

Revised Christmas Schedule

Based on results of our survey, we have revised this year's Christmas schedule of Masses:

Christmas Eve Children's Mass—12/24 @ 3:00 PM
Christmas Eve Late Mass—12/24 @ 10:00 PM
Christmas Morning Mass—12/25 @ 9:00 AM
Christmas Morning Mass—12/25 @ 11:00 AM

Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

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

Our Ladies Guild Cook Books are available for purchase. Cost is \$10. Please see one of the hospitality ministers if you wish to purchase a book. Thank You.



7 Day Candle Offerings

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

The Accent On-Air presents Christmas Traditions
 "The Accent On-Air" presents "Christmas Traditions" on WTAE-TV on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 11:30 a.m. Slovak, Italian, German and Filipino Christmas traditions will be featured. This episode includes Msgr. Larry J. Kulick's message that "Advent is Still Ours," Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle's collection of Nativity sets, Father Anthony W. Ditto's reference guide of the Feast of the Seven Fishes, a Christmas nut roll recipe, along with a modern hack; the story of the Feast of St. Nicholas, a Bountiful Night at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Filipino delicacies and good cheer and a celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany. "The Accent On-Air" is always on at TheAccentOnline.org

St. Joan of Arc Mitten Tree

We will have our mitten tree set up for parishioners and friends who want to help those less fortunate. Recommended items include mittens and gloves, scarves, socks, hats, onsies for babies. We ask that all items be placed in a ziplock bag before hanging it on the tree. Paper clips are available to hang the bagged items. We will be collecting through the weekend of December 19 and 20.

DUE TO CONCERNS RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS, WE WILL NOT BE COLLECTING USED COATS THIS YEAR. THANK YOU.

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.

