

Saint Joan Of Arc Church

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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.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 13, 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, Dec. 14

9:00 am.....Catherine Novasky
George & Donna Parish

Tuesday, Dec. 15

9:00 amEvelyn Cochrane
Renee & Denny Lazuka

Wednesday, Dec. 16

9:00 am.....Isabelle Fronczek
Carolyn Magerko & Carol Warman

Thursday, Dec. 17

9:00 amMarie Ferranti
Elaine & Bill Hruska

Friday, Dec. 18

9:00 am.....Joseph A. Nehala, Sr.
Paul William Keteles

Saturday, Dec. 19

9:00 am.....Velma Sefcik
M/M Robert Zelenak

Saturday, Dec. 19, Anticipated 4th Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm.....Stephanie Gentile
Larry Hajduk

Sunday, Dec. 20, 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am.....Stephan Sparks
Dorothy Murren

11:00 am.....Daniel Hudock
Jack & Diane Hughes

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

December 19/20, 2020

LECTORS

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Week of Grace

During December, St. Joan of Arc will celebrate a "Week of Grace" to provide opportunity for parish family and friends to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for Christmas. Father will be available for Confession at the following dates and times:

Monday, December 14—Noon to 1:30 PM

Tuesday, December 15—5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 16—Noon to 1:30 PM

Thursday, December 17—5:00 PM to 7:00PM

Monday, December 21—5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

3rd Sunday of Advent

- 1. Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11
- 2. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- 3. John 1:6-8, 19-28

Liturgy of the Word—Meditation:

In the first reading, Isaiah rejoices as he brings glad tidings of God's vindication for his people. In the second reading, Paul encourages rejoicing as God prepares his people for the return of the Lord, In the Gospel, John testifies to the light and cries out in the desert to make straight the way of the Lord.

Focus: Advent is a season of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord.

Gaudete Sunday affirms the value of rejoicing and gives reasons for our rejoicing: God has given hope to his people waiting for redemption. We wait with rejoicing for what God has already accomplished and will yet accomplish through Christ.

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Dec. 13)

The awareness that we can always turn to the Lord in our difficulties, and that he never rejects our invocations, is a great reason for joy.



**Collection Report for
Sunday, December 6, 2020**

Regular Weekly Offerings

Envelopes Dated Sunday, December 6, 2020	\$530.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	1,205.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	150.00
Loose Cash and Checks	70.00

Extraordinary Expenses

Envelopes (All Dates)	237.00
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Other

Cemetery Fund	35.00
Candle Offerings	9.00
Flower Fund - Regular	20.00
Christmas Flowers	55.00
Immaculate Conception (Tuesday, 12/08/2020)	55.00
Christmas (Friday, 12/25/2020)	95.00
Children & Family Svc Appeal (Friday 12/25/2020)	50.00
Solemnity of Mary (Friday, 01/01/2021)	20.00
Thanksgiving (Thursday, 11/26/2020)	10.00
Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund	
Catholic Relief Services (Sunday, 11/22/2020)	5.00
Hams for Needy Families	100.00
City Mission	100.00
Angel Tree	100.00

TOTAL: \$2,846.00

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.**

Mass Intentions for 2020/2021

Mass intentions for 2020/2021 may be scheduled by contacting the church office (724-329-4522).

Mass is celebrated nine times each week here at St. Joan of Arc. Arranging to have a Mass offered for loved ones (living and deceased) is a perfect way to show how much you care. Mass cards are available upon request.

Revised Christmas Schedule

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! Masses on 12/24 at 3:00 PM and 12/25 at 9:00 AM will be live streamed on Facebook.

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.

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.

Attention : Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

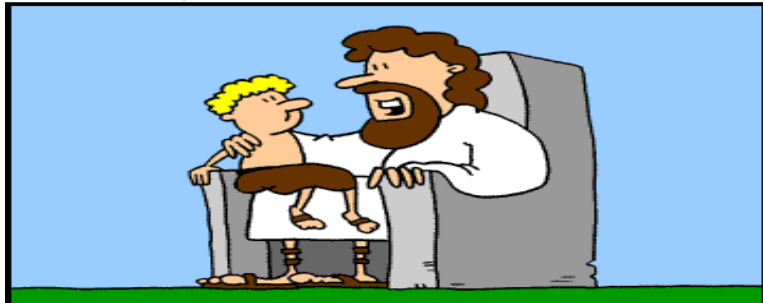
A lector and an Extraordinary Minister are still needed for the 9AM Christmas Day Liturgy. If you are able to serve, please contact Lillian Cale at 724-439-1683 or by email at reservations@laurelcaverns.com.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER

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| 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.

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HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED?

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

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

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.

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.

The Third Sunday of Advent

Grant us Your Grace, O Lord!

As we begin the Third Week of Advent, we anticipate Christmas, and so we ask Christ to grant us His grace that we might be prepared for welcoming His birth.

Prayer:

Incline your ear to our prayers, O Lord, we beseech Thee; and make bright the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who lives and reigns with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

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