

# 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](http://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.

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 20, 2020**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**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

**Monday, Dec, 21**

9:00 am.....Isabelle Fronczek  
M/M Charles Pecko

**Tuesday, Dec. 22**

9:00 am .....Matthew John  
Rita Bingaman & Family

**Wednesday, Dec. 23**

9:00 am.....Mark Krueger  
Jack & Diane Hughes

**Thursday, Dec. 24**

9:00 am .....NO MASS  
3:00 pm.....Intentions of Parish Family & Friends  
10:00 pm.....Intentions of Parish Family & Friends

**Friday, Dec. 25**

9:00 am.....Intentions of Parish Family & Friends  
11:00 am.....Intentions of Parish Family & Friends

**Saturday, Dec. 26**

9:00 am.....NO MASS

**Saturday, Dec. 26 Anticipated The Holy Family**

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

**Sunday, Dec. 27 The Holy Family**

8:00 am.....In Honor of the Myer's Family  
Pat Myers

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

**ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS**

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule**

December 24/25, 2020

**LECTORS**

Children's Vigil 12/24 @ 3 PM.....B. Galida  
Vigil 12/24 @ 10 PM.....R. Graham  
Christmas 12/25 @ 9AM.....  
Christmas 12/25 @ 11 AM.....R. Carmine

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Children's Vigil 12/24 @ 3 PM.....D. Murren  
Vigil 12/24 @ 10 PM.....  
Christmas 12/25 @ 9AM.....  
Christmas 12/25 @ 11 AM.....

December 26/27, 2020

**LECTORS**

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

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

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

**4th Sunday of Advent**

- 1. 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12**
- 2. Romans 16: 25-27**
- 3. Luke 1: 26-38**

**Liturgy of the Word—Meditation:**

The Lord reminds David that he, the Lord, chose David. He tells David that a kingdom will be established in David's name and endure forever. Saint Paul gives glory to *the only wise God, through Jesus Christ*. In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will conceive and bear a son, and—hearing that the Holy Spirit and the *power of the Most High* will be with her—she responds, "*may it be done to me according to your word.*"

**Focus: The Lord dwells among us.**

David worries that the ark of God dwells in a tent; Mary doesn't hesitate to allow the ark of God to dwell within her. God is not bound by human constraints, and yet He asks us to participate with Him, and cooperate with His grace, that the ark of the covenant—and the arc of salvation history—may be available to all.

**Week of Grace**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on  
**Monday, December 21—5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**



**Collection Report for  
Sunday, December 13, 2020**

**Regular Weekly Offerings**

Envelopes Dated Sunday, December 13, 2020	\$1,522.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	927.00
Loose Cash and Checks	117.00

**Extraordinary Expenses**

Envelopes (All Dates)	322.00
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**Other**

Cemetery Fund	2.00
Candle Offerings	9.00
Flower Fund - Regular	32.00
Christmas Flowers	70.00
Immaculate Conception (Tuesday, 12/08/2020)	
Envelopes	95.00
Loose Cash and Checks	20.00
Christmas (Friday, 12/25/2020)	470.00
Children & Family Svc Appeal (Friday 12/25/2020)	45.00
Solemnity of Mary (Friday, 01/01/2021)	50.00
Thanksgiving (Thursday, 11/26/2020)	10.00
Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund	
Catholic Relief Services (Sunday, 11/22/2020)	10.00
Angel Tree	70.00
City Mission (Homeless)	210.00

**TOTAL: \$3,981.00**

**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**

**Thank you to all of our parish friends and family who contributed to our Angel Tree project. Our families will be receiving everything on their list plus gift cards for groceries and gas. In addition to serving these families, we are providing assistance to last year's family as the pandemic has impacted mom's employment.**



**GOD BLESS YOU!!**

**Pope Francis—thought for the day (Dec. 20)**

This is the first thing the Church teaches us: Jesus always prepares us for trials and in the trials He is with us; He never forsakes us. Never.

**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.**

**Attention: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers**

We are working on the January and February Liturgy schedules. We will also need people for Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 PM. 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](mailto:reservations@laurelcaverns.com). Thank you for your faithful service.

*Let Christmas  
Come into our world  
And bring us warmth and cheer.  
Bring us Faith  
In place of doubt  
And strength in place of fear  
Bring us Hope  
And bring us Love  
To guide our hearts forever...  
Let Christmas come  
Into our world  
And bring us all together.*



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
GWEN 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.

**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

**Live Nativity set at St. Joseph Parish Uniontown**

The Youth Ministry of the Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown will present a Live Nativity from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 27 at St. Joseph Parish, 180 Old Walnut Hill Road. Donations of nonperishable items will be accepted at the front of the church. For more information, contact Theresa Mazur at [tmazur@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tmazur@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**Oh Come Let Us Adore Him!**

In addition to in-person Christmas Masses all over the Diocese of Greensburg, you can also watch Christmas Masses on television or streaming on the Diocese website and Facebook page. Join us for Christmas Vigil Mass at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 10 a.m. on Christmas Day from Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. Both Masses will air on PCNC, the Pittsburgh Cable News Channel. Christmas Day Mass will also air at noon on WPXI Channel 11.



**7 Day Candle Offerings**

Light, Happiness, and Peace	Eric & All Who Love Him
Ron & Teresa Steimer	Gary
Coobie	Dominic
Our Son's Health	Carl & Connie Bryner
Kadar Family	Jerry & Cat

**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.



**GOD PROVIDES,  
BUT YOU'RE THE  
DELIVERY SYSTEM**

Please consider a gift this Christmas to the Children and Family Services Appeal; the second collection at all Masses on December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>



Providing Help,  
Creating Hope.

1.866.409.6455

Hunger and Poverty  
Don't Discriminate.

**'The Accent On-Air' presents 'Christmas Traditions'**

"The Accent On-Air" presents "Christmas Traditions" on WTAE-TV with overnight airings at 3:07 a.m. and 3:37 a.m., scheduled for Dec. 19 and 26. 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](http://TheAccentOnline.org).

