

# Saint Joan Of Arc Church

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

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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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Jan. 9 Anticipated The Baptism of the Lord

5:00 pm.....Anneli Sjoberg  
Larry Hajduk

Sunday, Jan. 10 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am.....Stephanie Gentile  
Larry Hajduk

11:00 am.....John P. Fior  
Vic Benco

Monday, Jan. 11

9:00 am.....Shirley Gearing  
M/M Dan Gearing

Tuesday, Jan. 12

9:00 am .....Fred Hospodavis  
Dale & Christine Fink & Family

Wednesday, Jan. 13

9:00 am.....Charlotte Cerullo  
Frank Marolta

Thursday, Jan. 14

9:00 am .....Alfred “Buzzy” John  
Larry Hajduk

Friday, Jan. 15

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

Saturday, Jan 16

9:00 am.....Pro Populo

Saturday, Jan. 16 Anticipated 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm.....Gearing & O’Hern Families  
M/M Dan Gearing

Sunday, Jan. 17 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Daniel Hudock  
Tom & Anna Smith

11:00 am.....Stephanie Gentile  
Larry Hajduk

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Liturgical Ministries Schedule

January 16/17, 2021

LECTORS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....C. Martin  
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.....

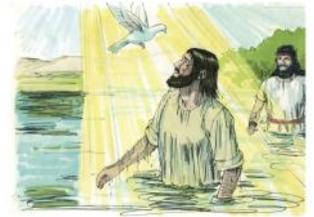
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Jan. 10)

We are called to love each other as Jesus loved us. And love is the concrete sign that demonstrates faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And love is the badge of Christians, as Jesus told us: “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another”.”

The Baptism of Jesus

1. Isaiah 55: 1-11
2. 1 John 5: 1-9
3. Mark 1: 7-11



Focus: Jesus’ baptism by John the Baptist inaugurated His public ministry.

Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist was an important event in His life. After He was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and a voice was heard from the heavens declaring, “This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased.” It was also important in that it officially marked the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry.

Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation’s leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the “culture of death.” Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.

*God has a wonderful plan for each person He has chosen. He knew even before He created this world what beauty He would bring forth from our lives.*

**Collection Report for  
Sunday, January 3, 2021**

**Regular Weekly Offerings**

Envelopes Dated Sunday, January 3, 2021	\$673.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	645.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	440.00
Loose Cash and Checks	176.00

**Extraordinary Expenses**

Envelopes (All Dates)	210.00
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**Other**

Cemetery Fund	20.00
Candle Offerings	23.00
Christmas (Friday, 12/25/2020)	175.00
Children & Family Svc Appeal (Friday 12/25/2020)	10.00
Solemnity of Mary (Friday, 10/01/2021)	
Includes Solemnity of Mary & Weekend Masses	175.00

**TOTAL: \$2,547.00**

**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

**The Catholic Church dedicates the month of January to the Holy Name of Jesus. The following prayer will be recited after all Masses starting January 11.**

Sweet Name of Jesus, holy above all names in heaven and on earth, and to which every knee, both of men and of angels in heaven, on earth and in hell bends. You are the way of the just, the glory of the saints, the hope of those in need, the balm of the sick, the love of the devout and the consolation of those that suffer.  
O, Jesus be to me a help and a protector so that your Name may be blessed for all times...

**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.

Have you ever wondered, "Why did Jesus need to be baptized?" It's a good question, and one that John the Baptist himself asks. In Matthew's gospel we read, "John tried to prevent him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me'" (Matthew 3:14). We know from Luke's gospel that John's baptism was a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). Since Jesus had no sin, why does he go to John to be baptized? What does Jesus' baptism reveal about his mission and identity? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* comes to our aid as we wrestle with these questions.

Let's consider our first question, "Why does Jesus go to be baptized if he has no sin of which to repent?" In the *Catechism* we read, "The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners; he is already 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'" Jesus' act of humble submission to John's baptism is a sign of his submission and total acceptance of the Father's mission. We will see this total submission to the will of the Father in its beautiful climax in the garden of Gethsemane later in Jesus' life. The *Catechism* is inviting us to view Jesus' baptism in light of his passion and death.

The *Catechism* points us to the figure of the suffering Servant as an interpretive key to answer our second question, "What does Jesus' baptism reveal about his mission and identity?" We find many references to this Servant in the prophet Isaiah. One key chapter is Isaiah 53. In Isaiah 53 we hear that this Servant will: bear our infirmities (v. 4), take our guilt upon himself (v. 6), be like a lamb led to the slaughter (v. 7) even though he has done no wrong (v. 9), and surrender himself to death and be counted among the wicked (v. 12). Now consider Jesus' choice to be baptized by John in light of these descriptions of the Servant in Isaiah 53. Jesus takes on the identity of the suffering Servant beginning in his baptism. He chooses to be associated with the wicked who come to John for baptism and to take upon himself our guilt.

John the Baptist is the one who first makes this connection between Jesus and the suffering Servant. He explicitly proclaims Jesus as "the lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29). He makes the connection for his followers that Jesus is the suffering Servant predicted to arrive in Isaiah 53. John, who is filled with the Holy Spirit from birth, has the prophetic insight to understand what took place when he baptized Jesus. He shares this insight with his followers, who leave John the Baptist and begin to follow Jesus at his instruction.

The baptism of Jesus is commonly seen as the beginning of his public ministry. It is in his baptism that Jesus assumes the mission of the suffering Servant who will heal his people through his suffering and death. Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of a journey that will ultimately lead him to the Cross. At his baptism, Jesus sets the tone for his entire ministry and mission. In essence, Jesus is saying, "I'm not afraid of your mess; I came to unite myself to humanity, to take your brokenness upon myself, and to heal you." Jesus acts on this desire to "seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10) and immerse himself in the messiness of humanity over and over again in the gospels.

If you feel stuck in sin, the messiness of life, or your own brokenness—do not lose hope! Jesus shows us in his baptism that he doesn't stand aside and watch as sinners struggle toward healing and holiness. Jesus wants to be "baptized" with you in that difficulty, he desires to "immerse himself" in the messiness of your life. It is when we unite our sin, addiction, brokenness, etcetera to Jesus that it can be overcome and healed on the Cross. We have to exercise the humility of John the Baptist and avoid the temptation to push Jesus away. May the Holy Spirit give us the strength to welcome Jesus into the difficult places in our hearts and allow us to experience the transforming love of God as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS  
THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER

PAT MYERS  
EASTON STEPHANS-RIVERA  
AMY TUNGATE  
CHUCK GENTILE  
LORI BATTELLI  
CATHERINE GALIDA  
RHEBA MAUST  
IRENE EVANS  
DAVID RUSKO  
MADDY MARTIN  
AMANDA  
DOLORES YURKOVICH  
ESTER SUCHEVITS  
JUDITH ANN DAHL  
ED MARTINKO  
DIANE SWANSON  
SAUNDRA CASEY  
LARRY HAJDUK  
KAREN ENSOR  
T. & B.  
SUSIE TERRAVECCHIA  
BETTY URICK  
ANNA SMITH  
GWEN TAKACS

ANONYMOUS (WISDOM IN JOB)  
MICHAEL KITTA  
JOHN LIGHTSEY JR.  
PAT WELLER  
ALBERT B. CROSBY  
JERRY GALIDA  
MILLIE DETTMAN  
JIM AND CHRIS AUGUSTINE  
MARY JUDD  
MEGAN BELAN  
JADON  
JOHN YURKOVICH  
EVELYN DAHL  
DENISE  
ERIKA & DARREL'S RELATIONSHIP  
DAN DUNCAN  
SARAH SMITH  
PAT MOWEN  
P. T. SHIPLEY  
JENNIFER HARDIN  
PHIL TERRAVECCHIA  
SUSAN HEILMAN  
GARY MYERS  
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.

**You Can Help**

Although the Christmas Season ends today, our support for families in need is not ending. We are currently supporting several families with food boxes and we need your help. Although St. Vincent De Paul is not currently accepting donations, we welcome your food donations as we continue to serve our neighbors in need. Cash donations are also welcome, and should be placed in an envelope marked food for needy. Thank You and God Bless You!

**Change Your World:**

"You can change you and your environment by doing this simple exercise. For the next 30 days, treat every person you meet, without exception, as the most important person on earth. You will find that people will begin treating you the same way. You see, every person *is* the most important person on earth."  
Earl Nightingale



**7 Day Candle Offerings**

Eric & All Who Love Him  
Coobie  
Gary

Light, Happiness & Peace  
John Yurkovich  
Dominic

**Catholic Charities Offers Virtual Counseling**

Social distancing can take a toll. So can waiting in line to get into a grocery or hardware store. It's not unusual to feel angry, or frustrated, or confused. For some people, the pandemic restrictions can magnify feelings of anxiety, depression, interpersonal conflict, grief and a wide variety of other issues. Catholic Charities provides virtual counseling to help address those issues and more. Taking care of your own emotional well-being is very important to you and the people you love. You don't need to face these feelings alone. Call Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840 or email [counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information**

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

Please go to <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life> to sign up for Novena to Protect Life.



John, how are you gonna Baptize me when you throw like a girl?!



**Mass Intentions for 2021**

Mass intentions for 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.

*Do not dwell upon your inner failings...Just do this! Bring your soul to the Great Physician—exactly as you are, even and especially at your worst moment...For it is in such moments that you will most readily sense His healing presence.*  
Teresa of Avila