

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.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY—JANUARY 3, 2021

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Jan. 2 Anticipated Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm.....Buzz John
Mary & Richard Suchevis

Sunday, Jan. 3 Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am.....James Maust
Rheba Maust

11:00 am.....Alfred “Buzzy” John
Simone John & Andrea John Ormond

Monday, Jan. 4

9:00 am.....Velma Sefcik
Beverly Dunn

Tuesday, Jan. 5

9:00 amFred Hospodavis
Larry Fell

Wednesday, Jan. 6

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

Thursday, Jan. 7

9:00 amAlfred “Buzzy” John
Larry Hajduk

Friday, Jan. 8

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

Saturday, Jan. 9

9:00 am.....Pro Populo

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

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

January 9/10, 2021

LECTORS

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

*To rise highest, start on
your knees.*



Feast of the Epiphany

- 1. Isaiah 60: 1-6**
- 2. Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6**
- 3. Matthew 2: 1-12**

Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:

In the first reading, the prophet reminds Israel that God’s glory will shine on them. They will be a people to be admired by nations and kings. Saint Paul recounts for the Ephesians that Gentiles are co-heirs and co-partners in the promise of Jesus Christ in the Gospel. The Gospel recounts the Magi’s visit to pay homage to the newborn Baby Jesus.

Focus: God lavishes upon us gifts beyond our merit.

Today’s reading demonstrates the gratuitous nature of God’s love for humanity. Recognizing this benevolence, we, along with the Magi, prostrate ourselves and pay homage by offering our supreme gifts - our faith, hope, and love – in the service of our generous, loving God.

Prayer—Family Blessing of Homes

*With hands joined, the parents say the prayer of blessing OR
all family members may say the prayer together.*

Lord, God of heaven and earth, You revealed your only
begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and we who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of
Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank You

**On behalf of our parish family, I would like to thank all
who helped with decorating for the Christmas season.
The church is positively beautiful! God bless you.**

Fr. Jim

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Jan. 3)

What is God’s love? It is not something vague, some generic feeling. God’s love has a name and a face: Jesus Christ, Jesus.

**Collection Report for
Sunday, December 27, 2020**

Regular Weekly Offerings

Envelopes Dated Sunday, December 27, 2020	\$221.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	81.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	200.00
Loose Cash and Checks	162.00

Extraordinary Expenses

Envelopes (All Dates)	87.00
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Other

Christmas (Friday, 12/25/2020)	
Includes Christmas Day and Weekend Masses	1,028.00
Children & Family Svc Appeal (Friday 12/25/2020)	
Includes Christmas Day and Weekend Masses	100.00
Solemnity of Mary (Friday, 01/01/2021)	10.00
Immaculate Conception (Tuesday, 12/08/2020)	10.00

TOTAL: \$1,899.00

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. Mass cards are available upon request.

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

Blessing of Homes

Each year during the feast of the Epiphany, many Catholics choose to bless their homes. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, and our joys and sorrows. Using chalk that has been blessed, mark the lintel of your front door as follows: 20+C+M+B+21. (the letters are the initials of the three Magi, Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar; the numbers are the new year.) Please pick up a piece of the blessed chalk and a copy of the Family Blessing of Homes. These are located in the rear of the church.

God speaks through a dream and they listen

At the end of Matthew's account of the wise men, they have a dream not to return to Herod and provide the news about Jesus. They obey the dream and go another way home. Their faithfulness puts into place a number of events. First, Herod is furious and orders the killing of Jewish toddlers two years and younger in Bethlehem. Second, Joseph has a dream to leave the area and travel to Egypt until Herod dies. Herod's reaction is awful and mimics the travesty of Moses' infancy. The journey to Egypt also connects us to the story of Israel and the Exodus. How redemptive it is to imagine Jesus wading in the waters of the Nile River! Jesus is the Messiah come to usher in a new exodus to a new promised land, erasing the stain of sin forever. The wisemen are simply faithful through dreams and all other avenues by which God might be speaking. They don't realize the sequence of events, but God uses their faithfulness as a hinge to open up more of His story to His people. Let us live lives worthy of the same high calling.



Epiphany means revelation. Let's use this time, this moment, to celebrate and learn from the pilgrims who traveled from afar to uncover the Truth of God made flesh. We don't know what happens to the wise men when they return home. One legend tells of their full conversion to Christianity when one of the apostles arrives in Persia. Another story talks about their martyrdom since they never wavered in faith from that day in Bethlehem until their deaths. Let us likewise never tire of the Gospel story. Let us never *get over* the Incarnation or explain it into something palatable to modernity. Let us never be smug about the death and resurrection of Jesus. Let us be magi instead, believing in the magic, in the great magician, in the grand miracle of God made flesh to atone for our sin.

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.

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.



7 Day Candle Offerings

Eric & All Who Love Him
Coobie

Gary
John Yurkovich

Thank You!

We would like to thank all who helped with shopping, wrapping and delivering presents to our needy families. **May God bless you!**

We have received feedback from some of our families....

“From the very depths of my soul I thank you. You helped us when no one else (even family) wouldn't. I am so very grateful. I feel as if I don't have the proper vocabulary to thank you properly. If there's anything I can do to repay your kindness please do not hesitate telling me. Of course it goes without saying that I will pay your kindness forward. (I'm always helping others who can't help themselves)”

“I don't even have the words to tell you how much I appreciate what you and everyone at the church does for the kids and I. But thank you so very much! “

One of our family members found out her cancer is now in remission. Please keep praying for them.



REMINDER

The Yarn Divas will meet on Friday, January 8, 2021 after the morning Mass. All are welcome for prayer and fellow-