

Saint Joan Of Arc Church

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

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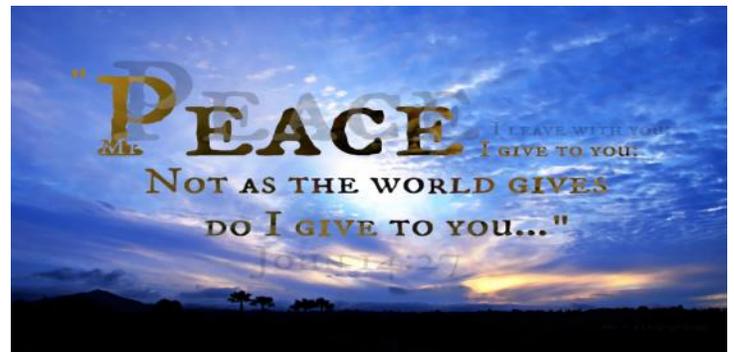
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Mission Statement

We, the parish of St. Joan of Arc, are a community of visitors and seasonal and local members of diverse backgrounds. Spiritual life, fellowship and outreach are important in our mountain setting. We are called to worship, to teach and live the gospel message and to extend concern and compassion to all. As a result of our growth and past experience, we look to the future and affirm our commitment to the evangelization of all age groups.



Facebook Page—Saint Joan of Arc Church

Mass is streaming on our Facebook page Sundays at 8 AM. Masses are being uploaded to our website: www.sjoafarmington.org. Click on the Mass on the bottom right corner.

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: 8:30 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, July 25 Anticipated 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm.....Prayer Shawl Recipients

Sunday, July 26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Dorothy Gruber
Patty Stunja & Dolores Muratore

11:00 am.....Helen Mercedes
Mary Smolley

Monday, July 27

9:00 am.....John Zapotosky Jr.
John & Sue Maykuth

Tuesday, July 28

9:00 amThomas Gashie
Matyk & Bell Family

Wednesday, July 29

9:00 am.....Thelma Conticelli
Joe & Theresa Mohar

Thursday, July 30

9:00 amGearing & O’Hern Families
M/M Dan Gearing

Friday, July 31

9:00 am.....Sylvester Munczenski.
M/M Anthony Barak Jr.

Saturday, Aug. 1

9:00 am.....Pro Populo

Saturday, Aug. 1 Anticipated 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm.....Lillian Gangwere
David & Lillian Cale

Sunday, Aug. 2 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Dolly Shimshock
The Garciks

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

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

August 1/2, 2020

LECTORS

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

ALTAR SERVERS

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3: 5,7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

Liturgy of the Word—Meditation:

God tells Solomon to ask for anything, and he asks for an understanding heart to lead his people. Saint Paul writes to the Romans that, *all things work for the good of those who love God*. In the Gospel, Jesus uses three parables [buried treasure, pearl of great price, and a full fish net] to explain the kingdom of heaven.

Focus: The wise seek God.

When Solomon asks for an understanding heart to lead his people, he must have known it was the one gift that opened the door to every other gift. For wisdom (prudence) is the virtue that guides all other virtues, and grounds judgment. The wise seek God, and those who know Him seek to know Him more, as Solomon, and the parables, demonstrate.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

I believe that You, O Jesus, are in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You and desire You. Come into my heart. I embrace You. Oh, never, never leave me. May the burning and Most Sweet Power of Your Love, O Lord Jesus, I beseech You, absorb my mind that I may die through love of Your Love, Who were graciously pleased to die through love of my love. Amen.



Pope Francis—thought for the day (July 26)

Let us value the simple things of everyday life: not using them and throwing them away, but appreciating them and caring for them.

We must always grow in this virtue: it is impossible to hope too much. The one who hopes for everything obtains everything. ”

**Collection Report for
Sunday, July 19, 2020**

Regular Weekly Offerings

Envelopes Dated Sunday, July 19, 2020	\$475.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	840.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	320.00
Loose Cash and Checks	1,665.00

Extraordinary Expenses

Envelopes (All Dates)	251.00
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Other

Cemetery Fund	30.00
Votive Candles	21.00
Flower Fund - Regular	42.00
Peter's Pence (Sunday, 06/28/2020)	10.00

TOTAL: \$3,654.00

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

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

Stuffed Animals for Children at Ruby Hospital

Saint Joan of Arc is sponsoring a collection of stuffed animals for children at Ruby in Morgantown. These stuffed animals provide comfort and support to patients and siblings while at the hospital. We cannot accept small animals or beanie babies at this time. If you are interested in making a donation, we recommend medium sized items as large ones are hard to store.



Please place your donations in the basket in the church vestibule. Our collection ends July 31st.

Loving God, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out on the cross and offered daily on the altar, for our civil authorities, for the strengthening of public morals, and for peace and justice among all nations. Amen



Reflections From the Mount

Time is so relative. For many there is never enough; for some there is too much. When you're waiting for something special to happen, time seems so long in passing. When you're having a good time, the minutes pass so quickly and the event is over. If there is a mountain of work ahead of you, there is never enough. When you're bored, there is too much.

Moment to moment, hour to hour, day to day the years pile up and create a lifetime. It is like a ribbon stretching out before you and behind you. It climbs up mountains and slides down valleys, soars the sky and rides the dirt; it is a record of the successes and failures, the pleasures and sorrows of each of us. It is an accumulation of the good and the bad because both are part of every life.

Think about it: when we explain something or relate an event in our lives, we always relate it in the context of time. We know time and we understand it; yet, according to the philosopher Immanuel Kant, it is an intangible that is not knowable by our senses and yet is. We know that times exists because of motion and change, but we cannot detect time through our senses.

In Scripture, a thousand years is reckoned as a day to God. So then, is time different for the Lord or is time something which defines us as humans and is defined by humans? We need time to organize our lives and to establish patterns. We chart our days according to different times for different things. There is waking time, work time, meal time, bedtime, relaxing time, cooking time and on and on and on. We are immersed in it from the moment of our birth until the time of death.

We see time as it moves from dawn to dusk, from light to dark. Some people are larks, singing at the break of day, and others are owls, feeling their steam late into the darkness. We define ourselves by the time of day and each of us knows when our peak of production arrives and we learn to use the peaks to our advantage.

The most important feature of life, and something on which we will be judged, is how we used our time. If we try to be judicious in not wasting our time, and still try to always give others enough of our time, we will be successful in using our time. We often reflect that very busy people always have time to accomplish something else. That is because they learned to use their time wisely, and, most importantly, they are people who are "there" for others.

Don't put off until tomorrow something which you should do today. Tomorrow may never come and all you really have is the present moment. Whether it is a moment of pain or pleasure, it is your moment. It needs to be treasured for itself and to be spent in the best way. It will never come again and once passed is gone forever...lost perhaps. Each of us has to seize the moment as if it is a prize or a present waiting to be unwrapped.

Give yourself the gift of stopping to pet a dog or cat, smile at a child, hold a baby, help an older person, smell a flower, enjoy the clouds, regard the grass and shrubs, speak to a stranger or say a prayer. You have the time and your life will be fuller if you try to appreciate our beautiful world and give thanks. God gave us time so we can enjoy all of the other wonders of our world and so we can someday leave our human time for unending eternity.

Lillian Gangwere Cale

Commemorative Bricks

Celebrate life events such as weddings, births, graduations, and wedding anniversaries with a permanent memorial displayed on Saint Joan of Arc grounds in our peaceful mountain setting. This is also a wonderful way to memorialize loved ones and family.

For more information, contact the parish office at
724-329-4522.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER:

REV. WILLIAM LECHNAR	ANNA SMITH
MARK KRUEGER	GARY MYERS
PAT MYERS	ANONYMOUS (WISDOM IN JOB)
EASTON STEPHANS-RIVERA	STEPHANIE GENTILE
AMY TUNGATE	JOHN LIGHTSEY JR.
CHUCK GENTILE	PAT WELLER
LORI BATTELLI	ALBERT B. CROSBY
CATHERINE GALIDA	JERRY GALIDA
RHEBA MAUST	MILLIE DETTMAN
RICH HOLCHIN	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	BUZZ JOHN
DENISE	ED MARTINKO
DIANE SWANSON	DAN DUNCAN
SAUNDRA CASEY	SARAH SMITH
LARRY HAJDUK	

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.

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, and starting this week, 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!

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.

A Transformational Catechetical Experience

"Holy Family Latrobe is excited to announce an entire course for continuing adult catechesis tailored to the times in which we live! Monthly in-person meetings (Second Thursdays) will be combined with weekly online reading, videos, and discussions through an online platform to create a truly transformational catechetical experience for those who want to deepen their faith." In-Person Meetings: Sept 2020 to May 2021 @ 7:00PM-8:00PM.

CONTACT vmarcantonio@dioceseofgreensburg.org to learn more or REGISTER by August 31."

"Be firmly resolved never to let yourself be troubled by anything in the world. Present yourself humbly and with complete confidence to the Lord in prayer, and he will not fail to have compassion on you."



7 Day Candle Offerings

Jerry & Cat
Ron & Teresa Steimer
Light, Happiness & Peace

Eric and All Who Love Him
Robert Spraw & Family
Estelle Gearhart (2)

Ladies Guild Flea Market

The Ladies Guild will be sponsoring a flea market on Saturday, August 22nd. We are looking for household items, tables, lamps and odd chairs, etc., small appliances, jewelry and accessories in slightly used condition with nothing broken or parts missing. Please, no TVs, computer screens, keyboards, or large appliances. Items may be dropped off at the church during regular business hours, starting Monday, June 29th. Please call the office (724-329-4522) to make arrangements for drop off



Remember, the Flea Market is Saturday, August 22nd from 8:00 AM till 4:00 PM. We will practice social distancing, and masks are required. There will be a limited food/drink menu available.

Fish Fry Returning Soon!!!!

Our small parish relies heavily on fundraisers to meet expenses during lean times and to pay down our parish debt. Losing three of the fish dinners due to the pandemic was a major hit for us. Now that we are able to resume fundraisers—takeout only—per diocesan directives, we would like to hold 4 fish fries—takeout only. Our planned menu is fried fish sandwich with choice of 2 sides—French fries, coleslaw or applesauce. Currently, we are planning to serve on the following dates from 11 AM until 7 PM: September 11, September 25, October 9, October 23.

We will need volunteers to assist with answering the phone, taking orders, delivering orders to cars, kitchen help, and clean-up. Please call the office at 724-329-4522 if you are able to volunteer. There is also a sign up sheet in the church vestibule. More info to come.

