

# Saint Joan Of Arc Church

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

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## **Coronavirus Update**

**All Masses, Penitential Services, Stations of the Cross are canceled until further notice. The fish lunches and dinners and the Holy Thursday Dinner are canceled.**

**The church is open for private prayer from 10 AM until 4 PM daily.**

**Please pray for all impacted by the pandemic.**



### **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. — 8:30 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:**

Daily: One half hour before Mass.

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. and by appointment.

### **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.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 29, 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Mar. 28 Anticipated—5th Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm.....Deceased Chimino & Herman Families  
Pat Mowen

Sunday, Mar. 29—5th Sunday of Lent

8:00 am.....Wayne Myers  
Pat Myers & Family

11:00 am.....Joseph Michener  
The Foutz Family

Monday, Mar. 30

8:30 am.....Eleanor Kaydo  
Patrick & Ellen Daugherty

Tuesday, Mar. 31

8:30 am .....Robert Weido Sr.  
M/M Mike Davis

Wednesday, Apr. 1

8:30 am.....Bernadette Rosco  
John & Sue Maykuth

Thursday, Apr. 2

8:30 am .....Stanley Boskovich  
M/M Fred Brenzy

Friday, Apr. 3

8:30 am.....Shirley Geraring  
M/M Dan Gearing

Saturday, Apr. 4

8:30 am.....Pro Populo

Saturday, Apr. 4 Anticipated—6th Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm.....Brent Turner  
Charlotte Ghion

Sunday, Apr. 5—6th Sunday of Lent

8:00 am.....George E. Bissell  
Diane Bissell & Ed Bissell

11:00 am.....James Maust  
Rheba Maust

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

April 4/5, 2019

LECTORS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....B. Galida & C. Martin  
Sunday, 8:00 am.....R. Graham & P. Whyel  
Sunday, 11:00 am.....R. Carmine & B. Citro

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....M. L. Dick  
Sunday, 8:00 am.....H. & M. B. Mazur  
Sunday, 11:00 am.....M. Herring & C. Homer

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....P. Terravecchia  
Sunday, 8:00 am.....D. Graham  
Sunday, 11:00 am.....M. Kamp & O. Kamp

GREETERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....L. Cale  
Sunday, 8:00 am.....  
Sunday, 11:00 am.....M. Herring

Holy Thursday April 9 @ 7:30 PM

Lector.....B. Galida  
Extraordinary Minister.....M. L. Dick  
Altar Server.....L. Cale & P. Terravecchia

Good Friday April 10 @ 1:30 PM

Lector.....B. Galida & P. Whyel  
Extraordinary Minister.....  
Altar Server.....L. Cale & M. Herring

Thank You for Your Service

5th Sunday in Lent

1: Ezekiel 37: 12-14

2: Romans 8: 8-11

3: John 11: 1-45

Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:

In the first reading, God promises life and liberty to the Israelites. In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds the Romans that they must strive to overcome their sinful natures so as to live in union with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and makes the bold proclamation that those who believe in Him will never die.

Focus: Those who believe in Jesus, and walk in His ways, will never die.

Our worldly desires bind us up in burial cloths fashioned from our sins that block the will of God from our sight. By putting aside selfish ways and trusting in God's love and mercy, we allow Christ to call us forth from death so that we might lead a resurrected life in the Spirit.

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Mar. 29)

God's love is free. He asks for nothing in return; all He wants is for His love to be accepted.

**Collection Report for  
Sunday, Month 22, 2020**

**First Collection**

Envelopes Dated Sunday, Month 22, 2020	\$250.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	280.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	0.00
Loose Cash and Checks	0.00

**Second Collection**

**Extraordinary Expenses**

Envelopes (All Dates)	85.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc and Visitors	0.00
Loose Cash and Checks	0.00

**Other**

Cemetery Fund	0.00
Votive Candles	12.00
Flower Fund - Regular	0.00
Easter Flowers	30.00
Palm Sunday	40.00
Holy Thursday	10.00
Good Friday	5.00
Easter	20.00
Donation	6.50

**TOTAL: \$738.50**

**A Prayer of Transformation**

Lord, here I am. I trust that You have an incredible plan for me. Transform me. Transform my life. Everything is on the table. Take what You want to take and give what You want to give. I make myself 100% available to You today. Transform me into the person You created me to be, so I can live the life You envisioned for me at the beginning of time. I hold nothing back. I am 100% available. Lead me, challenge me, encourage me, and open my eyes to all Your possibilities. Show me what it is You want me to do, and I will do it. Amen.

**DLA: "Help the Light Shine"**

Help the light shine on parish improvements projects like the installation of energy saving solar-powered lights at St. Bernard Parish, Indiana, PA. Parishes depend on the support of the Diocesan Lenten Appeal to repair structural damages, maintain the grounds and make improvements to help save money in the years to come. Support your parish. "Grow in the Lord" and donate today to the 2020 Diocesan Lenten Appeal at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/GROW](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/GROW).

Our parish target this year is \$17,945. To date, we have contributed \$ 9735. Any money in excess of our target will be returned to our parish to be used for our needed kitchen renovation.

***For the Rest of my Life***

*For the rest of my life, this very special day, God help me to strive to fulfill the best that is within me, knowing that I have no obligation to attain great wealth or success, only the obligation to be true to the highest and best I can be.*

*For the rest of my life, this very special day, God help me to never succumb to the fear of failing to embrace adversity as a friend who will teach me more about myself than any joyful run of success and good fortune.*

*For the rest of my life, this very special day, God help me to remember that failures, even when they occur, are only guides to success, since every discovery of what is false will lead me to seek after what is true, and every experience teaches me some form of error that shall afterward be carefully avoided.*

*For the rest of my life, this very special day, God help me to rejoice over what I have, little though it may be, always recalling the of-told tale of the man who was sobbing because he had no shoes until, one day, he met a man who had no feet.*

Apple Seeds

**Stumbling Into the Light**

It's not quite Easter, yet having grown up with the knowledge of the resurrection, I can't help but hear in today's readings a foreshadowing of the passion and resurrection. Thomas is ready to go to Jerusalem and die with Jesus, the women are faith-filled in the face of death, and Lazarus lies in a tomb, to be restored to life. I know how the story ends, so at some level I'm untroubled by Martha and Mary's grief, unmoved by Thomas' determination to stick with Jesus come what may, unsurprised when Lazarus is raised from the dead.

But the season has us linger in the doorway between death and life, to imagine again and again what it is like to have the Spirit breathing life into us, to rise. I recall John Updike's poem "Seven Stanzas at Easter." He warns against seeing the events of the Paschal Mystery as parables or pious legends, of prettying them up to make them more tolerable. Stand at the entrance of the tomb, he says, feel the weight of the rock and hear the grunting of those who struggle to seal it. See a man tied hand and foot in linen emerge, stumbling into the light.

Lent or not, I live in this liminal space, believing in the resurrection, hoping that I, too, will be brought back to life in the end, pulled from the depths of sin. Again and again, Jesus calls me, and I stumble out of the tomb into the unbearable light. I might be unsurprised at my rescue, but let me never be anything less than stunned to be breathing again.

The stories of the events leading to Jesus' passion and resurrection are so familiar it can be hard to hear them afresh. Read through today's gospel. What catches your eye? What surprises you that you haven't thought about in many years?

**Prayer:** We cry to You from the depths O Lord, and beg You to untie the bonds of sin that confine us. Call us into the light, that we might once again proclaim your glory.

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
BARB HOLLAND	DAVID RUSKO
MARY JUDD	MADDY MARTIN
DOLORES YURKOVICH	JOHN YURKOVICH
ESTER SUCHEVITS	EVELYN DAHL

If you would like to request prayer for yourself, a friend or loved one, please complete a Prayer Request Card located on the table in the rear of the church, or 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

Jerry & Cat  
Peace

Ron & Teresa Steimer  
Pat Weller

Commemorative Bricks  
Attention Parishioners and Visitors!!!

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, pick up a form in the church vestibule or contact the parish office.

Prayer for Our Nation

Written by Dr. Charles R. Swindoll

Almighty God, we pause to reflect on Your character as we seek wisdom for such a time as this.

. In these unsafe days,

You remain all-powerful and able to protect;

. In these uncertain times,

You remain all-knowing, leading us aright;

. In the unprecedented events we're facing,

You remain absolutely sovereign.

Our times are in Your hands.

Therefore, our dependence on You, is total, not partial

. . . our need for Your forgiveness is constant

. . . our gratitude for Your grace is profound

. . . our love for You is deep.

We ask that You guard and guide our President and all who serve the people of these United States.

May uncompromising integrity mark their lives.

We also ask that You unite us as truly "one nation, under God."

May genuine humility return to our ranks.

And may that blend of integrity and humility heal our land.

In our Lord's name we pray, Amen.

Lord, when were you hungry and homeless?

So how will a homeless person at risk shelter in place? City Mission—Living Stones provided over 3000 shelter nights to homeless men, women, and children in 2019. Their federal emergency shelter operational funding has been completely eliminated. If you are wondering how you can help, please consider a donation to this great organization which provides help and hope for the homeless in Uniontown.

Mail Donations to : City Mission-Living Stones, Inc., PO Box 943, Uniontown, PA. 15401. You can also send your donations to us and we will be glad to forward them on.

*"Lord, thank you for holding me and my loved ones so firmly in Your grasp. My trust and hope are in you! Help me to rest in your presence today. I want to let go of fear and doubt."*

Calendar—Holy Week and Easter

Mon. April 6 @ 8:30 AM.....Daily Mass  
Tues. April 7 @ 8:30 AM.....Daily Mass  
Wed. April 8 @ 8:30 AM.....Daily Mass  
Wed. April 8 @ 7 PM..Stations of the Cross & Benediction  
Thurs. April 9 @ 6 PM.....Holy Thursday Parish Supper  
Thurs. April 9 @ 7:30 PM.....Holy Thursday Mass  
Thurs. April 9 9 PM—12 AM.....Eucharistic Adoration  
Fri. April 10 @ 12 PM...Stations of the Cross & Adoration  
Fri. April 10 @ 1:30.....Good Friday Services  
Sat. April 11 @ 12 PM.....Blessing of Easter Baskets  
Sat. April 11 @ 9 PM.....Holy Saturday Mass  
Easter Sunday April 12 @ 8 & 11 AM.....Mass

