

# Saint Joan Of Arc Church

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## 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.



## Facebook Page—Saint Joan of Arc Church

Mass is streaming on our facebook page

Mon—Sat. at 9 AM and Sundays at 10 AM.

The rosary will be streamed live Mon—Sat at 9:45 AM and Sunday following the Mass.

Masses are being uploaded to our website:

[www.sjoafarmington.org](http://www.sjoafarmington.org)

Click on the Mass on the bottom right corner.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 9 Anticipated—5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 am.....John W. & Margaret Raymond  
Family

Sunday, May 10—5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am.....Intentions of All Mothers

Monday, May 11

9:00 am.....Ann Arnold  
Mrs. Toni Ross

Tuesday, May 12

9:00 am .....Mary Anne Gross  
Dorothy Murren

Wednesday, May 13

9:00 am.....Dorothy Gruber  
Rick & Maureen Francis

Thursday, May 14

9:00 am .....Thelma Conticelli  
Jane Pramuk

Friday, May 15

9:00 am.....Thomas E. Gashie  
Angie Wolfe

Saturday, May 16 Anticipated—6th Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, May 17—6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am.....Shirley Gearing  
M/M Dan Gearing

**Note: Father says one private Mass daily. Masses previously scheduled for 11 AM on Sundays are being rescheduled.  
Thank You**

**ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS**

May—Mary’s Month

May is here, a time when the people of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Francis is encouraging everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary at home in the month of May. Pope Francis has provided the following prayers to be recited at the end of the rosary, as he himself will do in spiritual union with everyone.

*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*

**Please join us on Facebook—Saint Joan of Arc Church Like us and stay informed...**

**We will have daily Mass Monday through Saturday at 9AM and Sunday at 10 AM starting May 1st.**

**We will be reciting the rosary at 9:45 AM Mon—Sat and immediately following the 10 AM Sunday Mass.**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**1: Acts 6: 1-7**

**2: 1 Peter 2: 4-9**

**3: John 14: 1-12**

**Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:**

In the first reading, the twelve choose *seven reputable men* to be their assistants and *serve at table*. In his Letter, Peter writes that all who have faith are to be living stones, imitating Christ. In John’s Gospel, Jesus declares Himself *the way and the truth and the life*, calling those who believe in Him to do the work He does.

**Focus: We are living stones aligned with Christ, the Cornerstone.**

Let the church rejoice as we, the living body of Christ, have recently welcomed many brothers and sisters, new members of the household of faith. Let us encourage those newly joined to us in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation to fully live their new identity as part of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

*Whatever your vocation, I urge you: be brave, be generous, and, above all, be joyful!*

*Pope Francis*

**Pope Francis—thought for the day (May 10)**

Jesus’ love heals our shortsightedness and pushes us to look beyond, not be satisfied with appearances. He invites us to follow Him when it comes to showing tenderness and mercy towards the sick, prisoners, the elderly and families in difficulty.

**The Most Important Person on Earth**

From the Holy Bible:

“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls” Prov. 31:10

“Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain. The woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.” Prov. 31:30

“The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built the Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the timely perfection of her baby’s body.

“The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than all other creatures. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...

“What on God’s good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?”

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

***Mother’s Day:***

Today we salute all our mothers and the Queen of all mothers, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother. God did something good when he inspired man to set aside a particular day as Mother's Day. In establishing a Mother's Day, we second the lead of God Himself in according to the mother of a family a position that can be taken by no one except her who is mother!

Mother and family go together. We do not think of one without the other. Both are so fundamental to society. To salute mother and family, to preserve their position, and dignity, to defend their purity and honor, to safeguard their nature, to maintain their ultimate spiritual destiny in the face of materialistic attacks of the world, to do these things is indeed to praise God and, with Him, all our mothers, and the Virgin Mother as our Queen.

Let mothers be what God intended them to be. Let us honor, respect, love and obey our mothers as God intended that we should. Let us not desecrate the name of Mother. Let us not tear down her position of dignity and honor. Let us recognize her true love and give a true love in return.

It is Mother's Day. Let it be a day of sentiment, yes. But let it be a day of prayer for their intentions that God will bless our mothers as only He can! May Mary, the Mother of Jesus, be a close spiritual friend of all mothers.

***A Blessed and Happy Mother's Day!***

**The Mystery Within**

“They’re cute at this stage, aren’t they?” the priest observed as the family gathered around their newly baptized infant. He added: “Then, they turn into us.” Laughter ensued, but wincingly. The perfect child would one day stand with us, in all our remarkable, notorious complexity.

Behold the mystery! Babies become business owners, ball players, bricklayers, and bartenders in the unfolding of years. All of life’s possibilities are contained in the soft flesh and flailing arms, the slobbery toothless grin of the newcomer to this world. A thousand factors will serve to restrain or encourage the path this pioneer takes. Words spoken or withheld will play a part. Resources available or lacking will shape the trail. Love, education, opportunity will leave their mark. But despite all that assists in the formation of a soul, a surprising person can yet emerge to shatter every preconception.

There’s more to us than birth, death, and the factors that lie between. Believers speak of Paschal Mystery: The bold affirmation that weakness, suffering, and death lead to wonder beyond the tomb. We go where Jesus goes—a startling reality to embrace. We pray: “constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us.” Think of what we are asking! Lord, we say, only this: bring every bit of death in us back to life. And do this, Lord, not just today. But relentlessly. Shatter the odds, change the terms, undo the math. See who we have turned into. Then make us more.

**A Very Simple Verb**

*Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.* When situations test us, we face up to them by perseverance, and persistence, by endurance, by keeping the word. Trials tend to make us turn back; they persuade us to lose heart. The direct opposite is not necessarily immediate victory; rather it is endurance that enables us to stand firm and strong. John, the evangelist uses a very simple verb: *menien* (“remain” or “abide”), which in context carries the same overtones. “If you abide in Me,” Jesus says, “and My words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you” (Jn 15:7) “Abiding in Jesus” is the way to meet trials and tests.

**OPEN YOUR HEART TO HOPE**



**Goal: \$17,945  
100 Gifts**

**Actual: \$12,585  
Actual: 59 gifts**

If we exceed our target, money will be returned to us for use on our much needed kitchen renovation. Please support St. Joan of Arc in this appeal! God Bless You!

**Remember Loved Ones with Missal Dedications**

If you missed the opportunity to dedicate one of our new Glory and Praise Missals to family and friends, we invite you to memorialize them now. For \$25, you can dedicate a missal to family, friends and loved ones. Call 724-329-4522 For more information.

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 BATELLI	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
JUDITH ANN DAHL	BUZZ JOHN
MEGAN BELAN	

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.

**Mass Intentions for 2020**

Mass intentions for 2020 may be scheduled by filling out a the envelope found in the church pews or 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.



The First Rosary



**7 Day Candle Offerings**

Jerry & Cat  
Ron & Teresa Steimer

Eric and All Who Love Him

**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.



**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.

**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, call the office at 724-329-4522.

