The Rev. James F. Petrovsky, Pastor
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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!
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 15, 2020

Faith in Jesus Christ frees us from sin, sadness, emptiness, isolation. It is the source of a joy.

Liturgical Ministries Schedule
November 21/22, 2020

LECTORS
Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm..........................................................C. Martin
Sunday, 8:00 am.................................................................R. Graham
Sunday, 11:00 am...............................................................B. Citro

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm..........................................................B. Galida
Sunday, 8:00 am.................................................................
Sunday, 11:00 am.................................................................

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

THANKSGIVING DAY
November 26, 2020 @ 9:30 AM
Lector.................................................................M. Jarina
Extraordinary Minister.........................................................B. Galida

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1. Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
2. 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6
3. Matthew 25: 14-30

Liturgy of the Word—Meditation:

The first reading from Proverbs declares a worthy wife as having value for beyond pearls. She is described as bringing goodness, being entrusted with her husband’s heart, hard working, and in fear of the Lord. Paul tells the Thessalonians that they are children of the light and children of the day, and thus, disaster will not befall them when the day of the Lord comes. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable of the faithful servant who multiplies the talents given him by his master.

Focus: God empowers us to participate in His work to bring about good in the world.

We are called to participate in God’s work to multiply goodness in our world, and God gives us all we need for this work. Especially in the Eucharist, we receive God’s grace and strength that we, too, may be faithful in small matters and great responsibilities.

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Nov. 14 Anticipated 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm..........................Norman A. John, Herman John
Alfred “Buzz” John

Sunday, Nov. 15 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am..........................Daniel Hudock
Tom & Barb Kadar
11:00 am..........................Gearing & O’Hern Families
M/M Dan Gearing

Monday, Nov. 16
9:00 am............Birthday Remembrance—Stanley Wajda Sr.
Son, Tom Wajda

Tuesday, Nov. 17
9:00 am..........................Alfred “Buzz” John
Larry Hajduk

Wednesday, Nov. 18
9:00 am......................Carnegie Family & Flosnik Family
Shirley Flosnik

Thursday, Nov. 19
9:00 am..........................Intentions of T. & B.
Dorothy Murren

Friday, Nov. 20
9:00 am..........................Anneli Sjoberg
Larry Hajduk

Saturday, Nov. 21
9:00 am..........................Pro Populo

Saturday, Nov. 21 Anticipated Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
5:00 pm..................Ron Stevens (Betsy Kirsch’s brother)
David & Lillian Cale

Sunday, Nov. 22 Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:00 am..........................George Bissell
Diane Bissell & Family
11:00 am..........................Frank & Patricia Zembar
The Herring Family

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Nov. 15)
Faith in Jesus Christ frees us from sin, sadness, emptiness, isolation. It is the source of a joy.
**Collection Report for**

**Sunday, November 8, 2020**

**Regular Weekly Offerings**

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**TOTAL:** $4,587.00

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**Pray for All Souls**

November is the month in which we remember and pray for the souls in Purgatory. The following prayer may be helpful when remembering these souls.

**Daily Prayer for the Dead**

Immortal God, holy Lord, Father and Protector of all you have created, raise our hearts to you today for those who have passed out of this mortal life.

In your loving mercy, Father of men, be pleased to receive them in your heavenly company, and forgive the failings and faults they may have done from human frailty.

Your only Son, Christ, our Savior, suffered so cruelly that He might deliver them from the second death. By his merits may they share in the glory of His victory over sin and death.

For all the faithful who have died we pray, but in particular for those dear to us, parents, relatives, and friends. Nor do we forget all who did good to us while on earth, who helped us by their prayers, sacrifice and example. We pray also for any who may have done us harm, and stand in special need of your forgiveness.

May the merits and prayers of our Virgin Mother, Mary, and those of all your angels and saints, speak for us and assist them now. This we ask in Christ’s name. Amen.

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**A Love Letter from Jesus**

How are you? I just had to send you this letter to tell you how much I love you and care about you. I saw you yesterday as you were walking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would walk and talk with me also. As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day, and a cool breeze to rest you. Then I waited but you never came. Oh yes, it hurt me, but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you fall asleep last night, and I longed to touch your brow, so I spilled moonlight upon your pillow and your face...Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk; I have so many gifts for you.

You awakened late this morning and rushed off for the day. My tears were in the rain. Today, you looked so sad, so alone. It makes my heart ache because I understand. My friends let me down and hurt me many times, but I love you. I try to tell you in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in the leaves and trees, and breathe it in the color of the flowers. I shout it to you in the mountain streams, and give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air. My love for you is deeper than the oceans and bigger than the biggest want or need you could ever have.

We will spend eternity together in heaven. I know how hard it is on earth. I really know, because I was there, and I want to help you. My Father wants to help you too. He’s that way, you know. Just call me, ask me, talk to me. It is your decision...I have chosen you and because of this I will wait...Because I love you.

Your Friend,

Jesus

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**Sharing Christmas with Neighbors in Need**

Our parish family is aware of several mountain families and local veterans who need help with Christmas—families facing health challenges and/or financial challenges. Starting the weekend of November 21/22, there will be an Angel tree table with tags. We ask that our parishioners consider taking a tag and purchasing the item listed. We ask that you not handle the tags; please review them before making your selection. Please consider joining with family or friends to help these families and veterans celebrate Christmas. If you prefer, you may make a cash donation. Simply place it in an envelope marked angel tree, and place it in the collection basket. Volunteers will purchase anything still needed, including gift cards with the cash donations. We are asking that all gifts remain unwrapped; please place them on the table in the social hall; gift cards should be placed in the collection baskets located in the rear of the church. Please submit your gifts by Monday, December 14th. If you have purchased clothing or shoes, please include your receipts. Thank you for your generous support for our neighbors!

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*Let all that you do be done in love...*  
1 Cor. 16: 14
**Week of Grace**

During December, St. Joan of Arc will celebrate a “Week of Grace” to provide opportunities for our parish family and friends to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for Christmas. Father Jim will be available for Confessions on the following dates and times:
- Monday, December 14—Noon until 1:30 PM
- Tuesday, December 15—5:00 PM until 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 16—Noon until 1:30 PM
- Thursday, December 17—5:00 PM until 7:00 PM
- Monday, December 21—5:00 PM until 7:00 PM

Please plan to receive the gift of Reconciliation during our Week of Grace.

**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

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**7 Day Candle Offerings**

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**Heroes of Hope**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg recognizes Heroes of Hope who never stopped giving during Covid 19. Now you can be a Guardian Angel for your community by donating to coronavirus relief. All dollars go directly to those in need. Watch the videos about our Heroes of Hope and prayerfully consider donating on line:

https://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org/fundraisers/Pages/Heroes-of-Hope.aspx

We are blessed by your support!

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**HELP WANTED**

1. **Part time cafeteria monitor**

Geibel Catholic has an opening for a part-time cafeteria monitor. The duties include monitoring student behavior during meal service, regulating that students are following proper COVID-19 protocols and ensuring a safe and healthy lunchroom environment. The hours are 10 AM—12:30 PM daily. The candidate will be required to obtain all necessary clearances. Please contact the school office at 724-628-5600 for more information.

2. **Substitute teachers**

The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Greensburg are currently accepting applications for substitute teachers. Qualified candidates will possess a bachelor’s degree and obtain all necessary clearances. Submit a current resume to the Office of Catholic Schools at CatholicSchools@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Phone: 724-552-2594

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**Slovak Food Sale**

St. John the Evangelist Parish Fundraising Committee, Connellsville, will have a pre-order Slovak food sale on Dec. 5. Items available for order will be cabbage rolls ($3.50 each) and frozen pierogies ($10 a dozen) which will be available for pick-up from 9—11 AM at St. John the Evangelist Morovak (social) Hall. Orders must be placed by November 23 by calling Liz at 724-628-7259.

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**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.