

Saint Joan Of Arc Church

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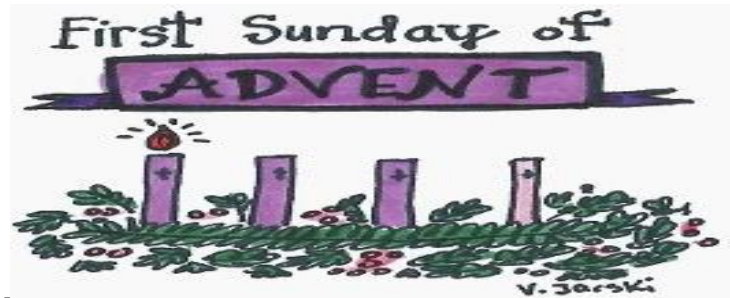
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Our Pledge to You

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.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Nov. 28 Anticipated 1st Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm.....Ron Stevens (Betsy Kirsch’s brother)
David & Lillian Cale

Sunday, Nov. 29 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 am.....Alfred John
Dorothy Murren

11:00 am.....Rich Ulery
Rita Bingaman & Family

Monday, Nov. 30

9:00 am.....Stephanie Gentile
Larry Hajduk

Tuesday, Dec. 1

9:00 amJosephine Smith
Harry & Maxine Berdar

Wednesday, Dec. 2

9:00 am.....Joseph Horvat
M/M John Kormanik

Thursday, Dec. 3

9:00 amDonna Chatlak
M/M Richard Blout

Friday, Dec. 4

9:00 am.....Prayer Shawl Recipients

Saturday, Dec. 5

9:00 am.....Pro Populo

Saturday, Dec. 5 Anticipated 2nd Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm.....Mary Koury John
Alfred “Buzz” John

Sunday, Dec. 6 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am.....Mark Krueger
Ladies Guild

11:00 am.....Matt & MJ
Rita Bingaman & Family

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

December 5/6, 2020

LECTORS

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

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.....

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

1st Sunday of Advent

- 1. Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7**
- 2. 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9**
- 3. Mark 13: 33-37**

Liturgy of the Word—Meditation:

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the longing of the people of Israel for God’s return and help in times of trouble: *That [He] would rend the heavens and come down, such that mountains would quake and awesome deeds take place.* Paul gives thanks for the grace of God bestowed on the Corinthians, and assures them that they are *not lacking in any spiritual gift.* In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, *Be watchful! Be alert!* For they *do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.*

Focus: Let us be ever watchful for our God, Who comes to us in ordinary circumstances.

Perhaps, like Isaiah, we long for God to perform a breathtaking miracle that would make us sit up and take notice. Yet, as people of faith, we are called to see God in the ordinary. Advent gives us the opportunity to take time and pray—to sharpen our vision of God’s presence in our daily lives.

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.

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

There is no freedom greater than letting yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit and allowing Him to lead you wherever He wishes.

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

Regular Weekly Offerings

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| Envelopes Dated Sunday, November 22, 2020 | \$505.00 |
| All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes | 580.00 |
| Loose Cash and Checks | 203.00 |

Extraordinary Expenses

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| Envelopes (All Dates) | 163.00 |
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Other

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| Cemetery Fund | 20.00 |
| Candle Offerings | 9.00 |
| Flower Fund - Regular | 20.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | 20.00 |
| Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund | |
| Catholic Relief Services (Sunday, 11/22/2020) | 51.00 |
| Thanksgiving (Thursday, 11/26/2020) | 29.00 |
| All Saints (Sunday, 11/01/2020) | 25.00 |
| Annual Appeal for Retired Religious and Diocesan Retired Priests (Sunday, 11/01/2020) | 15.00 |
| All Souls (Monday, 11/02/2020) | 20.00 |
| World Mission Sunday (Sunday, 10/18/2020) | 15.00 |

TOTAL: \$1,675.00

Good Will Collection City Mission—Living Stones

Last year in Fayette County, 41 men, women and children found themselves homeless on Christmas Eve. This year, City Mission worked tirelessly to provide shelter, food, and support services for over 300 homeless men, women and children at two emergency homeless shelters. This organization relies on the generosity of those more fortunate to help keep the shelter doors open. During the first 3 weekends in Advent, we once again ask for your help for the homeless. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Homeless and place it in the collection baskets. Please pray for the homeless, that God will care for them and provide the help they need.

First Friday

This Friday, December 4 is the first Friday of the month. Mass is celebrated at 9 AM, followed by Eucharistic Adoration; Benediction is at noon. Please consider spending some time in prayer as you make your Advent preparations. Jesus loves the company!
“When My people humble themselves and seek My presence...I will revive their land.”

Yarn Divas

Our prayer shawl ministry group, the Yarn Divas will meet this Friday, December 4, following the morning Mass. All are welcome.



St. Jude Prayer for Advent

Lord, Jesus, Your power is infinite, Your glory, everlasting. Quietly You come, as a tiny baby. Ready my heart for the miracle of Your birth. Bring light to this dark world, waiting silently for Your warmth in the coldness of the night. Waiting is itself Your gift, animating my heart with anticipation. Bless me with needed patience and faithful discipline to prayerfully prepare to welcome and greet You. St. Jude, eternal hope, let your holiness flow into me. May Christmas joy and burning love take root in me and grow until they bloom on Christmas Day, to carry joy to the world and inspire hope to renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers Stephan Sparks, son of parishioner Anna Sparks. May eternal rest be given to Stephan, and peace and comfort to his family and friends.



Welcome!

St. Joan of Arc Church would like to welcome a new family to our Parish—the Minion Family from Addison, PA.

Please remember in your prayers Mark Krueger, son of parishioner Audrey Krueger. May eternal rest be given to Mark, and peace and comfort to his family and friends.



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, losses due to fire, and/or financial challenges. A table is set up in the rear of the church with tags indicating items requested.



We ask that our parishioners consider taking a tag and purchasing the item listed. **Please do not randomly touch the tags. If you touch the tag, please take the tag.** Please consider joining with family or friends to help with larger requests from these families and veterans. **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!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER

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| 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 |

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.

Revised Christmas Schedule

Based on results of our survey, we have revised this year's Christmas schedule of Masses:

Christmas Eve Children's Mass—12/24 @ 3:00 PM
Christmas Eve Late Mass—12/24 @ 10:00 PM
Christmas Morning Mass—12/25 @ 9:00 AM
Christmas Morning Mass—12/25 @ 11:00 AM

Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

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

Our Ladies Guild Cook Books are available for purchase. Cost is \$10. Please see one of the hospitality ministers if you wish to purchase a book. Thank You.



7 Day Candle Offerings

Light, Happiness, and Peace
Eric & All Who Love Him
Gary
Dominic

Jerry & Cat
Ron & Teresa Steimer
Coobie

The Accent On-Air presents Christmas Traditions

"The Accent On-Air" presents "Christmas Traditions" on WTAE-TV on Sunday Nov. 29 at 11:30 a.m. and Sunday, Dec. 6 at 11:30 a.m. Slovak, Italian, German and Filipino Christmas traditions will be featured. This episode includes Msgr. Larry J. Kulick's message that "Advent is Still Ours," Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle's collection of Nativity sets, Father Anthony W. Ditto's reference guide of the Feast of the Seven Fishes, a Christmas nut roll recipe, along with a modern hack; the story of the Feast of St. Nicholas, a Bountiful Night at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Filipino delicacies and good cheer and a celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany. "The Accent On-Air" is always on at TheAccentOnline.org

St. Joan of Arc Mitten Tree

We will have our mitten tree set up for parishioners and friends who want to help those less fortunate. Recommended items include mittens and gloves, scarves, socks, hats, onsies for babies. We ask that all items be placed in a ziplock bag before hanging it on the tree. Paper clips are available to hang the bagged items. We will be collecting through the weekend of December 19 and 20.

DUE TO CONCERNS RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS, WE WILL NOT BE COLLECTING USED COATS THIS YEAR. THANK YOU.

St. Rita Parish—Christmas Cookie Sale

St. Rita Parish Christian Mothers will hold their annual Christmas Cookie Sale at 9 AM on Saturday, December 5th beginning in Bucci Hall on First Street Connellsville. Italian favorites will include knots, pizzelles, and biscotti. Face masks will be required, and social distancing guidelines will be observed.

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.