

Saint Joan Of Arc Church

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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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!



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.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 25, 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Oct. 24 Anticipated 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm.....Shirley Gearing
M/M Dan Gearing

Sunday, Oct. 25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Kaelyb Suchevis
Ester Suchevis

11:00 am.....Deceased Members of the Miller Family
Rita Bingaman & Family

Monday, Oct. 26

9:00 am.....Linda Michalik
George & Mary Homa

Tuesday, Oct. 27

9:00 amThomas Gashie
John & Shilda Kendralla

Wednesday, Oct. 28

9:00 am.....Dolly Shimshock
Debbie Wojcik

Thursday, Oct. 29

9:00 amLoretta Weido
Bob & Sharon Cochran

Friday, Oct. 30

9:00 am.....Peter Kutek
Kim & Scott Carney

Saturday, Oct. 31

9:00 am.....Pro Populo

Saturday, Oct. 31 Anticipated All Saints Day

5:00 pm.....Vincent Rote
The Herring Family

Sunday, Nov. 1 All Saints Day

8:00 am.....Irma Tolnai
M/M Alex Merkosky

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

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

Liturgical Ministries Schedule
October 31/November 1, 2020

LECTORS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....B. Galida
Sunday, 8:00 am.....C. Martin
Sunday, 11:00 am.....M. Jarina

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....M.L. Dick
Sunday, 8:00 am.....
Sunday, 11:00 am.....B. Citro

ALTAR SERVERS

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22: 20-26
1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10
Matthew 22: 34-40

Liturgy of the Word—Meditation:

In the first reading, the Lord tells the Israelites the laws regarding treatment of aliens, widows, and orphans, and the lending of money to the poor. Paul compliments the Thessalonians for their faith and for becoming *a model for all the believers ... not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth*. In the Gospel, a scholar of the law tests Jesus, regarding the greatest commandment in the law. Jesus answers with two commandments, concerning love of God and love of neighbor.

Focus: Fidelity to God's two great commandments sets a good example for others to follow.

The Old Testament lists more than 600 laws by which the Israelite people were to live. Jesus, in fulfilling the law, tells us that the whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments: loving God, and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Living by God's law is the best advertisement in drawing others to want to know and follow Jesus Christ. Our actions really do speak louder than our words.

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.

During October, please join us for the rosary at 9:45 AM Monday through Saturday, and immediately following the Sunday 8 AM Mass.

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Oct. 25)

God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy.

**Collection Report for
Sunday, October 18, 2020**

Regular Weekly Offerings

Envelopes Dated Sunday, October 18, 2020	\$398.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	505.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	75.00
Loose Cash and Checks	447.00

Extraordinary Expenses

Envelopes (All Dates)	210.00
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Other

Cemetery Fund	10.00
Flower Fund - Regular	25.00
World Mission Sunday (Sunday, 10/18/2020)	200.00
Annual Appeal for Retired Religious and Diocesan Retired Priests (Sunday, 11/01/2020)	115.00
All Saints (Sunday, 11/01/2020)	35.00
All Souls (Monday, 11/02/2020)	20.00
Palm Sunday (Sunday, 04/05/2020)	10.00
Holy Thursday (Thursday, 05/09/2020)	5.00
Easter Sunday (Sunday, 04/12/2020)	10.00

TOTAL: \$2,065.00

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS

Our Lady of the Mountains, we greet you. We summon your attention and invoke your mediation. Mary, pure mother, you were conceived without the stain of original sin, born to be the first tabernacle of our savior, Jesus. Mary, faithful daughter, chaste spouse, loving mother, you held our Lord in your arms and in your heart always. You stood nearby during his public ministry and during his condemnation and death. You stand now with us in this beautiful mountain setting given us by God's hand.

We turn to you to intercede on our behalf. We know that you take our prayers to your son and add your own for us. Just as you were always there for him, so too, are you here for us. You have known the pain of humanity and you have seen the cruelty of humanity. You were the Mother of Sorrows but you are the Queen of Heaven.

You protect your children, help us when we are in danger and you comfort us in our sorrows. You bring great joy and compassion to those who honor you. You are the light in the darkness ever beckoning us to your son and always welcoming us to the safety of your protection. As you treasured all of your son's life and were ever ready to speak a word of consolation to him, grant us the comfort of your care and lead us in right ways all of our days. Amen.

Lillian Cale

The Miraculous Medal

The medal of the Immaculate Conception popularly known as the Miraculous Medal was designed by the Blessed Virgin herself. No wonder, then, that it wins such extraordinary graces for those who wear it and pray for Mary's intercession and help.



Mary, the Mother of God, gave the pattern for the medal to Sister (now Saint) Catherine Laboure on November 27, 1830. The visions occurred in the motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in Paris. Catherine saw our Lady standing on a globe, with dazzling rays of light streaming from her outstretched hands. Framing the picture was an inscription, "Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you." Have a medal struck upon the model, Mary instructed Catherine. Those who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck.

With the approval of the archbishop, the first medals were struck in 1832 and were distributed in Paris. Almost immediately, the blessings that Mary had promised began to shower down on those who wore her medal.

The devotion spread like wildfire. Marvels of grace and health, peace and prosperity, followed in its wake. Before long, people were calling it the Miraculous Medal. And in 1836, a canonical inquiry undertaken in Paris declared that Catherine's apparitions were genuine.

There is no superstition, nothing of magic, connected with the Miraculous Medal.

No one should consider it strange that God works wonders through the faith and trust symbolized by sincerely wearing a medal. God loves us and works through his Church to bring about our salvation. The medal is simply an instrument bringing a person's prayers into focus and submission to God's plan.

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

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	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	BUZZ JOHN
DENISE	ED MARTINKO
DIANE SWANSON	DAN DUNCAN
SAUNDRA CASEY	SARAH SMITH
LARRY HAJDUK	PAT MOWEN
KAREN ENSOR	P. T. SHIPLEY
SUSIE TERRAVECCHIA	PHIL TERRAVECCHIA
BETTY URICK	SUSAN HEILMAN

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.

Prayer to St. Jude

Most holy Apostle, Saint Jude Thaddeus, friend of Jesus, I place myself in your care at this difficult time. Help me know that I need not face my troubles alone. Please join me in my need, asking God to send me: consolation in my sorrow, courage in my fear, and healing in the midst of my suffering. Ask our loving Lord to fill me with the grace to accept whatever may lie ahead for me and my loved ones, and to strengthen my faith in God's healing powers. Thank you, Saint Jude Thaddeus, for the promise of hope you hold out to all who believe, and inspire me to give this gift of hope to others as it has been given to me.

Saint Jude, *Apostle of Hope*, pray for us.
R. Pray for us!

Mt. St. Macrina—Virtual On Line Zoom Programs

Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020 Tuesday Morning Reading Series
"Fly While You Still Have Wings: And Other Lessons My Resilient Mother Taught Me"
10:30—11:30 AM with Sr. Barbara Jean, OSBM
Offering: \$5 per session or \$ 15 for all sessions
Registration Due: October 27th

Nov. 7, 2020 Saturday Morning of Reflection
Parables in the Gospel of Matthew
10:00—11:30 AM with Helenanne Hochendoner
Offering: \$10. Registration Due: October 31st

Call to Register: 724-438-7149. Please provide your email to receive your link as the programs will be conducted through ZOOM.



7 Day Candle Offerings

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Today's reading from Exodus tells us how God expected a free people to organize their society. The first principle was to remember from where they had come. No pious Jew could hear God promise to hear the cries of the widow or alien without recalling the passage from Exodus where God said to Moses, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people, I know what they are suffering, therefore I have come to rescue them."

God called the people of the covenant to remember the suffering of the past, not to take revenge, but to practice with others the same compassion that God had shown them. The selection from Exodus hones a sharp edge on today's familiar Gospel. After Jesus had been peppered with picky questions that he consistently put in a broader perspective, some moral theologians decided to ask him the most basic question of all: "Which commandment is the greatest?" Whether sincere or conniving, they were asking the core question of every human life: "What's it all about?" or "What does God expect from humanity?"

We all know Jesus' answer. When he said: "You shall love God with all your heart, soul, and mind," he was paraphrasing Deuteronomy 6:4-5, a core Jewish prayer called the Shema. Jesus was not alone in declaring that the Shema summarized all one needed to know about life. Faithful Jews recited this prayer, the Shema, morning and night, and hoped it would be the last thing they spoke on their deathbed. Nor would it have surprised people when he added that the second command was "like it," meaning that the second is implied in the first.

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." This is the third time Jesus refers to love of neighbor in Matthew's Gospel. His first and definitive pronouncement came in the Sermon on the Mount when he called for equal love of neighbor and enemy. By saying that love of the other was akin to love of God, Jesus declared that they were inextricably bound together in creating a lifestyle of love.

Altogether, Jesus calls for a four-directional love: love of God, self, those who are close to us, and those whose purpose and way of life seems entirely different or even antagonistic to ours.

