

Saint Joan Of Arc Church

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SEPTEMBER OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Sept. 12 Anticipated 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm.....Kaelyb Suchevids
Bob & Rosie Suchevids

Sunday, Sept. 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....In Honor of Bishop Malesic
11:00 am.....Shirley Gearing
M/M Dan Gearing

Monday, Sept. 14

9:00 am.....For a Special Intention
Donna Bakewell

Tuesday, Sept. 15

9:00 amFamily's Health, Happiness & Healing of
Feelings
M. Bauer

Wednesday, Sept. 16

9:00 am.....Tyler Swenglish
Pat Myers & Family

Thursday, Sept. 17

9:00 amFlorence Reparsky
M/M Bob Gmitter

Friday, Sept. 18

9:00 am.....Josephine Bonessa
John & Sue Maykuth

Saturday, Sept. 19

9:00 am.....Pro Populo

Saturday, Sept. 19 Anticipated 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm.....Prayer Shawl Recipients

Sunday, Sept. 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Josephine G. Bissell
Diane Bissell & Ed Bissell
11:00 am.....Eugene Rote
The Herring Family

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

September 19/20, 2020

LECTORS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....L. Cale
Sunday, 8:00 am.....P. Whyel
Sunday, 11:00 am.....B. Citro

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

ALTAR SERVERS

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27: 30-28: 7

Romans 14: 7-9

Matthew 18: 21-35

Liturgy of the Word—Meditation:

Sirach tells the people, *Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.* Thus, they are to forgive their neighbor as they wish to be forgiven by the Lord. Paul tells the Romans, *None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live in the Lord.* In the Gospel Jesus answers Peter's question of how often he must forgive by telling him the parable of the unforgiving servant.

Focus: Forgiveness is a choice that leads to life.

Life always offers us choices—will we hold unto anger or choose to forgive? Will we live with a spirit of compassion or withhold mercy? Will we hold unto hurts and grievances or extend a hand in peace? Living out the commands of God is no easy task, but if we show mercy and forgiveness to others, we are assured of the same from our heavenly Father.

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 (Sept. 13)

The profession of faith in Jesus Christ cannot stop at words, but calls to be authenticated by practical choices and gestures, by a life characterized by God's love.

Sanctuary Light

The sanctuary light burns in honor of Rob & Darla Swenglish Family as requested by Pat Myers & Family, from September 13 through September 26th.



**Collection Report for
Sunday, September 6, 2020**

Regular Weekly Offerings

Envelopes Dated Sunday, September 6, 2020	\$858.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	995.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	200.00
Loose Cash and Checks	356.00

Extraordinary Expenses

Envelopes (All Dates)	188.00
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Other

Cemetery Fund	30.00
Votive Candles	9.00
Seminarian/Clergy Formation (Sun., 09/27/2020)	15.00
Assumption (Saturday, 08/15/2020)	10.00
Catholic University of America (Sun., 08/30/2020)	30.00

TOTAL: \$2,691.00

FORMED—The Catholic Faith on Demand

During this difficult time when we do not have access to the grace of the sacraments, Our Faith Formation director, Christina Homer, wants to invite you to watch in your home a powerful video study on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. First, you need to register for FORMED if you have not done so - FREE.

FORMED is a platform where parishioners are able to access a vast array of Catholic content: Catholic movies, eBooks, audio dramas, Bible Studies, Youth and Children's programming. This year, the subscription for the parishioners is FREE.

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

<https://signup.formed.org/>

1. enter your parish name **St Joan of Arc Catholic Church** or best to use just the zip code **15437** and click on our parish
2. enter your name and email
3. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED. That's it!

Watch PRESENCE and use the guide for discussion in your family <https://watch.formed.org/presence>.

May your experience of this beautiful video study on FORMED increase your desire to receive and adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

September—Our Lady of Sorrows

Let us enter into the mind and heart of Mary and reflect on the seven major sorrows in her life during the month of September which is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. Our Sorrowful Mother can teach us much about the sanctity of suffering and be a source of consolation to all who suffer.

Fifth Sorrow: Standing at the Foot of the Cross

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (Jn 19:25-27).

Finally they reach the hill of execution. The cruel soldiers stretch Jesus' battered body upon the cross and, with heavy hammer blows, drive the sharp spikes into his hands and feet. Mary's head pounds with each cruel blow. No one hears the silent scream that shatters her broken heart and echoes in the heart of God.

What now takes place is all according to God's plan. Her son, the Son of God, has to suffer and die. John, the beloved disciple, puts his arm around Mary, steadying her. "My precious child," she weeps, "heralded at Bethlehem, now suffering an ignominious and painful death!"

And then, through swollen, purple lips, Jesus speaks. Mary strains to hear his words. He looks tenderly upon his mother and, with great effort, says, "He is your son." He looks at the disciple and emphasizes, "She is your mother."

Sixth Sorrow: The Crucifixion and Descent from the Cross

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body" (Jn 19:38).

Saying, "It is finished," Jesus bows his head and dies. Mary remembers his words at the Passover meal: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you" (Lk 22:20). The dreaded time is now: the precious blood of her son is poured out for all humankind. The covenant is sealed. Jesus, her son, the Son of God, is dead. In her heart, Mary dies with him. Two broken hearts—one pierced with a spear, one pierced with sorrow—become one: Jesus and Mary, forever united for the whole human family.

Mary's sorrow is all the greater because of the greatness of her love.

Jesus' body is taken down from the cross and placed in her arms. Mary embraces her son with a love beyond words, beyond grief itself. For now, it is the grief of a consummate sorrow. She, who had given birth to divinity, now presses the bloodied and battered remains of his humanity close to her sorrowful and shattered heart. "Let it be done according to thy will, Lord," she prays.



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
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
JENNIFER HARDIN	T. & B.

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 Our Lady of Sorrows

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore Him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of His passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Volunteers Needed

Saint Joan of Arc is looking for volunteers who are willing to learn how to operate the high powered sprayer used for our weekly deep cleaning. N95 mask will be provided; hearing protection is recommended. Please call the office at 724-329-4522 if you can help.

Wanted—Carpenters

Our parish family has been gifted with an outdoor nativity set. In order to complete our Christmas creche, we are looking for a carpenter(s) who would be able to measure the pieces and construct a suitable stable. All supplies needed will be provided. If you are able to help, please call the office—724-329-4522 and leave a message.

Prayer is not about asking for things. Prayer is about putting yourself in the hands of God. Make yourself available to Him and learn to listen to his voice in the depths of your heart.



7 Day Candle Offerings

Coobie	Eric and All Who Love Him
Jerry & Cat	Ron & Teresa Steimer
T. & B. & Family	Jennifer's Recovery

School Supplies for Needy Children

Saint Joan of Arc is collecting school supplies for needy children. The organizers would like to put together supplies in 175 plastic shoe boxes for needy children in our area. Recommended supplies include hand sanitizer, antiseptic wipes, pencils, pencil top erasers, individual pencil sharpeners (with container to collect shavings, blunt nose scissors, markers, and colored pencils. The team is also collecting plastic shoe boxes. Please place your donations in the basket in the church vestibule. Please see Christina Homer for more information.

FISH FRY ON THE FLY

Please join us on **Friday, September 25 from 11 AM till 7 PM** for a new twist on our popular Lenten fish dinners—fish fry take-out only. We are offering a takeout meal consisting of an 8 oz fried cod sandwich, french fries and coleslaw for \$8.00. Just like McDonald's, customers will pull up to our ordering tent to place their orders; then drive to the side doors of the social hall for pick-up.



We are unable to accept food donations due to our limited menu and Covid restrictions. Donations of money to help defray costs are most welcome.

Volunteers—Mandated Reporter Training

One of our parishioners who is certified to teach mandated reporter classes has volunteered to hold a class here at St. Joan of Arc for our volunteers who still need to complete this requirement. Letters sent to volunteers will indicate if the volunteer needs this training. If you are interested in attending a class here at St. Joan of Arc, please call the office this coming week and leave a message. If we have enough interest from volunteers, we will arrange for on site training.

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. Mass cards are available upon request.