

# 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](http://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. 5 Anticipated 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm..... Sally John  
Buzz John

Sunday, Sept. 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Ed Ladner  
Larry Hajduk

11:00 am.....Helen Mercedes  
Helen Ponzurick

Monday, Sept. 7

9:00 am.....Wayne Myers  
Pat Myers & Family

Tuesday, Sept. 8

9:00 am .....Florence Reparsky  
M/M Bob Gmitter

Wednesday, Sept. 9

9:00 am.....Ruth Carnegie  
Shirley Flosnik

Thursday, Sept. 10

9:00 am .....Josephine Smith  
Antonette Trout-Mikel

Friday, Sept. 11

9:00 am.....Joseph Horvat  
Tom & Mary Louise Martin

Saturday, Sept. 12

9:00 am.....Pro Populo

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

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

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

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Sept. 6)

I believe in God—not in a Catholic God; there is no Catholic God. There is God, and I believe in Jesus Christ, His incarnation.

Congratulations

St. Joan of Arc congratulates two members of our parish family—Riley Livingood who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation and Tessa Livingood who will receive First Communion at our 11 AM Mass this weekend.

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

September 12/13, 2020

LECTORS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....B. Galida  
Sunday, 8:00 am.....P. Whyel  
Sunday, 11:00 am.....D. Murren

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....M. L. Dick  
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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Romans 13: 8-10

Matthew 18: 15-20

Liturgy of the Word—Meditation:

In the first reading The Lord tells Ezekiel that he will be held responsible for the death of the wicked one if he does *not speak out to dissuade [him] from his way*. In the Letter to the Romans, Paul writes that the one *who loves another has fulfilled the law*. In the Gospel, Jesus gives instructions for correcting another, gives authority to bind and loose, and promises *where two or three are gathered in My name, there I am in the midst of them*.

Focus: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Our readings today work together to teach us about the real obligations of the law, which include gently correcting one another so that our communities may be in harmony. Paul explains how we must do this, and do all things, with love. And Jesus promises to remain with us always.

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.

Sanctuary Light

The sanctuary light burns in memory of Joan Marie Kane as requested by Agnes Yablunosky, from August 24th through September 6th.



**Collection Report for  
Sunday, August 30, 2020**

**Regular Weekly Offerings**

Envelopes Dated Sunday, August 30, 2020	\$585.00
All Other Weekly Offering Envelopes	30.00
Loose Cash and Checks	527.00

**Extraordinary Expenses**

Envelopes (All Dates)	244.00
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**Other**

Cemetery Fund	5.00
Candle Offerings	28.00
Flower Fund - Regular	2.00
Catholic University of America (Sun. 08/30/2020)	27.00
Assumption (Saturday, 08/15/2020)	7.00

**TOTAL: \$1,455.00**

*If I fail often, I will come to know my weakness ever more clearly, and, with peace of heart, I will promise to grow."*

**September 8—Mary's Birthday**

We know that everyone has a birthday. The Bible doesn't say anything about Mary's birth, but we know that she was born. Like all parents, Mary's parents—we call them Joachim and Ann—probably took one look at their newborn daughter and knew that she was special.

Joachim and Ann loved God very much, and they were filled with gratitude to God for the gift of a child. They raised Mary as a child of God, teaching her to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her. We cannot be certain what the future holds for any newborn infant, but we do know that the life of each person has meaning and purpose. When Mary was born, the world did not know who she was. Sometimes others—and maybe even you—don't see how special you are. Maybe you forget that God is calling you, too, right now, to do what Mary did—to bring Jesus into the world.

When we celebrate His mother's birth, we honor Jesus too. Today thank God for the gift of life, and give honor to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another—remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to something very special in life.

**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.

**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.

**Third Sorrow: Search for the Child in Jerusalem**

*"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety'" (Lk 2:46, 48).*

Terror seizes Mary's heart when she discovers that her son is missing. On the third day, while walking by the temple, the anxious mother hears the sweet sound of Jesus' voice.

"Joseph, look! There he is among the teachers!" They run to Jesus' side, and Mary, with mingled joy and sorrow, speaks words of gentle reproach to her son. Mary and Joseph realize they have a very special son—one who amazes even the teachers in the temple with his intelligence. Sometimes they whisper in Aramaic at night, sharing their innermost thoughts and concerns. Often, young Mary ponders these things in her heart while performing her daily tasks: grinding grain into flour to make bread, milking the goats, and spinning yarn and weaving it into clothing for her family. Sometimes, in the cool of the evening, she sits on the flat roof of their home, the pain of Simeon's prophecy and of Jesus' disappearance merging and lingering—a pain as widespread as the profusion of flowers trickling down the hillsides of Nazareth in that April of Jesus' 12th year.

**Fourth Sorrow: Mary Meets Jesus on His Way to the Cross**

*"And carrying the cross himself. . ." (Jn 19:17). "A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him" (Lk 23:27).*

Mary's life remains hidden—hidden in God. A widow now, she lives an inconspicuous life, pondering and accepting the mystery of her unique role and that of her son. When news of his miracles reaches her at Nazareth, she rejoices. But the disturbing news of the tension mounting in Jerusalem concerning an upstart named Jesus makes her apprehensive. She knows the sword is poised to pierce her heart more deeply. Yet she goes to Jerusalem for the Passover feast, hoping Jesus will be there.

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name. We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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	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

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.

**DISCOVERING CHRIST**

You are welcome to join us for Discovering Christ - a seven week experience on **Tuesdays evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., September 15 to October 27**. Saint Vincent Basilica Parish is hosting the course on Zoom for your safety and convenience. As part of the course, there will be an on-line life-changing retreat on **Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m. - noon** and **Sunday, October 18 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** When we gather online, we will listen to enlightening teachings and then discuss in small groups the meaning of life and the identity of Jesus Christ. The course is offered at no charge but to get materials to you, registration is required. You may register online at <https://forms.gle/8rZBt8QvaM6KGW8f7> or contact Kristina Davies at 724-539-8629, ext. 19 or [kristina.davies@stvincent.edu](mailto:kristina.davies@stvincent.edu) for more information.



**7 Day Candle Offerings**

Coobie	Eric and All Who Love Him
Jerry & Cat	Ron & Teresa Steimer

**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 11 and 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 need volunteers to be successful. If you are able to volunteer, please call the office or sign up on the sheet located in the church vestibule.



**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.**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Staying home and keeping social distance is the most effective way to stop the spread of the virus.

