

Saint Joan Of Arc Church

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Mission Statement

We, the parish of St. Joan of Arc, are a community of visitors and seasonal and local members of diverse backgrounds. Spiritual life, fellowship and outreach are important in our mountain setting. We are called to worship, to teach and live the gospel message and to extend concern and compassion to all. As a result of our growth and past experience, we look to the future and affirm our commitment to the evangelization of all age groups.



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. — 8:30 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:

Daily: One half hour before Mass.

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. and by appointment.

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.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Sept. 7 Anticipated—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm.....Charles "Skeeter" Dick
Mary Louise & Michael

Sunday, Sept. 8—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Martin & Elizabeth Hisnanick
Eleanor Farina; Mary Beth & Henry Mazur

11:00 am.....Paul Martin
Stan, Buddy & Ushers

Monday, Sept. 9

8:30 am.....NO MASS

Tuesday, Sept. 10

8:30 am.....NO MASS

Wednesday, Sept. 11

8:30 am.....NO MASS

Thursday, Sept. 12

8:30 am.....NO MASS

Friday, Sept. 13

8:30 am.....NO MASS

Saturday, Sept. 14

8:30 am.....NO MASS

Saturday, Sept. 14 Anticipated—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm.....Strength & Hope for Dean during Chemo
Pam Whyel

Sunday, Sept. 15—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Frank Sabec
Karla Sabec

11:00 am.....Paul Martin
Stan, Buddy & Ushers

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Sept. 14/15, 2019

LECTORS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....B. Galida
Sunday, 8:00 am.....M. B. Mazur
Sunday, 11:00 am.....J. Foutz

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....M. L. Dick
Sunday, 8:00 am.....A. Clark
Sunday, 11:00 am.....C. Homer

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....L. Cale
Sunday, 8:00 am.....H. Mazur
Sunday, 11:00 am.....J. & M. Frazee

GREETERS

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

Thank You for Your Service

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1: Wisdom 9: 13-18b

2: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

3: Luke 14: 25-33

Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:

In our first reading we learn that knowing God's ways and plans comes only through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. In today's epistle, Paul urges Philimon to be merciful to his runaway slave, who served Paul in prison, and accept him back not as a slave but a brother. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the crowds what is required to be His disciple: placing discipleship above relationships, possessions, and their own lives.

Focus: To be a disciple, we must carry our cross and follow Him.

The cost of discipleship is real. To love Christ above family, self, possessions—this is difficult! And that is the cross we are to carry: the difficulty of prioritizing Christ when it would be easier not to. After all, what else is there? Only the cross. We carry our cross to become like the Master who carried His cross to death, victory and redemption.

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Sept. 8)

Only those who humble themselves before the Lord can experience the greatness of His mercy.

Father Jim will be on vacation starting September 8 (PM) until Sept. 21 (AM). If you have an emergency and no one is in the office, please contact Dorothy at 724-439-4786, and I will return your call.

Mission Co-Op Weekend

This weekend, we are honored to welcome Sister Edie Strong, a member of the Sisters of Charity, who will share with us information about her work as a Sister of Charity. Mission Co-op envelopes are located in the pews; the second collection will benefit the mission of the Sisters of Charity.

**Collection Report for
Sunday, September 1, 2019**

First Collection

Envelopes for Sunday, September 1, 2019	\$953.00
Envelopes (Past and Future Dates)	605.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	224.00
Loose Cash and Checks	578.00

Second Collection

Extraordinary Expenses and Improvement Fund

Envelopes (All Dates)	239.10
Loose Cash and Checks	381.00

Other

Cemetery Fund	70.00
Votive Candles	59.00
Flower Fund - Regular	2.00
Seminarian/Clergy Formation	25.00
School Supplies	5.00

TOTAL: \$3,141.10

30th Annual Rosary Walk

You are invited to participate in the 30th annual Rosary Walk to be held on Sunday, Sept. 15th. Please see our bulletin board for more details.

SHMILY—SEE HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU!

Mass Intentions for 2019/2020

Mass intentions for 2019/2020 may be scheduled by filling out the envelope found in the church pews or 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.

In the Mass our prayers for our beloved living and dead are united to the perfect prayer of intercession —Jesus’ own sacrificial death for us on the cross. A Mass offered is an act of love for all eternity.

National Rosary Rally

Once again, St. Joan of Arc will be participating in the National Rosary Rally which will be held on October 13th. Participants are also invited to participate in the Rosary Novena, which started on August 15th and ends on October 13th. **Each Sunday at 10:40 AM, we will be praying the rosary here at Saint Joan of Arc Church as part of this novena.** Please come early and join us in prayer for our country.



Happy Birthday Mary

The Catholic Church celebrates today the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary.

The “Protoevangelium of James,” which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. “He called to mind Abraham,” the early Christian writing says, “that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac.”

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: “The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world.”

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne “made a sanctuary” in the infant girl's room, and “allowed nothing common or unclean” on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father “made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel.”

“And Joachim brought the child to the priests,” the account continues, “and they blessed her, saying: ‘O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations’ . . . And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: ‘O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be for ever.’”

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. “She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley,” he said.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Baby Levi R. Morgan	Stephanie Gentile	Jim Maust
Baby Stephanie Anne Gentile	Stephen Gentile	Mark Melchek
Chris Augustine	Christine Giel	Alex McClintock
Jim Augustine	Linda Glover	Pat Mowen
Donna Bakewell	Sara Gross	Gary Myers
Lori Battelli	Doug Gurski	Pat Myers
Patrice Baranowski	Butch Haberer	Tommy P.
Coobie Bojarski	Donna Hajduk	Jimmy Polito
Kathy Bonovich	Larry Hajduk	Judy Polito
Katie Brenner	Erica Hancheck	Margie Porreco
Brother-in-Law	Joe Hanzely	Kathy Richmond
Heather Brueggman	Ryan Harvey	Thomas Rocks, Sr.
Carl Bryner	Diana Herman	Katie Roell
Colby Carr	Mary Herman	Stacey Roell
Mike Ciampanelli	Colton Heyden	Kelly Rugola
Robert Cipicic	Dennis Hinton	David Rusko
Stephanie Classic	Springer Humphrey	John Schvarczkopf
Jim Cropp	Kristen Jarina	Mary Schvarczkopf
Evelyn Dahl	Buzz John	James Shaffer
Mary Ann David	Mary Judd	Ella Shimko
Donnie Donofrio	Sandra Juroscio	Anna Smith
Marge Dugan	Tom Kadar	Leo Smith
Mike Dzurikanin	Jamey Kamp	Anna Sparks
Barb Fike	Michael Kitta	Sandra Steede
Matthew Filicky	Joan Krolik	Gerald Surak
Lori Ficara	Paul Kucnic	Evelyn Suter
Hank Franks	Eileen Kutchman	Elaine Swaney
Nina Frankhouser	Allen Langley	John T.
Brian Frey	John Lightsey	Gerlinda Thomas
Catherine Galida	Kasen Meyer	Charles Trump, Jr.
Nikki Galinac	Morgan McDowell	Lisa M. Ulery
Eloise Garrity	Martin Magerko	Tim Valiknac
Kathy Garrow	Mandy's Mom & Children	Wanda Viano
Louis Gattis, III	Jason Mathias	Sophia Wilson
		Cassie Wood

Mark Your Calendar
 Mon. Sept. 9 @ 7:30 PM.....Boy Scout Meeting
 Sun. Sept. 15 @ 9:15 —10:45 AM....Faith Formation Classes

Coming Soon—Faith Formation Classes for Children
 Parishioners with children in kindergarten through 8th grade should have received a letter from our Faith Formation director, Christina Homer, along with a registration form. If you have not received this information, please call the office. Please return your registration forms as soon as possible so we have an accurate count of participants. Classes are scheduled to begin on September 15th at 9:15 AM, with class ending at 10:45 AM. Thank You.

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ST. JOAN OF ARC WEBSITE
 Please check out our new photo galleries. We have added pictures from the Fireman's Memorial, the Car Show, and the Parish Picnic.

Never let anyone come to you without coming away better and happier.
Mother Teresa



7 Day Candle Offerings

Jerry & Cat	Ron & Teresa Steimer
Special Intention	Coobie
Mom's Birthday	Karter, Kennedy & John
Eric & All Who Love Him	Husband's health
Jon	MSM
Milo, Melissa & Milo	Jean
Safety during Dorian	Will
Prayers for Gary	Franczyk Family
Myers Family	Mandy Franczyk
Parents Buried in Visitation Cemetery	
Grandparents Buried in Visitation Cemetery	
Families I visited for St. Vincent De Paul Society this year	

New Missal Program
 Starting with Advent 2019, St. Joan of Arc will be using a hardcover permanent missal instead of the yearly paper missalettes. The selection team is pleased to announce that we will be using the Glory and Praise Missal. This hardback missal contains the readings for Years A, B, and C, as well as all the music we typically use for worship.
 Friends and parishioners of Saint Joan of Arc will have the opportunity to purchase these books for the church as a memorial to their loved ones at a cost of \$25 per book. The inside cover of the books will contain the memorial information. This is a nice way to remember loved ones and families, living and deceased. This program will start on September 29th through October 27th. Please watch the bulletin boards and your bulletin for more information.

Bereavement Support
 Stepping Stones Bereavement Support fall program will begin on Monday, September 9. It meets from 7 to 9 PM at the Fayette County Health Center, 100 New Salem Road, Uniontown. The program runs for 10 weeks with different topics being presented weekly. Anyone who is newly bereaved or is still having problems dealing with grief is invited to attend. There is no cost to participate. Contact Lillian, 724-439-1683.

Sanctuary Light
 The sanctuary light burns in memory of Sally John as requested by her husband, Buzz John, from September 1st through September 14th.



Greeters Needed
 We currently have no greeters for our 8 AM liturgy, and we could use additional greeters for our other Masses. If you can serve, please see Father Jim or call the office. Thank You.