

Saint Joan of Arc Parish
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Dear Parishioners,

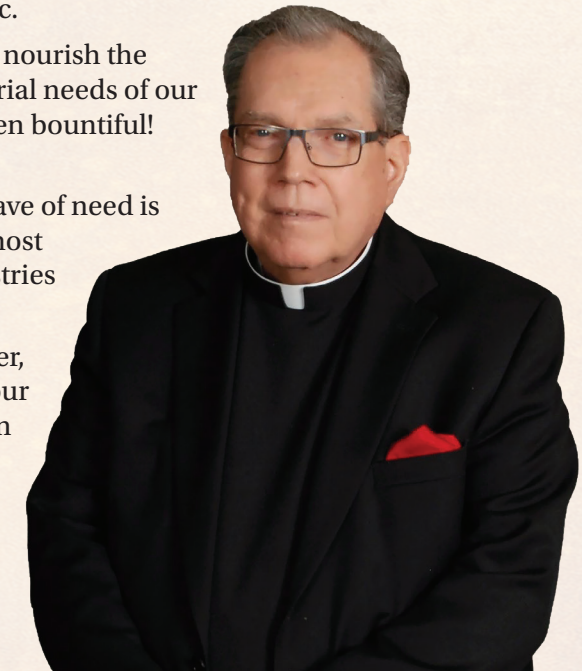
The safety and health of every member of our parish have been in my daily prayers as together we continue to face the ups and downs of the pandemic. Many of you, I know, have endured great pain and personal loss, not to mention the numerous concerns that have developed as the pandemic has imposed an ongoing struggle with fear and isolation in many people's lives. Still today, there is the ongoing uncertainty of what is next.

I hope you have been comforted by our local and Diocesan outreach through streaming Masses, phone calls, special mailings and other opportunities for prayer. There were also special collections to support mission work at home and around the world, food drives to help the hungry, volunteers who cleaned and sanitized our churches to protect our at-risk parishioners, and outreach coordinators who made a crucial connection with the elderly and homebound. These are just a few examples of the outpouring of love we saw in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the pandemic.

I want you to know that through it all, Saint Joan of Arc Parish has continued to nourish the seeds of faith that have been planted, seeking to care for the spiritual and material needs of our entire parish community. The good news in all of this is that the harvest has been bountiful! In fact, the support provided by you, the faithful, has been just remarkable.

As excited as I am about the impact of our outreach, I also realize that a tidal wave of need is still on the horizon. Economic uncertainty and continued isolation mean the most vulnerable among us will need us now more than ever. Our missions and ministries cannot continue to meet that need without your help.

I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have given to our parish. Remember, your contributions keep this parish vibrant and impactful. Please remember your parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can continue God's work.



Yours in Christ,
Father James F. Petrovsky

Growing Support for our
FAITH
Community



Saint Joan of Arc Parish Annual Report 2021

Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

- **Altar Servers** - Help set up for Mass and serve at the altar during Mass.
- **Greeters** - Welcome those who are attending Mass.
- **Lectors** - Proclaim the word of God during Mass or other liturgical functions. Lectors devote time to preparation and understanding of sacred Scripture.
- **Cantors/Organists/Digital Piano Operators** - Contribute to the musical presentation at Masses.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** - Assist the priest by distributing the Eucharist at Mass.
- **Ushers/Hospitality Team** - Ushers help parishioners find seating, if needed, and pass the collection baskets during the presentation.
Hospitality team members assist ushers at each Mass and also assist those attending in fulfilling the special expectations that need to be observed in light of the pandemic.
- **Religious Education Instructors** - Offer instruction in religious education.
- **Ministry for Those Grieving** - Through the ministry of pastoral care, the church expresses comfort to those who grieve the death of a loved one at their time of greatest emotional need.
- **Volunteer Cleaning Team** - Give of their time to clean the facility.
- **Prayer Ministry** - Actively encourage and promote prayer within the life of the church.
- **Yarn Divas** - Responsible for our prayer shawl program. Prayer shawls are offered to anyone needing comfort due to illness or grief. In addition to the shawls, this ministry offers ongoing prayer for the recipients of their shawls. They also support our annual mitten and hat tree.



Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements



Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community. Over the last three years, we completed repaving of the parking lot, thanks to the generous contribution of one of our parishioners. Last year, we added railings to the entrances to the rectory and the side of the altar to assure the safety of our parish family and friends. In 2021, we have been focused on the

church grounds. Landscaping improvements have been made to the office entrance and the front of our church. We are also focused on improvements at Our Lady of the Mountain Shrine. The stairs to our lower parking lot have been rebuilt. The time and talent of a group of volunteers and their vision have made these exterior improvements possible, and I am grateful for their help.

Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Offertory	\$ 118,516	\$ 122,544	\$ 128,519
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	2,630	2,572	3,624
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	22,068	26,439	131,339
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	1,651	1,937	5,297
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	6,492	27,218	631
Special Collections	7,296	13,360	12,998
Total Income	\$ 158,653	\$ 194,070	\$ 282,408
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 58,557	\$ 62,095	\$ 55,893
Church	12,405	11,252	13,251
Rectory	4,500	5,589	4,294
Education and Ministry	27,307	35,313	29,306
General Expenses	42,121	49,242	51,696
Special Collections	6,822	13,518	13,685
Extraordinary Expenses	5,732	4,256	111,842
Total Expenditures	157,444	181,265	279,967
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 1,209	\$ 12,805	\$ 2,441

Our Garden



Registered Households

2021: 245
2020: 245
2019: 247

Single Member Households

87



Baptisms

2021: 0
2020: 1
2019: 6

Weddings

2021: 1
2020: 0
2019: 3



Funerals

2021: 1
2020: 2
2019: 5



Weathering COVID-19

Just as God has provided for you, you have provided for our parish. Your investment is like the tilling of the soil, helping us to grow stronger. Despite the pandemic, our parish offertory remained strong, primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners; it was greatly assisted by generous unexpected donations from members of our parish family and returning visitors.

As I am sure you can imagine, our parish was challenged during fundraising activities. This year, our fish fry held during Lent was reduced to five events due to weather issues; our car show and cook-out were also impacted by poor weather. Even with these issues, we exceeded \$10,000 in fundraising profits which we used to reduce our debt and cover normal operating expenses.

I do want to call your attention to our new initiative: reinventing our music ministry here at Saint Joan of Arc Parish. Both our choir director and one organist have retired. We are asking our former choir members and any parishioner blessed with the gift of musical ability to consider volunteering as a cantor at our weekend Masses. Multiple cantors at each Mass are welcomed and encouraged.

In addition, we need volunteers who are willing to be trained on the use of the digital piano to provide music at our liturgies; this position does not require any specific musical ability; an iPad is used to select and play pre-recorded music during the liturgy.

If you feel called to serve God by providing song or music during our liturgies, please contact the office. I will need to know which Masses you can serve and how you would like to serve.

Ways You Can Give



BY MAIL:
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IN PERSON:
Tuesday - Wednesday
9:30AM - 5:00PM
Thursday - 9:30AM - 2:30PM
(may vary)



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