

Devoting Support ^{to our}

FAITH

Community

STAYING CONNECTED

God's work continues during
the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Staying Connected During COVID-19

I have been keeping the parishioners of St. Joan of Arc Parish in my prayers during this pandemic. I can't even imagine the difficulties you must be facing; balancing family, job, school and everything else that has been made more complicated by COVID-19.

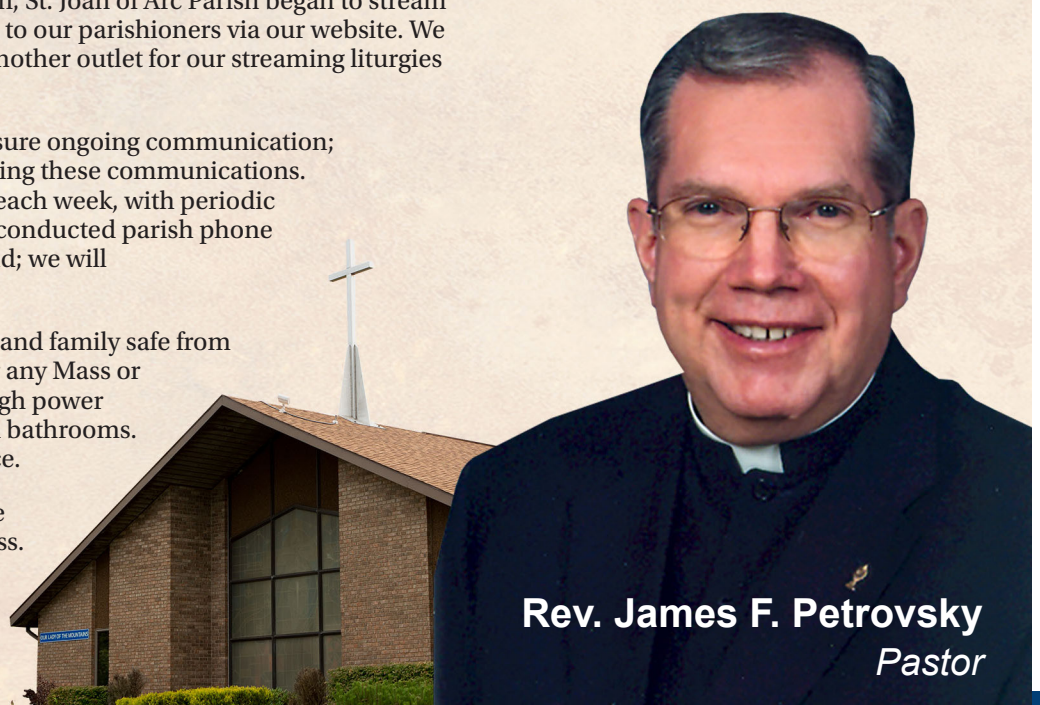
During this stress-filled time, I want you to know that our parish continues to care for the spiritual and material needs of our faith community.

Once our church building was closed in March, St. Joan of Arc Parish began to stream masses, devotions and informational updates to our parishioners via our website. We utilize our existing Parish Facebook page as another outlet for our streaming liturgies and educational opportunities.

Personal letters from the Pastor are sent to assure ongoing communication; we utilize email and the post office for delivering these communications. Weekly bulletins are emailed to parishioners each week, with periodic mailings to those who do not have email. We conducted parish phone calls, especially to the elderly and home bound; we will periodically call these parishioners.

St. Joan of Arc wants to keep all of our friends and family safe from coronavirus. All touchpoints are cleaned after any Mass or other activity, 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.

Our hospitality ministers are happy to provide sanitizer, masks, and temp checks at each Mass. They also assure that everyone is seated safely while maintaining social distancing.



Rev. James F. Petrovsky
Pastor

Ways You Can Give



St. Joan of Arc Parish
P.O. Box 92
Farmington, PA 15437



Parish Office Hours
Tues - Wed
9:30 AM to 5 PM
Thursday
9:30 AM to 2:30 PM (may vary)



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Sadly, as you can imagine, the virus has greatly impacted every form of stewardship. If you are willing to give of your time and talent to help those in need, please look for our ministry listings and contact us to volunteer. Even though we cannot gather as we normally would, this may be an especially good time to consider a ministry in our parish so that when we do begin to gather, you will have an idea of how you want to serve our community of faith.

Additionally, as you might imagine, your continued financial support during this difficult time will help our parish to maintain and to continue God's work. And so, with great sensitivity to whatever your circumstances might be, I humbly ask, if you are able, that you consider an increase in your weekly or monthly offertory. You can make that commitment online or by sending those donations directly to the parish via U.S. Mail or by visiting our website for online offertory.

COVID-19 and its Impact on our Faith Community

Our parish offertory is averaging approximately 6% lower during the partial shutdown. I am grateful for all who continue to support us by mailing in their donations. In addition, our income from visitors is down 20% overall. Our Diocesan Lenten Appeal for this year, while we did exceed our target, is down approximately 7%.

Our parish suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. Our largest fundraisers, Lenten Fish Dinners and basket raffles, were canceled after only three dinners, and our car show and spaghetti dinner were also canceled. This fall, we are holding four mini-fish fries as we try to capture some of these lost funds. We were unable to get together for our parish dinner on Holy Thursday, and our parish picnic was also canceled.

With the addition of new requirements due to COVID, our increasing need for fundraising activities, and our continuing desire to use volunteers for maintenance and repair so we keep our costs at an acceptable level, our need for volunteers continues to grow.

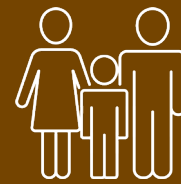
We are hoping to continue to support needy families during the Christmas season and beyond, and our other good will collections for the homeless and hungry.



Parish Statistics



Registered Households



2018: 250
2019: 247
2020: 245

Single Member Households



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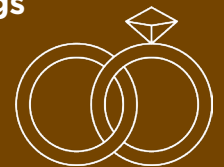
Baptisms



2018: 2
2019: 6
2020: 0

(4 scheduled for later)

Weddings



2018: 2
2019: 3
2020: 0

Funerals



2018: 9
2019: 5
2020: 1

Parish Financials

	2018	2019	2020
Offertory	\$ 138,479	\$ 128,519	\$ 122,544
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	3,753	3,624	2,572
Extraordinary income <i>(Bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	21,904	131,339	26,439
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	7,152	5,297	1,937
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	801	631	27,218
Special Collections	23,658	12,998	13,360
Total Income	\$ 195,747	\$ 282,407	\$ 194,070
Expenses			
<i>Administration</i>	\$ 74,137	\$ 55,893	\$ 62,095
<i>Church</i>	14,669	13,251	11,252
<i>Rectory</i>	4,904	4,294	5,589
<i>Education and Ministry</i>	30,410	29,306	35,313
<i>General Expenses</i>	60,932	51,696	49,242
<i>Special Collections</i>	23,662	13,685	13,518
<i>Extraordinary Expenses</i>	756	111,842	4,256
Total Expenditures	209,471	279,967	181,264
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (13,724)	\$ 2,440	\$ 12,806

Capital Improvements

Your contributions to our parish help to maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community. Over the last three years, we repaved our parking lot, thanks to the generous contribution of one of our parishioners. Railings were added to entrances in the rectory and the side of the altar to assure the safety of our parish family and friends.



Ministries at St. Joan of Arc

St. Joan of Arc encourages its parishioners to participate in one of our liturgical, social or music ministries. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Altar Server

Altar servers help set up for Mass and serve at the altar during Mass.

Religious Education Instructors

Parishioners offer instruction in religious education.

Volunteer Cleaning Team

Parishioners give of their time to clean the facility..

Choir/Cantors/Organists/Digital Piano Operators

All contribute to the musical presentation at Masses.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

These parishioners help the priest distribute Holy Communion at Mass.

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.

Lectors

Lectors proclaim the word of God during Mass or other liturgical functions. Lectors devote time to preparation and understanding of sacred Scripture.

Prayer Ministry

The purpose of the prayer ministry team is to actively encourage and promote prayer within the life of the church.

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.

Greeters

Greeters welcome those who are attending Mass.