

# Saint Joan Of Arc Church

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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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.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DEC. 16, 2018**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, Dec. 15 Anticipated - Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm.....Mary Koury John  
Buzz John

**Sunday, Dec. 16 Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am.....Mary Hamborsky  
Vincent & Rose Denardo

11:00 am.....Dewey Shaffer  
Steve & Brenda Hancheck

**Monday, Dec. 17**

8:30 am.....Julia Kaydo  
John Mayersky & Marianne Podolinsy

**Tuesday, Dec. 18**

8:30 am.....Louise Colaiuta  
Francis Sopovich

**Wednesday, Dec. 19**

8:30 am.....Bernard Sandrosky  
Don & Rita Palaisa

**Thursday, Dec. 20**

8:30 am.....William Fisher  
Anna Fabian; Marcella & Family

**Friday, Dec. 21**

8:30 am.....Mary Hamborsky  
Diana Alcorn

**Saturday, Dec. 22**

8:30 am.....Pro Populo

**Saturday, Dec. 22 Anticipated - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm.....Sally John  
Gerry, Barb, Cat Galida

**Sunday, Dec. 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am.....Sally John  
Ken & Sue Williams

11:00 am.....Shirley Gearing  
Jim & Joan Foutz

**ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS**

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule**

Dec. 22/23, 2018

**LECTORS**

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....C. Martin  
Sunday, 8:00 am.....N. Ciaccia  
Sunday, 11:00 am.....J. Foutz

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

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

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....P. Terravecchia  
Sunday, 8:00 am.....H. Mazur  
Sunday, 11:00 am.....C. & M. Baranowski

**GREETERS**

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....B. Galida  
Sunday, 8:00 am.....N. Ciaccia  
Sunday, 11:00 am.....R. Homer

**Christmas Services**

**LECTORS**

Mon, 12/24 @ 4 pm.....L. Cale  
Mon, 12/24 @ 10 pm.....R. Graham  
Tues, 12/25 @ 9:30 am.....M. Judd

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Mon, 12/24 @ 4 pm.....B. Galida  
Mon, 12/24 @ 10 pm.....B. Citro  
Tues, 12/25 @ 9:30 am.....M. L. Dick

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Mon, 12/24 @ 4 pm.....J. & M. Frazee  
Mon, 12/24 @ 10 pm.....D. Graham & P. Terravecchia  
Tues, 12/25 @ 9:30 am.....

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**1: Zephaniah 3: 14-18a**

**2: Philippians 4: 4-7**

**3. Luke 3: 10-18**

**Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:**

Zephaniah presents a vision of a great festival where God's love and forgiveness will be celebrated and His mercy shared with all. Saint Paul reminds the Philippians to be happy and prayerful as they await the return of Christ. John the Baptist proclaims the good news of the kingdom in the Gospel, and challenges his listeners to act with justice and generosity.

**Focus: The Lord is near, we rejoice and give thanks.**

On this Gaudete Sunday, we rejoice as we look forward to the return of Christ. His coming in glory fills us with confidence and prayer—all fear is removed and our hearts sing for joy.

**Pope Francis—thought for the day (Dec. 16)**

The time taken to help others is time given to Jesus; it is love that remains: it is our treasure in heaven, which we earn here on earth.

**Knights of Columbus Rosary**

The Knights of Columbus will be praying the rosary at 10:30 on Sunday, December 30th before the 11:00 AM Mass.

**Collection Report for  
Sunday, December 9, 2018**

**First Collection**

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Envelopes for Sunday, December 9, 2018    | \$743.00 |
| Envelopes (Past and Future Dates)         | 80.00    |
| Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors | 170.00   |
| Loose Cash and Checks                     | 203.00   |

**Second Collection**

**Digital Piano Equipment**

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Envelopes (All Dates) | 199.61 |
| Loose Cash and Checks | 118.00 |

**Other**

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Cemetery Fund         | 2.00   |
| Votive Candles        | 33.00  |
| Flower Fund - Regular | 7.00   |
| Christmas Flowers     | 35.00  |
| Saint Vincent de Paul | 100.00 |
| Christmas             | 20.00  |
| Thanksgiving          | 5.00   |

**Immaculate Conception (Saturday, 12/08)**

|                       |        |
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| Envelopes             | 168.00 |
| Loose Cash and Checks | 55.00  |

**TOTAL: \$1,938.61**

**Peace Tree**

One of the most popular trees decorated at Christmas time is the eastern white pine.

The tree is called the “peace tree” because it symbolizes the great peace that years ago united the warring tribes of the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca into one.

Legend says that an Indian peacemaker named Dekanawidah had traveled among these nations in northeast United States, urging them to stop fighting. He used the eastern white pine as a symbol in his negotiations since the tree’s “roots of peace” extended north, east, south, and west. His analogy eventually convinced the tribes to form a five nation confederacy. Tribal chiefs would meet under the peace tree to resolve issues, with weapons being buried under the tree to seal a peace agreement.

**Prayers Needed!**

Please pray for David Rusko, son of Kim and David Rusko. He is currently in serious condition due to a severe head injury.

Please pray for our newest little family member, Stephanie Anne Gentile who was premature at birth, weighing 2 pounds.

Please pray for our fellow parishioner and friend, Paul Martin who is seriously ill.

Please remember Eileen Kutchman in your prayers.

**Charity in Action**

It is very gratifying to see the mitten tree filling up with hats, scarves, mittens, etc. We also appreciate all of the coat donations. Just this week, we gave two adult coats to Interfaith Caregivers; they identified a need among their elderly clients and we were able to meet that need.

Our Knights of Columbus are also involved in charitable giving projects this Christmas season; they are participating in a Christmas project benefitting Clelian Heights School in Greensburg.

What can you do to help? Contribute to St. Vincent de Paul via our poor box or donate food using the box in the church vestibule. We are so blessed here on the mountain! Let’s share our blessings!

**Remember Your Church Family**

Please do not forget to be generous with your Christmas gift for your church. Our utility bills are very high during these winter months, and we do not have visitors to supplement our collections. Thank You.

**Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers**

We are working on the January and February schedules. If you have dates you will not be available or dates you would like to serve, please contact Lillian at 724-439-1683 or [reservations@laurelcaverns.com](mailto:reservations@laurelcaverns.com) as soon as possible.

**Mark Your Calendar**

Children’s Mass & Visit from St. Nick—12/16 @ 11:00 AM  
 Children’s Christmas Eve Mass—12/24 @ 4:00 PM  
 Christmas Eve Mass at night—12/24 @ 10:00 PM  
 Christmas Mass—12/25 @ 9:30 AM  
 Eve of Solemnity of Mary—12/31 @ 5:00 PM  
 Solemnity of Mary—Jan. 1 @ 9:30 AM

**Ladies Guild Cookbooks**

Please keep us in mind as you purchase your Christmas gifts. Cost is \$10. For sale after all weekend Masses.

**3rd Sunday of Advent—The Shepherd**

As long as we pay more attention to our gain than to another’s good, Jesus’ refusal to watch His own back, to count the cost before He takes the risk, to write off bad investments—such as Peter on Holy Thursday night for example—will never make any sense to us. But His cross haunts us when we wonder if our own “flock” of responsibilities is worth the trouble—or if we are. Lost or found or simply perplexed, the Advent promise remains our strength: Christ our Shepherd is coming!

Prayer: Christ, Good Shepherd, stay with us, guard us, guide us always. Bring us safely home!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS  
THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

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

**A Father's Prayer**

Give me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid—one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat and humble and gentle in victory.

Give me a son whose wishes will not take the place of deeds; a son who will know thee—and that to know himself is the foundation stone of true knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and strains of difficulties and challenges, let him learn to stand up in the storm. Let him also learn compassion for those who fail.

Give me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high—a son who will master himself before he seeks to master others—one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And, after all these things, add enough of a sense of humor so he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility so he may always remember the simplicity of true wisdom and the meekness of true strength.

*General Douglas McArthur*



**7 Day Candle Offerings**

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Stephanie Anne           | Paul Martin              |
| Husband's Health         | Ron & Teresa Steimer     |
| The Kadar Family         | Will                     |
| Whitnie, Kennedy & John  | Health & Peace of Family |
| Light, Happiness & Peace |                          |

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOAN OF ARC**

Sun, Dec. 16 @ 11 AM.....Faith Formation Christmas Play  
Mon, Dec. 17 @ 7:30 PM.....Boy Scout Meeting

**Other Penitential Services in Our Area**

Thursday, Dec. 20, 7:00 PM—St. Mary (Nativity)/St. Joseph at Saint Mary  
Saturday, Dec. 22, 1:00 PM—SS Cyril & Methodius/St. Hubert at Fairchance

**Help Needed—Interfaith Caregivers**

Interfaith Caregivers is looking for people who can be back ups who help with the care of a 44 year old man with no arms or legs who lives on the mountain. He is currently waiting for prosthesis. Volunteer would be on call if a regular volunteer caregiver was unable to help on a given day. If you can help, please call the office. Thank You.

**Mass Intentions for 2018/2019**

Mass intentions for 2018 may be scheduled by filling out a 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.

