

# Saint Joan Of Arc Church

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**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**

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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.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DEC. 2, 2018**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, Dec. 1 Anticipated - First Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm.....Lillian & Jack Gangwere  
David & Lillian Cale

**Sunday, Dec. 2 First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am.....Rose Batya  
Larry Hajduk

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

**Monday, Dec. 3**

8:30 am.....Ron Gross  
Family

**Tuesday, Dec. 4**

8:30 am.....Prosuch & Cassidy Family  
George Prosuch Sr.

**Wednesday, Dec. 5**

8:30 am.....Sue Oktelo  
Dick & Gladys Oktelo; Jean & Ed Demuth

**Thursday, Dec. 6**

8:30 am.....Elizabeth Oziemblosky  
Joe & Marie Spak

**Friday, Dec. 7**

8:30 am.....Prayer Shawl Recipients

**Holy Day—Vigil Immaculate Conception**

7:30 pm.....Rose Altemose  
Pam Whyel

**Saturday, Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception**

8:30 am.....Danielle Ruth Dugan Jones  
Margaret Dugan

**Saturday, Dec. 8 Anticipated - Second Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm...Deceased Members Chimino & Herman Families  
Pat Mowen

**Sunday, Dec. 9 Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am.....Doyle Smith Family  
Pam Whyel

11:00 am.....Tony Smolley  
Grandchildren

**ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS**

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule**

Dec. 8/9, 2018

**LECTORS**

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....L. Cale  
Sunday, 8:00 am.....R. Graham  
Sunday, 11:00 am.....D. Murren

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

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

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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

**GREETERS**

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....M. L. Dick  
Sunday, 8:00 am.....N. Ciaccia  
Sunday, 11:00 am.....B. Eicher

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**1: Jeremiah 33: 14-16**

**2: 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2**

**3. Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36**

**Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:**

In a time of great upheaval and chaos for Israel, Jeremiah reassures the people of better days to come, when a descendant of David will rule them with integrity and honesty. Looking forward to the return of Christ in glory, Saint Paul reminds us that we must strive for true holiness now. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that no matter what befalls us in life, we are to have confidence in Him, the Son of Man.

**Focus: The Jesus who is born in time and history is also the Christ who will come in glory to judge all.**

The season of Advent begins with a call to perseverance and vigilance as we prepare to celebrate not just the historical event of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, but our central belief that Christ will come again in glory to judge all humanity. Our readings are chosen to help us reflect on this great truth and be prepared for the coming of Christ.

**Pope Francis—thought for the day (Dec. 2)**

May nothing keep you from growing in friendship with God.

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Saturday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Mass to celebrate this Holy Day will be celebrated on Friday, December 7th at 7:30 PM, and Saturday, December 8th at 8:30 AM.

**Congratulations to Our Confirmation Class!**

**Mareesa Marra  
Christopher Baranowski  
Macy Over  
Grace Amend**

Thank you to Christina Homer and Heidi Pane for preparing our candidates for their Confirmation.

**Collection Report for  
Sunday, November 25, 2018**

**First Collection**

Envelopes for Sunday, November 25, 2018	\$760.00
Envelopes (Past and Future Dates)	1,030.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	221.00
Loose Cash and Checks	229.00

**Second Collection**

**Extraordinary Expenses and Improvement Fund**

Envelopes (All Dates)	222.05
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc and Visitors	1.00
Loose Cash and Checks	79.00

**Other**

Cemetery Fund	10.00
Votive Candles	46.00
Flower Fund - Regular	37.00
Christmas Flowers	110.00
Annual Appeal for Retired Religious (11/04/2018)	5.00
Diocesan/Catholic Relief Fund/Svc. (11/25/2018)	80.00
Immaculate Conception (Saturday, 12/08/2018)	30.00
Christmas (Tuesday, 12/25/2018)	80.00
Child./Fam. Services Appeal (Tues. 12/25/2018)	27.00
Solemnity of Mary (Tuesday, 01/01/2019)	30.00

**Thanksgiving**

- Regular offering	234.00
- Loose	38.00

**TOTAL: \$3,269.05**

***Mark Your Calendar***

Eve of Feast of the Immaculate Conception—12/7 @ 7:30 PM  
 Feast of the Immaculate Conception—12/8 @ 8:30 AM  
 Penitential Service—Dec. 9 @ 3:00 PM  
 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

**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.

**Ladies Guild Cookbooks**

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

**A Meditation for a Cold Winter/Advent Night:**

Think about the holiday demands that stress you the most. Picture them as flashing lights. Try to close your eyes to them by imagining instead the first candle lit on the Advent wreath, a reminder of Christ, the Light shining in every darkness. Ask Him for the clarity you need to assess your options and make good decisions that will bring you home to the heart of this holy season.

Prayer: Lord, Jesus, Light of the World, be a lamp to our feet as we walk through the lengthening dark toward the light that shines from the Manger on Christmas Day.

**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.

**What Would You Do?**

There's an old country Gospel song with a catchy refrain that asks this question: "What would you do if Jesus came to spend the day with you?" During Advent, the Church invites us to ponder this question—and prepare our hearts and souls accordingly. We frantically prepare for Christmas, buying gifts and decorating our homes. But will we prepare our soul with the same sense of urgency, purpose and care? Advent is a sobering time of reflection on the second coming of Jesus. "What would you do if Jesus came to spend the day with you?" Soon He will. May we meet Him with open arms and pure hearts.

**Sanctuary Light**

The sanctuary light burns in memory of the members of the Maust and Sparks Families starting December 10th for 2 weeks.

**Sacrament of the Sick**

The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered next Sunday, December 9th, following the 11:00 AM Mass. All those in need of this Sacrament are kindly asked to remain after Mass and gather in the front of the church in every other pew.

***"Can you not watch one hour with me?"***

Friday, December 7th is the first Friday of the month. Please consider spending time with Jesus as our Advent season begins. Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the 8:30 AM Mass, closing with Benediction at noon.  
**"When My people humble themselves and seek My presence...I will revive their land."**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS  
THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

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



*7 Day Candle Offerings*

Ruthie—RIP	Dennis Bailey
Husband's Health	Rosemary Pascia
Ron & Teresa Steimer	Carol's Husband
Coobie (2)	Whitnie, Kennedy & John
In Thanksgiving (2)	Light, Happiness & Peace
Special Intention	Franczyk Family
Myers Family	Mandy Franczyk
Health & Wellbeing, Employment, Thanksgiving for Blessings Received	

**Penance Services for Advent**

**Please note: The Advent Penance Service for our parish will be held on Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 PM.**

**Other Penitential Services in Our Area**

Thursday, Dec. 6, 7:00 PM—St. Francis of Assisi at Masontown  
 Tuesday, Dec. 11, 7:00 PM—St. Peter/St. Cecelia at Brownsville  
 Saturday, Dec. 15, 1:00 PM—St. John/St. Therese at Saint John the Evangelist  
 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

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOAN OF ARC**

Sun, Dec. 2 @9:30—10:45 AM.....Faith Formation Class  
 Mon, Dec. 3 @7:30 PM.....Boy Scout Meeting  
 Fri. Dec 7 @9:15—11:30AM.....Yarn Divas Meeting  
 Sat. Dec. 8 @12:30PM.....Ladies Guild Christmas Luncheon

**Yarn Divas**

We will be getting together on first Friday, Dec. 7th. from 9:15 until 11:30 AM. Hope to see you there.

**Ladies Guild Christmas Luncheon**

December 8th at Curt's  
 Social Time 12:30PM & Lunch at 1:00 PM

*Please remember in your prayers the soul of Ruthie Carnegie, sister of Shirley Flosnik. May eternal rest be given to Ruthie, and peace and comfort to her family and friends.*



**REVERSE  
ADVENT CALENDAR**

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
 ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

