

Saint Joan Of Arc Church

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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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:

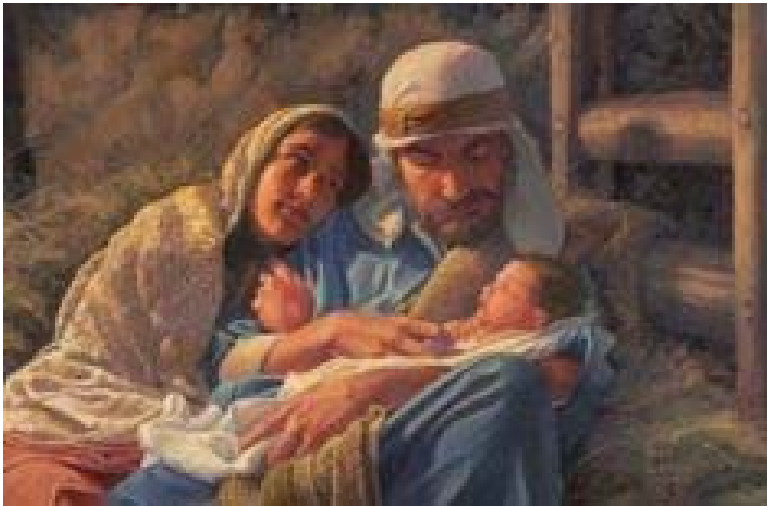
To arrange for the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office. Eucharistic Ministers are available for Communion to the homebound.

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.



The Most Rev. Edward C. Malesic, JCL

Bishop of Greensburg

The Rev. James F. Petrovsky, Pastor

jpetrovsky@dioceseofgreensburg.org

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DEC. 23, 2018

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, Dec. 24

8:30 am.....NO MASS

4:00 pm.....Intentions of our Parish Family & Friends

10:00pm.....Intentions of our Parish Family & Friends

Tuesday, Dec. 25

9:30 am.....Intentions of our Parish Family & Friends

Wednesday, Dec. 26

8:30 am.....Mary Hamborsky
Mrs. Mary Renocks

Thursday, Dec. 27

8:30 am.....Bernard Sandrosky
Joe & Nadia Novotny

Friday, Dec. 28

8:30 am.....Elizabeth Oziemblosky
George & Paula Balsinger & Family

Saturday, Dec. 29

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

Saturday, Dec. 29 Anticipated Holy Family-Jesus, Mary, Joseph

5:00 pm.....Intentions of Combs Family

Sunday, Dec. 23 Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, Joseph

8:00 am.....Irene Dolfi
The Choir

11:00 am.....Ruth Carnegie
Jack & Diane Hughes

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Dec. 29/30, 2018

LECTORS

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....P. Mowen
Sunday, 8:00 am.....M. B. Mazur
Sunday, 11:00 am.....M. Herring

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.....L. Cale
Sunday, 8:00 am.....M. Judd
Sunday, 11:00 am.....R. Homer

Solemnity of Mary

LECTORS

Mon, 12/31 @ 5 pm.....B. Galida
Tues. 1/1 @ 9:30 am.....C. Martin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Mon. 12/31 @ 5 pm.....M. L. Dick
Tues. 1/1 @ 9:30 am.....M. B. Mazur

ALTAR SERVERS

Mon. 12/31 @ 5pm.....P. Terravecchia
Tues. 1/1 @ 9:30am.....H. Mazur

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

1: Micah 5: 1-4a

2: Hebrews 10: 5-10

3. Luke 1: 39-45

Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:

In the first reading, Micah prophesies that tiny Bethlehem will be the birthplace of the Messiah, a great ruler for all time. Paul reflects on Jesus' offering of himself and His obedience to God's will, through which we are consecrated. The Gospel depicts Mary's visit to Elizabeth, who recognizes Mary's role as Mother of God.

Focus: Jesus has come to us as our King and Shepherd.

In a few days, we will celebrate the great gift that God has given to humanity two thousand years ago: the gift of Jesus. Jesus comes as Savior of the world and as the majestic King - But also as a Shepherd who cares deeply and personally for each one of us on our journey. He is truly God's gift to us.

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Dec. 23)

Each day we are asked to put our heart and soul into what we do: Prayer, work, study, but also in sport and recreation...Committing ourselves, in other words, means making every effort to do our best in order to improve life.



Christmas Day—The Nativity of the Lord

1: Isaiah 52: 7-10

2: Hebrews 1: 1-6

3. John 1: 1-18

Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:

The prophet Isaiah foretells of the time when Jerusalem will be redeemed, and salvation will be at hand for all. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that God always spoke to His people through the prophets, but only in partial ways. In today's Gospel, we hear of the union between Father and Son from all time, and through which the fullness of God is revealed.

Focus: On this Christmas day, we rejoice in the birth of our Savior.

Hark, the sentinels raise a cry and the angels sing: the Lord is restoring Zion and salvation is at hand. With this celebration of the Incarnation of our God in the person of Jesus, we rejoice in the salvation that has been given to us. We rejoice in our redemption.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Meditation: Who has spoken, acted, and lived God's word of love most powerfully in your life? How have they expressed it? To whom are you called to speak the same work of love? How?

Prayer: Jesus Christ, Word of God made flesh, speak your word of God's love in us and through us. Teach us to hear it as it is spoken in and through others. Make all of us your living vocabulary of love.

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.

IN THE STABLE WHERE CHRIST WAS BORN.....

Smell the stable. Smell the fresh cow dung. Smell the dampness of the cave, the water dripping along the side. Smell the donkeys and the cows. Smell the rancid straw, gleaming with animal saliva.

See the cobwebs, the hen with her little brood of chicks over in the corner, the crude and simple atmosphere of heaven's maternity ward.

Touch the warm backs of the animals as they chew their food in the stalls. Feel the manger, cushioned with new, clean straw.

Listen to the wind whistling through the gate. Listen again and you will hear the hundreds who still are up late at night, meandering through the streets of Bethlehem.

Notice the shaft of light that penetrates the gate as if it were focused from heaven upon this particular place. Look over in the far corner and you will see them. You will hear them. And you can touch them. The young mother with her newborn child. Her sturdy husband-to-be. The wondering shepherds...

How goes the stable of your life? Where is Christ being born in the shadows of your inner self? While the noises of life all around you continue, have you noticed what's happening inside your stable? Have you invited the wise to come and open their treasures to you? Have you allowed the lonely to come and celebrate the new things that are being born in your life? Are you listening to your dreams during the night?

Hal Edwards "Faith in Work" Magazine
December, 1978

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.

"The shepherds brought no gifts, as did the Magi, or even the imaginary drummer boy who performed for Him. They just came to be with the Lord....and that is all they were asked to do."



Merry and Blessed Christmas

My Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With deep appreciation and love for your support over the past year, you and your loved ones will be remembered in a special way at all Christmas Masses.

And my fondest wish is that the blessings of our Lord, Jesus Christ be yours this Christmas and enrich your life in the New Year.

Your brother in Christ,



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Baby Levi R. Morgan	Stephen Gentile	Paul Martin
Baby Stephanie Anne Gentile	Christine Giel	Jason Mathias
Chris Augustine	Linda Glover	Jim Maust
Jim Augustine	Sara Gross	Mark Melchek
Donna Bakewell	Doug Gurski	Alex McClintock
Patrice Baranowski	Butch Haberer	Pat Mowen
Matt Bingaman	Donna Hajduk	Pat Myers
Coobie Bojarski	Larry Hajduk	Tommy P.
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

Sanctuary Light

Starting December 24th, the sanctuary lamp burns in honor of Jim Maust and in memory of Elmo Maust for two weeks.



Catholic Charities—Diocese of Greensburg

- Faith based assistance with anxiety, grief, loss, relationship and many other personal and family difficulties
- Counseling provided by licensed, professional staff
- Low fees. Many insurances accepted.
- No waiting list
- For more information or to make an appointment call Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840 or email counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org

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.



7 Day Candle Offerings

Prayers Being Answered	Paul Martin
Husband's Health	Ron & Teresa Steimer
Jerry & Catherine	Coobie
Karter, Kennedy & John	Light, Happiness & Peace

Annual Children and Family Services Appeal

The annual Children and Family Services Appeal collection to support the work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will be taken at all Christmas Masses in the diocese ofn December 24th and 25th. Christmas reminds us of the gift of God's own Son, Jesus Christ, given to each of us without question of our merit or eligibility. You are asked to support this appeal and make your contribution to help change the future of an individual, family, or child through the good work of our diocesan Catholic Charities

**Collection Report for
Sunday, December 16, 2018**

First Collection

Envelopes for Sunday, December 16, 2018	\$878.00
Envelopes (Past and Future Dates)	160.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	155.00
Loose Cash and Checks	199.00

Second Collection

Digital Piano Equipment

Envelopes (All Dates)	309.00
Loose Cash and Checks	85.00

Other

Votive Candles	30.00
Flower Fund - Regular	23.00
Christmas Flowers	60.00
Christmas (Tuesday, 12/25/2018)	30.00
Child./Fam. Services Appeal (Tuesday, 12/25/2018)	45.00
Solemnity of Mary (Tuesday, 01/01/2019)	25.00
Immaculate Conception (Saturday, 12/08/2018)	20.00
Thanksgiving (Thursday, 11/22/2018)	5.00

TOTAL: \$2,024.00

Mark Your Calendar

- 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