

Saint Joan Of Arc Church

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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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Dec. 29 Anticipated Holy Family-Jesus, Mary, Joseph
5:00 pm.....Intentions of Combs Family

Sunday, Dec. 30 Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, Joseph
8:00 am.....Irene Dolfi
The Choir
11:00 am.....Ruth Carnegie
Jack & Diane Hughes

Monday, Dec. 31
8:30 am.....Daniel Mullen Sr.
M/M George Stiner
5:00 pm.....Intentions of our Parish Family & Friends

Tuesday, Jan. 1
9:30 am.....Intentions of our Parish Family & Friends

Wednesday, Jan. 2
8:30 am.....Leonard “Pinto” Gaydos
Karen & Tom Eadie & Family

Thursday, Jan. 3
8:30 am.....Ron Gross
Family

Friday, Jan. 4
8:30 am.....Julie Kaydo
Tom, Valerie & Parker Trosiek

Saturday, Jan. 5
8:30 am.....Kathryn Rosso
Cheryl & Greg Golembiewski

Saturday, Jan. 5 Anticipated—The Ephiny
5:00 pm.....Sue Brubach
David & Lillian Cale

Sunday, Jan. 5 The Ephiny
8:00 am.....George Bissell
Diane Bissell & Family
11:00 am.....Virginia Cline
The Herring Family

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Jan. 5/6, 2019

LECTORS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....C. Martin
Sunday, 8:00 am.....P. Whyel
Sunday, 11:00 am.....D. Murren

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....B. Galida
Sunday, 8:00 am.....A. Clark
Sunday, 11:00 am.....C. Homer

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....L. Cale
Sunday, 8:00 am.....J. Clark
Sunday, 11:00 am.....C. & M. Baranowski

GREETERS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....C. Bryan
Sunday, 8:00 am.....N. Ciaccia
Sunday, 11:00 am.....M. Herring

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Can you not watch one hour with Me?

Friday, January 4th is the first Friday of the new year. Adoration will follow the 8:30 Mass, concluding with Benediction at noon.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

1: 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28

2: 1 John 3: 1-2, 21, 24

3. Luke 2: 41-52

Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:

Today we hear about the birth of Samuel and how his mother gives thanks in the Temple and dedicates her son to the Lord. John, in his letter, highlights our dignity and destiny—we are God’s children now and are commanded to love one another. The Gospel from Luke relates the story of Jesus at the age of twelve remaining in the Temple after His family had departed, and the subsequent worry and searching for Him that His parents experienced.

Focus: Let us strive to imitate the Holy Family’s mutual love and concern for one another.

By being born into a human family, the eternal Son of God has blessed every family, and so made marriage and family a pathway to holiness and eternal life. In the face of God’s ever-flowing generosity, highlighted for us today in the blessing of family life, we become aware of our human shortcomings and our need for God’s mercy and love.

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Dec. 30)

So if God hopes, then no one should lose hope. For hope is the strength to keep moving forward. It is the power to press on towards the future and a changed life. It is the incentive to look to tomorrow, so that the love we have known, for all our failings, can show us a new path.



Solemnity of Mary

- 1: Numbers 6: 22-27**
- 2: Galatians 4: 4-7**
- 3. Luke 2: 16-21**

Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:

In the first reading, the Lord gives Moses the words of blessing for Aaron to use over the people of Israel. In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds the Galatians that God sent His Son, born of a woman, to save us and adopt us as His children. In today's Gospel, the shepherds go to Bethlehem and find Mary, Joseph, and the Infant. They convey what they have been told about the Child. A few days later, the Child is circumcised and given His name, Jesus.

Focus: Mary receives the message of the angels through the shepherds and she reflects on it in her heart.

Mary reflected on what she heard. Other translations say that "she pondered what she heard", which is more helpful. To ponder is not just to think about or reflect, but to feel the weight of something. Mary felt the weight of the shepherds' message to her regarding her Son (foreshadowing the pain of the sword that would pierce her soul upon His death), and she embraced it and allowed it to become a part of her. We, too, can embrace God's word in this way—feeling its weight and allowing it to truly become a part of us.

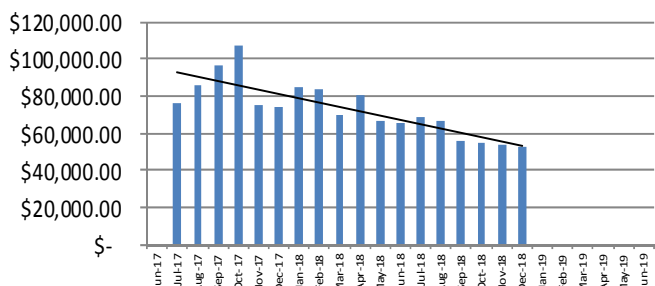
Happy New Year!!

I would like to thank all who have helped with preparations for the Christmas season—the decorating committee, the choir and other volunteers who worked with our children and gave of their time and talent to perform countless other tasks. Our Christmas Masses were beautiful! I would also like to thank our wonderful volunteers who maintain our parish buildings and grounds throughout the year.

As we start 2019, I would like to wish you and your families a blessed New Year; I hope we all enjoy peace and good health throughout the year. It is my prayer that we will continue to work as a family to grow and maintain that "special" spirit that abounds at Saint Joan of Arc—a spirit of community, stewardship, and love.

Father Jim

Parish Debt



Collection Report for Sunday, December 23, 2018

First Collection

Envelopes for Sunday, December 23, 2018	\$963.00
Envelopes (Past and Future Dates)	390.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	160.00
Loose Cash and Checks	154.00

Second Collection

Digital Piano Equipment

Envelopes (All Dates)	565.00
Loose Cash and Checks	81.00

Other

Votive Candles	53.00
Flower Fund - Regular	20.00
Christmas (Tuesday, 12/25/2018)	205.00
Child./Fam. Serv. Appeal (Tuesday, 12/25/2018)	42.00
Solemnity of Mary (Tuesday, 01/01/2019)	40.00
Immaculate Conception (Saturday, 12/08/2018)	40.00
Easter Sunday (04/01/2018)	5.00
Palm Sunday (03/25/2018)	5.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	50.00

TOTAL: \$2,773.00

Collection Report for Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2018

First Collection

Envelopes for Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2018	\$1,219.00
Envelopes (Past and Future Dates)	80.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	190.00
Loose Cash and Checks	409.00

Second Collection

Children/Family Aervices Appeal

Envelopes	178.00
Loose Cash and Checks	101.00

Other

Votive Candles	18.00
Solemnity of Mary (Tuesday, 01/01/2019)	5.00
Digital Piano Equipment	52.00

TOTAL: \$2,252.00

Yarn Divas

We will be getting together on first Friday, Jan. 4th. from 9:15 until 11:30 AM. Hope to see you there. Remember, if schools are delayed due to bad weather, we will knit at home. Be safe, Ladies!

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

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@disceseofgreensburg.org

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.



7 Day Candle Offerings

Nancy Terravecchia	Paul Martin
Husband's Health	Ron & Teresa Steimer
Jerry & Catherine (2)	Coobie (2)
Karter, Kennedy & John	Light, Happiness & Peace
Special Intention (2)	Health (2)

St. Vincent de Paul Store:

Please remember that the St. Vincent de Paul Store in Uniontown accepts clothing, household goods, small electrical items, and furniture. Individuals wishing to donate may do so by dropping items off at 70 North Mt. Vernon, Uniontown, Monday through Saturday, 10 AM to 3 PM. We accept food donations here—please place in the designated box in the vestibule

If you choose to make a cash donation, please place it in a sealed envelope, identify it, and put it in the offertory basket. This money will be given directly to St. Vincent de Paul.

Receipts recognizing the donation for tax purposes are available for those able to itemize their tax returns. The store can be phoned at 724-439-9188.

Mark Your Calendar

Eve of Solemnity of Mary—12/31 @ 5:00 PM
Solemnity of Mary—Jan. 1 @ 9:30 AM

May your New Year be a time of peace, joy, and serenity!

May each day bring you closer to Christ and more loving to those in your family!

May each week see you advancing in the practice of faith, hope, and charity!

May each month give to you the aid, comfort, and strength you need from God!

