

# Saint Joan Of Arc Church

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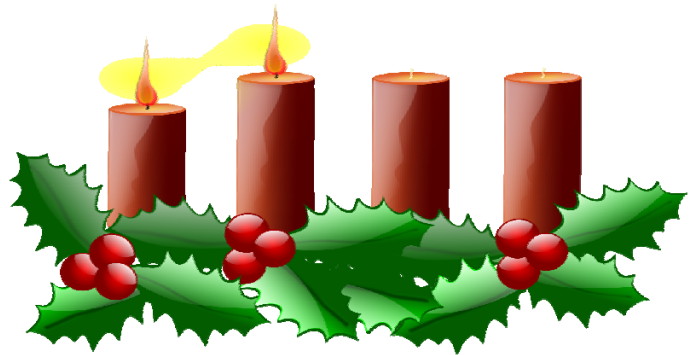
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## MASS SCHEDULE:

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**

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DEC. 9, 2018

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, Dec. 10

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

Tuesday, Dec. 11

8:30 am.....Donald Marucci  
Jay & Gail Franks

Wednesday, Dec. 12

8:30 am.....Sally John  
Ken & Sue Williams

Thursday, Dec. 13

8:30 am.....The Maust & Sparks Families  
Anna Sparks

Friday, Dec. 14

8:30 am.....Ernest Eugene Maynor  
M/M Michael McCarty

Saturday, Dec. 15

8:30 am.....Pro Populo

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 Hanchek

ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Dec. 15/16, 2018

LECTORS

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....B. Galida  
Sunday, 8:00 am.....M. Judd  
Sunday, 11:00 am.....B. Citro

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

ALTAR SERVERS

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

GREETERS

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

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 as soon as possible.

Second Sunday of Advent

1: Baruch 5: 1-9

2: Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

3. Luke 3: 1-6

Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:

The first reading calls Israel to abandon mourning and misery and replace it with the glorious splendor of God. Paul's Letter to the Philippians is filled with hope and joy, embracing Christ's message and mission. Hope continues in the Gospel as John prepares the way of the Lord, baptizing in His name and proclaiming that salvation is near.

Focus: As we wait the coming of our Lord and Savior, joy and hope fill our hearts in anticipation of the Messiah.

Prepare the way of the Lord! Today marks the second Sunday of Advent, and we are filled with hope, joy, and anticipation. The Lord enters the world to save us. Our paths will be made straight. Our burdens will be eased. Our darkness will be lightened. Salvation is at hand.

Pope Francis—thought for the day (Dec. 9)

Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves, but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord—each of us knows what they are—so that He may enter and grant us life.

Abraham Lincoln

I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this book upon reason that you can and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man.

Penitential Service

Our Penitential Service will be held Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 PM. Please come and experience God's saving grace in this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Collection Report for  
Sunday, December 2, 2018**

**First Collection**

Envelopes for Sunday, December 2, 2018	\$1,187.00
Envelopes (Past and Future Dates)	735.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	255.00
Loose Cash and Checks	254.00

**Second Collection**  
**Digital Piano Equipment**

Envelopes (All Dates)	260.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc and Visitors	
Loose Cash and Checks	99.00

**Other**

Cemetery Fund	75.00
Votive Candles	106.00
Flower Fund - Regular	17.00
Immaculate Conception (Saturday, 12/08/2018)	20.00
Christmas Flowers	68.00
Christmas	130.00
Child./Fam. Services Appeal (Tues. 12/25/2018)	10.00
Solemnity of Mary (Tuesday, 01/01/2019)	40.00
Diocesan/Catholic Relief Fund/Svc. (11/25/2018)	5.00
Thanksgiving (Thursday, 11/22/2018)	15.00
Annual Appeal for Retired Religious (11/04/2018)	5.00

**TOTAL: \$3,281.00**


**Mark Your Calendar**  
 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

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

**Silent Night.....**

It was Christmas Eve. The year was 1818. The place was a tiny village in the Austrian Alps by the name of Oberndorf.

The assistant pastor of the local parish was looking sadly out over the snow covered valley, wondering what they would do that evening for Midnight Mass. The pipe organ at church had broken and they would be unable to sing the great Christmas songs that had been their tradition.

The it occurred to him that perhaps there was a way to make do.

He found a Christmas poem he had written at his previous parish. He took it to the parish organist and asked if he could set it to a simple tune that could be played on the guitar. The priest’s verses were not great, just true words...and the song was not the caliber of, say, Handel’s “Messiah,” but it was true music...and there was born that night in that tiny village the beautiful Christmas hymn, “Silent Night.”

In the years that followed, the song slowly began to travel by word of mouth as folk songs tend to do. Before long, it was being sung here and there and eventually around the world. But no one knew who wrote the words or the music. And, at that time, the people who wrote the words and the music didn’t know it was being sung around the world.

Today, 200 years since its first performance, “Silent Night” has become one of the most cherished Christmas songs.

**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.

**Christmas with our Children**

Please bring your children and grandchildren to Mass next Sunday, December 16th at 11:00 AM. Our Faith Formation children will be performing in our annual Christmas play, and St. Nick will be making an appearance.

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

The familiar “I’ll be home for Christmas” is a promise soaked in nostalgia and wishful thinking. God’s promise of homecoming, realized by Christ’s advents in past, present, and future is the reality. It’s not usually accompanied by prophetic fanfare and royal thrones. It’s offered in the quiet of our hearts by prayer, word, sacrament, and community. Come on, let’s go!!

Prayer: O Christ, you promised to prepare a place for us and return to take us there. Make our hearts and our lives ready to go with you.

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 Hancheck	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 Cipic	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

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOAN OF ARC**  
Sun, Dec. 9 @9:30—10:45 AM.....Faith Formation Class  
Mon, Dec. 10 @7:30 PM.....Boy Scout Meeting

**A Mother's Beatitudes**

Blessed is the mother who understands her child, for she shall inherit a kingdom of memories.  
Blessed is the mother who knows how to comfort, for she shall possess a child's devotion.  
Blessed is the mother who guides by the path of righteousness, for she shall be proud of her children.  
Blessed is the mother who is never shocked, for she shall receive and know confidence and security.  
Blessed is the mother who teaches respect, for she shall be respected.  
Blessed is the mother who emphasizes the good and minimizes the bad, for her children shall follow her example.  
Blessed is the mother who answers questions honestly, for she shall always be trusted.  
Blessed is the mother who treats her children as she would like to be treated, for her home shall always be filled with happiness.

*Is there room for Jesus at your inn?*



**7 Day Candle Offerings**

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

**Other Penitential Services in Our Area**

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

**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.

**Christmas Preparation Retreat**

Fr. Cyprian Constantine, OSB  
"THE TIME OF SALVATION IS NEAR:  
Prepare by Prayer, Fasting, Repentance, Almsgiving  
Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, 1:15 pm—5:30 pm includes dinner  
Offering: \$35. Registration due Dec. 12  
*The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered with a conference and a prayer service.*

