

# Saint Joan Of Arc Church

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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.

**FEAST OF OUR LORD, KING OF THE UNIVERSE—NOV. 25, 2018**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, Nov. 24 Anticipated- Our Lord, King of the Universe**  
 5:00 pm.....Gearing & O'Hern Families  
 M/M Daniel Gearing

**Sunday, Nov. 25— Feast of Our Lord, King of the Universe**  
 8:00 am.....Daniel Guerrieri  
 Helyn Oshnack & Cyndi Mazurek

11:00 am.....In Honor of Our Holy Mother Mary  
 Herring Family

**Monday, Nov. 26**  
 8:30 am.....Bonnie Brenzy  
 Pat Stunja & Dolores Muratore

**Tuesday, Nov. 27**  
 8:30 am.....Pro Populo

**Wednesday, Nov. 28**  
 8:30 am.....Sally John  
 Ken & Sue Williams

**Thursday, Nov. 29**  
 8:30 am.....Gearing & O'Hern Families  
 M/M Daniel Gearing

**Friday, Nov. 30**  
 8:30 am.....Charles "Skeeter" Dick  
 Mary Louise & Michael

**Saturday, Dec. 1**  
 8:30 am.....The Janczewski Family  
 Tom Janczewski

**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

**ALL INTENTIONS—BOOK OF PETITIONS**

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule**

Dec. 1/2, 2018

**LECTORS**

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm.....B. Galida  
 Sunday, 8:00 am.....P. Whyel  
 Sunday, 11:00 am.....R. Carmine

**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.....C. Bryan  
 Sunday, 8:00 am.....M. Judd  
 Sunday, 11:00 am.....M. Herring

**DEC. 7 @ 7:30 PM—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Lector:.....C. Martin  
 Extraordinary Minister:.....M. L. Dick  
 Altar Server:.....P. Terravecchia

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

- 1: Daniel 7: 13-14**
- 2: Revelation 1: 5-8**
- 3. John 18: 33b-37**

**Liturgy of the Word - Meditation:**

All of today's readings address the idea of kingship. Daniel's vision sees the King in everlasting glory being served by all nations. The second reading names the King as Jesus Christ and affirms His reign as absolute and everlasting. John's Gospel relays the exchange between Jesus and Pilate before His crucifixion, where Jesus confirms His kingdom is not of this world.

**Focus: Jesus, King of heaven and earth, cares for all His people and calls us to love and serve Him in return.**

This final Sunday in Ordinary time is marked as the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus, our King, has all power in heaven and earth. The Church represents the kingdom on earth. We, as members of that kingdom, are expected to follow the example of Jesus. He rules with love, service, and compassion, and calls us to do the same.

**Pope Francis—thought for the day (Nov. 25)**

Listening is much more than simply hearing. Hearing is about receiving information, while listening is about communication, and calls for closeness.

**Hunter's Blessing**

After each Mass this weekend, I will offer a special blessing for all of our hunters! Have a great day in the woods! God bless you.  
 Father Jim

Congratulations to our children who will receive Confirmation on Saturday, Dec.1st and St. Therese. Wishing you all of God's blessings on this very special day.

**Collection Report for  
Sunday, November 18, 2018**

**First Collection**

Envelopes for Sunday, November 18, 2018	\$767.00
Envelopes (Past and Future Dates)	50.00
Friends of Saint Joan of Arc And Visitors	55.00
Loose Cash and Checks	337.00

**Second Collection**

**Digital Piano Equipment**

Envelopes (All Dates)	123.00
Loose Cash and Checks	83.00

**Other**

Votive Candles	37.00
Christmas Flowers	110.00
Diocesan Poverty Relief & Catholic Relief Svc.	25.00

**TOTAL: \$1,587.00**

**Celebrating Children at St. Joan of Arc**

To the Parents of our young children, may we suggest....

- ◆ Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!
- ◆ Sit toward the front where it is easier to see and hear.
- ◆ Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.
- ◆ Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- ◆ If you need to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said: "Let the children come to Me."
- ◆ Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, to Christ, and to one another. Let them know they are at home in this house of worship.

To the members of the Parish.....

A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children. The presence of children is a gift to the Church. They give us "a future full of people."

**What you do for My brother, you do for Me.**

As we give thanks for all of our blessings and move into the season of Advent, it is so important that we remember our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. How can we help?

1. Pray for them always. Ask God to provide for their physical and spiritual needs.
2. Contribute to St. Vincent De Paul food pantry by bringing your gifts and placing them in the box in our church vestibule.
3. Put a donation in the poor box at the back of the church.
4. Buy mittens, hats, or scarves, etc for our mitten tree.
5. Donate slightly used or new winter coat during our coat drive.
6. Give the gift of time to Interfaith Caregivers, your neighbor, or parents who may need help with the children during the holidays.

**Do it for Jesus!**

**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.

**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

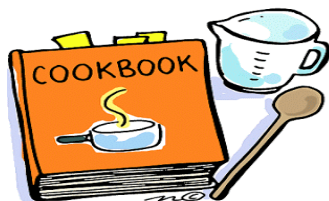
Thursday, Dec. 20, 7:00 PM—St. Mary (Nativity)/St. Joseph at Saint Mary

Saturday, Dec. 22, 1:00 PM—SS Cyril & Methodius/St. Hubert at Fairchance

**Cookbooks Are Here**

The latest St. Joan of Arc Parish Cookbook is now available! *Our Family Recipes* is a collection of 150 delicious appetizers, main dishes, soups, desserts and much, much more.

In addition, the collection comes in a sturdy three ring binder for convenient addition of extra recipes. The bargain price of \$10 makes it a perfect stocking stuffer for the "foodie" on your Christmas list. Copies will be on sale after the weekend Masses. Get yours today!



*Please remember in your prayers the soul of Dewey Shaffer, Jr., father of Debbie Surak. May eternal rest be given to Dewey, and peace and comfort to his family and friends.*



Congratulations to Kiptyn Gmitter who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS  
THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Baby Levi R. Morgan	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.
Coobie Bojarski	Larry Hajduk	Mary Paroda
Kathy Bonovich	Erica Hancheck	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	Allen Langley	John T.
Catherine Galida	John Lightsey	Gerlinda Thomas
Nikki Galinac	Kasen Meyer	Charles Trump, Jr.
Eloise Garrity	Morgan McDowell	Lisa M. Ulery
Kathy Garrow	Martin Magerko	Tim Valiknac
Louis Gattis, III	Mandy's Mom &	Wanda Viano
Stephanie Gentile	Children	Sophia Wilson
Stephen Gentile	Jason Mathias	Cassie Wood



### 7 Day Candle Offerings

The Kadar Family	Full Recovery for Davey R.
Husband's Health	Laura Sobota
Ron & Teresa Steimer	Jerry's Health
Coobie Successful Surgery	Whitnie, Kennedy & John
Will	Marlane
Franczyk Family	Myers Family
Mandy Franczyk	
Health & Wellbeing, Employment, Thanksgiving for Blessings	

### 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

### 'Tis (almost) the Season

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### 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.

### Christmas Craft/Bake Sale

**St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church**  
 201 E. Main St., Uniontown—upstairs hall  
**Saturday, Dec. 1 from noon to 5:00 PM & Sunday, Dec. 2**  
**from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Decorations, wood crafted items, fold crafts, religious articles, imported items, homemade candy, baked goods**

### ADVENT—WHAT DOES IT MEAN

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His second coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased prayer, fasting, and good works. While the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church (both Catholic and Orthodox) continues to observe what is known as Philip's Fast, from November 15 until Christmas.

Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Sadly, Advent today has been supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by Christmas Day, many people no longer enjoy the feast. In its symbolism, the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.