

Saint Joan of Arc Church

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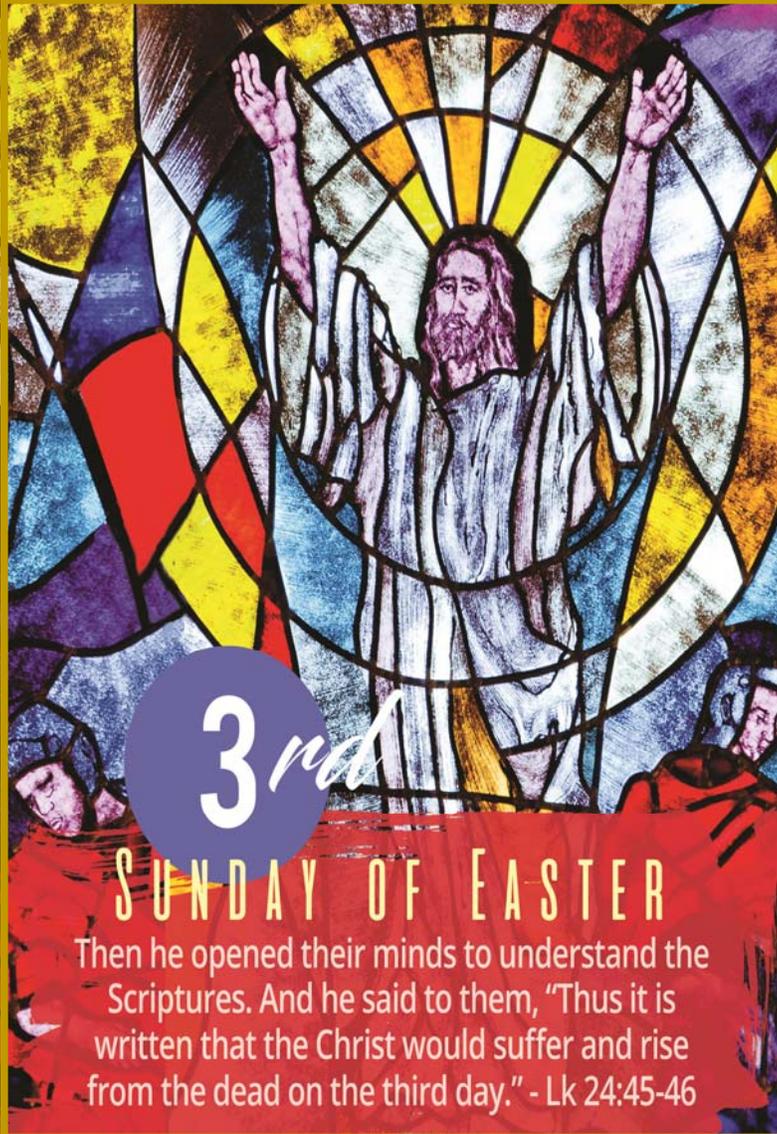
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April 15, 2018

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SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

Daily Mass: Monday– Thursday: 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

Sacrament of Baptism:

First and Second Sunday, NOON

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please call and arrange with Rectory.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call the Rectory.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

You Are The Witnesses Of These Things –

To be a witness to something can have a double meaning. On the one hand, a witness is someone who sees something occur, in order that they might tell others about it. On the other hand, a witness is one who testifies to something neither seen nor heard, yet nonetheless true. Unless we are nearly 2,000 years old, we are not witnesses in the first sense to the life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Yet, by faith, we are witnesses in the second sense. By our baptism we are called to witness to the love of God through our words and actions which are to be reflections of the love of Jesus. In the coming weeks and months, the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative will ask us to build new relationships with nearby parishes, an opportunity to witness to the love of God alive in our hearts. While this may seem like a burden to some, it is at the heart of the Christian life as we build up the Body of Christ, the Church. As we grow in love of others, may we treat them as if THEY are Christ, and treat them as if WE are Christ.

Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

Mass Intentions**Saturday, April 14– Easter Weekday**

5:00 pm - Frank Mathews (Wife, Pat & Family)

Sunday, - April 15– Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 am - Mike Swindell (Karen & Bill Backus)

9:00 am - Nick Kotow (John & Nick Kotow)

11:00 am - Maggie Nordstrom (Pam Leise)

Monday, April 16– Easter Weekday

8:00 am - Victoria Rose Carmassi (Family)

Tuesday, April 17– Easter Weekday

8:00 am - Marcie Smith (Marian Fuller)

Wednesday, April 18– Easter Weekday

8:00 am - James Conteen (Rose & Mike Bradley)

Thursday, April 19– Easter Weekday

8:00 am - Lawrence Modrak (Daughter)

Friday, April 20– Easter Weekday

8:00 am - NO MASS

Saturday, April 21– Saint Anselm5:00 am - Edward & Bernadine Mindziewicz
(Janice Reinhardt)**Sunday, April 22– Fourth Sunday of Easter**

7:30 am - Edith & Herman Brandl (Family)

9:00 am - Marlys Schoedel (Husband & Family)

11:00 am - Sylvia Betz (Family)

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for the Blessed
Mother in memory of the Shaw Family,
requested by the Sedon Family.

NO FISH FRY IN MAY. Any volunteer who has not
signed up for the Volunteer Dinner (May 16) please contact
Carol Nath, please bring 1 dozen of cookies to the event.

Altar Server Schedule**April 21**

**5:00 Sebastian Dean, Tommy Muha,
Marissa Wycinsky**

April 22

7:30 Claire & Cole Brdar

9:00 Alexis & Julius Riske, Kimberlin Ernst

11:00 Sammy Jess, Joshua & Isaac Kosmach

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Dale Kragnes, Jay Briggs, Thom Mills,
Tom Recker, Chuck Stanford, Michael Weston,
Father Joseph Grosko, John Oakes, Brad Weber,
Joan Buchewicz, Mark Blice, Dom Salvucci, Bruce Taszarek,
Richard Goodall, Sr., Albert Lexie, Paul Kubis,
Donald Melinchak, Alyssa Strutt, Cheryl Hackett,
Richard Humenansky, Alex Ritzert, Paul Black,
Annabelle Georges, Barry Phillips, John Roberts,
Mark Dubich, Tim O'Brien, William Vetter, Ryan Doughty.
Help, save, pity and defend your servants, O God, by your
grace.

Lift Up Your Hearts

We are all somewhat anxious to learn of the next steps
in the *On Mission for the Church Alive!* planning process
for our parish and our clergy. We can look forward to
hearing news at the end of this month of April, when
Bishop Zubik will announce his final decision for parish
groupings and the assignment of the clergy who will serve
each grouping effective October 15 of this year.
Parishioners will learn of this news at the Sunday Masses
on April 28 & 29, and by a letter which will be sent to all
parish households in the following week.

In order to prayerfully prepare to move forward
On Mission for the Church Alive, I would like to begin
again offering the prayer which Bishop Zubik has
composed at Mass each Sunday. My hope is that we can
pray in this way after Holy Communion (and before the
final prayer and blessing) in order to unite all of our
intentions and prayers which we bring to the Lord at Mass,
with the needs of all our parish communities throughout
the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

*Yours in Christ,**Fr. Joe****PRAYER OF BISHOP ZUBIK FOR
ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE***

Father of Mercy,
as we journey

On Mission for The Church Alive!,

endow us with your gifts of
collaboration, courage and compassion.
Help us to fulfill the mission of Jesus and
His Church through vibrant parishes and
effective ministries.

Raise up selfless, energetic leaders to serve
the Church in fidelity and with care.

May we, the Church of Pittsburgh in Allegheny, Beaver,
Butler, Greene, Lawrence and Washington Counties, be
sustained and strengthened by your grace.

Help us to learn Jesus, to love Jesus and to live
Jesus. Hear this prayer and grant it through
Jesus Christ our Lord, with the help of our dear
Blessed Mother, under the mantle of her love,

Amen.

SAINT LOUISE DE MARILLAC **ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

On Tuesday, May 8 from 7:00-9:00pm at Saint Louise de Marillac, 320 McMurray Road, there will be a regional evangelization meeting sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh to introduce the School of Missionary Discipleship. Anyone interested in getting involved with the new evangelization should attend this meeting. There is no cost to attend.

To ensure the availability of sufficient materials, please register online at:

https://catholicdioceseofpittsburgh.formstack.com/forms/regional_evan_mtg

What is the School of Missionary Discipleship? The School of Missionary Discipleship (SMD) is an intensive process of formation, consultation, and training offered through the Department for Evangelization and Missionary Outreach to make disciples for Jesus Christ and to “renew the face of the earth.” Primarily, SMD accomplishes this by forming parish leadership to cultivate a culture of missionary discipleship within our parish communities and help revitalize our parishes. The SMD process is the result of many years of extensive research and pastoral experience in the area of evangelization. It is rooted in the Church’s theology that informs the RCIA process, the model for all faith formation, as well as Jesus’ and the early church’s own method of disciple making shown to us in the New Testament.

How long does it take to graduate from SMD? Because the school’s primary focus is on cultural transformation of the parish in the context of disciple making, it never ends. It is not a traditional school with a set curriculum that needs to be completed with graduation at the end. Rather, is it more like a “school of thought”, a way of life. While training and learning do occur, it is done to teach parish leadership and the community a process that becomes the very life-breath of the parish. All programming and parish activities then ideally grow out of this vision, which animates parish life. The training needed to effect the transformation of parish culture typically takes place once every few months and is stretched out over a two-to three-year period.

What’s *Ignite!*, *On Fire!*, *Equip!*?

SMD runs a series of consultations, teachings, training and formation that is divided into three distinct phases or stages: *Ignite!*, *On Fire!*, *Equip!* *Ignite!* is the beginning, the lighting of the fire of renewal. Most of the consultation and training takes place here as it lays the foundation for cultural transformation. Learn more about *Ignite!* on our webpage at diopitt.org/ignite. *On Fire!* is an in-depth spiritual formation collaborative intended to fan into flame the spark of faith that has been set in the heart of a committed disciple and to provide an environment where that disciple can discern how they are called to be a missionary disciple. Learn more about *On Fire!* on our webpage at diopitt.org/on-fire.

Equip! is the revised diocesan program of formation and training for specific volunteer leadership roles in the church, such as a parish catechist or lector, set within a foundational understanding of what it means to be a missionary disciple. Learn more about *Equip!* on our webpage at diopitt.org/equip.

Is SMD the same thing as Alpha or ChristLife?

No. Alpha and ChristLife are evangelization programs that are used in the *Ignite!* process. These programs are called awakening experiences because they help awaken or reawaken faith in the people that participate in them. As you can see, there is a lot more to SMD than Alpha or ChristLife.

How much does SMD cost? Through *Our Campaign for the Church Alive!*, the Department is able to offer 12 grants that will provide a significant financial subsidy to launch SMD in 12 locations throughout the Diocese. As the parish culture is transformed, the costs associated with SMD will be absorbed into the parish’s operating budget.

Can I get involved in SMD if it is offered at another parish? Absolutely! We want to build leadership teams regionally because the more people that understand the SMD process, the easier it will be to bring it to other parishes later. Because SMD is about parish transformation, we envision that every parish will become a school of missionary discipleship. So, the more you can get involved now, the more you can get involved later. Please don’t be a stranger!

Have you completed *Discovering Christ* but were unable to participate with the second part of the Christlife series, *Following Christ*?

Or are you looking for something to keep your prayer life going after the joy of Easter? Please join us for this awesome program, a practical teaching on growing in relationship with the Lord, which includes foundational disciplines and truths that are important for maturing in Christ. Session topics include *Daily Personal Prayer*, *Hearing God in Scripture*, *The Power of the Sacraments*, *Forgiving One Another*, *The Spirit-Empowered Life* and more!

Beginning on April 11 through May 23, 2018, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, in Legras Conference Center. There will also be a special day of reflection on Saturday, May 12. For more information or to register, please contact Kathy Bonessi at 412-427-9232 or

kbonessi@verizon.net.

You are warmly invited to come to the Blessed Columba Marmion Benedictine Oblate Deanery meeting on **Sunday, May 6**, at St. Louise de Marillac Church. Our presenter will be Fr. Donald Raila, O.S.B., who has been Director of Oblates since 1988. Fr. Donald will present the Benedictine vow of obedience. Fr. Donald authored *Lessons from Saint Benedict: Finding Joy in Daily Life*. He edited *The Rule in Bits and Pieces* and *Formation Lessons for Oblate Novices and Oblates*. He also works as assistant organist at the Archabbey. Please arrive to be seated before 1:45 PM in the Bishop Leonard Room (directly under the church). Our meeting will begin with Daytime Prayer from Liturgy of the Hours and will end at 3:00 PM with an opportunity to stay for refreshments after the presentation. All are welcome!

SAINT JOAN OF ARC ACTIVITIES

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center offers us time off to celebrate life, love, hope, joy, faith and fellowship. Please join us for the SJA women's retreat on April 27-29, 2018. Experience a spiritual adventure and the opportunity to share in the faith journey of others at St Joan of Arc. Prayerfully consider making a retreat this year at St. Paul of the Cross. For more information call Melissa Coe @ 412-478-7892 or Margaret Almasy @ 412-833-1972.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - We will be celebrating our **14th anniversary on April 29** - Current members, past members, future members, recipients of the shawls and blankets please join us at mass on **April 29 at 9:00 a.m.** - If you have a shawl/blanket please bring it if you wish. We will try to sit together in the front rows on the left hand side of church. Our first meeting was attended by a nice group even though it was more like winter than spring. We got alot accomplished and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on April 17. Thanks to all the busy folks over the winter - we acquired alot of new items to distribute to those in need. Thank you all - God Bless you and remember to mark your calendar for two important dates in April - 17th our next meeting and 29th our mass. Karen Urbanowicz

THANK YOU: Patti Reavel (Music Minister) wishes to thank all of the Parish volunteers who have so generously donated their time and talents during the Lent and Easter seasons to help make the music so very special.

"Beautiful Hope" Discussion

Come join a group discussion for 4 weeks starting April 15th to May 6th. The group will discuss the "Beautiful Hope" book. Be sure to read the introduction and part one in preparation for the first session. Contact the church office to register.

Financial Statement

Regular Offertory..... \$8,325.00
Repairs and Replacements....\$ 1,553.00
THANK YOU For Your Generosity.

Ladies, come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh prayer breakfast on May 12, from 9 am to Noon at the Crowne Plaza, Green Tree. Hear speaker Kelly Reed tell about her journey to God, from cradle Catholic to a time of beliefs that ignored or dissented from Church teachings to a conversion through Mary to a loving relationship with the living Christ. Kelly is a theological scholar and she and her husband have 8 children. Cost of the breakfast is \$23. To register, call Pam at 412-461-8906 or Kay at 724-772-6749.

CCD NEWS

Registration for next year's religion classes has begun.

This registration is for any student who will be in Kindergarten through the eighth grade next year. Registration can be completed by completely filling in the registration form and returning it with a check. Forms are being sent home with all current students and are available on line at mystjoan.org ,. You can return your form to CCD or by placing it in an envelope marked CCD and dropping it in the collection basket. (Special request deadline May!) **If you are an active member of St. Joan of Arc parish, the materials fee is \$45.00 for the one child or \$75.00 for two or more children. If you are an in-active member or outside the parish, the fee is \$60.00 for one child or \$90.00 for two or more children.** (You are considered an active member if you come to Mass regularly and contribute to the church via the envelope system. **Kindergarten is optional.** Class size is limited, so sign up early...first come first served. **Register NOW These prices are for early registration only!**

Help Needed! The Religious Education Program is in need of teachers. You need not have a child in the program, (but, parents, this truly could be quality time spent with your child) but, **you must have a love of God and children.** *You would have to be here each week for class. You will need at least one hour during the week to prepare for your class...training is available!* *You will also have to complete the requirements of the diocese for volunteering. This involves completing the Data Base, State Police and Child Line Clearances, and doing an online Protecting God's Children class and an online Mandatory Reporter class.* Please seriously consider helping. We need your support to keep this program working and growing! What greater gift could you give to your parish than to pass on your faith to a child?. If you might be interested, call the Religious Education Office, 412-835-3724. I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for considering this ministry. Bev Buddemeyer

First Communions will be at the 9:00 Mass on April 22nd. Twenty two Pews will be reserved in the front of the church for that Mass for the first Communicants and their families. Please pray for and welcome our First Communion families on their special days!

Communion practice for ALL students receiving First Communion will be on Tuesday April 17th at 6:00 in the church. Parents are asked to stay with their child for this practice. Thank you!