



# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF LENT

“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” - Jn 3:21

## Saint Joan of Arc Church

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March 11, 2018

### LENTEN FISH FRY

#### BEGINS

March 16

Eat in or Take out

11 am to 7 pm

412-854-3173

Baked goods needed and appreciated

Can be dropped off at Domremy Pavilion.

*Volunteers color*

**PURPLE FOR LENT**

#### Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 7:30 A.M.

9:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

Daily Mass: Monday– Thursday: 8:00A.M.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### 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 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

#### Directory

Reverend Joseph Sioli, *Administrator*

Reverend Jon Brzek, *Parochial Vicar*

Patti Reavel, *Music Minister*

Beverly Buddemeyer, *Religious Education*

Audrey Wurst, *Youth Group Coordinator*

Sharon Gomber, *Office Coordinator &*

*Safe Environment Administrator*

Nancy Matter, *Secretary*

Petar Pranjic & Mary Tracey, *Maintenance*

Karen Urbanowicz, *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

Nina Hughes, *Respect Life Committee*

Steve Wardzinski, *Finance Council President*

Michael Palus, *Pastoral Council President*

Ed Strauss, *Head Usher*

Melissa Coe, Ian Valenta: *Retreat Coordinators*

Chris Lauterbach: *Life Enrichment*

Mike Pensenstadler : *RCIA*

Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 10– Lenten Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - Veronica Bujdos  
(Don & Norma Coleman)

**Sunday, - March 11– Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 A.M. - Frank Mathews (Pat & Family)  
9:00 A.M. - Richard Richards (Teresa Riepole)  
11:00 A.M. - Rita Koenig (Fuller Family)

**Monday, March 12– Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Marybeth Freund (Al & Cindy Stanish)

**Tuesday, March 13– Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Anthony Pieczynski (Family)

**Wednesday, March 14– Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Michael Quinn (Mother, Mary Lou)

**Thursday, March 15– Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Ted & Theresa Wardzinski (Family)

**Friday, March 16– Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

**Saturday, March 17– Saint Patrick**

5:00 P.M. - Mary Catherine & Ted Hale  
(Regis Schoedel)

**Sunday, - March 18– Fifth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 A.M. - Edith & Herman Brandl (Family)  
9:00 A.M. - Deceased Members of the Mindzikiewicz  
& Suski Family  
(Janice Reinhardt)  
11:00 A.M. - Edward Doyle, Sr. (Elisa Doyle)

Easter Services at Saint Joan of Arc:

**Sunday, April 1 at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and NOON**  
**Saturday, Easter Vigil will be held at**  
**Saint Louise de Marillac**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS in LENT:**  
**Saint Joan of Arc: 3:00 PM every Friday**  
**Saint Louise de Marillac: 1:00 & 7:00 PM every Friday**

*Opportunities for Confession:*

Saint Joan of Arc:

Every Saturday 12-12:30PM  
March 21, Wednesday: 6:00PM-9:00PM  
“The Light is Still On For You”  
March 26, Monday: 4:00PM-5:00PM and  
7:00PM to 8:00PM

Saint Louise de Marillac:

Every Tuesday 6:30PM-7:30PM  
Tuesday, March 20: 6:30PM (8 priests available)

**Financial Statement**  
**Regular Offertory.....\$ 9,425.00**  
**THANK YOU For Your Generosity.**

*Lift up Your Hearts*

This Fourth Sunday of Lent also bears the title ‘*Laetare,*’ or *Rejoice!* Sunday. We rejoice because our journey through Lent is more than half way through. The liturgy reflects this nearing of Easter by ‘lightening’ the violet color of our vestments to rose (yes, *rose*, not pink, thank you). We are reminded that the Lenten season provides us with many blessed moments in which we find the joy of coming to know the Lord more deeply.

These weeks of Lent also present the opportunity for us to walk the last steps with those who have been preparing throughout the year to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, and to reflect on our own baptismal relationship with the Lord and His Church. While we do not currently have any candidates for the Sacraments at St. Joan’s parish this year, in recent weeks we have received a few inquiries. Please remember that your witness, prayers and invitation is what often prompts friends, neighbors and family members who may feel drawn to the Church to come forward and ask.

I also want to share with you, after consulting with our parish staff and pastoral council, we will celebrate just one Easter Vigil this year between St. Joan and St. Louise parishes, in order to bring people from both communities together for this most solemn and beautiful liturgy. **The Easter Vigil will be celebrated beginning at 8:30 pm at St. Louise church**, on Saturday, March 31 (Holy Saturday night). Members of liturgical ministries from both parishes will assist (including choir members, altar servers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers). Please consider joining us, and please continue to pray for all those being received into the Church through the Easter Sacraments—they are an inspiration and a sign of vitality to all of us.

*Yours in Christ,*  
*Fr Joe*

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Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

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

**Saint Louise de Marillac**  
320 McMurray Road Pittsburgh, Pa 15241

**Mass Schedule**  
**Monday– Friday 7 & 9 AM**  
**Saturday: 9 AM**  
**(followed by novena to O. L. of Perpetual help)**  
**6 PM Sunday Vigil**  
**Sunday Mass:**  
**7:30, 9, 11 AM, 12:30 & 4:30PM**

### **Up Coming Events at Saint Louise de Marillac:**

**Liturgies of Holy Week**  
**presented by Fr. Joe on March 18**  
**6:30-7:45pm—at St. Louise de Marillac, in church**  
We'll take a closer look at the symbols, meaning and origin of the liturgies that make up the most moving week of the year.

**Living Stations of the Cross**  
**March 18 at 6:30pm—St. Louise School Gym**  
Come share in a prayerful and beautiful dramatization of Our Lord's Passion presented by St. Louise school's 6th grade students.



**The Apostolate of Divine Mercy** at Saint Louise de Marillac Church invites you to join us to watch an outstanding and informative video featuring Father Chris Alar, of the Marianists of the Immaculate Conception in Stockbridge, MA, as he presents the message of Divine Mercy as you have never heard before! Join us on **Tuesday, March 13 from 7-8:30 pm**, or on **Sunday, March 18 from 12-1:30 pm at the St. Louise de Marillac Parish Center.**

### **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

Join us in **St. Joan of Arc** church on **Good Friday, March 30, at 3 pm**, to begin together the **Divine Mercy Novena**, to bring souls to the ocean of mercy. The Novena consists of praying together the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for nine days, beginning on Good Friday, in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday (April 8, the Sunday following Easter). You are welcome to continue the Novena (Sat, March 31 through Sat, April 7) **at St. Louise de Marillac** (upper level, Parish Center), at 3 pm each day. Celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** together at **St. Louise** church, with a Eucharistic Holy Hour, sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, **Sunday, April 8, 3-4 pm.**

**ON MISSION FOR** **For God So Loved the World**—  
**THE CHURCH** God the Father's great act of love  
**ALIVE!** for us, his children, was sending his  
only Son, Jesus, into the world. By  
coming to earth, Christ humbles  
himself by taking on human flesh,  
yet he is able to show us a new and

vibrant way of life by teaching love without condition and mercy in all circumstances. The ultimate sign of this love comes as Jesus takes our sins, the sins of all the world upon himself and reconciles us to the Father as he suffers and dies on the cross. Then follows the light of the resurrection in which the gates of heaven are flung open so that we can live with God for ever. And while these moments happened once and for all some 2,000 years ago, God's love for us did not end with the death of his Son. As Christ remains with us in the sacraments, so the love of God is alive and active for us in the same, powerful way. The love of God endures forever! As we prepare for the changes to come as part of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative, we are called to remember that God is always at work for us and through us. While we may face challenges, it is God who will strengthen the Church, so great is his love for us. Let us cooperate with him in the days to come to help the Church grow. Visit **onmissionchurchalive.org** to learn more and to stay informed.

**Seven Church Tour Pilgrimage:** Join this beautiful tradition of holy pilgrimage the evening of Holy Thursday led by Father Jon Brzek. The pilgrimage will start at St. Joan of Arc with silent prayers after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on March 29th. We will board the bus at 8:30 in front of the church and proceed to six area churches. Our final stop will be at St. Louise de Marillac where we will join Father Joe Sioli and their parishioners for night prayer. After the final prayer the bus will depart to Saint Joan of Arc's Parking area. Call our church office at 412-833-2400 to reserve your seat. **SPACE IS LIMITED.**

**Altar Bread & Wine** for one week in memory of Curt Markham, requested by Mother, Myrna.

### **Altar Server Schedule**

**March 17, 2018**  
**5:00 Sebastian Dean, Tommy Muha**

**March 18**  
**7:30 Matt Pensenstadler**  
**9:00 Marissa Wycinsky, Joshua & Isaac Kosmach**  
**11:00 Sammy Jess**



## Saint Joan Ministries

### Altar Servers Needed:

Parents, please encourage and help your children to consider offering some of their time in service to Our Lord and our parish. All parish children who have already made their First Communion (from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through high school) are welcome. New altar servers will need to attend two 'training sessions' in April (accommodations can be made for those with scheduling conflicts). If your child is interested or for more information, please contact Mary Arrigo by email, [marigo03@hotmail.com](mailto:marigo03@hotmail.com), or phone, 412-833-7216.

Life Enrichment Club Life Enrichment Club will present the story of the Underground Railroad in Pennsylvania at our March luncheon. Join us on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am when retired professor and author, Dr. William Switala will introduce us to the secret network of Pennsylvanians who risked home and safety to help escaped slaves find freedom in the North. All are welcome, and there is no charge for the program. Just bring your favorite covered dish and a friend. For more information, please call the parish office at 412-833-2400, or visit the Saint Joan of Arc website at [www.mystjoan.org](http://www.mystjoan.org).

Please join us for a Women's Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, a sacred place of rest and spiritual refreshment, April 27-29, 2018. Information brochures are located at the entrance to the church or contact Melissa Coe @ 412-478-7892 or [melissacoe3@gmail.com](mailto:melissacoe3@gmail.com), Margaret Almasy @ 412-833-1972. Come experience rest, relaxation, opportunity for prayer, quiet time, fellowship and a renewed awareness of Christ. This retreat may help you fulfill your spiritual quest in seeking and living the Gospel of Jesus in a deeper and more personal manner. Join us for a prayerful and peaceful weekend.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Next week is our first meeting and hoping to see the room full of folks. We meet in the school at St. Joan of ARC on the 3rd floor - our meetings start around 6:30 - and last until 8 - 8:30. We only meet 6 times a year but we crochet/ knit and pray year long. Come join us for prayer and to hear the wonderful stories are members share. Thank you again for all you do - Karen Urbanowicz

Choir: REMINDER: Bell practice *Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30 in the choir room.*

All Flower Envelopes are due by Tomorrow: Monday-March 12!

## Youth Group

The Youth Group wishes to thank those of you have taken a Lenten Sacrifice Box. We wanted you to know that all monies collected will be used towards the postage needed for our Troop Boxes which will be assembled and mailed on Good Friday. Thank you.

Spaghetti Dinner on March 18 The Youth Group is sponsoring a **Spaghetti Dinner, on Sunday, March 18, 2-7 pm** (instead of it's regular Breakfast). Spaghetti, Meatballs, tossed salad/dressing, Italian Bread and butter. Coffee, tea and soda. Desserts for a nominal fee. \$10 Adults and Children 10 and under \$7. Please call Audrey at 412-833-2400 to reserve your spot. All proceeds benefit the many endeavors of the Youth Group.

Are You Called to Serve? -- Deacons are ordained to serve the Church and the needs of its people in imitation of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve. The Diocese of Pittsburgh is initiating the nomination and application process for admitting a new class of interested and qualified men from diocesan parishes into the Deacon Formation Program. Questions may be directed to [deacons@diopitt.org](mailto:deacons@diopitt.org) or 412-456-3124. For more information: [www.diopitt.org/permanent-diaconate](http://www.diopitt.org/permanent-diaconate).

## ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future. We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspaper. The world is changing and we're being pulled out with the tide. In the face of this confusion, today's Gospel features one of the most oft-quoted Scripture verses of all time: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging? Why is the world still -- to our eyes -- being carried off in a proverbial hand basket? Jesus' response is a deeply personal one. "This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." Patterns arise, habits are formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result of an interconnected web of human choices. This Sunday, Jesus invites us to consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you'd like to improve this week. "Whoever loves truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."