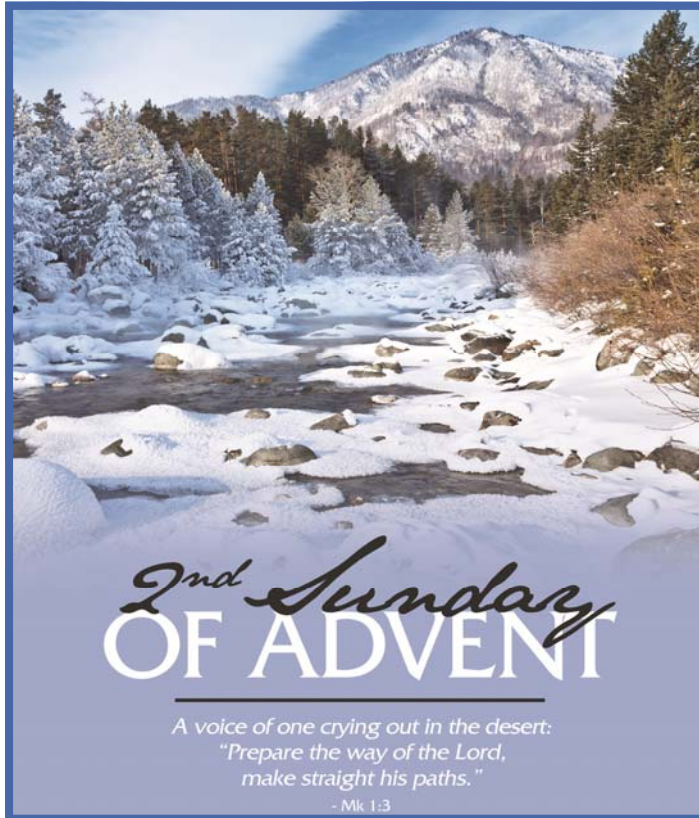


# Saint Joan of Arc Church

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December 10, 2017

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## 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

Most Reverend David A. Zubik, *Bishop*  
Reverend Phillip Paul Pribonic, *Pastor*  
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, December 9– Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatzin**

5:00 P.M. - Frank Mathews (Wife & Family)

**Sunday, - December 10– Second Sunday of Advent**

7:30 A.M. - Peggy Hurney (Lois)

9:00 A.M. - Kathleen Kempton (Husband & Family)

11:00 A.M. - Deceased of the Doyle Family  
(Elisa Doyle)

2:00 P.M. - Father Pribonic 50th Jubilee Mass

**Monday, December 11– Saint Damasus**

8:00 A.M. - Frank J. Bruckner

(Kathy & John Rachuba)

- John & Christine Wargo (John S. Wargo)

**Tuesday, December 12– Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:00 A.M. - Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of  
Abbey Fickley (Sue Weber)

**Wednesday, December 13– Saint Lucy**

8:00 A.M. - Edith Brandl (Family)

**Thursday, December 14–Saint John of the Cross**

8:00 A.M. - Ruby Daugherty

(Amy & Dolores Rendulic)

**Friday, December 15– Advent Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

**Saturday, December 16– Advent Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - John Marusich (Wife & Family)

**Sunday, - December 17– Third Sunday of Advent**

7:30 A.M. - Helen Modrak (Lorraine Modrak)

9:00 A.M. - Linda Mattola (Fedell Family)

11:00 A.M. - Eugene J. Settembrino, Jr.  
(Jo Ann Ricci)

**REST IN PEACE:** Tibor Vas, father of Bob.

**Please remember in your prayers those who are**

**sick:** Rose Marie Bottles, Dale Kragnes, Jay Briggs,  
Thom Mills, Karen Recrosio, Tom Recker, William Reddy,  
Chuck Stanford, Emerson Cotter, Michael Weston, Rod  
Shipe, Father Joseph Grosko, John Oakes, Julie Schmaltz,  
Marcy Smith, Eleanor Young, Meredith Bissette,  
Mark Blice, Dom Salvucci, Albert Lexie, Jenny Fraas,  
Sue Wimer, Brenda Dunois, Paul Kubis, Donald Melinchak,  
Alyssa Strutt, Cheryl Hackett, Madeline Moze,  
Lexie Chaney, Michael Sexton, James Conteen,  
Richard Humenansky, Tom Recker, Alex Ritzert, Fran  
Drummond, John Roberts, Mark Dubich, Tim O'Brien,  
William Vetter, Ryan Doughty,  
Father Michael Maranowski, Arthur Iocozzia, Mary Lou  
Quinn, Jonathan Piccoli, Margaret Pietrzyk and Audrey  
Jones. Help, save, pity and defend your servants. O  
God by your grace.

From the Pastor's Desk

Advent will move along quickly this year, so please take note of the schedule for confessions and times of Christmas Masses, Christmas eve is a Sunday this year, so that will be some day for us all!.....good thing we have Father Jon on hand!.....Father Joe Sioli of St. Louise Parish will be meeting with our staff this coming week.....we note cooperation already in the weekly Bible studies among the two parishes.....all good words about the Fish Fry and we thank all for stepping up, and Tom and Carol Nath for co-ordinating.....

Father Pribonic

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Second Collection Today is for Repairs and Replacements .

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for the Blessed Mother in memory of Hector Verstraeten, requested by Wife, Helen.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for John the Baptist in memory of Edith & Herman Brandl, requested by the family.

Altar Bread & Wine for one week in memory of Edith & Herman Brandl, requested by the Family.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU : CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 6:00-9:00 pm

FATHER PRIBONIC ORDINATION FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE MASS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 10:00 AM WITH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE GATHERING PLACE.

FATHER PRIBONIC FAREWELL AT ALL MASSES THE WEEK-END OF DECEMBER 30-31, WITH RECEPTION IN THE GATHERING PLACE AFTER ALL MASSES AND PROGRAM AFTER THE 11:00 AM SUNDAY MASS IN THE GATHERING PLACE.

Saint Louise de Marillac Christian Mothers

would like to invite you to come to their meetings and see what they are doing to help the poor, the homeless and the marginalized in our area. The meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 1:00 in the conference room of LeGras Parish Center, 320 McMurray Road, Upper St. Clair. “ To serve rather than to be served in humility, simplicity and charity.” Any questions please contact Karen Radu, Extension Chirperson for the ALCDP 724-969-4190.

**Financial Statement**  
**Regular Offertory..... \$ 9,271.00**  
**THANK YOU For Your Generosity.**

## Scripture Reflection

### COMFORT

In the First Reading, the prophet reports the command of the Lord: “Comfort, give comfort to my people says your God!” In the sorrows of life, who does not long for comfort? Who would not melt with gratitude at the tender comfort of God?

Yet what is comfort?

When we want it, sometimes what we want is just what the good shepherd gives his lost sheep. We don’t want to walk along the road of our life to the Lord. We want God to carry us.

But a child that is carried all the time will never learn to walk, to leap and run. That child, weak enough already to be carried, will get only weaker as the carrying goes on. And comfort isn’t a matter of giving weakness. It’s a matter of giving strength—strength for walking, even over very rough roads.

In fact, the “-fort” in “comfort” comes from the Latin word for “strong.” The “com-” in “comfort” is from the Latin word for “with.” To give comfort to someone is to lend him some of your strength. He is more able to stand on his own feet and walk because you are with him.

But what is the comfort of God? Where is it? How do we find it?

The Gospel says that Christ baptizes his own with the Holy Spirit. Because of this baptism, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within each person who comes to Christ.

And so any one who comes to Christ and receives his baptism will not walk the wild and rocky road of life alone. God is so much with him that, in the person of the Holy Spirit, God is within him. If God is for us, even within us, who can be against us? This is strength indeed.

And so no wonder that the other name for the Holy Spirit is “the Comforter.”

Eleonore Stump

### Advent Confession Schedule:

December 18 from 4:00-5:00 and 7:00-8:00

December 20 from 4:00-5:00 and 7:00-8:00

December 23 from 12:00-12:30PM

### Christmas Eve Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve: December 24

4 PM, 6PM and Midnight

### Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Day: December 25

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

New Years Eve: 7:30AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00AM

New Years Day: 10:00 AM

### Come join choirs from throughout the Diocese to fill the Cathedral with joyful song.

Website: [www.holyapostlesparish.org](http://www.holyapostlesparish.org)

[praise@holyapostlesparish.org](mailto:praise@holyapostlesparish.org)

Phone: (412) 884-7744

Holy Apostles Parish

**December 9, 2017 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

108 North Dithridge Street Pittsburgh, PA 15213

### **Saint Paul Cathedral**

*This special celebration of Jesus, will be presented at the Cathedral.*

Most Reverend David A. Zubik, DD, MSED

*Bishop of Pittsburgh Presider*

PAULINE JULIET FOUNDATION seeks to educate and empower women in Kiboga and Kenya to improve their quality of life in a very difficult daily situation. Donations are always welcome, are tax-deductible, made payable to “Pauline Juliet, Inc.” of [www.facebook.com/PaulineJulietInc](https://www.facebook.com/PaulineJulietInc). Or to 6370 Irishtown Rd, Bethel Park, PA 15102

### Altar Server Schedule

**December 16**

**5:00 Alaina, Joseph & Julia Nypaver**

**December 17**

**7:30 Matt Pensenstadler**

**9:00 Marissa Wycinsky, Sammy Jess**

**11:00 Abbey & Jason Gigliotti, Sophia Hale**



**Help Needed:**

December 17 following the  
11:00 AM Mass  
Please join the SJA Family  
in Decorating our Church  
Any questions please contact the office  
from 8AM to 4PM Monday—Friday

**Dignity Robes of St. Louise:** We would like to invite you to join us at our monthly workshops to prepare kits and sew a robe that will be worn by women undergoing radiation treatment for breast cancer. Our ministry started in 2009 and has made thousands of robes for area hospitals and radiation centers. Join us for our workshop at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 19, 2018, at St. Louise de Marillac Parish Center (Lower Level), 320 McMurray Road. Bring your pins and scissors to cut out patterns, or your sewing machine, and we will get you started on making the robes. We provide everything you will need. Any questions call: Karen Radu 724-969-4190.

**This year St. Joan of Arc** will be blessed with angelic voices of a Children's Choir during the 4 pm Christmas eve mass. Please contact Patti ASAP if you would like your child to participate in this exciting opportunity. Patti Reavel, music director [preavel@gmail.com](mailto:preavel@gmail.com)

**Don't suffer through another Christmas.** Hope and help for troubled marriages is available through Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 19, 2018, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org>.

**Going fast! Fun gift idea!** Sisters of Divine Providence 2018 Lucky Number Tickets – Support the ministries and the mission of the Sisters by purchasing a \$25 Lucky Number ticket based on the PA Daily Lottery. Pick 3 Day and Pick 3 Evening numbers are still available - your number is yours for the entire 2018 calendar year! Daily winners receive a minimum of \$25 up to \$150. For an order form, visit [cdpsisters.org/LuckyNumber](http://cdpsisters.org/LuckyNumber) or call Pat at [412.635.5401](tel:412.635.5401).

**All Youth and Families are Invited to be Part of Our St. Thomas More Parish Live Nativity**

Sunday, December 17  
Following the 5pm Mass  
Outside on the corner of Fort Couch and Oxford  
Bring your family dressed in your own angel or shepherd costumes to be part of the Nativity Scene, or just come to sing some Christmas carols and to be a witness to the true meaning of the Season!

Cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

**Divorced and Separated Support Group – Meetings Starting on January 8, 2018** --If you are enduring the acute pain and profound sense of loss associated with separation or divorce, you need not go through this alone! You will find support, comfort, and healing by joining the Separated and Divorced Support Group that is sponsored by Saints John & Paul parish in Wexford. The group meets for 13 weeks on Monday evenings from 7:00–9:00 PM in the lower level of the Cardinal DiNardo (Social) Center. The Separated and Divorced Support Group is grateful for the opportunity to demonstrate that the Church in general does not shun or reject individuals simply because of the failure of their marriages, and in fact, wants to let these folks know that they are cherished and valued members of the Church family, the Body of Christ. If you have questions, please contact Ralph Joy at [ralph.r.joy@gmail.com](mailto:ralph.r.joy@gmail.com) or (412) 741-5456. *Sts. John & Paul's address is: 2586 Wexford Bayne Rd., Sewickley, PA. The church very easy to find and is located approximately 1/2 mile west of the I-79 Wexford exit.*

**DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) – Helping your Children Heal from the Hurt of Divorce-Meetings Starting on January 8** -- DivorceCare for Kids is a special group to help children heal from the hurt caused by the separation or divorce of their parents. At our weekly DC4K group, kids make friends with other kids who understand how they feel and the things they are going through. The DivorceCare for Kids group sponsored by Sts. John & Paul parish will begin a 13-week cycle of meetings on Monday, January 8, 2018. Meetings are on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM at Sts. John & Paul Church in Room 1 in the Lower Cardinal DiNardo (Social) Center. Anyone who has questions or would like more information should contact Erik Palmer (412-491-5511 or [rerikpalmer@gmail.com](mailto:rerikpalmer@gmail.com))