



# Saint Joan of Arc Church

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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*  
 Mona Musser, *Pavilion Supervisor*  
 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

From the Pastor's Desk

**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)

**Monday, December 18– Late Advent Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Garry Suvak (Bobby Camella)

- Tom Kiley (Colleen Presken)

**Tuesday, December 19- Late Advent Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Michael Swindell (Deacon, Vic Satter)

**Wednesday, December 20-Late Advent Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Gerald Fausbaugh (Wife, Karen)

- Tom Kiley (The Boffardi Family)

**Thursday, December 21– Saint Peter Canisius**

10:00 A.M. - For the Deceased Members of  
Father Pribonic's Family

**Friday, December 22– Late Advent Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

**Saturday, December 23– Saint John of Kanty**

5:00 P.M. - Paul Jones (Wife, Audrey)

**Sunday, - December 24– Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30 A.M. - Edith & Herman Brandl (Family)

9:00 A.M. - Robbie Harris (Judy Grosko)

11:00 A.M. - Samuel McNulty (Wurst Family)

- Christmas Services

4:00 P.M. - Elmer Hegedus & Janet Schuster  
(Wife & Mother)

6:00 P.M. - Sandy Schwenning (Brother Jerry)

Midnight - Ted Hale (Tootie & Family)

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, 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 Icozzia, Mary Lou Quinn, Jonathan Piccoli, Margaret Pietrzyk and Audrey Jones. Help, save, pity and defend your servants. O God by your grace.

Thanks to many, I was treated to a great jubilee party last Sunday, thanks to Sharon Gomber and Mary Ann Trbovich for co-ordinating all the decorating, details and planning for the reception, and our wonderful staff of Nancy Matter, Bev Buddemeyer, Mary Tracey, Audrey Wurst, and Petar Pranjic for their support and time, Cyd West Comfort Catering for providing a wonderful meal with more wonderful service throughout, and *especially* a wonderful word of thanks to parishioners who stepped up to provide kitchen duty afterwards, I am forever grateful to all, so true of our people's generosity and kindness.....the couple who spoke at the beginning of the Mass would like to know if anyone took photos of their talk, if so, please let me know in order to share.....this coming Thursday is the actual anniversary date, so I will be celebrating Mass at 10:00 AM with readings in Italian, in honor of spending four years of seminary in Rome.....there will be a reception afterwards in the Gathering Place and all are welcome...I will bid farewell to all of our beloved parishioners on the week-end of December 30-31, speaking at all the Masses and receiving people afterwards in the Gathering Place.....there will be a program of speakers after the 11:00 am Sunday Mass.....after that it's all Father Jon and Father Joe Sioli!

Father Pribonic

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Second Collection Next Week is for the Christmas Charities of Children & Youth.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for the Blessed Mother for Special Intentions .

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for John the Baptist in memory of Paul Matthews, requested by Jeanne, Scott, Shawwna & Families .

Altar Bread & Wine for one week in memory of the Markham & Frederick Families.

First collection on Christmas is for Christmas, second collection is for Youth Services in the Diocese.

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.

**Financial Statement**

**Regular Offertory..... \$ 9,521.00**

**Repairs & Replacements.....\$ 615.00**

**THANK YOU For Your Generosity.**

## Scripture Reflection

### Joy In The Lord

“I rejoice heartily in the Lord,” the prophet says in the First Reading. And why wouldn't he? He has glad tidings. The poor will be taken care of, the brokenhearted will be healed, the captives will be freed, and the prisoners will be released. Who wouldn't rejoice in these things?

As the winter dark and cold encroach on our days, and the birth of the baby Jesus draws near, we hear these beautiful words everywhere. But the problem is that, for many people, this is a time of depression, not of joy.

And why? Well, because the poor are still poor; people are broken-hearted; and the captives and prisoners are not released. The bank forecloses on the house of a person who has lost his job; a friend is treacherous; a spouse succumbs to alcoholism. What has happened to the promise of the beautiful words? How is joy possible?

The answer lies in Mary's words in the Magnificat. “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,” she says. Does anyone think that she took these words back when she stood by the cross as her son was crucified?

How can Mary maintain the words of the Magnificat even at the foot of the cross? The answer is that the greatest love of the Lord was there. The words of joy that Mary spoke before the Lord was born are only more true in the suffering she bears at his cross. His love doesn't take away her suffering at his crucifixion. How could it? But her suffering is enveloped in his great love, and so it is transfigured.

Joy in the Lord is compatible with waiting for the final redemption from our suffering and our sin because Christ is Emanuel, God with us. Even now, because his love suffuses all our suffering, our souls can proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and our spirits can rejoice in God. Our Lord transfigures the suffering of our lives in his love.

Eleanore 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

### Music during the Christmas mass celebrations:

*The SJA Adult Choir* will be presenting a musical prelude to the midnight mass on Christmas eve. Please join us at 11:40 to hear some glorious choir selections to welcome in the Christ child!

\**The Children's Christmas Choir of SJA* will be singing during the 4pm Children's Liturgy on Christmas eve, offering special music during Offertory and Communion.

\*The 6pm, 9am, and 11am liturgies will feature vocal and instrumental soloists from the parish.

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**Reminder...** Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> is the last CCD classes until after the holidays. CCD resumes on January 3, 2018 I hope you all have a very blessed Christmas and that the New Year offers a chance for exciting new beginnings. God bless you all!

### Saint Thomas More: Sunday 12/17 at 6:00pm (Following 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.*

### Altar Server Schedule

December 23

5:00 Alaina, Joseph & Julia Nypaver

December 24

7:30 Matt Pensenstadler, Sammy Jess

9:00 Clare & Cole Brdar, Kimberlin Ernst

11:00 Cameron Carroll, Joshua & Isaac Kosmach

**Does your marriage need a re-birth?** Begin the New Year by making a new effort to renew your marriage. Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming 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/>

**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 ½ 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** -- Divorce Care 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))

**Saint Louise de Marillac: Ladies of Charity** 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.

**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.

**NEW FLAGS FOR THE NEW YEAR** IF YOU WISH TO DONATE THEM IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE (\$100)

**Unbound: Experience Freedom in Christ Seminar** -- Do you want to start the New Year with greater spiritual freedom? The Pittsburgh/Greensburg UNBOUND Team invite you to join us on Saturday, December 30th, where a model of healing will be taught to help overcome wounds and sins of the past which bounds us to feel helpless. Practical keys will show us how to respond to the grace that sets us free. It will include a talk by Fr. Boniface Hicks of WAOB on Forgiveness. The cost of the seminar, held at St. Lawrence Parish in Cadogan, PA (37 miles northeast of downtown Pittsburgh) from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm is \$20.00. Contact Terry at 724-525-9635 or [tcook202@gmail.com](mailto:tcook202@gmail.com) or [unboundpittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:unboundpittsburgh@gmail.com) for more information.