



THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

Saint Joan of Arc Church

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December 31, 2017

Farewell Father Phillip Pribonic
Thank you for all the years you
have supported

Saint Joan of Arc Church.

May you have a

Blessed Retirement.

We Will Miss You!

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Saturday, December 30– Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 3:00 P.M. - Wedding: Zane Chaussard to Taylor Bertram
- 5:00 P.M. - Samuel Gearhart, Jr. (Wurst Family)

Sunday, - December 31– The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 7:30 A.M. - Thom & Terri Sonick (Rosemarie & Jack)
- 9:00 A.M. - Kay Reddy (Clare Koontz)
- 11:00 A.M. - Linda Mattola (Mike & Anita Roberto)

Monday, January 1– Solemnity of Mary

- 10:00 A.M. - Rita Claire Konig (Dan & Janet Lippert)

Tuesday, January 2– Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

- 8:00 A.M. - Peg Harchelroad (Mary & Bill Anderko)

Wednesday, January 3– The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 8:00 A.M. - Frank Mathews (Wife, Pat & Family)

Thursday, January 4– Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 8:00 A.M. -

Friday, January 5– Saint John Neumann

- 8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

Saturday, January 6– Saint Andre Bessette

- 5:00 P.M. - Ralph P. Cianelli (Norma & Don Coleman)

Sunday, - January 7-The Epiphany of the Lord

- 7:30 A.M. - Dolly Mackey (Jim & Denise Polizzano)
- 9:00 A.M. - John Urbaniak (Family)
- 11:00 A.M. - Margaret Booth (Pat Getty)

Second Collection TODAY is for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Second Collection Next Week is for Repairs and Replacements.

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, Alex Ritzert, Fran Drummond, John Roberts, Mark Dubich, Tim O'Brien, William Vetter, Ryan Doughty, Father Michael Maranowski, Arthur Iocozzia, Mary Lou Quinn, Darlene Montgomery, Jonathan Piccoli, Margaret Pietrzyk and Audrey Jones. Help, save, pity and defend your servants. O God by your grace.

After twenty-one and a half years, I am writing my last notes for the Sunday bulletin.....I have spent almost half of my priesthood at St. Joan of Arc Parish, and I hope for all of us that it has been a good experience.....so many people who were here in the mid-eighties are still here now, thanks be to God, and yes, a lot have passed on.....there are so many to thank, God, first of all, who brings all the blessings into our lives, and to numerous people who have been so good to me through the years, especially our current staff who have been so devoted, Sharon Gomber who has been on the front line for the last ten years and handled so much for me and for the good of the parish, Bev Buddemeyer in religious education and showing good-will to many, Audrey Wurst working hard to keep our youth group moving forward Patti Reavel now adding people to the music ministry, Mary Tracey and Petar Pranjic, for maintaining the beauty of our facility, Nancy Matter for office detail, and Mary Ann Trbovich under whose watchful eye for interior design has seen that the church, atrium, and pavilion have stayed beautiful throughout.

In addition to our employees, there have been numerous parishioners who have volunteered in so many ways, on the various pastoral and finance councils, for the school, fund-raising, liturgical ministries, out-reach ministries, CCD, RCIA, altar servers, ushers, lectors, greeters, Life Enrichment, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parish Nurse Ministry, Bereavement luncheons, Bible studies, Children's liturgy, Garden ministry to local food banks, fish fry, festival, and even little known works of charity.

I owe a tremendous amount of thanks to the parishioners who have been devoted to Sunday Mass and the parish, (nothing brings a priest more joy than to lead the faithful in prayer at the Sunday Eucharist) and to the faithful of the Diocese who make it possible for priests to be housed, clothed, fed and provided with health insurance, and a pension.

Moreover, the generosity of our parishioners towards special causes, ministries, and special collections is nothing short of OUTSTANDING!

It's been a joy to be at St. Joan of Arc Church, as all the priests who have been here know well, and I will cherish the memories forever. I ask forgiveness from parishioners for any negligence and inadequacies on my part, and promise continuous prayer to God on your behalf and trust also that you will do the same on my behalf.

I plan on travelling some and also wait until all the dust from "Mission on Church Alive" settles in order to find a permanent residence.

In the meantime, I wish all the best of health and only good which God alone can give. Again, thank you for your goodness to me.

Father PribonIC

MASS ON JANUARY 1: FEAST OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD 10:00 AM.

Scripture Reflection

Peace, Consolation, and Glory

In the Gospel Reading, Simeon is waiting in the Temple, because the Holy Spirit has revealed to him that he will meet the Messiah there. When Simeon does finally see Jesus, the Gospel tells us, Simeon had been waiting a long time.

Waiting can be so hard. Think of the young mother waiting for lab results about her cancer, or the old lady waiting for news about her son in Afghanistan. Think of the aspiring novelist waiting to hear if the press will accept his manuscript or the scientist waiting to know if his life's work will be honored with a great prize. Peace is so often lost by such a wait.

While a person is waiting, he is anxious—what if the thing he is waiting for never comes? And he is sad or sorrowful, because he does not yet have the thing he wants and is waiting for. Then there's the undeniable humiliation of having to wait. A person who waits knows that what he wants depends on things outside his own control. Having to wait brings home to him his vulnerability and neediness.

And so look at what Simeon says when his wait is finally over and he sees Jesus.

Seeing this baby, Simeon says, let Simeon die in peace. This baby overturns anxiety and brings peace—not a theoretical kind of peace which has no purchase on a person's emotions, but real peace, the kind that brings with it easy breathing.

And why peace? Because, as the Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon, this baby is God's consolation for all his people. If God himself gives a person consolation, he will have God's peace as well.

And, finally, this peace is not the kind of peace that makes a person ready to accept defeat with resignation. No, on the contrary: it makes a person rise to glory. That is why Simeon says in his prayer that this baby brings glory to God's people.

And so here is the thing for us to think about at Christmas time. In our anxieties, in our sorrows, in our defeats and humiliations, can we turn and look at this baby? No matter what anxiety, sorrow, or defeat the world has given us, nothing can take this baby away from us. Our consolation, our peace, and our glory lie with him.

Eleanor Stump

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1 2018, Father Joseph Sioli, Pastor of St. Louise de Marillac Church, Upper St. Clair, is administrator of St. Joan of Arc Parish.

Father Jon Brzek continues as vicar to St. Joan Church as well as vicar to St. Louise Church

Holy Family:

Family life is always a challenge, and our religious ancestors had advice about how to make it work. Though many cultural values were different, we realize how family life was interwoven with faith. We don't know much about Jesus' family, but we hear today that they followed traditional Jewish laws. We tend to think of them as so different from our own families; but, like us, they would have struggled to understand what they were being called to. We are more alike than we think.

When Mary looked up and saw the angels filling the sky at Jesus' birth, she received a confirmation from God that this miracle was true. Then, when the shepherds found the infant in the manger and worshiped him, Mary knew again that the power of God was upon her. Luke tells us that Mary treasured these things in her heart. Today's Gospel encounter with Simeon and Anna was yet another assurance that God's hand was at work, confirming it all. Simeon had waited a lifetime to see the God-child.

Our Family

Lord, let us always be aware of how lucky we are to be part of a loving and caring family. There are times when we disagree with one another—and argue and tease others. There are times when we're a real pain in the neck to one another. But in spite of all this, we really do care about one another, Lord, and we always try to be there for one another. When any of us are struggling with problems and fears, our family is there to give us the love and support we need. When we're forced to cope with disappointments or failure, our family is there to encourage us and cheer us on. They may get annoyed with us at times, but they don't stop loving us—even when we're sulky and crabby and not easy to live with. They may complain, but in the end, they put up with our moodiness and forgive us for our bad behavior. Where else can we find people who are so loyal and accepting? We thank you, Lord, for giving us the chance to be part of this family. Amen

Financial Statement
Regular Offertory...Will be in next weeks bulletin
THANK YOU For Your Generosity.

Life Enrichment Club

Are you ready to spruce up your house in 2018? You will want to bring all of your hardware and remodeling questions to our January Life Enrichment Club luncheon. "Handy Andy" Amrhein, the owner of Evey Hardware will be our guest speaker on Wednesday, January 10th at 11:00 am. He will share advice on all of your home improvement questions from painting and tiling to gardening and grilling. 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.

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 Divorce Care 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 erikpalmer@gmail.com)

Reminder... CCD resumes on January 3, 2018 I hope that the New Year offers a chance for exciting new beginnings. God bless you all!

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for John the Baptist in memory of John Marusich, requested by Wife & Family .

Masses available for 2018, please contact the Parish office during business hours to schedule.

Altar Server Schedule

January 6

5:00 Tommy Muha, Sebastian Dean

January 7

7:30 Ethan Manion, Marissa Wycinsky
9:00 Julius & Alexis Riske, Kimberlin Ernst
11:00 Abbey & Jason Gigliotti, Bella Fuller

Our Angel Tree



You truly are Christmas Angels!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave a gift to an "Angel" from our tree. Because of your generosity and thoughtfulness, children from families in our community received presents of toys, books, games and clothing. We would also like to thank Father Pribonic, Sharon Gomber, Audrey Wurst, and the SJA staff for all of their help. A special "thank you" also to all of the parishioners who donated food during the holidays.

We are truly blessed at St. Joan of Arc.

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 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.*

Prayer Shawl Ministry - A wish for all volunteers and donors of the St. Joan of Arc Prayer Shawl Ministry is to have the merriest Christmas and happiest New Year. Our table is empty and we desperately need blankets 36 inches x 36 inches - drop them off at the office if you can - Our first meeting of 2018 is scheduled for March 20th. Thank you all - Happy New Year to everyone at St. Joan of Arc - Karen Urbanowicz