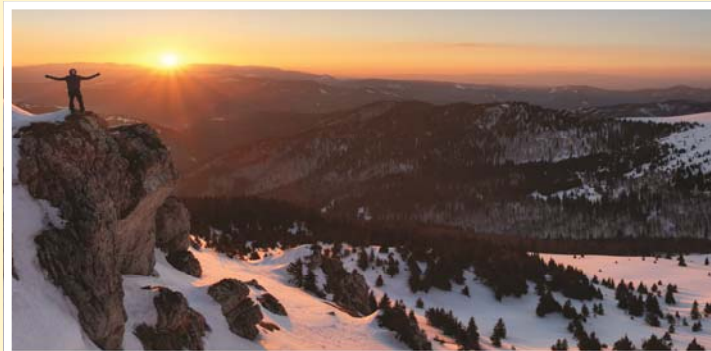


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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WATCH

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the
time will come... What I say
to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

- Mk 13:33, 37

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 2– Weekday

5:00 P.M. - Linda Mattola (Lew & Marion Fuller)

Sunday, - December 3– First Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. - Mark Cummings (Kim Lucas)

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

11:00 A.M. - Cathy & Al Furno & Cheryl Shorts (Family)

Monday, December 4– Saint John Damascene

8:00 A.M. - Special Intentions (Stanley Family)

- Bob Flannery (Dennis & Sue Loeffert)

Tuesday, December 5– Advent Weekend

8:00 A.M. - Frances Lynn (Robin & Jerry Ostronic)

- Michael Stoltz (Lola & Gina Cianelli)

Wednesday, December 6– Saint Nicholas

8:00 A.M. - Mary Casciato (Carol)

- Deceased members of the Coukart Family (Coukart)

Thursday, December 7- Saint Ambrose

7:00 P.M. - Robina & David Harris

(M/M Robert Anisko)

Friday, December 8– Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 A.M. - Dave Mastro (Wife & Family)

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, Golden Jubilee Mass

Rest in Peace: Tom Kiley, husband of Ann, father of Mary Lou, Julia & Kristine.

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 Cooten, 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

We have received word from Bishop Zubik that he has named Father Joseph Sioli, Pastor of St. Louise de Marillac Church, Upper St. Clair, as administrator (acting Pastor) of St. Joan of Arc Church effective January 1, 2018.....at that time Father Sioli will assume leadership of St. Joan of Arc Parish, which will continue until the Bishop designates a time for our two parishes to merge.....in the meantime, life at St. Joan will go on as usual with Father Jon on site as vicar beginning January 1, 2018, Father Jon will also begin his assignment as parochial vicar at St. Louise Church.....so provision has been made for our parish to continue on as is.....with vitality, cooperation, and Mass attendance, our church will move on into the future.....next Sunday, December 10, at 2:00 pm, I will be celebrating my golden jubilee with family, priests, Sisters, and people who have been there for me in various ministries throughout the years, and although space at the reception is limited, anyone may come to the Mass.....there will be another Mass on Thursday, December 21, at 10:00 AM which marks the actual anniversary date and parishioners and friends are welcome to attend.....as always, I need to thank all who have stepped up to help at this time.....we welcome St. Nicholas this Sunday and thank the Kennedy and Keys Family for providing the treats....we begin Advent today, and it is a short one this year, only three weeks to Christmas!.....I hear that our parishioners were very generous this past Thanksgiving, and no surprise about that!.....

Father Pribonic

Second Collection next week is for Repairs and Replacements.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION : FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, MASS ON THURSDAY AT 7:00 pm AND MASS ON FRIDAY AT 8:00 A.M.

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 MASSES **DECEMBER 30-31**, Father will speak at all the Masses that weekend concluding with a program in the Gathering Place after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday.

Scripture Reflection

Wandering Off

In the reading from Isaiah ([Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7](#)), the prophet is longing for the love of God. But what he finds instead is what he cannot bear: God angry, God gone. The experience the prophet gives voice to is familiar to all of us. God is angry and has hidden his face; he is somewhere above the heavens, and we cannot find him there.

How can this be? How can this be? Doesn't God love us? Where is he? Why isn't he here?

The prophet answers these questions, and in the saddest way. The reason lies in our sinfulness, the prophet says. God is not gone from us because he has forsaken us. Our sins—our weaknesses, our willfulness, our pride, our failure to love, our failure even to accept the love of others—all these things have made us wither. Desiccated and unclean, we have been blown away from God by the winds of life.

But how are we supposed to be holy—clean and good—for the Lord, except by the Lord's own doing? We reject as Pelagian the thought that any one of us can make himself holy by his own efforts. Only God's grace can make a person lovely in holiness.

And so the prophet cries out to God, "Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways?"

There is an answer in the Psalm. The Psalmist says, "Lord, make us turn to you!" This cry is from a person who wanders from the Lord. He wanders because he wants to—that is the sad truth. But when he can't find God in his wandering, he cries to God, "*Make* me turn to you!" Then he wants fervently not to want the very wandering he is so prone to want.

Maybe then God lets us do what we want to do, including wandering from him, until we at least want to want him. Maybe we will find him when we can cry with the Psalmist, "Lord, make me turn to you!"

Eleonore Stump

Advent Candles in memory of Marie & Adam Kuczma, requested by Daughter: Mary & family.

There will be NO Childrens Liturgy on Sunday, December 10th. Childrens Liturgy will resume January 14th at the 9:00 Mass!

Altar Server Schedule

December 9

5:00 Tommy Muha, Sammy Jess

December 10

7:30 Ethan Manion

9:00 Clare & Cole Brdar

11:00 Cameron Carroll, Sebastain Dean

THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN invite all women to an Advent Season Day of Reflection entitled: Women Living with Joy: Preparing the Way of the Lord on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Saint Paul Seminary-O'Connor Hall, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh. Guest Speaker, Holly McIlwain, Praise and Adoration with Father Richard J. Zelik, OFM Cap., with several priests available for confession. The day will conclude with a 4:00 pm Vigil Eucharistic Celebration presided by Bishop David A. Zubik. Fair Trade items and religious gifts, basket raffle, music and fellowship. Offering \$25.00. Use the attached flyer to register. With questions, email pghdccw@gmail.com or call Bernadette at 412-563-3857. RSVP required. All are welcome!

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.

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

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for John the Baptist in memory of Paul Jones, requested by Wife Audrey.

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class of 2017!

38 young men and women of our parish were Confirmed on November 21st by Bishop David Zubik. We happily welcome them to our church family. A very special thank you to Beth Anselm and Suzanne Perkun and all of the Catechists who have touched their lives along the way and given so much of themselves to guide these young men and women on their faith journeys.

We are so lucky to have St. Nick come to our church and visit our children every year.

It has become a wonderful Advent tradition. The surprises to fill the shoes continue in the memory of JoAnn Keyes and Dottie Kennedy. These two very good friends loved children, and were two of St. Nick's very favorite helpers. Thanks to their families, JoAnn and Dottie continue to bring the spirit of Christmas to the children of St. Joan of Arc. A special thanks to the Tressler's who made sure St. Nick got here on time for mass!

We have a new music ministry opportunity!

St. Joan of Arc music ministry now offers a contemporary youth ensemble! Any high school Youth is invited to join this exciting new ministry which meets at 10:00 Sundays in the front of the church. We rehearse and perform the music for the 11:00 mass which follows. Singers and instrumentalists are invited and encouraged to participate to share and utilize the musical gifts for the glory of God and the enhancement of the liturgy. Please contact Patti, the music director, prior to joining us at preavel@gmail.com. Adult choir rehearsal times: Tuesday at 7:00-8:30 in the church.

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 or call Pat at [412.635.5401](tel:412.635.5401).

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Hope all had a wonderful Thanksgiving – just wanted to let you know that I am grateful for the wonderful folks that support our ministry – whether it be by your talents of making shawls and blankets, rosaries, helping with all the distributing of these to folks, Sister at Jefferson (who has given 1,000 or our blankets to patients throughout these years) and to those that give monetary donations as well as yarn. And I am sure that all those that have received these shawls and blankets and the prayers are grateful as well. Thanks for you future works and donations – **new size for blankets – 36x36** -----Bless you all – Karen

Altar Flowers - To purchase a poinsettia "In Memory of our Loved Ones," please use the Christmas Flower Offering Envelope enclosed in your December packet of envelopes. Cost is \$10. Deadline for ordering is SUNDAY, December 10. Names will be published in the December 24 bulletin.



Financial Statement

Regular Offertory..... \$ 8,556.00
 Regular Offertory November 19..... \$ 8,622.00
 Religious Retirement Fund.....\$ 4,735.00

THANK YOU For Your Generosity.

2017 Christmas Sale

*Sponsored by the Appalachia Work Camp and SJA Youth Group
 All rolls are 16" and homemade from scratch with only the finest ingredients!*

	Price	Qty	Total Due
Nut Roll – Made with a full 1# of nuts	\$15.00		
Braided Nut Roll - Same as above, except Iced	\$16.00		
Poppy Seed Roll - Filled to the brim with sweet poppy seed	\$15.00		
Braided Poppy Seed Roll - Same as above, except iced	\$16.00		
Apricot Roll – Filled with delicious apricot filling	\$15.00		
Braided Apricot Roll -Same as above, except iced	\$16.00		
Seedless Red Raspberry Roll -Delicious red raspberry filling	\$15.00		
Braided Seedless Red Raspberry -Same as above, except iced	\$16.00		
Chocolate Covered Oreos - (6) Ready for Gift Giving	\$8.00		
Chocolate Covered Pretzels - (12) Gift Wrapped	\$6.00		
Spiced nuts – 1# of roasted walnuts with cinnamon, vanilla and other spices. Packaged & ready for gift giving	\$13.00		
GRAND TOTAL			

NAME _____ PHONE# _____

For dates/information on next year's Nutroll Baking Fundraiser, please leave your email address:

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Checks made payable to: **AWC**

Payment/order forms are due **NO LATER** than **12/10/17**

Mail to: D. Lafferty 5955 Murray Ave. Bethel Park 15102 412-854-9033

PICK UP: St. Joan of Arc 1st Floor of the School

Wed 12/20/17, 6-8 pm and Thurs 12/21/17, 6-8 pm

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society Angel

Tree'With your help, we will again be giving gifts to needy families in our parish. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society "Angel Tree" will be decorated with angels beginning the week-end of November 25th and 26th. On each angel you will find a "name", an age, and on some, a size. Games, toys, and clothing are all wonderful gifts. We cannot accept perishable items, candy or snacks. Securely attach the angel to your gift and leave it under our tree before or after mass, or evening CCD classes. Do not wrap or seal the gift! (Christmas gift bags would be great!) **GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TREE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017.**



The St. Vincent DePaul Society thanks you in advance for sharing the joy and love of Christmas with a needy child.

You truly are a Christmas Angel!

Central Catholic High School's PLACEMENT/ ENTRANCE TEST

for eighth grade boys who wish to attend in the fall of 2018 will be administered on Saturday, December 9th at 9:00 am. There is no fee to take this test. Registration for the test can be completed online at www.centralcatholicchs.com/apply. Contact the Admissions Office at 412-621-7505 with any questions.