

# Saint Joan of Arc Church

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*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent*

*J*esus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

## LENTEN FISH

**FRIDAY, March 2**

**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 T-shirt color PURPLE FOR LENT**

**Fax: 412-835-1764**

**CCD: 412-835-3724**

**Domremy Pavilion:  
412-854-3173**

**Diocese Victim Hotline:  
1-888-808-1235**

**Website: [mystjoan.org](http://mystjoan.org)  
February 25, 2018**

### **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, February 24- Lenten Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - Josephine Kuskil  
(Daughter, Veronica Lewis & Family)

**Sunday, February 25- Second Sunday of Lent**

7:30 A.M. - Deceased Members of the Papalia  
Family (Family)

9:00 A.M. - Richard Lauterbach (Mom & Dad)

11:00 A.M. - Melina Petraglia  
(Pasquale & Rosa Rizzo & Family)

**Monday, February 26- Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Marybeth Freund (Beth Caswell Straka)

**Tuesday, February 27- Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Lee Pauley (Wardzinski Family)

**Wednesday, February 28- Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Victoria Rose Carmassi (Family)

**Thursday, March 1- Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Peg Harchelroad (Children)

**Friday, March 2- Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

**Saturday, March 3- Saint Katharine Drexel**

5:00 P.M. - Helen Criste (Ed & Roseanne Rendulic)

**Sunday, - March 4- Third Sunday of Lent**

7:30 A.M. - Special Intentions (Stanley Family)

9:00 A.M. - Jenny Urbanowicz (Daughter, Karen)

11:00 A.M. - Mary Catherine Ray (Frank Perpetua)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS in LENT:**

**Saint Joan of Arc: 3:00PM every Friday**

**Saint Louise de Marillac: 7:00 PM every Friday**

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for the Blessed Mother in memory of Edith Brandl, requested by her Family.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for John the Baptist in memory of Herman Brandl, requested by his Family.

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

Rose Marie Bottles, Dale Kragnes, Jay Briggs, Thom Mills, Tom Recker, Chuck Stanford, Michael Weston, Rod Shipe, Father Joseph Grosko, John Oakes, Brad Weber, Stephen Ferito, Mark Blice, Dom Salvucci, Albert Lexie, Paul Kubis, Donald Melinchak, Alyssa Strutt, Cheryl Hackett, Richard Humenansky, Alex Ritzert, 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.

**Financial Statement**

**Regular Offertory For February 18 ...\$ 7,006.00**

**THANK YOU For Your Generosity.**



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 Marians 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.**

**Lenten Retreat with Fr. Terry O'Connor --**

Fr. Terry O'Connor, Pastor of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Munhall, will be leading a Lenten retreat on Saturday, March 10 at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Meadowlands, PA. The title of the retreat is "Lent: A Brand New Day!" The retreat will serve as a wonderful way to return to the Lord this Lenten season. Prayer will be interwoven throughout the day, culminating with Mass. The schedule is as follows. Talk 1: 1:30-2:00 p.m.; Talk 2: 2:15-2:45 p.m.; Talk 3: 3-3:30 p.m.; Rosary: 3:30-4:00 p.m.; Confession: 4:00 p.m.; Mass: 5:00 p.m. The Holy Name Society is sponsoring the retreat and there is no charge. Refreshments will be served. We hope you can join us. All are welcome! For questions, contact George Pecharka at 724-503-4083 or [georgepecharka@gmail.com](mailto:georgepecharka@gmail.com).

## Scripture Reflection

How are your Lenten resolutions? By the time week two rolls around, plenty of well-meaning people have skipped, neglected, or outright forgotten their Lenten resolutions at least once. It can be easy to start excusing our Lenten commitments altogether.

Last week we saw Jesus driven into the desert. This Sunday, we see Jesus leading his disciples to an equally barren place: he "led them up a high mountain apart by themselves." But what happens there? "And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white." Today's Gospel reminds us of the goal. We don't enter into the desert for the sake of suffering, but for the sake of transformation.

Mountain imagery is prevalent throughout Scripture. The sacrifice of Isaac, Moses receiving the 10 Commandments, Elijah's revelation of God as a tiny whispering sound: all these occur on the mountaintop. Mountains are strenuous to hike. To assist the traveler in the ascent, trails often involve switchbacks. These lead the traveler back and forth across the mountainside, sometimes appearing as if hardly any ground is gained. Perhaps Peter, James, and John hiked a similar path as Jesus led them up the side of Mount Tabor.

A climb is difficult. A climb in a barren place leaves you thirsty, exhausted, and quite possibly frustrated or discouraged. Yet this is precisely how Jesus leads his closest disciples. Why? Because he has something to reveal to them. Practically speaking, Jesus needed to bring Peter, James and John away from the crowds for this revelation of glory to remain hidden. There are spiritual truths we will encounter only if we pass through difficulty. So let's persevere this Lent! Today's Gospel invites us to trust that, if we persevere in following Jesus, he'll lead us to something beautiful and glorious as well.

(<http://www.portal.4lpi.com/user/content/view/id/56763>)

**Prayer:** Throughout Scripture, Jesus goes to pray in a deserted place. Lent is our "deserted place." We draw near to God through Mass, confession, and spiritual practices like the Stations of the Cross, but we are also invited to spend time in prayer alone with the Father like Jesus did.

**Fasting:** Fasting is not a diet! With a diet, we try to achieve a physical goal in this world. In fasting, we try to achieve a spiritual goal in the next. Fasting helps us to sacrifice our preferences and less-than-healthy impulses to build discipline to choose the good in all areas of life.

**Almsgiving:** Time and time again, the Bible tells us that to love God we must love others. Our "neighbor" is someone we might not expect. Giving alms is an opportunity to support and care for our neighbor in need.

## 2018 PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

The Parish Share Program (PSP) is vital in continuing the work of the Church throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh; and our parishioners' support of PSP is vital to the present and future health of St. Joan of Arc church. I realize that the *On Mission for the Church Alive* planning process has many parishioners concerned about the future. Please let me remind you that the proposed vision which we are working toward is to keep St. Joan of Arc church open for future generations, as part of a larger parish. Maintaining our parish now through your continued good stewardship. Please take a moment to consider your pledge, complete the pledge card, and return both the "Parish" and "Diocese" copies to the Parish Office. Help us work toward our goal of \$89,963.00—every gift is important, both small and great. When we meet our goal, every additional dollar pledged and received stays in our parish. I thank all of you for your careful and generous stewardship in sharing of your time, talent and treasure toward carrying out the mission of the Church right here at St. Joan's and throughout our region.

*(Please return pledges by Sunday March 4.)*

*Fr. Joe*

**Seven Church Tour Pilgrimage:** Save the date! Holy Thursday, March 29th more details to follow.

**Saturday, March 3, 2018** will be the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Saint Elizabeth Elementary School Spring Craft & Vendor Show. We have over 45 vendors and crafters with their wares from which you can choose. This will take place in the Saint Elizabeth gym from 10:00 – 3:00. There will be refreshments, a Chinese Auction and a 50/50 raffle. Come and shop with us for some unique items.



**Have a life-changing Lent!** Starting Ash Wednesday (February 14), you'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly, practical tips to incorporate into your everyday life, and personal stories from Dynamic Catholic team members.

Our lives change when our habits change. Your 40 days of Lent will be an incredibly transformative experience because you've learned simple yet powerful ways to become the person God created you to be.

Sign up for Best Lent Ever, a FREE, video-based email program **at [bestlentever.com](http://bestlentever.com)**

**Divorced, Widowed, or Separated? --**The loss of a spouse through separation, divorce, or death is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience weekend is intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated people who would like to pass through the grief and begin to move forward with their lives. Come to a safe place. The next retreat weekend will be March 9-11, 2018 at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229 which is located in West View/Ross Township. For more information, visit our website [www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com](http://www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com) or make a confidential call to Mary at 412-523-2405.

### **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*

**Called by Name --** We're all called to holiness, but what does that mean? How does God invite us to holiness through His perfect plan for our lives? High school men and women: don't miss Called by Name, Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 4:00 pm – 8:30 pm at St. Paul Seminary! Come to explore our universal call to holiness as well as the particular vocations to priesthood and the religious life. This event features Father Rick Martignetti, OFM, and Katrina Buchko as speakers. Father Levi Hartle will lead praise and Father Mike Ackerman, Vocations Director, will emcee the night. The evening includes Mass, dinner, dynamic talks, and a time of adoration. No cost. To register, visit [PGHPriest.com](http://PGHPriest.com) by April 6.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Thank you all for continuing to keep our supply of blankets and shawls replenished - please drop off at the office at St. Joan if you can - or save them and bring them to the meeting on **March 20th**. Sister Nancy is continuing our mission at Jefferson Hospital - she is over 1,000 blankets to those in need that have come through the hospital and Sister has gotten to know. We get many wonderful thank you notes from those recipients. Any questions about the Prayer Shawl Ministry - call the office 412-833-2400 and leave a message for me - I will call you back as soon as I can - Karen Urbanowicz.

**REMINDER:** *Bell practice on the calendar starting this Friday, Feb. 16 from 5-6 in the choir room.*

### **An Uplifting Evening of Sung Prayer and Praise**

Join us for a concert featuring David Haas and Lori True on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at St Benedict the Abbot. The Concert will begin at 7PM. Free admission- Reservations requested. Please RSVP at [www.sbapeters.org](http://www.sbapeters.org). news and upcoming events- David Haas and Lori True Concert. A love offering will be collected.

### **SJA YOUTH GROUP will once again be collecting care packages for our Troops this Lenten Season.**

Please stop by the vestibule and pick up your supply list along with a brown bag to fill and a footprint with a soldiers name. Please provide the items on the list as this is what is most needed by our soldiers. You can place your filled bag in the vestibule. We will be collecting them until Palm Sunday, March 25. Last year the cost of postage was \$2400 which is our responsibility. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of postage please make check payable to: Military Connections. Any questions, please call Laura Stein 412/653-8858.

**Families seeking egg-cellent** activities in the South Hills can hop over to Franciscan Child Day Care Center's 11th annual Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 10 for a candy-filled egg hunt, pancake breakfast, and meet and greet with the Easter Bunny. The event is indoors, and also features craft activities and raffles. Admission is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children, and families can choose to attend one of four sessions offered at 8:30 am, 9:30 am, 10:30 am or 11:30 am. Space is limited, and reservations must be made by Friday, February 23. To make reservations or more information, please call Mrs. Merlo at (412) 882-5085.

### **ST. PAUL'S RETREAT CENTER**

Join the women of St. Joan of Arc Parish for a weekend retreat. Imagine the possibilities.

**April 27, 2018 thru April 29, 2018**

Prayerfully reflect on joining the women of St. Joan of Arc Parish for their annual weekend retreat as we learn more about the word of God, and how we are to live as one Body, through mutual service to each other, based on our own special gifts. Please contact Melissa Coe @ 412-478-7892 or [melissacoe3@gmail.com](mailto:melissacoe3@gmail.com) or Margaret Almasy @ 412-833-1972 if you have any questions or would like help with your reservations.

### **Altar Server Schedule**

**March 3**

**5:00 Tommy Muha, Marisa Wycinsky**

**March 4**

**7:30 Matt Pensenstadler**

**9:00 Julius, Alexis Riske & Kimberlin Ernst**

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