



# Saint Joan of Arc Church

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January 7, 2017

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

### **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 Joseph Sioli, *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**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)

**Monday, January 8– The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 A.M. - Todd Bidlack (Fuller Family)

**Tuesday, January 9– Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Richard Richards (The Satter Family)

**Wednesday, January 10– Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Bob Klebine (Monica Pagano)

**Thursday, January 11– Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Bob Bittner (Kathy & Ken Lovosik)

**Friday, January 12– Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

**Saturday, January 13– Saint Hilary**

5:00 P.M. - Bernardine M. Stanley  
(Janice Reinhardt)

**Sunday, - January 14– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 A.M. - Phil Slade (Susan & Dennis Loeffler)

9:00 A.M. - Dolly Mackey (Susanne & John Perkun)

11:00 A.M. - Ted Hale (Shirley Novak)

Second Collection Next Week is for Repairs and Replacement .

Rest in Peace: Janet Strimlan sister of Tootie Hale who passed away December 28.

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, Brad Weber, Meredith Bisette, 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

In celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord we recall more than the simple visit of the Magi to the Holy Family, but a solemn and ongoing event: the manifestation of God with us. In the encounter with the wise men who had come from a distant land, God revealed Himself as being present in the midst of the world. They set out on their journey because of their deep desire to see for themselves the new-born King whose birth they perceived in the rising of His star. I often wonder what those magi reported when they returned to their own country. I know that we, like all those who first encountered the infant Jesus, cannot remain unchanged, and that we must continue to renew our call to share the good news that God is with us.

As I begin this time as Administrator of St. Joan of Arc Parish, I know that transitions are not easy for any of us, but I also trust the Lord to show us the way. He is calling us to follow—ever comforted by His abiding presence in Word and Sacrament, and in this parish community. I know that it's not easy, and more than a little sad for many, to say goodbye to Fr. Pribonic. I certainly recognize his dedicated service to you, and how much he still cares for the people of St. Joan's.

I want you to know that my role as Administrator is not one of merely day to day office work. Together with Fr. Jon, my focus is to offer the same spiritual care to you as I strive to do for the people of St. Louise de Marillac. As you can imagine, Fr. Jon and I will face some initial challenges in keeping a balance in our schedules and in being present to the people in both parishes whom we serve. I ask your patience and your prayers as we 'learn the ropes.' I do look forward to having the chance to meet and get to know you all in the weeks and months ahead. In the meantime let us all recommit ourselves to looking for and trusting the Lord's presence among us to be our guide. Praying for an abundance of blessings on us all throughout this New Year ahead, I am

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Joseph Sioli

## Scripture Reflection

**On this Sunday of Epiphany,** Isaiah calls across the millennia to praise Jerusalem and extol the hope that it represents for the world. Today, Isaiah might praise us for all of the wonders we do: for our lofty buildings, our mastery of the skies, our miracles in medicine, and the places where peace still hangs on. Pope Francis envisioned a clearer epiphany when he said in 2013: “In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons. Poverty today is a cry. We all have to think if we can become a little poorer, all of us have to do this.”

Gentiles were “the others,” in the usual mentality until the initial community of believers realized the universality of Jesus’ mission. Unfortunately, at parish liturgies, it’s easy for youth to feel like “the others,” in comparison to the assembly of adults — the ones who really belong and run the church — as sometimes evidenced by their standing in the back of the church. But the Magi, central characters in the Gospel, were unconverted Gentiles. Ephesians makes it clear that Gentiles are “coheirs, members of the same body.” We need to acknowledge youth now — as distinct from waiting until they become 20- or 30-somethings.

In this time of increased nationalism, erecting barriers, and labeling others as threats or enemies, this feast calls us to a powerful counter-message. Our field of vision and inclusion must be much larger than that of the status-quo. It must have been shocking to learn that God’s love extended not only to the Gentiles, but to the whole world. It may be equally shocking to realize that our boundaries are also too narrow. This feast is an epiphany about God’s will for Christ’s impact and ours on the world.

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*Some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the baby born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star... and we have come to worship him.”* MATTHEW 2:1-2

A Michigan newspaper carried a story about a light bulb that had been burning day and night on a porch for 35 years. An electrical engineer speculated that early light bulbs had strong filaments, which may account for the bulb’s longevity. Today’s reading recalls another light that has been burning day and night for 2,000 years—the light of the star of Bethlehem that points to Jesus, the Light of the World.

Does the light from the star of Bethlehem burn as brightly in my heart as it did five years ago? Ten years ago?

*O Father, may that holy star grow every year more bright and send its glorious beams afar to fill the world with light.* William Cullen Bryant

ON MISSION FOR  
**THE  
CHURCH  
ALIVE!**

**Gifts for a King** – As the wise men followed the star they were convinced that it would lead them to something amazing, a great king who had come into the world.

They certainly could have been caught off guard when they gazed upon the sight where the star led them. Instead of a powerful ruler they were looking at a newborn baby surrounded by his mother and foster father. Yet, they didn’t hesitate to lay their precious gifts before the Lord and do him homage. And after honoring the newborn king, they went in haste to return to their homeland, sharing the good news of the coming of the Messiah as they travelled along. The witness of the wise men is one we are invited to follow as we journey *On Mission for The Church Alive!* We all are being asked to come before the Lord with the gifts we have to offer. These gifts aren’t gold, frankincense and myrrh, but the gifts of our hearts and lives that we are able to share with God, the Church and others and enrich our parishes. Even more, as we journey from our faith communities through our family, work and social relationships we also look for opportunities to share the good news of God-with-us with all we meet. What gifts do you have to share? Visit **onmission-churchalive.org** to learn more and to stay informed.

**Just do it!** Begin the New Year by making a new effort to renew your marriage. On a Retrouvaille Weekend you don’t share your problems with others, you work on your relationship. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 19 please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434.

More information is available at <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

### Altar Server Schedule

**January 13**  
**5:00 Tommy Muha, Sebastian Dean**

**January 14**  
**7:30 Matt Pensenstadler**  
**9:00 Clare & Cole Brdar, Sophia Hale**  
**11:00 Sammy Jess, Cameron Carroll**

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mystjoan.org).

The Youth Group is sponsoring a Breakfast Buffet next Sunday from 8:30-11:00 am.

Youth Group will also be selling our delicious Italian and Turkey hoagies after all Masses.

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God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. As 2017 has come to a close, the Youth Group wishes to thank **you**, our wonderful parishioners, for your never ending support. We would not be able to do what we do without you, and for that we are so very grateful. We wish you all a blessed 2018.

VITA is pleased to offer free income tax assistance to the public again this year, beginning Monday, February 5 through Friday, April 13 from 8:30 am until 2PM. The only exception is Good Friday, March 30, 2018 when the office will be closed. The Bible Chapel is located at 300 Gallery Drive McMurray Pa 15317. Must bring: last years tax return, ID for yourself and spouse, social security numbers, all W-2 and 1099 tax documents. Healthcare statements, and property tax receipts.

### Christmas Flowers in Honor or Memory of:

All Deceased Members of the Aul & Hickton Family  
( M/M Anthony Hickton)  
Victor & Marie Remlinger ( M/M Donald Remlinger)  
Kroll & Stanford Families  
(M/M Charles Stanford)

Second Collection Next Week is for Repairs and Replacement .

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

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

Altar Bread and Wine for one week for Dolly Mackey, requested by Jim & Denise Polizzano.

### Financial Statement

**Regular Offertory.....December 24: \$9,112.00**  
**Christmas Offertory.....\$ 17,673.00**  
**Children & Youth Collection....\$ 2,289.00**  
**Regular Offertory Dec. 31..... \$ 8,964.00**  
**THANK YOU For Your Generosity.**

*Masses are available for 2018, Please contact the office During business hours to schedule masses.*

### Proclamation 2018

Dear brothers and sisters,  
the glory of the Lord has shone upon us,  
and shall ever be manifest among us,  
until the day of his return.  
Through the rhythms of times and seasons  
let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.  
Let us recall the year's culmination,  
the Easter Triduum of the Lord:  
his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial,  
and his rising celebrated between the evening of the  
Twenty-ninth of March  
and the evening of the Thirty-first of March,  
Easter Sunday being on the First day of April.  
Each Easter -- as on each Sunday --  
the Holy Church makes present the great and  
saving deed  
by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.  
From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.  
Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent,  
will occur on the Fourteenth Day of February.  
The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on  
Sunday, the Thirteenth of May or Thursday,  
the Tenth day of May.  
Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter,  
will be celebrated on the Twentieth day of May.  
And, this year the First Sunday of Advent will be  
on the Second day of December, 2018.  
To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever  
and ever. Amen.