

Saint Joan of Arc Church

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TALENTS

"The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.'" - Mt 25:20



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, November 18– The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter & Paul

5:00 P.M. - Paul Matthews
(Jeanne, Scott, Shanna & Families)

Sunday, - November 19– Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M. - Mark Cummings (Kim Lucas)
9:00 A.M. - Bernardine Mindzikiewicz
(Janice Reinhardt)
11:00 A.M. - Joseph Sebes (JoAnn Ricci)

Monday, November 20– Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Carl Wirtz (Alice & Carol)
- Audrey & Richard Miller
(Tom & Jan Lauterbach)

Tuesday, November 21– The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

8:00 A.M. - Josh Mammay (Aunt Arlene)
7:00 P.M. - Confirmation with Bishop Zubik

Wednesday, November 22– Saint Cecilia

8:00 A.M. - Peg Harchelroad (Library Golden Agers)
- Ralph Cianelli (Mike & Carol Kristobak)

Thursday, November 23– Saint Clement

9:00 A.M. - Deceased Members of the Mineo Family
(Sue Weber)
- Virginia Kotow (John & Nick Kotow)

Friday, November 24– Saint Andrew Dung-Lac

8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

Saturday, November 25– Saint Catherine of Alexandria

5:00 P.M. - Robbie Harris (Red Hat Society)

Sunday, - November 26– Our Lord Jeseus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 A.M. - Herman Brandl (Family)
9:00 A.M. - Robert & Ruth Pastorik (Children)
11:00 A.M. - Rose Piciucco (Elisa Doyle)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Nov 23 –26,
will reopen Monday, November 27.

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 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, Tom Recker, Alex Ritzert, Fran Drummond, John Roberts, Mark Dubich, Tim O'Brien, William Vetter, Ryan Doughty, Tom Kiley, 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.

Thanksgiving Day gives us an excellent opportunity to thank God for blessings received, something which I hope we do every day, but for so many reasons, not the least of which living in this great country of ours, even with all of its problems and divisions, affords us the highest level of life that can be imagined, (at least many, but not evidently all of us believe that to be true, maybe we ought to think how the other 95% of the world lives).....so please join us for Mass on Thursday at 9:00 AM with coffee and donuts to follow in the Gathering Place.....thanks especially to our parishioners who support the parish financially and as volunteers... This means a lot about the viability of our parish for the future.....please remember that the Bishop will announce which parishes will be joined together next April, and that will take effect next October, until then, it should be pretty much business as usual.....We are grateful for our choir that sings at the 9:00 Mass each Sunday, and all are welcome to join, as well as our contemporary youth ensemble singing at the 11:00 each week, also eager to have new members..... thank you Patty Reavel for leading these choirs.....Next Sunday will be the Feast of Christ the King, marking the end of the liturgical year....

Father Pribonic

Second Collection TODAY is for the Religious Retirement Fund .

Please join us after the 9AM Thanksgiving Mass for coffee and donuts following in the Gathering Place.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for the Blessed Mother in memory of Robbie Harris, requested by Susan Armstrong .**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn one week for John the Baptist in memory of Richard Armstrong, requested . **Altar Bread & Wine** for one week in memory of CR. & Curt Markham, Requested by Wife & Mother.

CCD News... Confirmation practice is Monday, Nov.20 at 7:00 pm in the church. **Confirmation is** Tuesday, November 21 with Bishop Zubik at 7:00pm. All Candidates must seated in church by 6:20.

Father Pribonic 50th Anniversary of Priesthood, December 21 at 10AM, Retirement Masses, Dec.31.

Financial Statement	
Regular Offertory.....	\$8,975.00
Repairs & Replacements.....	\$ 1,585.00
THANK YOU For Your Generosity.	

Scripture Reflection

Fear Factor

The Gospel story is pretty simple. A wealthy man gives his fortune to each of his three servants to care for while he is gone on a trip. He doesn't give them instructions, at least that we are told of. When he returns, the owner sees that two of the three servants invested his money and got back twice the amount. He is delighted. So far, the moral of the story would be: "Make the most of what you have."

But we miss the most interesting part of all if we look just at the successful servants (as does the shortened version of the Gospel in the lectionary!!!). We miss the fascinating and puzzling story of the third servant. This poor soul did not invest the money at all. He buried it in the ground. Quite simply, he was afraid of investing and losing it. He was right to be afraid, given the owner's attitude, which, as we see, would have the man thrown into "the darkness outside" where there would be "wailing and grinding of teeth." Quite an overreaction, it seems. This poor guy just wanted to keep the owner's money safe!

Maybe the proprietor was simply a "demanding person," as the parable says. Dark spirited. But there is more to it. The monetary unit "talent" in Jesus' time was not a small amount. Even one talent could be worth more than a laborer would earn in a lifetime. And the owner entrusted a lot more than just money to the servants. He left them all his possessions, everything he had. He took a great risk and he wanted them to do the same, not leave the investment rotting away underground somewhere. Now assume that the parable is about God. Maybe God entrusts an even greater amount to us. Life, talents, the gift of love, of the living breathing human persons around us—and every so often, real and open acts of unselfish love. God gives all this free of charge, gives to us our own lives with all their rewards and disappointments and catastrophes and he says to us, dive in! Have your life! Make whatever you will of it! You are beloved to me! This is truly wonderful! But then an awful question arises. Does God curse those who are afraid and who bury what they are given? Jesus at least seems to say yes: To everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. Ouch. That hurts. How are we to interpret these words? Well, in the realm of spirituality there is only one thing that completely goes away if you only have a small bit of it, but which gets greater if you have it and use it.

Love. If we love those around us, that love peaks and grows. But if fear slams the door against love, guess what. The non-lover will be in the darkness outside, wailing and gnashing his teeth. We are all frightened. It is not so unusual. God waits for ages to see if we will accept just a tiny bit of the forgiving love he offers. And to see if we will even find just enough courage to invest some of that love in other people. It is a big risk he takes, and I'm sure he says, "oh no, not again" when we fail. But this is not a harsh reaction. It is just a disappointment of someone who loves us very well. You see, love casts out fear. So, let love in.

John Foley, SJ

DEAR JOAN:

I read in the Pittsburgh Catholic last week that Bishop Zubik was celebrating Martin Luther with the Lutherans. I always thought Luther was one of the "bad" guys and now we're celebrating the Reformation?

Signed: Traditional Catholic

Dear Traditional Catholic:

Well, Luther may not have been a "bad" guy but he was certainly a very strong force in unleashing many currents that led to a big split in the Church five hundred years ago.

The Bishop would probably say that we are "commemorating" the Reformation, with the hope that we Catholics and Lutherans may continue along at least as brothers and sisters as we try to follow Christ.

Reared in a very strict family, Martin feared his father and was deeply troubled and worried about his salvation. He was terrified of being a great sinner. So he decided to enter a monastery but received no consolation from following the monastic rule of life. Fortunately, Father Johann Staupitz, his spiritual director, told him that God loved him and was merciful.

This helped Luther but he questioned some of the practices of the Church like "selling" indulgences. There were abuses which the Church came to address. But Luther spoke against the Church and butted heads with the Pope and eventually said he could not accept the authority of the Pope and the Church. In effect he said: "I can do no other, I must follow my conscience"

(Catholics must follow their conscience, but we believe that it must be a conscience taught by the Church where the Church is recognized as the final living voice about God's teaching and not any individual.)

Little by little people questioned the authority of the Church, and many thinkers and philosophers were putting emphasis on the individual rather than the Church. So we go through the Renaissance, the Enlightenment, the development of Protestantism, with a proliferation of churches (each person may interpret the Scriptures), and the questioning of authority. Other "reformers" followed, like John Calvin, and their writings also started other churches and led the way to modern capitalism and democracy as we know it today. The reformers could not have foreseen what they unleashed.

The movement toward democracy and later on capitalism can be traced to this highly individualistic type of thinking. One may also make the argument that our state of affairs today can be attributed to these trends which received a great impetus with Martin Luther. He can be judged from many different angles.

Signed; Joan d'Arc

Altar Server Schedule

November 25

5:00 Sammy Jess, Tommy Muha

November 26

7:30 Clare & Cole Brdar

9:00 Julius & Alexis Riske, Kimberlin Earnest

11:00 Sebastian Dean, Cameron Carroll

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 their musical gifts for the glory of God and the enhancement of the liturgy. Please contact Patti, the music director, prior to joining us at



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



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!

The Youth Group will be hosting our Annual Breakfast with Santa

on **Sunday, December 3rd** and we invite all Adults and Children. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 - Noon, and Santa will be here from 9 A.M. - 11AM.

Cost is \$8, and our menu includes French Toast Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Fruit Cup, Western Scrambled Eggs, Belgian Waffles with Fruit Topping and Whipped Cream, Potatoes, Coffee, Tea, Juice and Hot Chocolate. Come and make a craft with Santa's elves.

All boys and girls will receive a treat from Santa. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** To reserve your spot, please call by Sunday, November 26th. 412-833-2400x34 Audrey Wurst Hope to see you there!

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:

Email _____

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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

Life Enrichment Club Holiday Concert

It's time to break out your Christmas sweaters, and get into the holiday spirit at our December Life Enrichment meeting. Join us on **Tuesday, December 5th** at 11:00 am when the South Hills Chorale will be performing holiday music from their Hi Ho the Holly concert. (Please remember the date change is for December only.) All are welcome-please bring a covered dish and a friend. For more information, please call the parish office or visit the parish website, www.mystjoan.org.

Calling All Kids!



There will be a special visitor for our children at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, **December 3th** Children are asked to **bring an extra shoe** to this Mass and leave it at the Angel tree. (Names taped to the bottom of the shoe are a good idea.) Hope to see you there!

Life Enrichment

Wednesday-**December 5th** From 11AM until 1PM Come and enjoy



THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS
STARING THE SOUTH HILLS CHORALE.

Please keep all who are attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in your prayers. There are 20,000+ attending the conference in Indianapolis, Indiana from Thursday thru Sunday.