



# Saint Joan of Arc Church

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April 8, 2018

Reverend Joseph Sioli, *Administrator*

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## 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.**

## **The Mission On The Church Alive!**

## **You Are The Witnesses Of These Things**

– To be a witness to something can have a double meaning. On the one hand, a witness is someone who sees something occur, in order that they might tell others about it. On the other hand, a witness is one who

testifies to something neither seen nor heard, yet nonetheless true. Unless we are nearly 2,000 years old, we are not witnesses in the first sense to the life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Yet, by faith, we are witnesses in the second sense. By our baptism we are called to witness to the love of God through our words and actions which are to be reflections of the love of Jesus. In the coming weeks and months, the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative will ask us to build new relationships with nearby parishes, an opportunity to witness to the love of God alive in our hearts. While this may seem like a burden to some, it is at the heart of the Christian life as we build up the Body of Christ, the Church. As we grow in love of others, may we treat them as if THEY are Christ, and treat them as if WE are Christ. Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more and to stay informed.

**Mass Intentions**

*Lift Up Your Hearts*

**Saturday, April 7– Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

5:00 P.M. - Marybeth Freund  
(Your friends from the Garden)

**Sunday, - April 8– Sunday of Devine Mercy**

7:30 A.M. - Gayle Koontz (Husband, Dan)  
9:00 A.M. - Evelyn Pastorius (Husband Robert)  
11:00 A.M. - Maggie Nordstrom (Pam Leise)

**Monday, April 9– The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:00 A.M. - Peg Harchelroad (George Pry)

**Tuesday, April 10– Easter Weekday**

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

**Wednesday, April 11– Saint Stanislaus**

8:00 A.M. - Bonnie Jakell (Bobbie Camella)

**Thursday, April 12– Easter Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Janet Rakcozy (Cernetic Family)

**Friday, April 13– Easter Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

**Saturday, April 14– Easter Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - Frank Mathews (Wife, Pat & Family)

**Sunday, - April 15– Third Sunday of Easter**

7:30 A.M. - Mike Swindell (Karen & Bill Backus)  
9:00 A.M. - Nick Kotow (John & Nick Kotow)  
11:00 A.M. - Maggie Nordstrom (Pam Leise)

The Gospel for this Sunday after Easter recounts the encounter of the Risen Lord with the Apostles in the Upper Room, and with Thomas in particular. “Doubting Thomas” famously answered the news of the Lord’s resurrection declaring, “ Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” What a beautiful image of the Lord’s mercy, that Jesus should come to Thomas and invite him to do just that—to probe the wounds he received by his Passion and come to believe the Love is stronger than death.

This Divine Mercy Sunday presents to us the message which the Lord entrusted to St. Faustina which is always so needed; the Lord comes to us in our doubts and difficulties as an act of love and mercy, asking that we trust in Him.



**NO FISH FRY IN MAY.** Any volunteer who has not signed up for the Volunteer Dinner (May 16) please contact Carol Nath.

Thank you for your wonderful response to the Little Sisters of the Poor on their recent visit to St. Joan of Arc. They received \$3,482 in donations from our parishioners. In writing to express their gratitude, the sisters share:

“We are blessed to encounter Jesus daily by bringing joy to the elderly poor living in our Home in Pittsburgh. ... Many of our residents have outlived their families, friends and resources and turn to us when they have nowhere else to turn. Your generosity helps us to provide a home and hospitality to them, but most importantly, love, hope, dignity and respect.”

Please remember the Little Sisters and their residents in your prayers.

*Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Joe*

**Altar Server Schedule**

**April 14, 2018**

**5:00 Julia, Alaina & Joseph Nypaver**

**April 15, 2018**

**7:30 Matt Pensenstadler**

**9:00 Clare & Cole Brdar**

**11:00 Sammy Jess, Sophia Hale, Marissa Wycinsky**

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| <b>Financial Statement</b>            |              |
| Regular Offertory.....                | \$ 9,667.00  |
| Easter Collection.....                | \$ 10,559.00 |
| <b>THANK YOU For Your Generosity.</b> |              |

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**Second Collection today** is Repairs and Replacement .

## **Saint Louise de Marillac**

320 McMurray Road Pittsburgh, Pa 15241

### **Mass Schedule**

**Monday– Friday 7 & 9 AM**

**Saturday: 9 AM**

**(followed by novena to O. L. of Perpetual help)**

**6 PM Sunday Vigil**

**Sunday Mass:**

**7:30, 9, 11 AM, 12:30 & 4:30PM**

### **Up Coming Events at Saint Louise de Marillac:**

DeMarillac Guild Guest Night Social

The ladies of the St. Louise de Marillac Guild extends an invitation to the St. Joan of Arc ladies and guests to join us for our Guest Night Social.

On Thursday, April 12, Andy Amrhein, owner of Evey True Value Hardware on Library Road in Bethel Park, will discuss products he recommends for the home and garden. Andy is a regular on KDKA Radio's "Home Improvement Hour" at 10:00 on Saturday mornings. He also appears every Thursday on KDKA TV's "Pittsburgh Today Live" show. The social will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the LeGras Parish Center with a short prayer service. A light dinner will follow the program. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

(Make checks payable to the DeMarillac Guild.)

R.S.V.P. By Monday, April 9, with name/s, phone number and check to: Ann Marie Bargiband, 107 Woodside Drive, McMurray, PA 15317.

If you have any questions, please call Ann Marie Bargiband (724-941-5904) or Dolores Weinheimer (412-833-0586).

**Have you completed Discovering Christ** but were unable to participate with the second part of the Christlife series, Following Christ?

Or are you looking for something to keep your prayer life going after the joy of Easter? Please join us for this awesome program, a practical teaching on growing in relationship with the Lord, which includes foundational disciplines and truths that are important for maturing in Christ. Session topics include *Daily Personal Prayer, Hearing God in Scripture, The Power of the Sacraments, Forgiving One Another, The Spirit-Empowered Life and more!* Beginning on April 11 through May 23, 2118, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, in Legras Conference Center. There will also be a special day of reflection on Saturday, May 12. For more information or to register, please contact Kathy Bonessi at 412-427-9232 or [kbonessi@verizon.net](mailto:kbonessi@verizon.net).

### **On Tuesday, May 8 from 7:00-9:00pm at**

**Saint Louise de Marillac**, 320 McMurray Road, there will be a regional evangelization meeting sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh to introduce the School of Missionary Discipleship. Anyone interested in getting involved with the new evangelization should attend this meeting. There is no cost to attend.

To ensure the availability of sufficient materials, please register online at:

[https://catholicdioceseofpittsburgh.formstack.com/forms/regional\\_evan\\_mtg](https://catholicdioceseofpittsburgh.formstack.com/forms/regional_evan_mtg)

**What is the School of Missionary Discipleship?** The School of Missionary Discipleship (SMD) is an intensive process of formation, consultation, and training offered through the Department for Evangelization and Missionary Outreach to make disciples for Jesus Christ and to "renew the face of the earth." Primarily, SMD accomplishes this by forming parish leadership to cultivate a culture of missionary discipleship within our parish communities and help revitalize our parishes. The SMD process is the result of many years of extensive research and pastoral experience in the area of evangelization. It is rooted in the Church's theology that informs the RCIA process, the model for all faith formation, as well as Jesus' and the early church's own method of disciple making shown to us in the New Testament.

### **How long does it take to graduate from SMD?**

Because the school's primary focus is on cultural transformation of the parish in the context of disciple making, it never ends. It is not a traditional school with a set curriculum that needs to be completed with graduation at the end. Rather, it is more like a "school of thought", a way of life. While training and learning do occur, it is done to teach parish leadership and the community a process that becomes the very life-breath of the parish. All programming and parish activities then ideally grow out of this vision, which animates parish life. The training needed to effect the transformation of parish culture typically takes place once every few months and is stretched out over a two-to three-year period.

### **What's Ignite!, On Fire!, Equip!?**

SMD runs a series of consultations, teachings, training and formation that is divided into three distinct phases or stages: *Ignite!, On Fire!, Equip! Ignite!* is the beginning, the lighting of the fire of renewal. Most of the consultation and training takes place here as it lays the foundation for cultural transformation. Learn more about *Ignite!* on our webpage at [diopitt.org/ignite](http://diopitt.org/ignite). *On Fire!* is an in-depth spiritual formation collaborative intended to fan into flame the spark of faith that has been set in the heart of a committed disciple and to provide an environment where that disciple can discern how they are called to be a missionary disciple. Learn more about *On Fire!* on our webpage at [diopitt.org/on-fire](http://diopitt.org/on-fire).

*Equip!* is the revised diocesan program of formation and training for specific volunteer leadership roles in the church, such as a parish catechist or lector, set within a foundational understanding of what it means to be a missionary disciple. Learn more about *Equip!* on our webpage at [diopitt.org/equip](http://diopitt.org/equip).

### **Is SMD the same thing as Alpha or ChristLife?**

No. Alpha and ChristLife are evangelization programs that are used in the *Ignite!* process. These programs are called awakening experiences because they help awaken or reawaken faith in the people that participate in them. As you can see, there is a lot more to SMD than Alpha or ChristLife.

**How much does SMD cost?** Through *Our Campaign for the Church Alive!*, the Department is able to offer 12 grants that will provide a significant financial subsidy to launch SMD in 12 locations throughout the Diocese. As the parish culture is transformed, the costs associated with SMD will be absorbed into the parish's operating budget.

**Can I get involved in SMD if it is offered at another parish?** Absolutely! We want to build leadership teams regionally because the more people that understand the SMD process, the easier it will be to bring it to other parishes later. Because SMD is about parish transformation, we envision that every parish will become a school of missionary discipleship. So, the more you can get involved now, the more you can get involved later. Please don't be a stranger!

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

**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn one week for John the Baptist in memory of Anna Horvath, requested by Ron & Annette Boron.

**Altar Bread & Wine** for one week for C.R. & Curt Markham.

**THANK YOU:** Patti Reavel (Music Minister) wishes to thank all of the Parish volunteers who have so generously donated their time and talents during the Lent and Easter seasons to help make the music so very special.

## SAINT JOAN OF ARC YOUTH GROUP

**The Youth Group** is sponsoring a Breakfast Buffet and Hoagie Sale next weekend, April 15th.

The Breakfast will be from 8:30-12 and the hoagies will be sold after all Masses.

Thank you for your support of our teens!

**The Youth Group** wishes to thank our wonderful parishioners for their donations to our Annual Troop Drive. This year was our largest collection ever! We could never have done it without your generosity. The love of God our Father has once again come to us through you.

**Rest In Peace:** Rod Shipe Brother-in-law of Carol Horney

### **Join us as we discover the beautiful HOPE provided by our Catholic Church!**

This Easter, the parish is providing a free inspirational book to all: **Beautiful Hope, Finding Hope Every Day in a Broken World** offered by Dynamic Catholic. In order to make the book even more helpful, there will be a 4-week study offered to everyone interested. It will begin the week of April 15, and finish the week of May 6. You are invited to join a group following the book study that meets at a time and location convenient for you. A list of all the groups will be provided with the books themselves at the Easter masses.

## Saint Joan of Arc Events

### Life Enrichment Club

Life Enrichment Club will welcome spring in April with a program that features St. Joan of Arc's own Master Gardener, Doctor Ron Boron. Do you feel you have too much shade in your yard for a garden? Doctor Ron will be covering different aspects of shade gardening and how to approach that challenge. So, bring your green thumb and join us on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. 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).

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - We will be celebrating our **14th anniversary on April 29** - Current members, past members, future members, recipients of the shawls and blankets please join us at mass on **April 29 at 9:00 a.m.** - If you have a shawl/blanket please bring it if you wish. We will try to sit together in the front rows on the left hand side of church. Our first meeting was attended by a nice group even though it was more like winter than spring. We got alot accomplished and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on April 17. Thanks to all the busy folks over the winter - we acquired alot of new items to distribute to those in need. Thank you all - God Bless you and remember to mark your calendar for two important dates in April - 17 our next meeting and 29 our mass. Karen Urbanowicz

## CCD NEWS

**Help Needed!** The Religious Education Program is in need of teachers. You need not have a child in the program, (but, parents, this truly could be quality time spent with your child) but, **you must have a love of God and children.** *You would have to be here each week for class. You will need at least one hour during the week to prepare for your class...training is available! You will also have to complete the requirements of the diocese for volunteering. This involves completing the Data Base, State Police and Child Line Clearances, and doing an online Protecting God's Children class and an online Mandatory Reporter class.* Please seriously consider helping. We need your support to keep this program working and growing! What greater gift could you give to your parish than to pass on your faith to a child?. If you might be interested, call the Religious Education Office, 412-835-3724. I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for considering this ministry. Bev Buddemeyer

**First Communions** will be at the 9:00 Mass on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Twenty two Pews will be reserved in the front of the church for that Mass for the first Communicants and their families. Please pray for and welcome our First Communion families on their special days!

**Communion practice** for ALL students receiving First Communion will be on Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the church. Parents are asked to stay with their child for this practice. Thank you!