

Saint Joan of Arc Church

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February 18, 2018



1st Sunday OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God. - Mk 1:14

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 Pranjić & 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, February 17– Saturday after Ash Wednesday

5:00 P.M. - Edward Mindzikiewicz
(Janice Reinhardt)

Sunday, - February 18-First Sunday of Lent

7:30 A.M. - Mike Swindell (Raina & Bruce Diges)
9:00 A.M. - Mary Catherine Hale Ray
(Patty Meneilly)
11:00 A.M. - Mark Lunardini (Mimi & Greg Finerty)

Monday, February 19-Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Special Intentions for Relative & Friends

Tuesday, February 20– Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Peg Harchelroad (Patricia Perazzola)

Wednesday, February 21– Saint Peter Damian

8:00 A.M. - Marybeth Freund (Lippert Family)

Thursday, February 22-The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

8:00 A.M. - Gene Urbanowicz (Wife, Pat)

Friday, February 23– Saint Polycarp

8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

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)

Rest In Peace: Marcy Smith, mother of Marleen Smith and James Conteen, husband of Andrea.

Second Collection today is for Repairs and Replacements .

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,
Julie Schmaltz, Eleanor Young, Brad Weber, Stephen Ferito,
Annabelle Georges, Meredith Bissette, Mark Blice,
Dom Salvucci, Albert Lexie, Jenny Fraas, Sue Wimer,
Brenda Dunois, Paul Kubis, Donald Melinchak,
Karen Recrusio, Alyssa Strutt, Cheryl Hackett,
Madeline Moze, Richard Humenansky, Alex Ritzert,
Fran Drummond, John Roberts, Mark Dubich, Tim O'Brien,
William Vetter, Ryan Doughty, Mary Lou Quinn,
Jonathan Piccoli, Margaret Pietrzyk and Audrey Jones.
Help, save, pity and defend your servants. O God by your
grace.

Financial Statement	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 12,445.00
Repairs & Replacements.....	\$1,039.00
THANK YOU For Your Generosity.	

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has shared with us a message for our Lenten season which calls us to consider the real opportunity the Church offers us in these days which should be characterized by prayer, giving alms, and fasting. Pope Francis quotes Jesus from Matthew's gospel: "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (24:12). The Holy Father reminds us:

"Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal."

Pope Francis continues to teach in answer to our question: *What are we to do?*

"Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher ... offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of *prayer, almsgiving* and *fasting*.

"By devoting more time to *prayer*, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

"*Almsgiving* sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbor as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! ... When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of His children. If through me God helps someone today, will He not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.

"*Fasting* weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger."

With Pope Francis, I pray that these 40 days be a time for all of us to rekindle the flame of God's love in our hearts, in our families, and in our parish community.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Joe

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. In last week's mail each parish family should have received a pledge card for the 2018 PSP. 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.)*



Scripture Reflection

Why do we always go to the desert? We see this example in Scripture time and time again. The Israelites wandered in the desert. King David and prophets were driven into the wilderness. And now Jesus is in the same place. Lent after Lent, we too are invited into a barren, desolate place. Why do we always go to the desert? Throughout Scripture, the desert is a place of testing. It's also a place of hiding and withdrawal. In the Old Testament, David fled into the wilderness to hide from Saul, Elijah from Jezebel, and Jonah from God! In other words, the desert is a place of "retreat." In Christian circles, we use the word to describe a spiritual weekend away. But its meaning comes from warfare, as we well know. To retreat means to draw back, to separate oneself from the fighting. Of course, a military retreat brings its own kind of "battle" -- the internal assessment of why the fighting went so poorly. As we enter into this Lenten season, we are invited to retreat into the desert with Jesus. Attending a day or weekend of reflection is a wonderful spiritual practice. This "desert spirituality," however, can fill all forty days. We can fulfill our Lenten resolutions with a purpose -- writing daily notes to family and friends can inspire new gratitude, every time we pass up that specific food item can be cause for intercession for deeper sufferings and privations of others. The Gospel tells us that "the Spirit drove him out into the desert." In other words, God wants us to be here. What feels uncomfortable is actually part of our spiritual journey. To be stretched, to be challenged, to confront our own areas of weakness -- these things are essential in our walk with God. This Lent, will you go to the desert?

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

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 by April 6.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for the Blessed Mother in memory of Josephine Kuskil, requested by Daughter, Veronica Lewis & Family..

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

Altar Server Schedule

February 24

5:00 Julia, Alaina & Joseph Nypaver

February 25,

7:30 Clare & Cole Brdar

9:00 Julius, Alexis Riske

11:00 Sebastain Dean, Tommy Muha, Bella Fuller

LENTEN FISH FRY

FRIDAY, February 23

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 color PURPLE FOR LENT

An Uplifting Evening of Sung Prayer and Praise

Join us for a concert featuring David Haas and Lori True on Saturday March 3rd at St Benedict the Abbot. The Concert will begin at 7PM. Free admission- Reservations requested. Please RSVP at 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 soldier's 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.

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 or make a confidential call to Mary at 412-523-2405.

A Presentation on the Relics of the Saints: Have you ever wondered why Catholics display, and venerate the relics of the saints? Did you know that St. Anthony's Chapel in Pittsburgh is home to the largest collection of relics outside of Rome? Parishioner Christopher Reibold, aka The Saint Story Guy, is a Catholic writer, and storyteller. He presents the Saints of the Month segment on Archangel Radio's The Live Hour program, and he is a contributing writer, and reader, for WAOB Audio Theatre. His recently published book, the Saints at the Chapel: Thrilling Tales of Histories Holiest Heroes (Lambing Press), tells the stories of twenty saints whose relics are on display at St. Anthony's Chapel. On Sunday February 25 at 6:00PM at Saint Louise in the LeGras Hall conference center Christopher will speak about the history and importance of Saint Anthony's Chapel and share a couple of Saint stories.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Mark your calendar for next month -6:30-8:30, **March 20th** to attend a 1st meeting of this year and share with us the many stories our members share of the blessings of the shawls/blankets. Hope to see our current members return and many new ones at this meeting. We are now able to reach a lot more members and welcome those that are not members of St. Joan of Arc or St. Louise de Marillac - our ministry is open to all. Any questions, call the office, 412-833-2400, and leave a message for me - Thank you all again, Karen Urbanowicz

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 or Margaret Almasy @ 412-833-1972 if you have any questions or would like help with your reservations.

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

Volunteers Needed for FISH FRY:

Bussers needed for afternoon and help needed to clean fryers. Please contact Carol or Tom Nath at 724-348-4719 or the Parish Office during business hours.