

Saint Joan of Arc Church

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Father Phillip Pribonic



15th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME
July 16, 2017

“Some seed fell among thorns,
and the thorns grew up and
choked it. But some seed fell
on rich soil, and produced fruit,
a hundred or sixty or
thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:7-8

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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.

Mass Intentions

From the Pastor's Desk

Saturday, July 15– Saint Bonaventure

5:00 P.M. - Ted Hale (SJA Staff)

Sunday, - July 16– Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M. - Robbie Harris
(Dianne & Mike LeDonne)

9:00 A.M. - Elmer Hegedus & Janet Schuster
(Wife & Mother)

11:00 A.M. - Cathy Furno (Family)

Monday, July 17– Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Kevin Shanahan (Dan & Patti Simmons)

Tuesday, July 18– Saint Camillus de Lellis

8:00 A.M. - Robina Harris (Dan & Patti Simmons)

Wednesday, July 19– Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Donald Breisinger
(Jim & Betty Breisinger)

Thursday, July 20- Saint Apolinaris

8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

Friday, July 21- Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

Saturday, July 22– Saint Mary Magdalene

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

Sunday, - July 23– Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M. - Herman Brandl (Family)

9:00 A.M. - Patricia Phillips (Husband)

11:00 A.M. - Philomena Doyle (Elisa Doyle, daughter)

Father Joy Vincent wishes to thank every one for their generous response to his mission appeal, totaling \$2,500.....our Youth Group Appalachia Work-camp will be returning today, and we again thank them for their devotion to the poor people of Kentucky as well as to monitoring our youngsters.....parishioners and friends are welcome at our parish garden on Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning at six o'clock.....join up for work, fellowship and food and drink!.....I am placing parts of Bishop Zubik's statement on proposed senate health care plan.....we should be apprised of such sweeping legislation and enter into dialogue with our representatives and Senators.....just because we have it good doesn't mean we don't care about what happens to those who don't have it so good.....and with all the talk at the G-20 summit in Hamburg Germany, was there any word about the plight of six million refugees from the Middle East?.....

Father Pribonic

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Rose Marie Bottles, Dale Kragnes, Jay Briggs, Thom Mills, Gerry Evans, Karen Recrosio, William Reddy, Chuck Stanford, Emerson Cotter, Dorothy Kudla, Michael Weston, Rod Shipe, Father Joseph Grosko, John Oakes, Julie Schmaltz, Marcy Smith, Eleanor Young, Meredith Bisette, Dom Salvucci, Albert Lexie, Joan Charnesky, Jenny Fraas, Sue Wimer, Marlys Schoedel, Ryan Doughty, Brenda Dunois, Donald Melinchak, Cheryl Hackett, Madeline Moze, Michael Sexton, Richard Humenansky, Joan Roberts, John Smida, Bernie Allen, Sr., Tim O'Brien, William Vetter, Father Michael Maranowski, Mary Lou Quinn, Ryan Doughty, Jonathan Piccoli, and Audrey Jones. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace.

Second Collection Today is for Repairs & Replacements.

Second Collection July 30 is for Saint Vincent de Paul.

Anyone interested in becoming a Lector please contact Mike Palus at 92kids@comcast.net or notify the Parish office.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for the Blessed Mother is for Special Intensions.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for John the Baptist in memory of Mary Rachuba, requested by Frank & Helen Kern..

Altar Server Schedule

July 22

5:30 Tommy Muha, Joshua Kosmach

July 23

7:30 Ty, Clare & Cole Brdar

9:00 Cameron Carroll, Marissa Wycinsky

11:00 Jason, Abby Gigliotti

Financial Statement

Regular Offertory..... \$7,814.00

Mission Co-Op.....\$ 2,513.00

THANK YOU For Your Generosity.

Scripture Reflection

"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." In the parable of the sower that Jesus tells in today's Gospel, the ideal is to be "the seed sown on rich soil" that yields an abundant harvest. As Jesus explains, this means we should strive to be "the one who hears the word and understands it."

So how do we place ourselves in this category? How do we assure that we will hear God's voice (i.e., the word) and actually understand what he's saying to us? The answer comes in the parable itself. Jesus explains what we need to avoid in order to make sure our seed bears fruit. First, we must beware of "the evil one" who comes and steals away the seed of God's word. Faithfully praying the Lord's Prayer, with its request to "deliver us from evil," is a good starting point here. Placing ourselves under God's protection every day is like taking up a shield against the forces that would seek to derail us.

Secondly, we must be committed enough to God's word that "tribulation or persecution" do not uproot us or make our faith wither and die. Here, too, sincerely praying the petition in the Lord's Prayer--"Thy will be done"--can prepare us to accept whatever comes our way without waffling or wavering.

Finally, we must be careful that "worldly anxiety and the lure of riches" do not "choke" us. Again, we turn to the Lord's Prayer and find an antidote built in: "Give us this day our daily bread." We pray not for a new car or a winning lottery ticket, but for our basic needs.

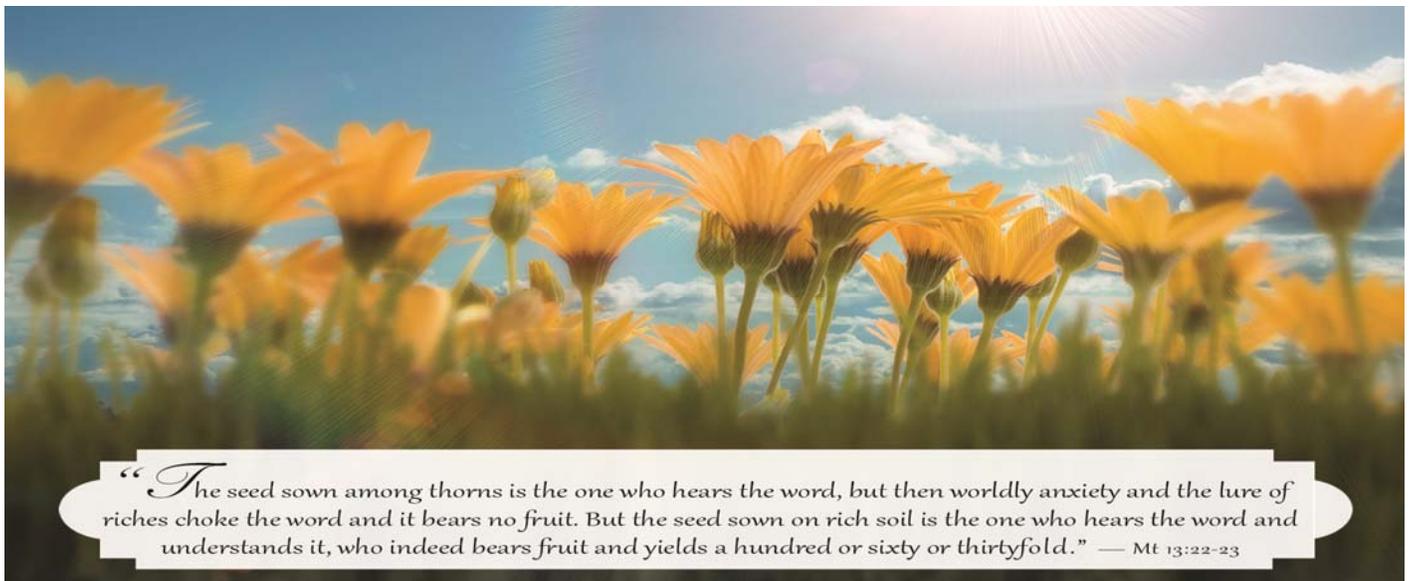
So let us embrace the prayer Jesus gave us, indeed the words he himself gave us to say, as we seek to truly hear and understand God's word.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:

We are reminded today that the seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. What kind of soil do we have? God's word needs to take root in our lives so that we can remain faithful not only when life is easy but when it gets challenging and difficult. Anxiety, worldly cares and concerns, personal challenges, experiences of loss and death, and even fear and disappointment can prevent us from trusting God's promise. We can even find ourselves doubting God's fidelity and lose touch with his presence. Our soil can easily become rocky, hard, and unyielding. Open your eyes and ears today and let all that is around you lead you to God's presence. Then, do all in your power to cultivate and nurture a life that is eager to receive him and fertile for growing the seeds of God's kingdom.

BISHOP ZUBIK'S STATEMENT ON SENATE HEALTH CARE PLAN.....from the Pittsburgh Catholic July 7 2017 page one

The current health care bill in the Senate will severely limit health care access to those most in need. Access to health care is a basic human need. This bill greatly reduces Medicaid coverage making comprehensive quality care inaccessible to millions who cannot afford to purchase coverage. In our state 2.6 million residents will be placed at risk, including children, disabled, and veterans, and many in nursing homes. Please note that one-third of all births in our state are covered by Medicaid. Our public servants have a moral responsibility to protect the fundamental right to quality healthcare for everyone in our nation. It is a challenging duty. Please hold them in your prayers.



"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." — Mt 13:22-23

Saint Joan of Arc's Prayer Shawl has served our Parish for several years, bringing joy and comfort to the ill and suffering. The Prayer Shawl Ministry has given out over 4,000 shawls and blankets. Their donations have dropped over the years and are in need of donations to ensure that the ministry can continue. If you can donate please drop an envelope off in the collection basket marked Prayer Shawl, or drop off the envelope in the Parish office during business hours. Please do not buy yarn (There is a specific type used to ensure all blankets are comfortable), a gift card to Joanne Fabric is also accepted. The Ministry thanks you in advance for your continued support.

Clothing Sale at St. Alphonsus in Wexford -- Need clothes but don't want to pay high prices? St. Alphonsus Parish in Wexford is selling gently used clothing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 6, in the gymnasium beneath the church at 201 Church Road, Wexford (Pine Twp.). Proceeds benefit the parish's annual Passion Play. Music Director Mary Heagy, who is organizing the sale, says some of the donated clothes from previous years' sales were so new they still had price tags on them as well as designer tags. All types of items will be featured -- belts, jewelry, purses, ties, socks, hats, gloves, scarves and more for adults, teens and children. For information, please contact Mary Heagy at musicdirector@saintalphonsuswexford.org.

St Joseph Parish Festival Rummage Sale -- July 13th-15th 5:00 PM-10:00PM, St. Joseph Cafeteria, 1304 4th Ave, Coraopolis, Pa 15108. PRE-SALE Admissions \$5.00, Sunday, July 9th 9:00 AM-1:30 PM

St. Nicholas Church Flea Market, located 24 Maryland Avenue, Millvale, Pa., 15209 Friday July 21, 2017, 5pm to 8:30pm. Two floors to shop for clothing, colorful outdoor table and chairs, kitchen items, mixers, jewelry, collectible china, dolls, toys etc. Food and homemade Ethnic baked goods available for sale. Shop after work and enjoy the evening with us. Questions/directions 412 821 1893

Dear Joan,



Here is a lovely article written by one of our Parishioners at Saint Joan of Arc. This article was in the Post Gazette, dated July 6, 2017 under the Random acts of kindness section.

Five years ago, my wife received a death sentence with the prognosis of a disease we had never heard of, Pulmonary fibrosis. She spent those 5 years on oxygen, doing everything she could, even line dancing with an oxygen tank on her back. She never felt sorry for herself and decided to help encourage other people with illness by starting her own little ministry.

Over that period of time she gave encouragement by presenting people she met with a guardian angel stone to carry with them and watch over them. I bought at least 100 stones over five years while her breath was slowly being taken away from her by this horrible disease. She would see perfect strangers struggling to walk, breathe, see, whatever, and she would say, "Dan, give me your guardian angel stone," and give that person the stone.

She never flinched or felt sorry for herself. Sometimes someone would come up to her and say "Honey, what is your name so I can pray for a miracle for you." Her response would be, "But you are my miracle." She passed away September 6, 2016, and I continue buying guardian angel stones and giving them to people in need in her honor.

Dan Koontz