



# Saint Joan of Arc Church

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 8, 2017

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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.**

## **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*

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

From the Pastor's Desk

**Saturday, October 7– Our Lady of the Rosary**

5:00 P.M. - Temporal & Spiritual Welfare of Pat & Tom Cummings (Kris & Dan)

**Sunday, - October 8– Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 A.M. - Georgia Hackett (Cheryl & Jim)  
9:00 A.M. - Mary Pieczynski (Family)  
11:00 A.M. - Ed & Flo Doyle (Elisa Doyle)

**Monday, October 9– Saint Denis & Saint John Leonardi**

8:00 A.M. - Rose Mayer  
(Marge & Anthony Joseph & Family  
- Betty O'Neill (Larry & Kathie Gasior)

**Tuesday, October 10– Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Anna Marie Ragano (Lorraine Modrak)

**Wednesday, October 11– Saint John XXIII**

8:00 A.M. - Frank LaValle (Guy Mattola)

**Thursday, October 12– Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Kata Silovic (Mike Krizner)  
- Virginia Kotow (John & Nick Kotow)

**Friday, October 13– Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

**Saturday, October 14– Saint Callistus I**

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

**Sunday, - October 15– Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 A.M. - Tom Grogan (Dick & Pat Grogan)  
9:00 A.M. - Mark Cummings (Guy Mattola)  
11:00 A.M. - Linda Mattola (M/M Fred Zigler)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Rose Marie Bottles, Dale Kragnes, Jay Briggs, Thom Mills, Gerry Evans, 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 Bissette, 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, Fran Drummond, Virginia Silinskas, John Roberts, Mark Dubich, Tim O'Brien, William Vetter, Ryan Doughty, Father Michael Maranowski, Arthur Iocozzia, Mary Lou Quinn, Jonathan Piccoli, Margaret Pietrzyk Mark Blice and Audrey Jones. Help, save, pity and defend your servants.

Wedding Banns– Robert Maleski to Colleen Wockley

**Financial Statement**  
**Regular Offertory.....\$ 9,604.00**  
**Hurricane Irma Collection.... \$3639.00**  
**THANK YOU For Your Generosity.**

We renew our dedication to Respect for Life at all of its stages, given this past week's tragedy in Las Vegas, we can only shake our bewildered heads, pray for the victims, and re-dedicate ourselves to be part of a "peaceful" society wherever we might be, and with whomever we might be.....all life is precious and we have to keep that faith alive.....please note Bishop Zubik's statement in the bulletin as well as the statement from the Bishops' Conference on Respect for Life....we are offering a number of Bible studies both here and at St. Louise Parish during the next few weeks, please consider attending one of them...to quote St Jerome: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ", in one way or another we should do all we can to gain some insights into God's revelation as it comes to us in Sacred Scripture.....this grounds our Christian life.....

Father Pribonic

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Second Collection Today is for Repairs and Replacements .

ANOINTING OF THE SICK; MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT THE 8:00 am MASS

Bishop Zubik Statement : My heart and my prayers go out to the victims of the Las Vegas massacre and their loved ones. We should all be grateful for the courageous actions of the Las Vegas police. But we must also look beyond this tragedy to broader patterns that allowed it to happen. While little is yet known about motive, this shows that gun control is a pro-life issue. As I stated in June 2016, following shootings in Orlando, South Carolina and Wilkinsburg: Jesus is weeping with us and for us. It is time for us as a nation to require at least as much from those purchasing guns as we expect from those making application for a driver's license. Public safety must always come first. I urge our legislators to make it far more difficult for those with dangerously impaired moral reasoning, criminals and terrorists to make their point with a gun. It is important that our government require background checks for all gun purchases, limit civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines, make gun trafficking a federal crime, and ensure that those on "no-fly" lists cannot buy guns. I also urge our legislators to improve access to mental health care for those who may be prone to violence. No law has ever eliminated the crime it addresses. But laws limit damage, enable the prosecution of perpetrators and make a statement about the values of our society. Please join with me in prayer that we as a nation will seek to build a society in which the right to life is the standard against which all other rights are measured.

## Scripture Reflection

### Fruitfulness

Both the First Reading and the Gospel tell a story about a vineyard. In each story, the Lord of the vineyard gives good soil, choice vines, and ample protection for the vineyard. But then he does not receive the good fruit that the vineyard should have given him, either because the vineyard doesn't produce good fruit or because the tenants won't give the good fruit to him.

There are penalties for this failure to give fruit to the Lord. The unfruitful vineyard is left to go to ruin. The tenants who won't give the fruit to the Lord lose their lives and their vineyard, which is given to others.

These fearful penalties are not so hard to understand. Failure to be fruitful is punished by the loss of the gifts that might have yielded fruit and by the death of the unfruitful recipients of those gifts.

But what is the fruitfulness which it is so fearful not to have? Do we have to do the most possible good for the poor? Do we have to be highly effective at ministry? Are we supposed to work around the clock, so that we can use our gifts to the fullest? What about our jobs? Are we unfruitful if we are unemployed? How hard do we have to work in order not to count as unfruitful? How successful do we have to be at that work?

The thing to notice here is that all these questions rest on a false presupposition. The fruitfulness at issue doesn't come from our work. In both the stories, the owner of the vineyard, who is God, plants the vines, spades the soil, removes the stones, and protects the vineyard. If the vines bear fruit, it is because it is God who worked so hard at the vineyard. So also our fruitfulness comes not from our own work, but from the work of God's Spirit in us. We cannot work our way into heaven!

And what about the fruit God is looking for in us? This fruit is not our awards and achievements. It is the fruit that God's Spirit works in us. And the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering.

God has planted himself deep within us in the indwelling Holy Spirit. No lack of success in work, no lack of work itself, can keep us from responding to him with love and joy and the rest. And these are what make us fruitful for the Lord.

Eleonore Stump

[http://liturgy.slu.edu/27OrdA100817/reflections\\_stump.html](http://liturgy.slu.edu/27OrdA100817/reflections_stump.html)

### Altar Server Schedule

#### October 14

5:00 Alaina, Joseph and Julia Nypaver

#### October 15

7:30 Matt Pensenstadler

9:00 Joshua, Isaac Kosmach, Marissa Wycinsky

11:00 Cameron Carroll

## Human Life and Dignity

For the Church, there is no distinction between defending human life and promoting the dignity of the human person.

Pope Benedict XVI writes in [Caritas in Veritate](#). . . that "The Church forcefully maintains this link between life ethics and social ethics, fully aware that 'a society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized.'" (no. 15).

As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life and greater commitment to justice and peace.

The bishops pledged to affirm the intrinsic value of human life and the dignity of every human being in a way that transforms the culture by implementing ["The Life and Dignity of the Human Person" priority plan for 2010-2012](#).

To achieve this goal, the priority plan includes ongoing education, prayer, policy, and advocacy efforts to mobilize the Catholic community on issues of life, justice, and peace. In this way, the Catholic community celebrates the gift of human life and witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/index.cfm>

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[Are you looking to further develop your faith](#) and connect with other women? The Women's Emmaus Retreat, led by women from local parishes, is a great way to ignite your faith journey. The Emmaus Retreat is designed to be low key, laid back, and not "preachy". You will listen to other women like yourself talk about their journey to know more about God. It is not required for you to be Catholic, Christian, or a member of any Parish. You will have your own room at St. Paul's Retreat Center in Pittsburgh - the food is excellent, the retreat center and grounds are calm and peaceful, and it will be a weekend that you will never forget. **The cost of the weekend is \$175 and retreat is October 13-15th.** Please include a \$50 deposit with your application, so a spot can be reserved for you, as space is limited. Applications can be found on the St. Thomas More Parish website - just search "Women's Emmaus". If you have any questions, or need an application, please contact: Lori Keener 814-392-4850

**Friends of Family Hospice & Palliative Care** will hold the fourth annual Family Treasures Sale on Saturday, October 14 from 8AM-1PM and Sunday, October 15 from 10AM-1PM at Family Hospices, 50 Moffett Street, Mt Lebanon. The sale of high-quality, gently-used items. All proceeds benefit hospice patients and families. Info @ 412-572-8812.

**Saint Anne in Castle Shannon** will welcome Brad Mattes, MBS., president and CEO of Life Issues Institute and president of International Right to Life on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:30pm in the church. Please join us as we hear and learn from his presentation: "Until Natural Death: The Case Against Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia." Q and A session to follow. Brad Mattes is an international speaker and educator about all life issues. This program is provided free of charge and donations are welcome. Please contact Kathy Raimondi for more information at 412-344-9690.

**Diocesan Consecration and Centennial Celebration of Fatima** --In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, Bishop Zubik will consecrate the Diocese of Pittsburgh to the Mother of God on Friday, October 13, 2017, at St. Paul's Seminary. The evening begins with a picnic-style dinner at 5:00 PM (online ticket purchase only at <https://tinyurl.com/fatimaphgh100>) and concludes with a candlelight Eucharistic procession (weather permitting) and consecration ceremony beginning at 7:00 PM. No registration is required to attend the procession and consecration. Cost of dinner is \$10/adult, \$5 for children age 6-12 and FREE for children under five.

**The SJA Parish Nurse Ministry** will be offering free Blood Pressure Screening after all masses on **October 29** in the Gathering Place. Light refreshments will be offered.

**The Youth Group** will be selling breads this month to help raise more funds needed to pay for the Rise Against Hunger food. They will be \$6.50 and \$7.00. We will have Banana, Strawberry, Pumpkin and Cranberry Almond. You have your choice with or without chocolate chips. Order forms will be in next weeks Bulletin and due back October 22nd..  
Audrey Wurst 412-833-2400 x34  
Youth Group Leader, St. Joan of Arc Church

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**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn one week for the Blessed Mother for Special Intentions .

**Altar Bread & Wine** for one week in memory of C.R. Markham, requested by Wife, Myrna.

### **Life Enrichment Club**

Love a good mystery? Then join us for our next Life Enrichment Club luncheon on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reporter, Paula Reed Ward will be here to talk about her book, "Death by Cyanide: The Murder of Autumn Klein". UPMC neurologist, Autumn Klein died suddenly and mysteriously in April 2013. The circumstances of her death took an unlikely twist when her husband, Dr. Robert Ferrante was accused of poisoning his wife. Ward's book describes the murder investigation and trial of this sensational Pittsburgh true-crime case. 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](http://www.mystjoan.org).

**St. Elizabeth Elementary School** will hold a Preschool story hour open to the public on Thurs., Oct. 12 from 1-2 Pm. Any child that is 3-years old and older (and potty trained) is welcome to attend. We will have a story, followed by some activities with some of our Middle School students. We hope that you are able to join us. Children can be dropped off after signing in with one of the Preschool teachers or Middle school students. Parents can stay, but it's not necessary. It is a fun time that your Preschooler won't want to miss! We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, feel free to email me: [slydon@st-elizabeth.org](mailto:slydon@st-elizabeth.org)

**Next Sunday, October 15th,** the Youth Group will have a Breakfast Buffet from 8:30 am-11:00 am. They will also be selling their delicious Italian and Turkey hoagies after all Masses.

**THANK YOU!** We wish to thank everyone who came on Sunday, September 24th and made meals for Rise Against Hunger. We were accompanied by teens and parishioners from St. Sylvester, St. Gabe's, and St. Louise. Hard to believe we made 10,000 meals so fast, but when we are joined together in His name, great things can happen! Also, by your presence, you showed our teens you support them, and for that, I could never thank you enough. I was told our meals will possibly be headed to Nicaragua. They will send us pictures and I will share them with you in a future bulletin. Thank you again and God bless each and everyone of you for your help. Audrey Wurst

**Attention All Gardeners & Spouses:  
Appreciation Dinner; October 24  
at 6:00 P.M. in the Gathering Place.**   
**Please bring either a salad or an appetizer to share at the dinner.**  
**RSVP: to RON BORON by October 10!!!!**  
**[ronaldboron@verizon.net](mailto:ronaldboron@verizon.net)**