



AUGUST 20, 2017

20th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." - Mt 15:24-25

Saint Joan of Arc Church

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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– Wednesday: 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*
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Audrey Wurst, *Youth Group Coordinator*
Sharon Gomber, *Office Coordinator & Safe Environment Administrator*
Nancy Matter, *Secretary*
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Karen Urbanowicz, *Prayer Shawl Ministry*
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Chris Lauterbach: *Life Enrichment*
Mike Pensenstadler : *RCIA*

Mass Intentions

From the Pastor's Desk

Saturday, August 19– Saint John Eudes

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

Sunday, - August 20- Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M. - Jim Ennis (Lois)

9:00 A.M. - Kay Reddy (Virginia Ihnat)

11:00 A.M. - Eugene Settembrino
(Gay & Bob Masztak)

Monday, August 21– Saint Pius X

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

Tuesday, August 22– The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 A.M. - Terry Lavey
(Russell & Mary Jane Leach)

Wednesday, August 23– Saint Rose of Lima

8:00 A.M. - Terry Lavey (Mike Donahue)

Thursday, August 24– Saint Bartholomew

8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

Friday, August 25– Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz

8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

Saturday, August 26– Weekday

5:00 P.M. - Robbie Harris
(Your Friends from the Garden)

Sunday, - August 27– Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 A.M. - Rosemarie Los
(Terry & Donna Tressler)

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 Bissette, Dom Salvucci, Albert Lexie, Joan Charnesky, Jenny Fraas, Sue Wimer, Brenda Dunois, Paul Kubis, Donald Melinchak, Cheryl Hackett, Madeline Moze, Michael Sexton, Richard Humenansky, Josefina Trinidad Virginia Silinskas, John Roberts, John Smida, Maggie Nordstrom, Tim O'Brien, William Vetter, Ryan Doughty, Father Michael Maranowski, Mary Lou Quinn, Jonathan Piccoli, Maggie Nordstrom, Margaret Pietrzyk and Audrey Jones. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace.

A wonder of nature this Monday, an eclipse of the sun, can make us think how awesome this is, only to be reminded that we are only a very tiny speck in the midst of billions and billions of galaxies, all praise, honor, and glory to God is the only fitting response.....as we try each day to live in God's presence.....please note that the Diocese will be conducting a public meeting for "On Mission" on Monday, August 28 at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas More Church in Bethel Park in order to update people on the current status of "grouping" parishes next year.....so if interested, anyone may attend.....we continue to pray for world peace in this dangerous world, as well as for all those in government who make decisions affecting us, as well as for the millions who are displaced and have nowhere to lay their heads.....

Father Pribonic

Congratulations to Jim & Cheryl Hackett on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

CCD NEWS: *Classes are held Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 for seventh and eighth grades. Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 7:00 for kindergarten through third grades, and Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 for fourth through sixth grades* Registration for religion classes has begun. **This registration is for any student who will be in Kindergarten through the eighth grade next year. Registration can be completed by completely filling in the registration form and returning it with a check.** (These forms may be dropped into the collection basket in an envelope marked CCD) (Forms are also available at www.mystjoan.org) **If you are an active member of St. Joan of Arc parish, the materials fee is \$45.00 for the one child or \$75.00 for two or more children. If you are an in-active member or outside the parish, the fee is \$60.00 for one child, or \$90.00 for two or more children.** (You are considered an active member if you come to Mass regularly and contribute to the church via the envelope system.) **Register your child NOW for CCD, late fees will be added September 1st. Kindergarten is optional.** Class size is limited, so sign up early...first come first served. If you have any questions, call the Religious Education Office, 412-835-3724

Rest in Peace: Michael Swindell father of Shannon Swindell.

Financial Statement	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 8,194.00
Repairs & Replacement.....	\$ 1,528.00
THANK YOU For Your Generosity.	

Scripture Reflection

Son of David?

By: Father John Foley, SJ / St. Louis University

Sunday's Gospel can give a headache to preachers and to regular Catholics both. Jesus refuses to heal a woman because she is, in his metaphor, one of the "dogs." What? You know the story. The woman cries out for help, and Jesus will not even talk to her. The disciples demand that he tell her to go away because she is a trouble-maker. And he seems to agree with them. "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," he says. She is from Canaan, not from Israel. Finally the poor woman walks right up, does "homage" to Jesus and says, "Lord, help me!" Jesus would never ignore such words, at least so we Christians and Catholics believe. Nor should we ever be deaf to words like this in our own daily lives. But no. He says, "It is not right to take the food of the children [Israel] and throw it to the dogs [Canaan]." Ouch. This is the line that is so hard for us to understand. So un-Jesus-like. There are clues. She called out to him first with the words "Son of David," a term hallowed by use in the ancient Hebrew scriptures, always referring to the Messiah. She is a Canaanite, who did not believe in any Messiah-to-come, especially not one that would descend from David. Yet, against her whole background, this woman seems to have belief in Jesus as Messiah. She calls him "Lord." In Matthew's Gospel this is an explicit admission that Jesus and God are one. Going just on her language, we have a definite indication that she believed in him as the Savior. Surely he sensed this. But Israel and the Canaanites had long been in strife. Israelites would think, how could "they" with their strange gods produce a woman who believes in the one God and in Jesus as the Christ? They couldn't. But maybe Jesus was drawing her out, teasing her, in order to strengthen her belief. Perhaps he was quoting the word "dogs" as a reference to names the two peoples actually called each other. Something like this: "My people of Israel believe in the one God and your people do not. How can I give their food to you 'dogs,' as we call you?" The woman's quick wit provides a wonderful, humble, bantering response, that wins the day. "Even dogs eat scraps that fall from their master's table." It is a riposte, a parry, a counter-thrust, and Jesus loves it. She is saying, "It does not matter what a person's status is as long as they believe. And I do believe." I'll bet Jesus smiled a great smile as he told her how great her faith was. Maybe he laughed at her fast repartee. And of course he gladly gave her what she asked; he cured her daughter. Doesn't Christ's Holy Spirit smile within you when you ask for what you need? When you let nothing stand in the way, like your own origins, your status in life, your sins, and maybe even your rejection (or acceptance) by others? At Communion time, let us hold out our hands and say inwardly, "Son of David, have pity on me." This is a paraphrase of the Canaanite woman. Out loud, our response is "Amen," which means "I do believe." Let us mean it this Sunday.

The Lord Is With Us – The winds were blowing, the waves were crashing, the boat was being tossed about and the disciples were afraid. In today's Gospel Jesus comes to the aid of his followers and tells them not to be afraid. Even more, he reminds them that if they trust in him they cannot fail. Are you nervous or afraid about the big changes that will soon take place in the Diocese of Pittsburgh? **Join Bishop David Zubik** in prayer and worship at one of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* Summer Sessions and continue to prepare your heart and grow in trust that God is with us and will not let us fail. The changes may challenge us, but we trust in the work of the Holy Spirit to provide the gifts and resources for the Church to grow and thrive. The Summer Sessions will be held from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on the following days: Thursday, August 24 at Saint Mary of the Assumption, Glenshaw; Monday, August 28 at Saint Thomas More, Bethel Park; Tuesday, August 29 at Saint Margaret Mary, Moon Township; Wednesday, August 30 at Saint Kilian, Adams/Cranberry Townships. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more it and to stay informed.

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

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for John the Baptist in memory of John Marusich, requested by His Wife & Family.

Thank You! Two very small words with **HUGE** meaning behind them – the very generous donations of money and gift cards is so much appreciated – you are truly God's Angels on earth – Thanks for the busy members who have been making the blankets and shawls and dropping them off to the office – they are truly beautiful – To all the prayers that continue for all those names in our books and in our hearts. Bless you all –

Karen Urbanowicz

Altar Server Schedule

August 26

5:00 Joseph & Julia Nypaver

August 27

7:30 Matt Pensenstadler, Cole Brdar

9:00 Sam Jess, Marissa Wycinsky, Kimberlin Ernst

11:00 Abby & Jason Gigliotti, Sophia Hale

[The Diocese of Pittsburgh](#) is once again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2017. This year's event will begin with Mass at St. Paul Cathedral on Sunday, October 22nd, at 2:30 p.m. Bishop Zubik will be the main celebrant and a light reception will follow in the Cathedral hall. If you are a couple celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary any time this year and would like to receive an invitation to this event, please call the rectory or drop a note in the collection basket [no later than Monday, August 21.](#)

[Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show](#) with Father Scott Seethaler to benefit the Anna Seethaler Hospital on Sunday, September 24 at the South Hills Country Club, Rt 51 & Brownsville Road. Doors open at 11AM lunch at 1PM. Tickets 35.00 per person. Make checks payable to T.A.S.H. and send to Cheryl Graziano, 4844 Old Boston Road, Pittsburgh, Pa 15227 questions call Cheryl at 412-885-6353

[Dear Parishioners.](#)
The Youth Group is hosting an event with Rise Against Hunger, an International Hunger Relief Organization. Nearly 800 million people worldwide face hunger and acute malnutrition as a daily reality. Tragically, over 21,000 of these people perish from malnutrition, including over 15,000 children. Since 2005, Rise Against Hunger has worked with over 1 million volunteers across the United States and across the world, packaging 335 MILLION meals...nearly 200 million in the last 3 years alone. Rise Against Hunger knows that they could never end hunger by simply handing out meals. Instead, they aim to break the cycle of poverty in some of the poorest communities in the world by supporting school feeding, vocational training and early childhood development programs, as well as orphanages and medical clinics. These meals are best described as a tool that assist their incredible partner organizations that have boots on the ground in 74 different countries worldwide, and they distribute them in ways that will have the greatest impact in the communities that they know intimately. These meals will provide hope, opportunity and sustainable community transformation wherever they go. On Sunday, September 24th starting at 9:00 am, our Youth Group will be packaging 10,000 of these meals in the school cafeteria. The meals are dehydrated, high in protein and highly nutritious. They contain 4 ingredients, long grain rice, texturized soy protein, a dehydrated vegetable blend and a sachet of vitamin powder. The meals are boiled in water to be eaten. The cost to make and ship these meals is \$3,000. We are using the profits from our September hoagie sale and also other means to help cover this cost. We are reaching out to ask for your help to meet our goal. ANY amount is very much appreciated. You can make your check payable to St. Joan of Arc and drop it in the collection basket. Also, we welcome anyone who would like to be there and help us package these meals. If you are interested, please call Audrey Wurst @412-833-2400 x34. To watch a meal packing event, go to www.youtube.com and type in Rise against Hunger. Pope Francis urges us that, "Those who are nourished by the Bread of Christ cannot remain indifferent to those who do not have their daily bread."

FISH FRY, FRIDAY, September 1

"The FISH FRY is back!!!!!"

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 please wear your
your NEW Black Shirt***



[The "Fraternity of Priests"](#) will be celebrating a Mass for healing on Wednesday, August 23rd at 7:00 PM at Holy Apostle Church - St Wendelin Church, Carrick. You are invited to come and celebrate the Eucharist expecting the healing presence of the Lord Jesus, as at every, as at every Mass, to touch you in all your needs. For more information about this Mass, Father or if you are interested in learning more about the "Fraternity of Priests" we are a group of Greensburg and Pittsburgh Parish priests who meet every Wednesday at the Ark and the Dove Retreat Center (formerly Providence Villa) in North Park for prayer and support in our lives as Parish Priests. Please give me a call at 412-486-2606 ext 404. You are most welcome to join us for this coming Mass, and for dinner- just give Fr. Levi Hartle a call at 724-884-7744.

[The Vocations Office](#) is hosting a Come and See day for high school men on Saturday, September 16 from 9 am - 9 pm at the Seminary. It will be a great opportunity for the guys to encounter the Lord through a day of prayer, fun, and brotherhood. The day will include Mass, adoration, laser tag, games, dynamic talks, and witnesses by seminarians. No cost for the event. We would love to have high school guys from your parish come. Please encourage any guys you know to register by September 8 by emailing my assistant Theresa at tsullivan@diopitt.org <<mailto:tsullivan@diopitt.org>>.

[SAVE THE DATE: Life Enrichment](#) starts September 13 from 11:00AM to 1:30PM in the Gathering Place. The entertainment will be Cindy Speck- A Ventriloquist

[The Women of St. Benedict the Abbot Church,](#) McMurray PA will be sponsoring their annual garage sale in August. Dates are August 24 & 25: 9am to 6pm and August 26: 9 till noon. Any questions please contact Rita Milavec at 724-941-9406.