

Saint Joan of Arc Church

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South Park, Pa 15129
412-833-2400
Father Phillip Pribonic

July 23, 2017

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.

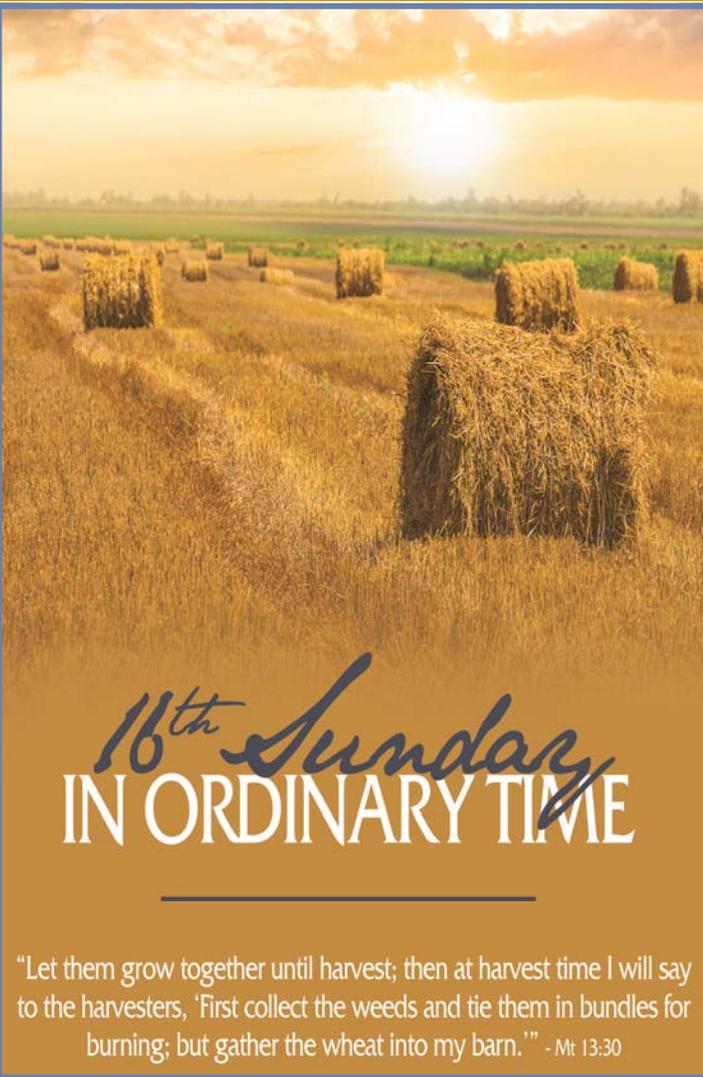
Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Phones:

Fax: 412-835-1764
CCD: 412-835-3724
Domremy Pavilion: 412-854-3173
Diocese Victim Hotline: 1-888-808-1235

Website: mystjoan.org



16th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’” - Mt 13:30

Directory

Most Reverend David A. Zubik, *Bishop*
Reverend Phillip Paul Pribonic, *Pastor*
Patty 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 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

- 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)
- Monday, July 24– Saint Sharbel MakhluF**
8:00 A.M. - Barbara Singelton
(M/M George Kircher)
- Tuesday, July 25– Saint James**
8:00 A.M. - Emma Scotland
(Terry & Donna Tressler)
- Wednesday, July 26– Saints Joachim & Anne**
8:00 A.M. - Michael Morris (Wife & Children)
- Thursday, July 27– Weekday**
8:00 A.M. - NO MASS
- Friday, July 28– Weekday**
8:00 A.M. - NO MASS
- Saturday, July 29– Saint Martha**
5:00 P.M. - Linda Mattola (Betty Mahr & Family)
- Sunday, - July 30– Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 A.M. - Mary Rachuba (Sherrae Engleka)
9:00 A.M. - Jerry Howard (Malits Family)
11:00 A.M. - Kenneth Barner (Family)

From the Pastor’s Desk

Summer is going very fast, our people are working very hard in the Garden, the Pittsburgh Catholic was out for an interview, so look soon for a story about our wonderful garden.....if anyone is interested in becoming a Catholic, or needs to be confirmed as an adult, please know that the RCIA program will get underway in September, please call the parish office to register.....Father Jon Brzek will be at the parish in August for a trial run, so be on the look-out.....thanks to all parishioners who are maintaining their offertory and Parish Share pledges.....many people responded to the sermon note of last week regarding our feelings toward people who have Oded, whether or not we should revive them (some people urging no)---please remember that for us Christians, we can’t base everything on our “feelings”.....the main reason being they come from a multitude of sources (not necessarily from God’s feelings (!) and so our feelings must be examined, criticized, judged and decided upon according to what we know about God’s will for us.....just think for a while about what we would do if it all depended on our “feelings”.....too many people act on their “feelings” and we see the result day in and day out, and Christians are called to judge and act based on the word of God as it comes to us through the Church.....

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 Bissette,
Dom Salvucci, Albert Lexie, Joan Charnesky,
Jenny Fraas, Sue Wimer, Brenda Dunois,
Donald Melinchak, Cheryl Hackett, Madeline Moze,
Michael Sexton, Richard Humenansky,
John Roberts, John Smida, Tim O’Brien,
William Vetter, Ryan Dougherty,
Father Michael Maranowski, Mary Lou Quinn,
Jonathan Piccoli, and Audrey Jones. Help, save, pity
and defend your servants O God by your grace.

Second Collection July 30 is for Saint Vincent de Paul.

Rest In Peace: Maryls Schoedel wife of Regis.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for the Blessed Mother in memory of Aldo Furno, requested by Family.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for John the Baptist in memory of Virginia Kotow, requested by John & Nick Kotow .

Altar Bread & Wine for one week in memory of Herman & Edith Brandl, requested by family.

Dear friends,

It has been a privilege for me to be your music minister these last few weeks and experience worship with your kind, welcoming, SINGING congregation! I have met a few of the adult choir members, and look forward to meeting and getting to know more of you.

I wish to also invite instrumentalists to participate in the mass celebration. Please don't be shy and don't hesitate to introduce yourselves to me after mass some time soon!

Patti Reavel

Wedding Banns: Brian R zodkiewicz to Amy Rendulic

Financial Statement	
Regular Offertory.....	\$7,743.00
Repairs & Replacements....	\$ 992.00
THANK YOU For Your Generosity.	

Scripture Reflection

WEEDING

In this week's Gospel story, the servants ask whether they should pull out weeds that have been woven in with the wheat. "No," the Master says. "If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest". This parable says a lot. God steadily forgives our weeds and lets us grow without uprooting us. It is not that he wants to encourage wildflowers, and it would be better if they were not there, but he loves everything about us and wants us preserved even in the midst of weeds. This is a radical idea. You and I think we have to be sinless in order to be loved. If not we will be punished instead of forgiven. Entire ancient cultures based themselves on this principle of non-love and non-forgiveness for those who sin. If someone harms me or my family, then I have the right and duty to annihilate them since they are bad persons, no good, and punishment is never too severe. The same goes for the heroes in adventure movies. They fight, he-man to he-man, somersaulting across skyscraper tops, delivering bare-knuckle blows to the face, spinning out kicks to the head, wielding secret weapons and tricks. Finally the bad guy plummets over an awful edge of the building, and entertains us with magnificent slow-motion shots of his terror as he heads for the inevitable splotch. Everyone is relieved and happy.

Mixed with all the crab grass, there is the handsome green that God loves so much.

Except, of course, the bad guy. And maybe the good guy too, since there remains a thing called conscience, and brutality of such scope well might interrupt his sleep that night. Just for an exercise, pretend that you are the villain in such a scene. Is there a reason you are committing crimes that merit such punishment? Is it possible that one part of you is going haywire but that there is also much good in you, much that could be brought back to life? Maybe deep down you have a voice whispering, "I wish I could stop this ugliness and be a good person"? If this is so, then you have stumbled upon the point of Sunday's Gospel. The crimes you commit don't really agree with your real, God-given self. They are bad things, just like the weeds growing up in the garden. But they are only a portion of who you are. Your urge to impress others falsely, to get what you want no matter what, to be lazy, petulant, even to steal, or ... (please fill in your kind of sin), these are never the full description of who you are. God does not rip out the weeds in other people or in ourselves. Mixed with all the crab grass, there is the handsome green that God loves so much. How about showing kindness to the mean voices within you that urge you to do wrong? They are misguided, for sure, but maybe they will settle down if you just love them as you would a naughty child. Love them into goodness. Can you imagine Jesus saying from the cross, "Father, damn them to Hell forever because of what they are doing to me"? That would be a major case of tearing out the wheat as well as the weeds. He leaves the latter and says, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

Forgive the weeds.

Courtesy of Father John Foley, S.J.
(http://liturgy.slu.edu/16OrdA072317/reflections_foley.html)

POEM: CORE SAMPLINGS

If you reverence and respect all life, if you can forgive and forget, if you wish peace to all—and to none harm, if you do not judge criticize or condemn you have God's heart beating in your body.

(http://liturgy.slu.edu/16OrdA072317/reflections_janda.html)

The Diocese has scheduled the following live MRT classes... anyone who is required to complete this training, know that they will be able to sign up through Signup Genius and that each session is limited to 50 participants. The dates/times/places are:

Date	Time	Location
8/1	6PM-9PM	Holy Rosary Parish, 246 Muse Bishop Road, Muse, PA
9/7/17	6PM-9PM	St. Louise de Marillac Parish, 320 McMurray Road, Pittsburgh, PA
9/14/17	6PM-9PM	St. Louise de Marillac Parish, 320 McMurray Road, Pittsburgh, PA

The link to Signup Genius is <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549a9ac2ca6f49-mandated>. Sign up is on a first come, first served basis and there are only 50 spaces in each session. When it closes, there can be no others admitted. If you have any questions about signing up, please call or email Colleen (cmurin@diopitt.org / 412-456-5633) and she will be happy to help you.

A special thank you to the special ladies in our Prayer Shawl Ministry. The Appalachia Work Camp and Youth Group thank you for the lovely afghans and baby blankets that were given to us for the people of Kentucky. When you gather again in September, I will share pictures with you as we have done in the past. How wonderful to have 3 ministries come together for God's people.

Altar Server Schedule

July 29

5:30 Sebastian Dean, Owen Cernetic

July 30

7:30 Matt Pensenstadler

9:00 Julius & Alexis Riske, Kimberlin Ernest

11:00 Cameron Carroll, Sophia Hale



Building the Kingdom of God –

In today's Gospel Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a number of different things: a man who sowed good seed, a mustard seed, and yeast.

Similarly, there is no one way to build up the kingdom of God in the Church. As the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative progresses, our parishes will be restructured to better serve the needs of our communities, but the results will not be cookie-cutter. In fact, each grouping of parishes will be asked to discover the best ways to build up the kingdom of God in light of the unique situations of their families and neighborhoods. In the end, it is hoped that the Church, the Body of Christ, will grow and flourish as we focus on how God is life is alive in us. What gifts has God planted in your heart that can allow his love and goodness to be shared with others? Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

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.

Ketteler Award for Social Justice – The Sisters of Divine Providence invite you to join them Saturday, August 5 at 7pm for their annual Ketteler Award for Social Justice ceremony and reception at 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Allison Park. This year they will honor Dr. Zane H. Gates and Associate Jane Kerr for their work helping those in need. RSVP to 412-931-5241 or ndavis@cdpsisters.org. All are welcome to attend!

The Franciscan Child Day Care Center in Pittsburgh is seeking caregivers for their infant and toddler classrooms. Full-time and part-time positions are available. Good leadership skills and a nurturing disposition are required. Associate or bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education or related area preferred. **Experience in childcare, education or related field preferred.** Babysitting experience will be considered. \Please e-mail résumé to smerlo@osfprov.org

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 **September 15-17, 2017** at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229 which is located in West View/Ross Township. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more information, visit our website www.BeginningExperience.org or make a confidential call to **Mary at 412-523-2405** or **Steve at 412-720-8694**.

Mission of Mercy Pittsburgh is a FREE dental clinic, where our underserved friends and neighbors can receive the care they need. The clinic will be held on July 28-29 at the A.J. Palumbo Center [on the Duquesne University campus] and volunteers who can provide dental and medical services, as well as general support—from greeting people to helping them fill out paperwork—are critical to its success. This event is truly life-changing for the most vulnerable members of society by giving them the support they need to move on to a better phase in life. Details for the event, including how to become a volunteer are located at www.mompgh.org. If you have questions please contact Kayleigh Fontana at (412)391-6369.

31st ANNUAL BENEFIT LUNCHEON FOR THE SEMINARIANS OF THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESE – Saturday, August 19, 2017 at St Paul's Seminary – O'Connor Hall, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh 15205. Luncheon, Chinese Auction, Raffles and Bake Sale. Doors open at 10:00 am for early-bird players (cards or board games). Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm. Choice of entree: Chicken Romano, Crab Cakes or Pasta Primavera. Donation is \$30. "Comic Relief" provided by Father Mark Thomas. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee. Reservations must be made by August 10 2017. For reservations or additional information, please contact: Laraine McGinnis at 724-263-2161 or lam1719@verizon.net