

# PALM SUNDAY

## OF THE LORD'S PASSION

# Saint Joan of Arc Church

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Father Phillip Pribonic

April 9, 2017

**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.

**Phones:**

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1-888-808-1235

Website: [mystjoan.org](http://mystjoan.org)

**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

**Saturday, April 8– Lenten Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - Joe Alexander (Wife, Gerry & Family)

**Sunday, - April 9– Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

7:30 A.M. - Carol Williams  
(Dana & Erica Haakensen)

9:00 A.M. - Sarah Wertelet  
(Colleen & Randy Gardner)

11:00 A.M. - Catherine Baldauf (Jeff & Susan Yopek)

**Monday, April 10– Monday of Holy Week**

8:00 A.M. - Bernardine Stanley (Janice Reinhardt)

**Tuesday, April 11– Tuesday of Holy Week**

8:00 A.M. - Elizabeth Cooley  
(Mike & Helen Krizner)

**Wednesday, April 12– Wednesday of Holy Week**

8:00 A.M. - Bernard Berry (CCD Family)

**Thursday, April 13– Holy Thursday**

7:00 P.M. - Joe Sebes (Lois Ennis)

**Friday, April 14– Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

1:30 P.M. - Service

**Saturday, April 15– Holy Saturday**

8:30 P.M. - Shirley Mamula  
(Bob & Annette Baldauf)

**Sunday, - April 16– The Resurrection of the Lord**

7:30 A.M. - Slov & Emma Litwin (Family)

9:00 A.M. - Joseph Riepole Family (Wife & Family)

10:30 A.M. - John Matter (Phil & Phyllis Ricciardi)

12:00 Noon - Bernard Luketich (M/M Steve Vrkyln)

Sanctuary lamp will burn one week for the Blessed Mother in memory of Linda Mattola, requested by the SJA Family.

Rest in Peace: Samuel Gearhart, father of Dave

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Rose Marie Bottles, Dale Kragnes, Jay Briggs, Thom Mills, Cheryl Hackett, Gerry Evans, Karen Recrosio, William Reddy, Chuck Stanford, Emerson Cotter, Dorothy Kudla, Michael Weston, Father Joseph Grosko, John Oakes, Julie Schmaltz, Marcy Smith, Sam McNulty, Eleanor Young, Meredith Bissette, Dom Salvucci, Albert Lexie, Joan Charnesky, Jenny Fraas, Sue Wimer, Frank Allen, Brenda Dunois, Father Ken White, Carmen Falcione, Michael Sexton, Ted Hale, Madeline Moze, Richard Humenansky, Tim O'Brien, William Vetter, Mary Lou Quinn, and Audrey Jones. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace.

From the Pastor's Desk

Palm Sunday ushers in the holiest week of our liturgical calendar, giving us many examples of how to think about Jesus' humility, and even the 'humility' of God our Father who does not hold back His very own Son to become one of us.....such humility is on display from his riding on a donkey, to washing the feet of the disciples, to making the way of the cross, and to Jesus offering Himself on the cross as a sign of God's love and mercy towards all of us.....we can only respond in humility to this great act of humility.....in case you didn't know, congress just passed a law allowing websites to sell our browser history to any vendor, some people might want to look into this issue.....why do I hear about people being hit by other drivers more and more?????.....First Communion will be held on Sunday April 23 at the 11:00 Mass, Saturday, April 29 at the 5:00 Mass, and on Sunday April 30 at the 11:00 Mass...we lost in the voting for best fish fry...it was rigged believe me!!!!

Father Pribonic

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NO CONFESSIONS SATURDAY APRIL 15 AND 22 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT OUR CHURCH:

One short week to think about our relationship with the Lord and others; if we haven't done any extra praying, fasting, or sharing, now may be the time! Some may want to keep the Lenten fast all the way to the first meal of Easter!

Confessions, Monday 4-5 pm (two priests) and 7-8 pm (two priests) and Wednesday 4-5 pm (two priests) and 7-8 pm (two priests)

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet

7:00 pm church will remain open until 11:00 pm

Collection on Holy Thursday will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Good Friday

Good Friday Liturgy and Veneration of the Holy Cross 1:30 pm

Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Holy Cross 7:00 pm

Collection of Good Friday is for refugee needs in the Holy Land

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter baskets: Saturday, 1:30 pm  
Easter Vigil 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday

Masses on Easter Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, and 12 Noon.

Two Collections on Easter: Regular and the Easter Collection.

**Financial Statement**

**Regular Offertory.....\$9,356.00**

**THANK YOU For Your Generosity.**

## Scripture Reflection

### PALM SUNDAY...THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PASSION STORY.....SUFFERING AND SHAME IN THE NEAR EAST.....

Jesus died a shameful death, one reserved for the worst of criminals. Even though he did it in a “manly” way in the best of the near Eastern way of thinking, he doesn’t shriek, flinch, or cry, the manner of death (on a cross at the hands of the Romans) wiped out with one stroke all the good he had done. It was totally SHAMEFUL! But notice that God turned this human way of thinking totally upside down! By raising Jesus from the dead, God honored Jesus more than anyone else could have honored him. God wiped out Jesus’ shame. It is from this vantage point that we have the stories of Jesus’ passion, and today it is Matthew’s version. Despite what happens to him, Jesus knows that he is right and faithful to his Father, and that his Father will take care of him. Jesus is like every other innocently suffering person in the history of Israel: absolutely confident that God will set it all right!

In Matthew, the only sentence that Jesus speaks (“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”) is a prayerful response to the taunts of all around who claim that God has abandoned him.

In our culture, where suffering is a nuisance and pain can readily be avoided by cleverness or medicine, it is difficult to admire the manliness demonstrated in endurance as Jesus showed. In our culture, where science comes close to being a major “religion” for many, the significance of being raised by God from the dead, being restored to honor after devastating shame, is lost in the quest for a comfortable pain-less life. From “The Cultural World of Jesus” John J Pilch, the Liturgical Press, 1995

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### LENTEN TRIAD:

PRAYER, spending some time each day with the Lord, listening to Him through the Scriptures; we need quiet time, from surfing, texting.....

FASTING: especially from sin and selfishness and whatever might harm our relationship with the Lord; Fridays are days of abstinence from meat as part of the Church’s tradition.

ALMSGIVING: sharing from our bounty (whatever it might be) with those in need, please read the reflection from the Pope.

### GIVEN THE CURRENT CLIMATE IN OUR COUNTRY.....we can read a word or two from Pope Francis letter “On Care For Our Common Home”.....

When we speak of the environment, what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it. Recognizing the reasons why a given area is polluted requires a study of the workings of society, the economy, its behavior patterns, and the ways it grasps reality.....we are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.

### Come celebrate spring at the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden at our April Life Enrichment Club meeting.

Join us on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. when the Garden’s Development Director, Beth Exton will introduce us to one of Pittsburgh’s newest outdoor experiences. Come learn how land that was once strip mined has been reclaimed and transformed to include woodland gardens, walking trails, meadows and a serene lotus pond. 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).

For current 7-12th Grade Students, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM, Saturday, May 13, Cost \$5 per attendee, includes light breakfast, lunch and t-shirt for student.

Students that attend are not required to bring a parent/adult. STEM Savvy is a one day Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) career conference designed to develop the interest of students in STEM fields and provide information to their parents and educational professionals on STEM educational opportunities. More details and registration at [www.laroche.edu/STEMSavvy](http://www.laroche.edu/STEMSavvy). For information contact Peggy Schmiedecke, 412-536-1274 or [peggy.schmiedecke@laroche.edu](mailto:peggy.schmiedecke@laroche.edu).





David Haas with Sister Joan of Arc at our recent concert here on March 26. A Early Happy Birthday to Sister who will turn 101 in April!!!

**Registration for next year's 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 returned to CCD class or dropped into the collection basket in an envelope marked CCD)

Forms were sent home with all current students and should be returned now. Please check your child's folder! (Forms are also available at [www.mystjoan.org](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>. No special class requests will be honored after May 30th.**

**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.

**Rediscover God's unending love for you,** God's real presence in your life, and the beauty of your own unique self. From high upon the hill overlooking the South Side, the world looks fresher and more hopeful. Come experience the beauty that is St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. Make a parish retreat weekend at St. Paul of the Cross. For more information call Melissa Coe @ 412-308-6754 or Margaret Almsay @ 412-833-1972.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** – A blessed Lenten Season to you all and a Happy Easter – our meeting is the Tuesday after Easter – hope to see you there – as always we are in need of blankets and now little prayer squares/ circles. Thank you mostly for the prayers as they do help so many people. We are over 4,100 recipients in our book and growing. You are truly God's angels on earth – Karen Urbanowicz

**Respect Life Report:** Last week I incorrectly reported that people are protesting Tim Murphy's pro life stance each Monday between noon and 1 pm outside his office. Apparently this is incorrect as the people are there for rotating topics which are not necessarily anti-abortion each week. I apologize for this error. Nina Hughes, Chairperson, Respect Life Committee.

**Sweet Life Women's Dessert Contest and Silent Auction,** Friday, April 21, 7-9 PM. at St. Joan of Arc Social Hall. Local bakers and bakeries will provide full-sized desserts to raffle and tasting samples. Keynote speaker: Rose Tennent, radio talk show host. Go to [yfcmp.org/events](http://yfcmp.org/events) to purchase tickets online or call Pam Hart at 412-854-1110, x221 for a printed invitation.

**Please join us for the First Day of the Divine Mercy Novena.** Good Friday at 3:00 P.M. at Saint Joan of Arc Church after the Lenten Service. Continue the Novena daily and please join us at Nativity Church on Sunday, April 23 at 3:00 P.M. to close the Divine Mercy Novena.

**The Church is in need of Altar Servers.**

Anyone interested from grade 2 to adults who has received First Communion are eligible.

This is an opportunity to set aside some "Spiritual Time" and set an example of their deep sense of reverence and love for the Holy Eucharist.

Parental support is greatly appreciated.

If you are interested please contact Mary Arrigo, @ 412-833-7216. Please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

**The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the parking lot** on Saturday May 6th. from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon and 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Sunday from 8:00 AM to noon.

**Free Blood Pressure Screening:** April 8th and 9th in the Gathering Place after all Masses. Light refreshments offered.