

# Saint Joan of Arc Church

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Father Phillip Pribonic

## 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.

April 2, 2017

## Phones:

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Fax: 412-835-1764

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1-888-808-1235

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

## Directory

Most Reverend David A. Zubik, *Bishop*

Reverend Phillip Paul Pribonic, *Pastor*

Tom Franzak, *Music Minister*

Beverly Buddemeyer, *Religious Education*

Mona Musser, *Pavilion Supervisor*

Audrey Wurst, *Youth Group Coordinator*

Sharon Gomber, *Office Coordinator &*

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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, April 1– Lenten Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - Aldo Furno & Cheryl Shorts (Family)

**Sunday, - April 2– Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

9:00 A.M. - Anthony Ciaramella (Ciaramella Family)

11:00 A.M. - Mary Hardway (Wurst Family)

**Monday, April 3– Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Frank LaValle (The Rosary Group)

**Tuesday, April 4– Saint Isidore**

8:00 A.M. - Frank Mathews (Wife & Family)

**Wednesday, April 5– Saint Vincent Ferrer**

8:00 A.M. - Frank McClelland (Ciaramella Family)

**Thursday, April 6– Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Evelyn Pastorius (Robert Pastorius)

**Friday, April 7– Saint John Baptist de la Salle**

7:00 P.M. - Stations of the Cross

**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)

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, Brenda Dunois, Father Ken White, Carmen Falcione, Michael Sexton, Ted Hale, Madeline Moze, Richard Humenansky, Tim O'Brien, William Vetter, Darlene Montgomery, Mary Lou Quinn, and Audrey Jones. Help, save, pity and defend your

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

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for John the Baptist in memory of Joe Sedon, Jr., requested by the Sedon Family.



Congratulations to Gutrie Taboni on his 99th Birthday, April 7th.

**Financial Statement**

Regular Offertory.....\$ 8,304.00  
Campaign For Human Development....\$1,170.00

What a wonderful concert by David Haas last Sunday, over 500 people were in attendance, and many thanks to Mr Tom Franzak, his family, and our parish staff for helping to bring it about as smoothly as possible.....

At the recent (March 21) vicariate meeting with the Bishop and priests and deacons, Bishop Zubik indicated that the On Mission for the Church Alive program will undergo some adjustment, with the diocesan committee looking forward to input from district meetings on May 1 and then looking at suggestions for alternative models.....please note the schedule for Holy Week, confessions, and liturgical services listed in today's bulletin.....congratulations to Daniel Franzak who played SHREK in the Bethel Park High School musical, Michaela Isenberg who played Princess Fiona, and Cameron Carroll who played the captain of the guard,..... and to Lucy Franzak, who gave her senior vocal recital at Seton Hill College this past week, all doing a very marvelous performance!.....to clear up any misunderstanding from last week's bulletin, I will be retiring on December 31 this year, and residing in the Rectory until that time.....the Little Sisters of the Poor wish to thank our very generous parishioners for the donations totaling \$3,895.00.....Divine Mercy prayers at 3:00 pm on Good Friday, closing prayers at Nativity Church on April 23 at 3:00 pm.....

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.....is the Lord number one in our lives?.....do we pray daily and come to Mass on Sunday?.....are we consistent with our families?.....do we trust God or ourselves, or someone else, or our agenda, or someone else's agenda?.....do we respect others, at home, at work, at school, online, and on the road?.....do we respect life at all of its stages?.....are we honest in our dealings with others?.....are we content with what we have, or are we jealous and envious?

Father Phillip Pribonic

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY at 7:00 PM

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet 7:00 PM.....  
Liturgy of Good Friday 1:30 PM and Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross 7:00 PM  
Blessing of Easter baskets 1:30 PM Saturday April 15  
Easter Vigil 8:30 PM Saturday April 15  
Easter Mass: Sunday April 16– 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 & Noon

Lenten Penance Services: Monday, April 3 7:00 PM St. Thomas More Church, Tuesday April 4 6:30 PM St. Louise Church, Wednesday April 6 7:00 PM St. Benedict Church---available to all of the people in the South Hills, multiple confessors will be on hand.

## Scripture Reflection

(by: Rev Tim Schehr )

The Word of God leads to life. This is the theme of the gospel we hear this Sunday. Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead. As the reading begins we learn that a man was ill. John, always the skillful narrator, leads us to think this will be one more healing account in this gospel, like the official's son (Jn 4:46-54); the cripple at the pool (John 5); or the blind man (Jn 9). Mary and Martha are very concerned for their brother Lazarus. They send an urgent message to Jesus, hoping he will arrive before their brother dies. John reminds us Jesus loved that family. So we imagine he is going to rush to their home to heal his friend. So we are surprised to hear that Jesus deliberately delays his arrival until Lazarus has died. This is not going to be the usual healing account after all. When Jesus at last does prepare to go to Lazarus the apostles object. They know how dangerous things are in Judea. Patiently Jesus explains to them he must go to awaken people to the light of faith—a light by which one can see even if surrounded by night. Then he reminds them of Lazarus and declares he is going to wake him up from sleep. The apostles misunderstand, so Jesus must explain that Lazarus had died. But Jesus is glad that Lazarus is dead. He intends to awaken him from the sleep of death and thus lead so many others to belief. But all the apostles can think of is the threat of death that awaits Jesus in Judea. Thomas for one is prepared to die with him. This is not the only instance of a preoccupation with death in this account. From both Martha and Mary Jesus hears the same thing: he has come too late. Martha does believe God will grant whatever Jesus asks. But when Jesus speaks of raising her brother from the dead she seems hesitant to believe that. Even when they stand right in front of the tomb Martha can think only of the stench of death. John notes twice that Jesus was deeply troubled by the weeping and the talk of death. This could be a natural response to such circumstances. We remember that Jesus was glad for the opportunity to lead others to believe by awaking his friend Lazarus. If he is troubled now it may also be because of the lack of belief that seems to surround him on every side. At the entrance to the tomb Jesus again speaks about belief. Then at last he commands Lazarus to come out of the tomb. And Jesus further demands they unbind him from the trappings of death. This would of course be absolutely necessary if Lazarus was to circulate again among the living. But such a detail also challenges the reader to ask what trappings of death still hold him or her bound. Faith in Jesus as the Lord of life should free us spiritually as it freed Lazarus physically. Life borne of belief in God is likewise the theme of the first reading. Ezekiel has just seen dry bones come to life. Now he explains God will open the “graves” that have a hold on God's people. They will come back to life spiritually and return to their homeland. Paul uses similar language to explain the new life his churches enjoy because they have the Spirit of God within them through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. They have risen from the dead already on a spiritual level. And they will rise from the dead just as Jesus did.

## DEAR JOAN:

EVERYONE NEEDS TO TAKE A BIG CHILL PILL!

As the author of this column I have decided to pass this along.

I think that everyone realizes by now that we have become very toxic in our country, and it's not just political stuff. People have gone off the deep end with anger, hatred, over-zealous opinions, all kinds of exaggerations and speculation, especially on social media.

It's like it's now OK to be rude.

I recently read a post on Facebook where a friend was justifying her decision to purchase a pure bred cat. She lost her long time pet last year and is now looking for a new one.

Guess what? Many of her friends were outraged and started to say mean things because she is not adopting a rescue cat. She's literally being raked over the coals, treated as if she were a Salem witch.

Why can't it be OK for her to buy a pure bred cat? Some people rage and rage. When did a rescue cat become more important than a friend? It reminds me of when my mother swatted me for wiping my hands on the “good” dishtowel, and it dawned on me that the three-dollar towel was more important than me! If you think that is crazy, how is this any different?

Please do your part to cut down on meanness, whether online, on the road, or on the road of life! We don't want to be “mean” girls, or boys, for that matter.

Signed: Joan d'Arc

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## SJA YOUTH GROUP will once again be collecting care packages for our Troops this Lenten Season.

Please stop by the vestibule and pick up your supply list along with a brown bag to fill and a footprint with a soldier's name. Please provide the items on the list as this is what is most needed by our soldiers. You can place your filled bag in the vestibule. We will be collecting them until Palm Sunday, April 9. Last year the cost of postage was \$2400 which is our responsibility. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of postage please make check payable to: Military Connections.

Any questions, please call Laura Stein 412/653-8858.

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 Almasy @ 412-833-1972.

**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).

**Operation Troop Appreciation** is very grateful for your continued support. Your donations of "gently used jewelry" helped us to have a continuing fundraiser that exceeded a TOTAL of \$20,000.00. Our next jewelry sale is November 10 and 11. Once again it will be held at the South Park Community Building. We are still collecting jewelry and appreciate your participation. We could not have had the success without your help. Jewelry can be left in the cloak room in the hallway, on the shelf. Please add your name and address and put "Kathie Gasior" on the box or bag. Thank you in advance for your generosity.  
Kathie Gasior [kgasior2@gmail.com](mailto:kgasior2@gmail.com)

**This past Thursday, two of our Respect Life Committee** (Mary LaValle and JoAnn Graeb) stood outside Planned Parenthood on Liberty Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh and prayed for the babies and their mothers and fathers. They were able to converse with a young woman who was torn about having an abortion and we can only hope and pray that their words were effective in saving her baby's life. Each Monday between 12 noon and 1pm, there are people protesting Tim Murphy's pro life stance. They protest outside of his office on Rte. 19 in Mt. Lebanon. A group of pro-life people are meeting at the same time across the street in order to support Mr. Murphy. If you have the time to help, it would be wonderful if you could join in the support of Mr. Murphy's pro life efforts. Thank you. Nina Hughes, Chairperson, Respect Life Committee.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** — We would like to welcome are two new members – thanks for joining us – Sister is so grateful for the blankets for Jefferson Hospital – blanket size 30x45 – also making pocket prayers squares and circles – use up your yarn - **Next meeting Tuesday, April 18** – hope you can make! Thank you – Karen Urbanowicz

**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.

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

**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.



**LENTEN FISH FRY**  
**FRIDAY, April 7**  
**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 color for PURPLE FOR LENT**

**A Talk By The Author**, April 5, 2017 @ 7:00P.M. Saint Valentine Parish: Frawley Hall. Book title "Just Call Me Jerzy" by Judith Kelly. A Polish national hero, that was murdered in 1984, beatified in 2010, and will likely become a saint. Please share time with the author and experience the adventure.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Reminder:**

- 1) Today is the Last day for Easter Flower envelopes.
- 2) If you haven't sent your Parish Share pledge in PLEASE do so, before we send reminders out next week.
- 3) ***Please vote at [theincline.com](http://theincline.com) for Saint Joan of Arc Fish Fry, we are now in the FINAL TWO!***