



Saint Joan of Arc Church

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Father Phillip Pribonic

February 12, 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.

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 &*

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*

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

Mass Intentions

- Saturday, February 11– Our Lady of Lourdes**
5:00 P.M. - Bishop Renato Luisi (Paul Gitnik)
- Sunday, - February 12– Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 A.M. - Slov & Emma Litwin (Family)
9:00 A.M. - Norma Chasky (Dale Chasky)
11:00 A.M. - Mary Ruth Comis
(Joanne & Sonny Charnesky)
- Monday, February 13– Weekday**
8:00 A.M. - H. Lee Pauley (Family)
- Tuesday, February 14– Saints Cyril & Methodius**
8:00 A.M. - Irma Connell (Val)
- Wednesday, February 15– Weekday**
8:00 A.M. - Gary Greiner (Estelle Lanetz & Families)
- Thursday, February 16– Weekday**
8:00 A.M. - Bud & Frances Herrle
(Tom & Carol Nath)
- Friday, February 17– The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**
- NO MASS
- Saturday, February 18– Weekday**
5:00 P.M. - Mary Ruth Comis
(Catherine & Kevin Baldauf)
- Sunday, - February 19– Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 A.M. - Clem Daugherty
(Suzie Smithmeyer & Family)
9:00 A.M. - Catherine Baldauf (Nancy Hunter)
11:00 A.M. - John Matter (Phil & Phyllis Ricciardi)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

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

CONFESSIONS AT NEIGHBORING PARISHES:

St. Francis of Assisi Saturday 12:30 PM
St. Valentine Saturday 11:00-12 Noon

Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Blessed Mother for one week in memory of Norma Chasky, requested by Dale Chasky. Sanctuary Lamp will burn for John the Baptist for one week in memory of Cheryl Shorts, requested by the Family. Altar Bread and Wine for one week in memory of Norma Chasky, requested by Dale Chasky.

From the Pastor's Desk

This week on Wednesday we have our On Mission team meeting with the On Mission teams of St. Valentine, Nativity, and St Germaine parishes where we will be discussing the best configuration for consolidating the parishes in our area.....please note that it will soon be Parish Share time.....letters and requests will be sent out at the end of this month.....please note the article in today's bulletin about our goal to the Diocese.....as every year, we are asking for a minimum pledge of \$250 payable over ten months.....also in today's bulletin is the annual report of numbers which we report to the Diocese every January for the previous year.....our stats are good, except for potential growth.....well, now that the Super Bowl is over, what do we think?.....

Father Pribonic

Second Collection today is for Repair and Replacements.

ST JOAN OF ARC CHURCH 2016 ANNUAL REPORT TO DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH:

Number attending Sunday Mass during October (5 Sundays) 5622
Total number of households 1050
Total number of offertory envelopes per Sunday 400
Total number of baptisms 30
Total number of First Communions: 44
Total number of Confirmations: 43
Total number of marriages: 10
Total number of deaths: 56
Total number of CCD students: 270
Total number of youth in youth program: 28
Parish savings account as of Dec 31 2016 \$1,176,464.00
Parish checking account as of Dec 31 2016 \$231,403.00
Diocesan assessment for Bishop's Education Fund \$58,000
This amount is paid from our checking account

PARISH SHARE 2017

Our assessment is \$97,800
This is based on:
Collections: \$ 531,597
Donations: 17,056
Fish fry &
Hall rental 72,852
Votive lights
(after costs) 979
Parking lot Rental
(MMVTA) 2,700
TOTAL INCOME: 625,184
After adjustments, the total is assessed at 17.6 per cent

Please consider pledging a minimum of \$250 monthly for ten months. Any greater amount is much appreciated and this is a great way to support the parish since Parish Share money is not assessed at 17.6%. Mailing will go out at the end of this month and we ask everyone to please Return your pledge card with down payment no later than March 19.

Scripture Reflection

The Gospel selection for this Sunday talks about one-on-one relationships with others and how we think about them. Life with God is all about relationship, as life in God is all about relationship (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit loving one another). We “reflect” God, we’re made in His image, and so, the energy should flow back and forth!

That’s why Jesus could say that he came to fulfill the Law. The Jewish people received the Law in order to show God their gratitude to Him for blessings received and to show their love to others. No one fully obeyed the Law. Jesus came and showed us how to love God and neighbor and enemy to the fullest extent possible, to the extent of sacrificing his life! In that way, his love exceeded that of other religious leaders, who were more interested in keeping the little details of the Law.

Moreover, Jesus calls people to check their hearts. That’s where it all starts, the heart is considered to be the location and source of all feeling and affection. The heart must be filled with love of God. Only then can it overflow to right relationships with others. So Jesus would teach that it isn’t “Good” enough just not to kill your enemy, you must not even hate him. Then comes one of the most over-looked passages in the whole Gospel: “If you bring your gift to the altar, and then remember your brother has something against you, go and first be reconciled to your brother, then, come and offer your gift!” Don’t make any big deal of your offering unless you are at peace with your brother and sister! Notice how behavior toward brother or sister is considered to be behavior to God! It’s all about relationship, we are all related! This part of the Sermon on the Mount cannot be cast aside into an “alternative” Gospel.

So too the teaching about adultery, don’t do it, don’t even wish to do it, it is a betrayal of relationship, and we are all related, but especially husband and wife.

That would apply to his teaching about divorce as well. In Jesus’ day, men evidently cast women aside for any reason. Jesus’ teaching brings the institution of marriage to a new level of relationship, one that is permanently binding.

And he would say not to take an oath, it should not be necessary, since it should be so apparent that our mind, hands, feet and heart are so in sync with God’ heart, that it should be clear to all that we are related to God and so would always be truthful and honest! Strange how later generations of Christians would lose sight of this teaching. “You are the light of the world” Jesus says. What a compliment!

Financial Statement

Regular Offertory..... \$ 9,932.00
THANK YOU For Your Generosity.

My husband has always supported our committee's Respect Life efforts and has helped me at times to compose missives for the bulletin. Tonight I read to him the testimony on Facebook from an abortion worker who was converted to pro life after what he witnessed at an abortion. As I read the script I saw that my husband was silently weeping and he was overcome by his feelings for the pain that the aborted, unborn little person must go through. We both had a moment as we thought of how God must weep at what we're doing to his unborn gifts of creation to us. In my heart I believe that the women who are pushing for women's rights and marching with signs saying "My body! My choice!" just have no idea of the cruel and painful deaths that abortions put these little, helpless babies through. They couldn't, surely, know of the pain and torture that abortion holds for these unborn human beings. Surely we're not that inhumane? Surely?
Nina Hughes, Chairperson, Respect Life Committee

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 26 @ 4P.M.

DAVID HAAS will be performing a FREE concert in our church. Tickets are required for entry. More information to follow on how to attain tickets.

Drugs Kill Dreams Day -- Please pray for everyone affected by the opioid epidemic: Those who have died from an overdose, those in recovery, for their families and for everyone participating in prevention programs. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has designated February 12th as "Drugs Kill Dreams Opioid Alert Day" to increase prevention and awareness and to encourage participation in education, prevention, treatment, recovery and law enforcement. "Drugs Kill Dreams" partners with schools, churches and other community organizations to share educational materials and prevention messages. For more information, see <http://pastop.org/>

4th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Party for the Bob O’Connor

Foundation -- Saturday, February 25, 2017, from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m., at the Sokol Club, 2912 E. Carson St., Pgh. Food, wine and beer included (cash bar), 50/50, silent auction, Chinese auction, photo booth. Entertainment: Burke Conroy School of Irish Dance, Matthew Craig, Mike Gallagher, Pittsburgh Firefighters Memorial Pipe Band, Rivermen, and Tullycavy. M.C.: Mike Clark (WTAE TV). \$40 per person. Tickets can be purchased at www.boboconnorfoundation.com or by calling Heidy (O’Connor) Garth at 412-427-5235.

Altar Server Schedule

February 18

5:00 Alaina, Joseph & Julie Nypaver

February 19

7:30 Matt Pensenstadler

9:00 Ethan Manion, Marissa Wycinsky

11:30 Dan Morgret

Free Tax Assistance: by Vita at The Bible Chapel, 300 Gallery Drive, McMurray, Pa 15317. Weekdays 8:30 AM until 2PM. Begins Wednesday, February 1 through Thursday April 13. Must bring: Last years tax return, ID for yourself and spouse, all W2 and 1099 tax documents. All Federal, State and local taxes, real estate/rent, rebate applications are prepared. Both spouses are required to sign joint returns. Questions? Call the IRS 1-800-829-1040. Do not contact The Bible Chapel.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend offers couples a chance to get away from distractions and reconnect with each other and their relationship. It's a chance to make a good marriage – GREAT! You will work on ways to communicate better with each other and grow in ways you never knew possible. The next weekend is March 24-26 in the Pittsburgh Area. Please visit www.yourmarriageisworthit.org to register.

Do you LOVE to bake? If so, consider participating in the "Sweet Life" Dessert Fundraising event here at St. Joan of Arc! It will be held in the Gathering Place on Friday, April 21 2017 at 7 p.m. Bakers can win prizes for best presentation, best tasting dessert, and audience favorite. For all of the details, please contact Pam Hart @ 412-854-1110x221 or pamhart@yfcmp.org before March 21, 2017. You may also access information @ www.yfcmp.org/events/the_sweet_life_2017. All proceeds benefit Youth for Christ Metro Pittsburgh.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – First meeting of the year **March 21** hope to see you all there and remember to bring a friend – we can use more volunteers. We have lots to do that do not require the ability to crochet and knit. Meetings are in the School on the 3rd floor, **6:30-8:30**. If anyone has blankets done before our meeting in March, please drop off at the office if you can. Have a wonderful February, thank you for all you do. Karen Urbanowicz

The Youth Group is sponsoring a PASTA TOO SPAGHETTI DINNER in the Gathering Place Sunday, February 26 from 12-6pm.

Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, rolls and butter, drinks and desserts for a nominal fee. \$10 for Adults, \$7 children 10 and under
Tickets: 412-833-2400 or 724-747-4161



The Youth Group is having a Breakfast Buffet next Sunday, February 19 from 8:30am-11:00 am. They will also be **selling their hoagies after all Masses.**

It's Fish Fry Season: We are coming up on our Lenten season for fish fry and would like to see if we could get some help from our other parishioners. If you could give us a couple of hours any time between 10am and 8pm it would help us out. We have many things that you could possibly help with, between 11am and 2pm we could use help waitressing and bussing tables and setting up tables. Any time after 6 we could use fresh people to come in and help Hoover (sweep floors), clean up kitchen and hall. If you could give a couple hours, it would help out so much. Of course, there is a reward to this also, you can eat and have great fellowship with some wonderful people. There also is a wonderful evening of fun and food at the end of the season. Please consider helping out at the Fish fry and if you think you might be able to help, please call me at 412-854-3173 and let me know what you would be willing to help us out with. Thank you. Mona L. Musser/Pavilion Manager

St. Joan of Arc Men's Group The men's group is ministry that seeks to encourage and form men to be the saints our Lord has called us to be. It does this by having the men work together through questions about God, the Church, our faith, etc. in a workbook. The workbook pulls out excerpts from Scripture, the catechism, and the everyday experiences of men trying follow Jesus. The meeting for February will be on the 21st at 7pm in the Bible study room on the third floor. There is a relaxed atmosphere where friendships and learning can take place. Snacks and drinks are provided. Come and join us. As iron sharpens iron so one man sharpens another Prv 27:17

The Women's Retreat Group at St. Joan of Arc Church invites all women to St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center the weekend of April 28-30, 2017 – a Spiritual Spa awaits you there. Nestled on the South Side slopes, St. Paul's Retreat Center is a place that offers the comfort and relaxation of a spa that nourishes the spirit. It is a place where you can rest your body from the stresses of everyday life; reflect on your relationship with God; and, revitalize your soul through fellowship and prayer. The theme of this year's retreat is ***Make Known To Me Your Ways, Lord.*** For more information, please contact Melissa Coe @ 412-308-6754 or melissacoe3@gmail.com or Margaret Almasy @ 412-833-1972.

WORKING FOR A FUTURE WE CAN BELIEVE IN

----People are invited to reflect with others on our faith response to the current era of political and church uncertainty and transition by sharing thoughts, group discussion, and prayer at St. Mary of the Mount Sullivan Hall 131 Bigham St., Sunday February 19, 2017 from 1:30-3:30 PM