

Saint Joan of Arc Church

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Father Phillip Pribonic

February 5, 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.

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*

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*

5th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to his disciples:
"You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt loses its taste, with
what can it be seasoned? You
are the light of the world. A
city set on a mountain cannot
be hidden."

- Mt 5:13a, 14

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4– Weekday

5:00 P.M. - Peter & Mamie Maracini (Paul Gitnik)

Sunday, - February 5– Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 A.M. - Dominic Deleo (Marini Family)

11:00 A.M. - Susan Smith Hamo (Paul Gitnik)

Monday, February 6– Saint Paul Miki

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

Tuesday, February 7– Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Mary Koskoski
(Evelyn Dietz & Carol Isenberg Family)

Wednesday, February 8– Saint Jerome Emiliani & Saint Josephine Bakhita

8:00 A.M. - Ted & Theresa Wardzinski (Family)

Thursday, February 9– Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Temporal & Spiritual Welfare of Jeanie & Stephen on their 40th Wedding Anniversary (Baird Family)

Friday, February 10– Saint Scholastica

No MASS

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)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: RoseMarie 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 Bisette, Katie Schultz, Dom Salvucci, Albert Lexie, Joan Charnesky, Jenny Fraas, Sue Pisowicz, Sue Wimer, Brenda Dunois, Carmen Falcione, Michael Sexton, Marlys Schoedel, Richard Humenansky and Audrey Jones.

Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace.

Rest in Peace: William Kosslow, husband of Dorothy.

From the Pastor’s Desk

Speaking about the Super Bowl last week and this week, I got to thinking about what a big day this is for our country, (just think about how much salt will be consumed in one way or another) and notice how much the show this Sunday evening will resemble a religious festival, people at attention, an invocation, salutes, songs with people singing along, something we really get involved in, and some people even going “over the top”, something we can enjoy, but being careful of the values that underlie the whole thing: domination and winning at all costs, not exactly gospel values.....Jesus urges us to look out for “losers” and to be cautious about “winners” if you know what I mean.....in other words, don’t be fooled by the glitz and glamour and fast talk of this world, but rather “seek God’s Kingdom above all”.....

Father Pribonic

Second Collection next week is for repairs and replacements.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for the Blessed Mother in memory of Mary Koskoski, requested by Evelyn Dietz & Carol Isenberg Families.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn for John the Baptist for one week in memory of Janie Mendarino, requested by John & Barbara.

Altar Bread & Wine for one week in memory of Mary Koskoski requested by Evelyn Dietz & Carol Isenberg Family.

St. Joan of Arc Men’s Group The men’s group is a 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 to 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

DEAR JOAN:

I was at Mass last week and Father was talking about the recent Steeler loss and also about the Super Bowl. He left one thing out and also left it out on the outside message board. He should have included: “Go Falcons”

Signed: KU

Dear KU:

We will pass this along to Father, although I’m not sure that he would want to take sides, impartial as he is.

Financial Statement	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 8,145.00
THANK YOU For Your Generosity.	

Scripture Reflection

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT FOR DUMMIES.....
(we're all dummies when it comes to "knowing" the Lord)
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We will be having the Gospel for the next few weeks taken from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. It begins with the beatitudes which Jesus developed from Hebrew teachings such as God's concern for the poor, interest in comforting the suffering, and that only the pure in heart will ascend to the mountain of the Lord (aka heaven).

Jesus affirms that God's Kingdom, aka God's way of thinking and behaving, is offered to all mankind. This blessing is offered to all people, of every time and place. Those who accepted are called "blessed", "fortunate" or "honored" in God's sight. All those who live in God's love are considered to be blessed. Those who refuse God's love with have to manage without it some day. !!!!

The sermon on the Mount, (Matthew 5, 6, 7) presents an "alternative" way of living, God's way. We are used to "our" way, built on insecurity, fear, thinking that we will be safe and secure by doing it our way, which is by getting more stuff, being in control of life, exercising power over others, and removing anyone or anything that gets in our way. Then we brag about how great we are and what we've accomplished.

Every once in a while someone comes along and tries to have people think differently like what Steve Jobs presented to the CEO of Pepsi way back in 1983: "Do you want to sell sugar water for the rest of your life? Or do you want to come with me and change the world? Steve Jobs challenged people to change the world and to make things better, at least in the world that he knew back then, a commercial world. But he was considered "crazy" and a "trouble-maker" because he did not conform to the group ways of thinking in the business world.

Jesus too was considered crazy and eventually put to death for it, and for challenging the cultural identity of his day. Echoing the prophet Micah, Jesus called for a new life exhibiting "doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God" Imagine justice in politics, kindness on Wall St, and humility on the playing field, like in the Super Bowl this Sunday! The fourth century desert monk, Anthony of Egypt, wrote: "A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him saying "you are mad, you are not like us" Such is the person who tries to live the beatitudes in the midst of a crazy world.

Such a person will be "poor in spirit", trusting God above all, mourning the sad plight of those who suffer (like the refugees), being merciful to others, like being sympathetic to others' needs, focusing entirely on God's love in making decisions, enduring opposition, even being called "crazy"

The next couple of weeks will have our Gospel readings calling us to examine where we are in relation to all of this, to see where our "hearts" are focused, whether on God's Kingdom, or ours.

BISHOP ZUBIK'S STATEMENT SUPPORTING IMMIGRATION

The Church in the United States has always welcomed immigrants. Here, in the Church of Pittsburgh, we have been a Church of immigrants since our earliest days. Immigration has defined us and shaped us as a Church, giving flavor and color, strength and beauty to who we are and what we are as Church. We also know, as Catholics, that not so very long ago our very right to live in this country was questioned. We were described loudly and publicly as potential criminals, lowlifes and poverty-stricken souls interested only in undermining American freedoms. We were hated both for where we came from—particularly Eastern and Southern Europe—and the religion we brought with us. Our Catholicism was not just the target of derision and mockery. It was a source of fear. Fear. There is so much fear right now. There is too much fear right now. There is so much fear among immigrants. There is too much fear of immigrants. The first victim of fear is rational thought. The second victim is rational policy. Hasty, thoughtless action hurts people. I know that here in Southwestern Pennsylvania there are immigrants now living in fear. Solid, good people who have already contributed so much to our community. They now fear what will happen next. Happen to themselves. Happen to their families. To those living in fear, I want you to know that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Church of Pittsburgh, and I support you. You have our prayers and our pledge to stand with you, whether you are of our faith, of a different faith or of no faith at all. We pray that our president and elected leaders will step back and review our current policies for immigration, as well as proposed reforms. American policies have been rooted in compassion and justice. We cannot abandon those virtues now. They define us to the world. We do have a national responsibility to secure our borders. But our borders do not become more secure by locking out good and desperate people. That engenders only anger and hatred. We will secure our borders when we increase opportunities for legal immigration—with an equitable path to citizenship for undocumented residents—and we enforce our laws in ways that honor due process, the sanctity of the human person and the family as the foundation of our communities. We so proudly marched last week in defense of human life. We must now stand up for those immigrants and refugees who are looking to come to America. Some of them are quite literally fleeing for their lives. They are coming to America with their eyes on the lit torch of Lady Liberty. Let's not extinguish that light when the world needs it the most.

Altar Server Schedule

February 11

5:00 Tommy Muha, Owen Cernetic, Sebastian Dean

February 12

7:30 Matt Pensenstadler

9:00 Clare & Cole Brdar

11:00 Carlos & Sammy Jess, Evan Aronhalt

Life Enrichment Club

[Are you looking for ideas to add to your 2017 bucket list?](#) Then come to our next Life Enrichment Club luncheon on Wednesday, February 8th at 11:00 am. Author and Pittsburgh native, Beth Geisler will be here to talk about her book, "100 Things to Do in Pittsburgh Before You Die." Come learn more about the well-known, and perhaps less familiar sights and sounds of our city that was recently named by Harper's Bazaar as one of the best places to travel to in 2017. 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.

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

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.

Help Wanted: Franciscan Child Day Care Center -

- The Franciscan Child Day Care Center in Whitehall is seeking caregivers for their older-infant classrooms. Full-time, part time and substitute positions are available. Good leadership skills and a nurturing disposition are required. Associate or bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or related area preferred. Experience in childcare, education or related field preferred. Babysitting experience will be considered. Please no phone calls. E-mail résumé and inquiries to smerlo@osfprov.org

Warm Hands Warm Hearts: We are asking that all CCD students donate Adult warm winter gloves for the homeless in Pittsburgh. Gloves can be brought to class during the months of January and February. Anyone in the parish wishing to join us in our glove drive may leave gloves in the basket in the vestibule. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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

ST. PAUL'S RETREAT CENTER

Join the women of St. Joan of Arc Parish for a weekend retreat. Imagine the possibilities.

April 28, 2017 thru April 30, 2017

Prayerfully reflect on joining the women of St. Joan of Arc Parish for their annual weekend retreat as we learn more about the word of God, and how we are to live as one Body, through mutual service to each other, based on our own special gifts. Please contact Melissa Coe @ 412-308-6754 or melissacoe3@gmail.com or Margaret Almasy @ 412-833-1972 if you have any questions or would like help with your reservations.

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.