



Saint Joan of Arc Church

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Father Phillip Pribonic
Second Sunday of Lent
March 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.

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." —Mt 17:5

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

Mass Intentions

- Saturday, March 11– Lenten Weekday**
5:00 P.M. - Mary Ruth Comis
(Stan & Dora Gierlack)
- Sunday, - March 12– Second Sunday of Lent**
7:30 A.M. - Thomas Coe (Sharon Gomber)
9:00 A.M. - Robert Swartz
(Joe & Cindy Matthews & Family)
11:00 A.M. - Catherine Baldauf
(Stan & Dora Gierlack)
- Monday, March 13– Lenten Weekday**
8:00 A.M. - Frank LaValle (The Rosary Group)
- Tuesday, March 14– Lenten Weekday**
8:00 A.M. - Michael Quinn (Mother Mary Lou)
- Wednesday, March 15– Lenten Weekday**
8:00 A.M. - Matthew Pastorik (CCD Family)
- Thursday, March 16– Lenten Weekday**
8:00 A.M. - Phil DeGregorio (Wife, Patricia)
- Friday, March 17– Saint Patrick**
7:00 P.M. - Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, March 18– Saint Cyril of Jerusalem**
5:00 P.M. - Mary Ruth Comis
(Stan & Dora Gierlack)
- Sunday, - March 19– Third Sunday of Lent**
7:30 A.M. - Slov & Emma Litwin (Family)
9:00 A.M. - Charles F. Pellman
(JoAnn Ricci & Ken McCloskey)
11:00 A.M. - Catherine Baldauf (Virginia Ihnat)

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 Bisette, Dom Salvucci, Albert Lexie, Joan Charnesky, Jenny Fraas, Sue Wimer, Brenda Dunois, Carmen Falcione, Michael Sexton, Marlys Schoedel, Madeline Moze, Richard Humenansky, Tim O'Brien, William Vetter, Darlene Montgomery, Mary Lou Quinn, and Audrey Jones. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for the Blessed Mother in memory of Eileen Titlow, requested by the Sedon Family,

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for John the Baptist in memory of Eugene Settembrino, requested by Bob & Gay Masztak.

From the Pastor's Desk

Next Sunday we welcome the Little Sisters of the Poor who will be at the doors of the church after Mass.....tickets for the David Haas concert are going fast.....we received accolades about our Fish Fry from Mangino on KDKA and that drove us to a banner day on March 3, again, loads of thanks to Ms. Mona and her bevy of volunteers who work so hard each week....Go to www.theincline.com and vote for the best Fish Fry, SJA FISH FRY is in the Southwest location...
Father Pribonic

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS

Confessions: Lights On For You, Wednesday, March 15 from 6P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS AT 7:00 pm

Rest In Peace: Samuel Gearhart, father of David, and Kathleen Hendricksen sister of Jim Striebich and Laverne Barrasso sister of Ann DeAngelis.

Easter Flower Envelopes are due in by Sunday April 2 to be in the Easter bulletin.

Pro-Life message to be delivered to United Nations.....

Kurt Kondrich, local resident, will deliver a pro-life message to the United Nations on March 17. Having a Down syndrome child, he knows full well about the gift of life which even such a child can enjoy. Kurt is senior director of development for Human Coalition Pittsburgh. "I truly believe that this is the issue of our time and we will all be judged by what we did or failed to do to end this American holocaust" Those interested in his work can call him at 412-951-9117 or e-mail at kurtkonrich@gmail.com.

St. Joan of Arc Men's Group: The group will be meeting on Tuesday March 21st at 7pm. The topic for this month's meeting is authentic Christian men. We will be encountering Jesus and seeking to know him better through his Word, the catechism, Christian fellowship and a workbook. Food and drinks will be provided. We will be meeting on the third floor in the school building. If you have any questions call Ian Valenta at 412-559-8903

Altar Bread & Wine for one week im memory of C.R. & Curt Markham, requested by Wife, Myrna Markham.

Financial Statement
Regular Offertory..... \$ 9,523.00
THANK YOU For Your Generosity.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION.....

What did the disciples see on that mountain? Light. Divine Light.

A writer from the fourth century tries to explain: '.....when the soul is perfectly filled with the ineffable beauty and glory of the light of Christ's countenance and granted perfect communion with the Holy Spirit and given the grace to be the dwelling place of the throne of God, then the soul becomes all light, all glory, all spirit.....every good gift is from above coming down from the Father of lights.....inspired by the Father, each procession of light spreads itself generously towards us in its power to unify all things and it stirs us up by lifting us up, and turns us back to the Father who gathers us in and makes us one in Him.

Let us then call upon Jesus, the Light of the Father, through whom we have obtained access with the Father, the Light which is the source of all Light....."

We open ourselves up to the Light through prayer, confession of sins, penance and participation in the sacraments of the Church, especially Reconciliation and Eucharist, and thereby become energized (filled with divine Light) to do good in loving compassion.

Let us then eagerly move on with our Lord, through the cross to the Resurrection!

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

Bereavement Retreat: Hope & Healing

A retreat for those struggling with issues of Grief & Loss at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, Pittsburgh. Presenters: Father Michael Salvagna, C.P. & Mr. Richard Heidenreich, M.Ed. Friday, March 24– Saturday, March 25, 2017
6:30 Friday (NO DINNER) through 5:00 PM on Saturday (two meals). Suggested offering: \$115.00 (\$50.00 deposit required) To register, please call 412-381-7676

The Auxiliary of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, April 1 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Nativity Parish, located at 5811 Curry Road in South Park. Dinner is \$10.00 per person and includes freshly prepared spaghetti, a salad, roll, drink and dessert. Children under age 10 eat for \$5. A take out option is also available All proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner go to support the mission and ministries of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God. For more information, please call Sister Mary Ann at (412) 477-4321.

PARISH SHARE 2017: Please consider pledging a minimum of \$250.00 a year or \$25.00 a month 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%. Please return your pledge card with down payment no later than March 19.

DEAR JOAN:

I just realized that St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday this year and of course we're not supposed to eat meat on Fridays of Lent. Now I was planning my party and having corned-beef on rye. Now tell me please what to do. Do you think that the Bishop will give a dispensation?

Signed: Patty O'Toole

Dear Patty O'Toole:

Thank you for your question, I bet many other people will find themselves in the same predicament. This is what the Bishops have written regarding Lenten fasting regulations:

"We ask that the People of God make the entire Lenten season a period of special penitential observance and we preserve for our dioceses the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent, confident that no Catholic will lightly hold him/herself excused from this penitential practice.

So, there is your "permission"--- If you cannot celebrate St. Patrick's Day without your corned-beef on rye, have at it! It's your decision (and no sin involved). If you so decide to eat meat on Friday, The Bishops ask the faithful to consider seriously to look out for the sick, the poor, underprivileged, bed-ridden, house-bound, refugees. Someone might go so far as to contact our reps in Congress and ask them what the greatest country in the world might be doing to come to the aid of the millions in Africa who are suffering from man-made (war) famine. There is always plenty of "penance" available.

The long and short of it is that you make the decision about keeping Fridays in Lent. Oh, why not celebrate at our Fish Fry?

Signed: Joan d'Arc

Altar Server Schedule

March 18
5:00 P.M. Sebastian Dean, Tommy Muha

March 19
7:30 Matt Pensenstadler
9:00 Carlos & Sammy Jess, Joshua Kosmach
11:00 Cameron Carroll

Prayer Shawl Ministry – March 21st 6:30 – 3rd Floor of the School – enter side door by office. Hope to see you there and hear some wonderful stories since we haven't been together since October. Thanks again for all you do and your prayers – Karen Urbanowicz

Disaster Response Mission -- You are invited to participate in a mission trip to Connellsville, PA to help rebuild homes affected by the flooding of August 2016. The trip will take place sometime between April 21 – 30. Exact dates will be determined based on the availability and interest of participants. We will either be doing a three-day weekend, or perhaps a five-day trip. **Please contact the diocesan coordinator before the end of February** for more information, or to express interest in the mission trip: Gary Roney: groney@diopitt.org or 412-456-3140.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE: All are warmly welcome to join us in prayerful song, silence, and reflection at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Finleyville on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Please join us for the men's Emmaus retreat sponsored by St. Benedict the Abbot scheduled for May 5-7.

A Pittsburgh Men's Emmaus Retreat Weekend is a gathering of regular men just like you. We come from all walks of life all ages 18 and older and regardless of where you are in your journey we all ask questions. A men's Emmaus retreat is an active weekend designed to help you grow in your faith. Each retreat takes place in a relaxed atmosphere. The retreat is held just minutes from home at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park with good food and private rooms. To reserve your spot or if you have any questions please contact Ed Corbett via email at ecorbett@verizon.net or call at 412-302-1659.

Hospital Volunteers needed at Jefferson Hospital. Several different areas are in need of volunteers. To learn more contact Janet O'Brien at 412-469-5885.

Ham Bingo: Sunday, March 12 @ 1 PM
St Francis of Assisi, Finley Hall, Finleyville, PA 15332
Tickets \$4.00 includes one board, additional @\$1.00.
Benefits the needy in the area.

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.



IN CONCERT: DAVID HAAS
SUNDAY MARCH 26TH 4 PM
St. Joan of Arc Church
6470 LIBRARY ROAD,
SOUTH PARK, PA 15129

JOIN THE COMPOSER OF BLESSED ARE THEY, WE ARE CALLED. YOU ARE MINE, DEEP WITHIN, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD, NOW WE REMAIN. HOLY IS YOUR NAME, AND SO MANY MORE....FOR A CONCERT OF MUSIC AND PRAYER .

ALL AGES EVENT

FREE ADMISSION!

RESERVATION REQUIRED

Call the parish office at 412-833-2400
to reserve your tickets



LENTEN FISH FRY
FRIDAY, MARCH 17

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**

Womens Retreat: Are the daily challenges becoming too great? Come experience a St. Paul's weekend retreat to recapture your peace of mind and the joys of God's creation. You will return home relaxed and renewed, better able to cope in a busy world. For more information call Melissa Coe @ 412-308-6754 or Margaret Almasy @ 412-833-1972.

RETROUVAILLE - SAVE OUR MARRIAGE

This program, supported by the Catholic Church, has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. The next program begins March 31, 2017. Please call for confidential information at 412-277-3434 or see <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

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.