

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.

Phones:

Office: 412-833-2400

CCD: 412-835-3724

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1-888-808-1235

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Directory

Most Reverend David A. Zubik, *Bishop*

Reverend Phillip Paul Pribonic, *Pastor*

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Beverly Buddemeyer, *Religious Education*

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." – Jn 9:13-15



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 25– The Annunciation

5:00 P.M. - Frank LaValle (Audrey Jones)

Sunday, - March 26– Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 A.M. - Robert James & Robert George Kramer
(Wife & Mother)

9:00 A.M. - Daniel Chasky & Elizabeth Gillen
(Family)

11:00 A.M. - John Matter (Phil & Phyllis Ricciardi)

Monday, March 27– Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Frank LaValle (The Ralph Nudi Family)

Tuesday, March 28– Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Rose Mayer (Thelma Manenando)

Wednesday, March 29– Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Mary Ruth Comis (Diane Brickley)

Thursday, March 30– Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Patricia Phillips (Daughters)

Friday, March 31– Lenten Weekday

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

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)

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,
Betty Mahr, Thomas Cummings, Carmen Falcione,
Michael Sexton, 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 Daniel Chasky & Elizabeth Gillen,
requested by Family. Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week
for John the Baptist in memory of Nick Strafalace,
requested by the Sedon Family. Altar Bread & Wine for
one week in memory of Daniel Chasky & Elizabeth Gillen,
requested by the Family.

Financial Statement
Regular Offertory..... \$7,965.00
THANK YOU For Your Generosity.

From the Pastor's Desk

According to canon law, all pastors must write
to the Bishop upon reaching the age of seventy-five in
order to offer their resignation from the Pastorate and
since I will be reaching that age this coming April 21 I
have written to the Bishop and he has accepted with the
understanding however, that I would be able to continue
on here at the parish until I celebrate my golden
anniversary of ordination to the priesthood this coming
December, after which I will be able to retire from active
priestly service in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, looking
forward to a "warmer" climate as well as travel while still
having a modicum of mobility.....please understand that
priests retire at the pleasure of the Bishop, as well as being
able to receive a monthly pension from the priests'
pension fund which is funded from an annual payment
from the parishes.....so that means there will be a priest
resident at the parish until the end of this year.....we
welcome internationally renowned musician/composer
Mr. David Haas to our parish for a concert this afternoon
at four o'clock in the church.....in order to allow for
sufficient seating, we ask that only those who have
requested a ticket plan to attend thank you for your
co-operation.....please vote for our wonderful fish-fry at
www.theincline.com.....please remember that Masses on
Easter Sunday will be at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12
Noon.....please note schedule in the bulletin for Holy
Week liturgy.....the Divine Mercy novena will be prayed
on Good Friday at 3:00 PM, and people may participate
privately, and then the closing will be on Sunday April 23
at 3:00 PM at Nativity Church.....I would like to thank
everyone for their support of the parish and the
Parish Share Program, this is the last week to send in
pledges.....thank you for your cooperation.....

Father Pribonic

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR THE
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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

CONFESSIONS AT LOCAL PARISHES:

St. Valentine Saturdays 11:00- 12 Noon
St. Francis of Assisi Finleyville:
Saturdays 12:30-1:00 PM
Nativity Wed 6:15-6:45 PM
St. Louise Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 PM
Saturdays 11:30—12:30 PM

Scripture Reflection

Pope: true fasting is helping others

The readings of the day speak about fasting; that is, the Pope explained, “about the penance that we are called to do in this time of Lent,” in order to draw closer to the Lord. God delights in the “contrite heart,” the Psalm says, “the heart of one who feels himself a sinner, who knows he is a sinner.” In the first Reading, taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, God rebukes the false religiosity of the hypocrites who fast, while at the same time carrying out their own pursuits, oppressing their workers, “striking with wicked claw”: on the one hand, doing penance, while on the other being unjust, making “dirty deals.” The Lord calls us, instead, to a true fast, where we are attentive to our neighbor:

“On the other hand there is a fasting that is ‘hypocritical’ – it’s the word that Jesus uses so often – a fast that makes you see yourself as just, or makes you feel just, but in the meantime I have practiced iniquities, I am not just, I exploit the people. “But,’ [someone might say,] ‘I am generous, I give a good offering to the Church.’

“‘But tell me,’ [one might answer,] ‘do you pay a just wage to your help? Do you pay your employees under the table? Or, as the law demands, [enough] so that they are able to feed their children?’”

Pope Francis told the story of an event that happened immediately after the second World War to Jesuit Father Pedro Arrupe, when he was a missionary in Japan. A rich businessman gave him a donation for his evangelical activities, but brought with him a photographer and a journalist. The envelope contained just ten dollars:

“This is the same as what we do when we do not pay a just wage to our people. We take from our penances, from our acts of prayer, of fasting, of almsgiving... we take a bribe: the bribe of vanity, the bribe of being seen. And that is not authentic, that is hypocrisy. So when Jesus says, ‘When you pray, do it in secret; when you give alms, don’t sound a trumpet; when you fast do not be sad,’ it is the same as if He had said: ‘Please, when you do a good work, don’t take the bribe of this good work, it is only for the Father.’”

He quoted the passage from Isaiah where the Lord tells the hypocrites about true fasting – words, the Pope said, that seem to be spoken to us today:

“This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; Setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own.” “Let us think on these words, let us think in our own hearts, how do we fast, pray, give alms? And it would help us to think about how we would feel about a man who, after a meal that cost 200 euros, for example, returns home and sees someone hungry, and doesn’t look at him and keeps walking. It would do us good to think about that.”

(from Vatican Radio)

CCD NEWS

I have gotten many phone calls from parents wondering if they should register their child for next year’s CCD classes. It seems there is still much confusion about what will be happening to our church. While I do not know what the long range future holds, (no one really knows) we have been told by the diocese to plan for the 2017 – 2018 school year. So please, register your children now for next year. (I need to know how many books to buy, and early registration saves you \$10!) I’m planning on life as usual here next year and looking forward to working with you and your children! God bless you! Bev Buddemeyer

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) **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 1st. 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.

Retrouvaille offers help to couples experiencing trouble in their marriage.

The weekend and post sessions focus on rebuilding marriage through better communication, listening, and understanding. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 31, 2017, contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at

<http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

Rest In Peace: Gertrude Vresko. Former parishioner.

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.

We're all called to holiness, but what does that mean?
How does God invite us to holiness through His perfect plan for our lives? Come and explore our universal call to holiness as well as the particular vocations to Priesthood and the Religious Life at the second annual *Called by Name* event, Sunday, April 30, 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at St. Paul Seminary. No cost. Please visit PGHPriest.com to register.

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.

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.

SJA WOMENS RETREAT: St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center offers us time off to celebrate life, love, hope, joy, faith and fellowship. Please join us SJA women's retreat on April 28-30, 2017. For more information call Melissa Coe @ 412-308-6754 or Margaret Almasy @ 412-833-1972.

Eucharistic Ministers please pick up a new schedule in the Sacristy after Mass today.



**LENTEN FISH FRY
March 31, 2017**

**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**

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

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.

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 to purchase tickets online or call Pam Hart at 412-854-1110, x221 for a printed invitation.

CALLED BY NAME EVENT Sunday April 30, 4:00-8:30 pm at St. Paul's Great Hall in Crafton, for high school students to think about our vocation to holiness, call Theresa at tsullivan@diopitt.org

SHIM NEWS----Help us at SHIM to share our good news with all that we do, volunteering to stock our pantry, help with day-care, child-care, by visiting Shimcares.org

'MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST' is the Holy Spirit at work in the Cursillo Movement active for over fifty years in the Pittsburgh Diocese. Evangelization happens through personal contact where we live, work, pray and play. It is the work of the Holy Spirit. For more info contact: andizientrara@gmail.com

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.

St. Winifred Church Womens Guild will hold their 47th Annual Junque Sale on Friday, April 21st from 5-8 and on Saturday, April 22 from 9am until noon in Benedict Hall at 550 Sleepy Hollow Road in Mt. Lebanon.