

Saint Joan of Arc Church

6414 Montour Street
South Park, Pa 15129
412-833-2400
Father Phillip Pribonic

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

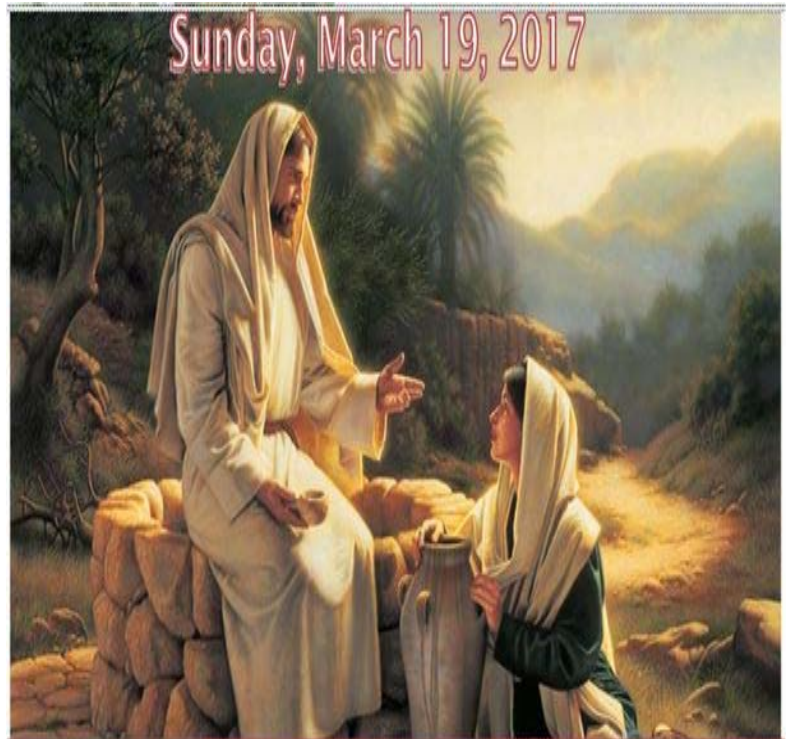
Sunday: 7:30 A.M.

9:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

Daily Mass

Monday– Thursday: 8:00A.M.



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." —Jn 4:10

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 Pensensadler : *RCIA*

Mass Intentions

From the Pastor's Desk

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)

Monday, March 20– Saint Joseph

8:00 A.M. - Frank LaValle
(Vincent LaValle & Family)

Tuesday, March 21- Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Eileen Dowling (Tim, Cathy & Donna)

Wednesday, March 22– Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Matthew Pastorik
(SJA Kindergarten Class)

Thursday, March 23– Saint Turbicus of Mogrovejo

8:00 A.M. - Deceased Members of the
Mindzikiewicz/Suski Families
(Janice Reinhardt)

Friday, March 24– Blessed Oscar Romero

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

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)

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,
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.

We welcome the Little Sisters of the Poor this week-end, wishing them well in their ministry, and I know that our people will be generous as usual.....join us at the youth group breakfast this Sunday.....many are looking forward to David Haas' concert next Sunday, at four in the afternoon, in the church, internationally renowned composer and one who has had tremendous influence on the liturgical life of the English-speaking world.....not to mention friend of Mr Tom, our music minister.....tickets are required so that we can limit the number attending to capacity.....please remember that Masses on Easter Sunday April 16 will be at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12 Noon.....one more week to sign up for the Parish Share Program, please plan on pledging a minimum of \$250 over ten months to help our parish reach our goal of \$98,000.00.....please note times for confessions in our area and take time to prepare to celebrate Easter by renouncing sins.....altar servers and lectors are still needed, please call the Rectory if you might be interested.....

Father Pribonic

Second Collection Nest Sunday is for Human Development.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY at 7:00 PM
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

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.

Sanctuary lamp will burn one week for the Blessed Mother in memory of Anthony & Grace Distefano, requested Dom & Carol Salvucci.

Altar Bread & Wine for one week in memory of Herman & Edith Brandl, requested by Family.

Quote: BAN PRE-SHREDDED CHEESE, MAKE AMERICA GRATE AGAIN.

Financial Statement

Regular Offertory.....\$ 7,880.00
Ash Wednesday Collection.... \$2,559.00
Repairs & Replacements Collection..... \$1,327.00
THANK YOU For Your Generosity.

Scripture Reflection

[Do you read the Bible as often as you check your phone? Francis asks](#)

Vatican City, Mar 5, 2017 / 05:22 am (CNA/EWTN News).- On the first Sunday of Lent, Pope Francis said if we want to fight against the temptation of sin, we must be familiar with the Word of God – treating the Bible more like how we treat our cellphone.

“During the forty days of Lent, as Christians we are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and address the spiritual battle against evil with the power of the Word of God,” he said March 5. “For this you have to become familiar with the Bible, read it often, meditate on it, assimilate it.”

“Someone said: what would happen if we treated the Bible like we treat our cell phone? If we always carried it with us; or at least the small pocket-sized Gospel, what would happen?” Pope Francis spoke to pilgrims before leading the Angelus in St. Peter’s Square, drawing a stark comparison between the attention we give our cellphones and the attention we give Scripture, for example, always taking it with us, and going back if we forget it at home.

“You forget you mobile phone – oh! I do not have it, I go back to look for it; if you read the messages of God contained in the Bible as we read the messages of the phone...” he said. The Pope reflected on the day’s Gospel reading from Matthew, which tells about the temptation of Jesus in the desert by Satan. The episode comes at a specific point, he said, soon after Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River but before his public prosecution. “He has just received the solemn investiture: the Spirit of God descended upon Him, the Father from heaven declared him ‘my beloved Son’ (Matt. 3:17). Jesus is now ready to begin his mission,” he said.

But first he must go up against the Enemy, Satan, who presents him with three temptations. “By means of this triple temptation, Satan wants to divert Jesus from the path of obedience and humiliation – because he knows that in this way evil will be defeated,” the Pope said.

But the Word of God is like a shield against the poisonous arrows of the devil, Francis said. Jesus doesn’t use just any words – he uses the words of God, and in this way, the Son, full of the Holy Spirit, emerges victorious from the desert.”

This is what we must do against the temptations of the devil, the Pope said. The comparison between the Bible and our cellphones “is strange, but sobering.”

“In effect, if we had the Word of God always in our heart, no temptation could turn us away from God and no obstacle could deflect us from the path of goodness,” he stressed. We would know how “to win” against the daily temptations within and around us.

“We would be better able to live a resurrected life in the Spirit, accepting and loving our brothers, especially the most vulnerable and needy, and even our enemies.”

Let us ask the Virgin Mary, “the perfect icon of obedience to God and of unconditional trust to his will,” to help us during this Lent to listen to the Word of God in the Bible and “to make a real change of heart,” he concluded.

“And, please, do not forget – do not forget! – What would happen if we treated the Bible like we treat our cellphone. Think about this. The Bible always with us, close to us!”

DEAR JOAN:

It doesn’t happen as much now as it used to, but every now and then someone asks me: “have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior?” and I really don’t know what to tell them. Do you have any ideas of a good response to tell them?

Signed: Joe Catholic

Dear Joe Catholic:

Yes, recently I heard of an excellent response and it goes like this: “No I haven’t. I want the same Lord and Savior that everyone else has” And usually, the Lord asks us to “follow” him, to receive His Spirit, as the Samaritan woman in the Gospel this week. And that invitation to follow him goes out to all people, so that no one should really claim “The Lord is my, personal Savior” as if he weren’t for everyone else as well. Hope this helps!

Signed: Joan d’Arc

[Prayer Shawl Ministry](#) has distributed **4,118 shawls/blankets** to those folks that need our prayers. To our members praying for all those recipients – thank you very much . [Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting – this Tuesday, March 21, 6:30](#) – please plan on coming – it has been awhile and we hope to see many of you there. Thanks for all you do – Karen Urbanowicz

[Join hundreds of single Catholics](#) of all ages at the National Catholic Singles Conference, May 19th-21st, 2017 held at the DoubleTree Pittsburgh-Green Tree in Pittsburgh, PA. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, prayer, food, fellowship and more! Space is limited so register now! For more information and to register visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com. Use promo code NCSCPA to receive a special discount. Call 888.267.8885 x4.

[LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR](#) at St. Louise Church, Saturdays April 1 & 8 Mass at 9:00 AM closing at 12:30 PM to register email: Marilyn_Hans@yahoo.com, presented by Deacon Bill Strathmann and God’s People of Praise Prayer Group.

[Easter Flower Envelopes](#) are due in by Sunday April 2 to be in the Easter bulletin.

RETROUVAILLE - SAVE OUR MARRIAGE

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

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.

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.

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.



**LENTEN FISH FRY
FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

**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****



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*

SJA WOMENS RETREAT: It's important to take time to listen to the gentle voice of God. Retreats at St. Paul of the Cross are designed to give you that time. For information or reservations, pick up a brochure located at the entrances of church. Please contact Melissa Coe @ 412-308-6754 or melissacoe3@gmail.com or Margaret Almsy @ 412-833-1972 if you have any questions or would like help with your reservations.

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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.

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, and Christian fellowship. 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