

# 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.

## 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.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

# TEMPTATION

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." —Mt 4:8-9

**Mass Intentions**

**From the Pastor's Desk**

**Saturday, March 4– Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

5:00 P.M. - Mary Ruth Comis (Bob & Lucy Soldo)

**Sunday, - March 5– First Sunday of Lent**

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

9:00 A.M. - Frank LaValle (Tom & Carol Nath)

11:00 A.M. - Margaret May  
(Debbie & Paul Robinson)

**Monday, March 6– Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Paul Quinn (Mother, Mary Lou)

**Tuesday, March 7– Saints Perpetua & Felicity**

8:00 A.M. - Carol Williams  
(Dana & Erica Haakensen)

**Wednesday, March 8– Saint John of God**

8:00 A.M. - Norman Walker (Wife)

**Thursday, March 9– Saint Frances of Rome**

8:00 A.M. - Janie Mendarino (John & Barbara)

**Friday, March 10– Lenten Weekday**

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

**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)

**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:**

Rose Marie Bottles, Dale Kragens, 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,  
Ray Zofcin, 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, 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  
for Special intentions.

**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn one week for John the Baptist in  
memory of Dominic, Sr. & Jay Salvucci, requested by Dom  
& Carol Salvucci.

Now into Lent, I hope that we can all get serious about what we have to do in order to “Repent, and believe the Gospel”.....prayer is so important, and good will and respect to all as well.....we are thankful to our fish fry volunteers.....we have one candidate to be confirmed at the Easter Vigil, Robert & Nancy Pflueger, who will be presented at the cathedral on March 12.....Father Peter Horton, Pastor of St. Winifred Church Mt Lebanon, will present thoughts on observing Lent at the Life Enrichment Program on Wednesday morning in the Gathering Place.....We are in need of altar servers, and Cameron Carroll will be appealing for new recruits this week-end.....

Father Pribonic

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**Spring ahead next Sunday, turn clocks ahead an hour!**

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY IS FOR REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS**

**Confessions: The Lights On For You**, Wednesday, March 15 from 6P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Two confessions available.

**SATURDAY CONFESSIONS** St. Valentine Church 11:00-12 Noon St. Francis of Assisi Church Finleyville 12:30-1:00 PM

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY AT 7:00 pm**  
PASTORAL COUNCIL/FINANCE COUNCIL JOINT MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 7

**LECTORS ARE NEEDED**, Please call office if willing to read at mass.

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

**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](mailto:ecorbett@verizon.net) or call at 412-302-1659.

**Financial Statement**  
Regular Offertory..... \$7,701.00  
**THANK YOU For Your Generosity.**

## Scripture Reflection

THE DEVIL IS THE AUTHOR OF 'FAUX' NEWS.....taking advantage of our gullibility, and knowing full well that we have a free will that can make choices, he starts with his lying. First, he gets Adam (who represents all mankind) to start doubting God's word. "Did he really tell you not to eat the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?" Maybe that was someone else. He wouldn't really tell you that you can't have something. After all, you're privileged, you can have anything and everything!" Satan isn't called the father of lies for nothing. Jesus was well aware of him by the time he came to tempt Jesus in the desert. The temptations actually come upon every person at one time or another. The first temptation, to turn stones into bread, is another way of saying: "Get all you can, you deserve it." "You don't have enough, you don't have it good enough, you're not really blessed, in fact, you might not even be God's son, who knows? Life is short, you don't want to miss out on anything" The second temptation is to have Jesus jump off the roof of the Temple, and take his chances. He is trying to get Jesus to set God up, to use Him, to manipulate Him, use religion for his own glory. Jesus says in effect: "Don't play games with God" The third temptation is for power, control, and glory, which the Devil will give to Jesus if he sells out to him. I will tell you all that you need to know, and all you need to do, lie, cheat, steal, bully, in that way you will worship me and I will give you all the glory I can muster, all this glitz and gold. Maybe even throw in the red carpet routine at the Oscars. When Jesus says to pray, fast, and give alms, He is telling us how to avoid these temptations. Recognizing that we are God's sons and daughters, we pray to help us realize that we are God's children and that He has blessed us, and so we don't need "everything" (We will have it all later, more than we can imagine) We fast to realize that we don't have it all, and we give alms to show that we are in solidarity with those who don't have it all, and share willingly with the less fortunate, and speak up for them against the powers of this world!  
Come, Holy Spirit, help us to be thoughtful this Lent!

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**Prayer Shawl Ministry – March 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Do you have neat handwriting?** Would you like to earn extra cash by simply writing thank you notes and addressing envelopes for your favorite charities? You can work from home, have flexible hours, and receive a fair paycheck. For more information and to get started immediately contact Mary Ann Ault at [maryann@cultivatedclients.com](mailto:maryann@cultivatedclients.com) or call 412-780-3017.

## 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 \$250.00 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%. 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.

**Respect Life Report:** Norma McCorvey died on February 18 this year. She was the Roe in the Roe v Wade Supreme Court case that decided in 1973 that abortions should be legal. During the hearing, Norma McCorvey reversed course and adopted a pro-life point of view. The woman who was the subject of the nation's best-known abortion case never had an abortion herself - that the pregnancy that led to her being the subject of a court case ended in birth and subsequent adoption. She renounced the court decision that bore her pseudonym. She was striving to right a horrible wrong, to save the lives of preborn children, and to spare their mothers unspeakable pain and heartache. "Roe" wanted Roe v Wade to be overturned. Sadly this didn't happen and the Supreme Court ruling has led to the deaths of more than 59 million preborn children and the haunting grief of millions of mothers and fathers, grandparents and siblings.  
Courtesy of Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation.

## Altar Server Schedule

**March 11**

**5:00 Owen Cernetic, Cameron Carroll**

**March 12**

**7:30 Carlos & Sammy Jess**

**9:00 Clare & Cole Brdar**

**11:00 Dan Morgret, Abby & Jason Gigliotti**



**LENTEN FISH FRY**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 10**  
**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***

#### Life Enrichment Club

Would you like to make your Lenten season more meaningful this year? Join us on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am for our Life Enrichment program: "The Story Goes On". Our guest speaker, Father Peter Horton will focus on the Lenten season as a continuation of our story with Jesus. Using scripture, Father Horton will discuss how this sacred season calls us to renewal and new life in Christ. 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](http://www.mystjoan.org).

**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](mailto:pamhart@yfcmp.org) before March 21, 2017. You may also access information @ [www.yfcmp.org/events/the\\_sweet\\_life\\_2017](http://www.yfcmp.org/events/the_sweet_life_2017). All proceeds benefit Youth for Christ Metro Pittsburgh.

**SJA WOMENS RETREAT:** Are you looking for answers, or are you in need of time to stop and put your thoughts in order? A retreat can give you the opportunity to hear God's quiet voice. 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 more information call Melissa Coe @ 412-308-6754 or Margaret Almasy @ 412-833-1972.

#### **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.



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

**JOIN THE COMPOSER OF BLEST 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*

#### **Dear Joan:**

Father was talking a few weeks ago about a police officer of New York City who had a beautiful tribute at his funeral at St. Patrick Cathedral. I didn't get it all, can you please fill me in on some of the details.

Thanks: Gram

#### **Dear Gram:**

Yes, Father was talking about the late NYPD Officer Steven McDonald who died this past January and whose funeral at St. Patrick's Cathedral was attended by Cardinal Dolan, many bishops, priests, and over 2000 men and women in blue. Father used the story about the officer as an example for the Gospel on "pray for your enemy, forgive your enemy, and be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate". Officer McDonald was two years on the force when in July 1986 he stopped several youths in Central Park as part of investigating a spate of bicycle thefts. A teen pulled out a handgun and shot the officer three times in the spine. The officer thereby became a quadriplegic and needed a respirator for the rest of his life. His public-service oriented Irish Catholic family has given four generations of service to the NYPD. When he was shot, his wife was carrying their child and when baptized about a year later, Officer McDonald, present in a wheel-chair, had his wife read this statement about his shooter: "I forgive that boy and hope that he can find peace and purpose in his life" That was his first public statement about the incident. That was a particularly difficult period for New York City. That year there were 1582 murders in the city (this past year there were 335) Officer Steve did not spend the rest of his life in self-pity. He remained on the payroll as a detective, and was present at functions and traveled throughout the city and surrounding area as well as to Northern Ireland and Bosnia to convey his message of forgiveness, peace, and reconciliation. Police Commissioner James P. O'Neil called Officer McDonald "one of the most fearless cops to ever don a uniform" and reiterated the officer's mantra that the only thing worse than taking a bullet to the spine would have been to nurture revenge in his heart. His son Conor, now a sergeant on the police force, delivered the eulogy. "My dad's life was marked by the simple understanding that God asked him to be a witness to peace and reconciliation among people and nations." Conor said, and closed with reciting the "Peace prayer of St. Francis" and said: "That was the kind of father I knew". From the New York Times, January 13, 2017