

Saint Joan of Arc Church

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Father Phillip Pribonic

July 9, 2017

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 7:30 A.M.

9:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

Daily Mass

Monday– Wednesday: 8:00A.M.

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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*

Patty Reavel, *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*



14th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” - Mt 11:29-30

Mass Intentions

From the Pastor's Desk

Saturday, July 8– Weekday

- 8:00 A.M. - Dorothy Mackey (Scandrol Family)
- 5:00 P.M. - Helen & Andrew Czerski
(Kris & Dan Cummings)

Sunday, - July 9– Fourteenth Sunday

- 7:30 A.M. - Mary & John Rachuba
(Children; John & Kathy)
- 9:00 A.M. - Daniel A. Chasky (Nancy Matter)
- 11:00 A.M. - Chuck Polizzano
(Teresa Riepole & Family)

Monday, July 10– Weekday

- 8:00 A.M. - Frank Pivik (Monica Pagano)

Tuesday, July 11– Saint Benedict Abbot

- 8:00 A.M. - William Kosslow (Carol & Tom Nath)

Wednesday, July 12– Weekday

- 8:00 A.M. - Louis & Hilda Boron
(Ron & Annette Boron)

Thursday, July 13– Saint Henry

- 8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

Friday, July 14– Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

- 8:00 A.M. - NO MASS

Saturday, July 15– Saint Bonaventure

- 5:00 P.M. - Ted Hale (SJA Staff)

Sunday, - July 16– Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 A.M. - Robbie Harris
(Dianne & Mike LeDonne)
- 9:00 A.M. - Elmer Hegedus & Janet Schuster
(Wife & Mother)
- 11:00 A.M. - Cathy Furno (Family)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Rose Marie Bottles, Dale Kragnes, Jay Briggs, Thom Mills, Gerry Evans, Karen Recrosio, William Reddy, Chuck Stanford, Emerson Cotter, Dorothy Kudla, Michael Weston, Rod Shipe, Father Joseph Grosko, John Oakes, Julie Schmaltz, Marcy Smith, Eleanor Young, Meredith Bissette, Dom Salvucci, Albert Lexie, Joan Charnesky, Jenny Fraas, Sue Wimer, Marlys Schoedel, Ryan Doughty, Brenda Dunois, Donald Melinchak, Cheryl Hackett, Madeline Moze, Michael Sexton, Richard Humenansky, Joan Roberts, Betty Mahr, Bernie Allen, Sr., Tim O'Brien, William Vetter, Father Michael Maranowski, Mary Lou Quinn, Ryan Doughty, Jonathan Piccoli, Rev. Frank Lewis, Pat Mathews, and Audrey Jones. Help, save, pity and defend your

We welcome Father Joy who will speak to us about his home diocese of Kottapuram in Kerala as part of the Missionary Co-op Plan and I know that our people will be as generous as usual.....our youth group is off again for another marvelous Appalachian Workcamp and we can pray for their safety and return.....as I am trying to pack up for leaving at the end of the year, I came across some old "33s", (Neal Diamond, Percy Faith, Bee-gees), so if any collectors are interested, they are yours!.....our garden work is progressing as well, you are welcome to drop by any Monday or Wednesday evening.....

Father Pribonic

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR THE DIOCESE OF KOTTAPURAM IN KERALA.

SECOND COLLECTION SUNDAY JULY 16 IS FOR REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS....

Sanctuary Lamp will burn one week for the Blessed Mother in memory of Linda Mattola, requested by the SJA Family.

Anyone interested in becoming a Lector please contact Mike Palus at 92kids@comcast.net or notify the Parish office.

Marriage Moments: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened..." (Mt. 11:29) One grace of marriage is having a partner who is there for us when one of us feels burdened or discouraged. We may not always respond perfectly, but the opportunity is there. Is there anything burdening your beloved these days? ~©2017 by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

Parent Pointers: "...although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to little ones." (Mt 11:25) What have you recently learned from your child? ~©2017 by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

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Scripture Reflection

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Who wouldn't appreciate some real rest? Most of us fall into the category of those "who labor." We have our jobs to do, our families to tend to, our responsibilities to take care of. Often, the tasks seem endless and our time seems so limited. How can we justify "rest" with so many things on our to-do lists? Even recreation can be labor intensive when it involves planning, preparing, traveling, or hosting. And our default modes of "resting"--whether it be watching television, taking a nap, or chatting with a friend--rarely refresh us for more than a few hours. But the rest Jesus is describing is different than this. He isn't talking about an occasional "time-out" from the duties of life. Jesus is offering us a deeper kind of relief, a liberation from the exhaustion of life.

This freedom comes when we take his yoke on our shoulders. Jesus tells us, in essence, to align ourselves with him--to do our work with him. All of our duties and responsibilities can be done with Jesus at our side. He does not promise that our obligations will magically disappear. The "rest" he offers is a kind of peace even amidst our daily lives. The refreshment Jesus brings is the comfort of his presence as we engage in the everyday tasks that we are called to do. It is not that there are no longer burdens to bear; rather, the burden is "light" when we share it with the Lord. But just how do we share the load? Perhaps by starting the morning in prayer asking Jesus to assist us, or by seeking his guidance in daily decisions, or by offering our actions to him. However we do it, when we come to him as he asked, he promises, "you will find rest."

(LPI Publications)

COMMUNITY OF HOPE MEETING Monday July 10 at 7:00 pm in Benedict Hall of St. Winifred Church, Sleepy Hollow Road, Mt Lebanon---
topic: gerrymandering in the political process.

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held on Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at Tabor House in Millvale. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women (and men) struggling with abortion's aftermath. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or email: toniafj1@comcast.net

Prayer Shawl Ministry - If anyone finishes any shawls or blankets throughout the Summer – you can drop them off at the office during normal office hours. Thank you – and enjoy the summer – Bless you all for all you do.

Karen Urbanowicz

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN MUSICAL BEING PERFORMED AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Family Life Center
Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 7pm
doors open at 6:15pm

and
Sunday, July 30, 2017 at 1:15pm
doors open at 12:30pm
Admission is free

Please consider donating nonperishable food items which will be given to South Hills Interfaith Mission's Food Pantry. We will also be accepting monetary donations to offset expenses for the current and possible future children's musicals here at St. Thomas More Church.

THANK YOU to all who donated cookies for our Appalachia trip. With 156 members going this year, we certainly won't have any go to waste! I know I've said it before, but it bears repeating...God bless you for your kindness .
Audrey Wurst, Youth Group Leader



Altar Server Schedule

July 15
5:30 Alaina, Joseph, & Julia Nypaver

July 16
7:30 Matt Pensenstadler
9:00 Julius, Alexis Riske, Kimberlin Ernest
11:00 Jason, Abby Gigliotti, Sophia Hale

Dear Joan:

I read with dismay, the “Scripture Reflection” found in the June 25, 2017 St. Joan of Arc Church Bulletin, titled “Man Who Attacked GOP Was A Product of American Logic of Violence” by Adam Ericksen. I was not familiar with the theological, or political, background or leanings of Mr. Ericksen. I discovered he is employed as the Education Director of the Raven Foundation (a pacifist organization), is a member of the United Church of Christ, and is a self-described Progressive. The Raven Foundation, according to its website, provides “Social commentary on Religion, Politics and Pop Culture.”

Mr. Ericksen’s thesis appears to be that “...America is a nation that believes in the logic of violence.” A very catchy, but poorly reasoned, proffer. He states, “If you hit us, we have every right to hit you back.” He then attacks the concept of preemptive war. He makes an illogical leap to conclude, “In this way, violence makes sense.”

First, a more reasonable analysis of our response to the vicious attacks on innocent Americans on September 11, 2001, is that the American nation would not permit evil to go unpunished. In fact, then-President George W. Bush stated on September 20, 2001, “Whether we bring our enemies to justice or bring justice to our enemies, justice will be done.” Justice is, of course, one of the Cardinal Virtues set forth in traditional Roman Catholic Teaching.

President Bush concluded that speech by stating, “Fellow citizens, we’ll meet violence with patient justice, assured of the righteousness of our cause and confident of the victories to come. In all that lies before us, may God grant us wisdom and may he watch over the United States of America.” Wisdom is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. When read reasonably, the mission of the American nation was to seek justice, and impede violence; and to do so with the wisdom provided by God.



Second, Mr. Ericksen’s comments about us always thinking our violence is “good” and “defensive,” and that our enemy’s violence is “bad” and “aggressive,” is unsupported by history and fact. The facts indicate the USA engages in war when deemed necessary, and does not suppose that violence is “good,” but rather necessary to ensure justice. The USA engages in war to pursue peace, as St. Augustine wrote in The City of God, is typical. St. Augustine also wrote against pacifism and in support of our duty to protect the innocent. **The Roman Catholic Church has never subscribed to pacifism.** Catechism of the Catholic Church, Section 2308. Rather, the Catholic Church teaches in the Vatican II Document titled, “Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *Gaudium et spes*,” December 7, 1965, Section I, Paragraph 79, “State leaders and all who share the burdens of administration have the **duty to defend the interests of their people** and to conduct such grave matters with a deep sense of responsibility.” [emphasis added].

Third, Mr. Ericksen’s social commentary makes for poor theology. He recommends we, “...lift[] up the voice of the downtrodden while remembering what those ensnared by the forces of oppression.” (sic). However, holocaust survivors like Rwandan Immaculee Ilibagiza might prefer we take action to save them, rather than lift up their voices in some pacifistic manner.

Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust by Immaculee Ilibagiza. It is this duty to protect the innocent of which St. Augustine wrote. The United States of America is the greatest country the world has ever known. It has its faults, but Mr. Ericksen’s comments are baseless and do not serve as Scripture Reflection. May God Bless the United States of America. May I respectfully suggest Scripture Reflections from Catholic Periodicals such as The Wanderer, EWTN, or The Homiletic and Pastoral Review?

Signed: A Parishioner