

**Mass Intentions****Saturday, November 14– Weekday**

- 3:00 P.M. - Wedding: Patrick Dunlap to  
Jill Nypaver  
5:00 P.M. - Paul Matthews  
(Jeanne, Scott, Shawna & Family)

**Sunday, November 15– Thirty-Third Sunday in****Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 A.M. - Charles Pitcher (Bob & Dolly Ripper)  
9:00 A.M. - Cecilia Szewczyk  
(Rosemary, Marlene, Shirley & Kathy)  
10:30 A.M. - Birthday Remembrance Frank Yopek  
(Wife, Anita & Jeff)  
- People of the Parish  
12:00 Noon - George Miller (Wife & Family)

**Monday, November 16- Margaret of Scotland,  
Gertrude**

- 8:00 A.M. - Doris Baranowski (Family)

**Tuesday, November 17– Elizabeth of Hungary**

- 8:00 A.M. - Thelma Boyd (Alice Wirtz)

**Wednesday, November 18– Dedication of the Basilicas  
of Peter & Paul, Rose Philippine  
Duchesne**

- 8:00 A.M. - Anthony Sakely (Wife & Daughter)

**Thursday, November 19– Weekday**

- 8:00 A.M. - Mercedes Wingertsahn  
(Wingertsahn Family)

**Friday, November 20– Weekday**

- 8:00 A.M. - Terri Sonick (Family)

**Saturday, November 21– Presentation of the Blessed  
Mother**

- 5:00 P.M. - Joseph & Mary Mindzikiewicz  
(Bernardine Mindzikiewicz & Janice)

**Sunday, November 22– Our Lord Jesus Christ the  
King**

- 7:30 A.M. - Betty (Kit) Witwicki  
(Husband Raymond & Family)  
9:00 A.M. - Mary Kubis (Husband Paul & Family)  
10:30 A.M. - James Porter ( Wife & Family)  
- People of the Parish  
12:00 Noon - Richard Armstrong (Susan Armstrong)

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

Rosemarie Jabo, Jeannie Obidzinski, Marnie Rennie, Louise Hillman, Emily Herring, Michael Pro, Paul Pro, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Villella, Judy Zabkar, Dottie Kennedy, Bob Bittner, Stephen Nicholas, Margaret Smith, Anna Pierce, Jericho Fedor, Pat Rae, Al Furno, Ed Stetar, Ian Roberts, Carl Humphreys, Frank Mathews, Camryn Surman, Chuck Vasco, Aileen Spamer, Donna Helbley, Patricia Rice and Ethan Loney . Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

**Rest in Peace:** Norm Brody a parishioner at Saint Joan of Arc, and Bonnie Rowan, daughter of Ann Lynch.

**From the Pastor's Desk**

We were happy to have Archabbot Douglas Nowicki administer the Sacrament of Confirmation last Tuesday and I wish to thank especially Ms. Buddemeyer and all who made the liturgy so beautiful and to congratulate the students and their parents and hope that this is another step in their continual walk with the Lord!...please plan on donating a pint of blood for the replenishment drive on behalf of Owen Cernetic this coming Saturday at the Library Fire Hall.

Father Pribonic

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**Second Collection on Sunday** November 22 is the annual Retirement Appeal for Religious Sisters and Brothers. Statistics indicate that the average cost of care for religious woman and men over the age of 70 has more than doubled since 1989, with \$35,000 being the current annual figure. Your donation to the Religious Retirement Fund provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting escalating costs of elder care. Please be generous as usual Next Sunday!

**Thanksgiving, November 26–** We have so much in our lives to be thankful for so why not come to 9AM Mass and thank God for so many blessings. At the offertory, you will have the opportunity to come forward to bring up nonperishable food items, cash, Giant Eagle Certificates or paper products. These will be distributed by members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society to the needy of our community. Thank You.

**Lectors are members of the Church** who proclaim the Word of the Lord in the first two scripture readings, as well as the Prayers of the Faithful. Becoming a lector demonstrates a commitment to our faith and our parish, since you are sharing your time and energy to the service of the church. If anyone is interested in becoming a lector, please contact Mike Palus at (412) 835-3737.

**Altar Flowers** - To purchase a poinsettia "In Memory of our Loved Ones," please use the Christmas Flower Offering Envelope enclosed in your December packet of envelopes. Cost is a minimum of \$10. Deadline for ordering is MONDAY December 14, and please Print. Loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season. Names will be published in the December 20th bulletin.

**Christmas Oplatki** available at the Rectory \$3.00 per package.

**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for one week for the Blessed Mother in Memory of Doris Baranowski, Requested by Her Family.

**Class for Parents of the First Child Baptism:** Monday, November 30, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory. Please call to register.

**Scripture Reflection**

Because of our Lord’s faithful ministry as high priest, because he has walked our dusty road, known brutal choices faced death-dealing temptation, we can come to him with confidence. Here is a picture of God all of us would be wise to keep in our wallets.

Why is it, then, that we either fail to come to the Lord with confidence or forget that he is the One who understands our struggles and can heal our wounded lives? Why, indeed! My hunch is that our failure and forgetfulness is tucked away in the word fear. We fear rejection, wrongly thinking our Lord wants nothing to do with the “so and so’s” we have become. We fear humiliation, suspecting our Lord will parade our sins before our dirty faces once again. We fear judgment, believing God has a fiery future for people who act the way we act and do the things we do. Fear is a powerful, even crippling fact in most of our lives.

Be not afraid. Come with candid boldness to God, receive God’s gift of mercy, and walk away with life infused with grace. At the end of the day-or even a life-what will matter most is not our fears or our failings, but God’s grace that brought us through life’s trials. As John Newton so beautifully wrote long ago, “Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.” What if today, my friend, you decided to “first believe” all over again; to trust God who abounds in mercy, and to live more fully in grace? Be not afraid. Amen.

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**DVD COLLECTION** - Dear St. Joan of Arc Youth Group: As a member of St. Joan of Arc Church and having had my children participate in the SJA Youth Group, it gives me great pleasure to extend my heartfelt thanks for your donation of DVDs (to our cancer patient treatment center). I was hoping for 20-25 DVDS, and we received over 75 DVDs that I am sure will be utilized quite frequently by our patients. It makes me very proud to be able to say the Youth Group from my church made such a wonderful donation. These patients are all going through a very difficult time in their lives, and **little things mean a lot.** ~Daniel Simmons, Senior VP, Monongahela Valley Hospital

**Saint Joan of Arc Prayer Shawl Ministry Quilt Raffle:** The drawing for our beautiful quilt will be Saturday, November 21 ~ based on the PA Lottery. Please remember to drop your ticket stubs in the collection basket or return them to the rectory Monday thru Thursday of this week, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thank you and good luck.

Financial Statement	
Last Week’s Income was:	
Regular Collection.....	\$9,400.00
Repairs & Replacements.....	\$1445.00

**Blood Drive for Owen Cernetic** on Saturday, November 21,2009 from 9:00AM to 3:00 PM at the Library Fire Hall. Owen suffers from a disease that requires constant transfusions, to date he has used 140 units of plasma and whole blood. Owen is a 5 years old and a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish. Please keep him in your prayers and consider donating. To register call 412-833-4620.

**Dear Joan,**

Over the past years, the fundraising activities at St. Joan have been increasing. All recognize that they, for the most part, are necessary and well-intended to support the cause or organization.

It is somewhat disturbing; however, to see the “hawking of wares” moving ever so close to the inside of our house of God. In Matthew 21 verse 12 & 13, this is explained, “Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all engaged in selling and buying there.” “My house shall be a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of thieves.”

Perhaps all such activity could be centralized in the Gathering Place. This is a beautiful and expensive facility, but not a part of the sanctuary. It would enable those interested in various purchases to mingle and purchase without interfering with those whose sole intent is to worship God, which is, after all, the true intention of all.

I wonder what we were all thinking, or were we?

With respect,  
Disappointed Parishioner

**Dear Disappointed Parishioner,**

Are you referring to the Religious art that was displayed for purchase from Little Bethlehem? That was religious art, not pigeons for sacrifice. I’m sorry you and or others were offended. It is not an every Sunday event.

Father was gracious enough to allow them a card table for display. Well, a card table turned into a buffet table. Helping others in need is more Christian than the Den of Thieves.

There was a breakfast going on that day in the Gathering Place and hoagies being sold in the parking lot. Yes, we do have a lot of fund raising activities which help to keep our church and school running so well and Fr. doesn’t have to remind us (as many pastors do) to tithe our 10%.

Signed: Joan d’Arc

Altar Server Schedule	
<b>Saturday, November 21, 2009</b>	
5:00 P.M.	- C. & J. Counihan & J. Nadorlik
<b>Sunday,</b>	
7:30 A.M.	- M. Donahue
9:00 A.M.	- T. Brdar, A.Krajina, J. Riske
10:30 A.M.	- G. Kyle, A. Stein, J. Solomon
12:00 Noon	- T. & W. Ashton, C. Bajkowski

**Donuts will be on Sale** after all masses *next week* as a fundraiser for the Appalachian Work Camp.

\*\*\*\*\*YOUTH GROUP\*\*\*\*\*

**RETREAT** – High school students who signed up for the fall retreat should meet Mrs. Sherratt at 5:00 PM on Friday, November 20 outside of the Schuster Room.

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**NEW Christmas Cards Wanted** If you have a box of new cards (Christmas .. Thinking of You .. or Blank) you are not using, please consider donating them for a "Card Signing" Event we are having for our Troops. Please drop them in the White "Donation" Box in the Vestibule of Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Holy Family Parish Family**, 2nd Street, West Newton is sponsoring a BINGO on Sunday, December 6 at 1PM in the social hall. This is an ALL PAPER BINGO with each game paying \$100 and JACKPOT paying \$1000 (if more than 100 players are in attendance). The \$25 ticket (\$20 in advance by calling 724 872-6123) includes 1 pack of 20 games, 1 set of specials, magic number and a delicious luncheon.

**Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor** at a special Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the canonization of their foundress, Jeanne Jugan. Bishop David A. Zubik will celebrate the liturgy on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Paul Cathedral, 108 North Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Immediately following the Mass, the Knights of Malta will host a reception in the Cathedral Hall.

**The Sisters of the Divine Redeemer at Elizabeth Township** are sponsoring a Day of Reflection at the Motherhouse on Saturday, November 28 from 9:30 AM to 5 PM with Father Angelus Shaughnessy of EWTN fame. The day will include 3 talks, Holy Hour, Stations, Rosary, lunch, confessions and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Donation of \$30 per person may be paid at the door but please call Sister Rosemary at 412 751-8600 or e-mail at [sisrosemarysdr@aol.com](mailto:sisrosemarysdr@aol.com) for a reservation and more information.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**\_ The Waterfront Surgery Center in Homestead, PA is looking for volunteers to help for a few hours each week.

If you have a few hours to spare and would like to help, contact (724)348-4411 Great for retirees and seniors!!!!

**Father Rays Quotes:** Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

SCHOOL NEWS

**What a week!** Our faculty spent eighteen months preparing for our Middle States visit which took place this week. We presented our report to the team who reviewed our documentation, visited classrooms, interviewed students, staff and various committee members. It is now that we wait for the team to submit their report to the Middle States Association which will study our documents and the Report of the Visitation Team and then determine our accreditation status. Thank you to so many people for making this week a success.....our hospitality committee was amazing in every way..... our staff had SJA looking even more special.....our families who gave of their time to be interviewed.....Fr. Pribonic, for his complete support of our school.....and most of all our students and teachers who are the core of St. Joan of Arc School. We are truly blessed to have such caring, genuine people at our wonderful school.

**SJA 2010 Lottery Tickets :** Each ticket is \$25.00 for the full year for 365 chances to win off the 7:00 PM Lottery Contact Tamara Manion @ 724-348-9036

**Sarris Candy Sale** - SJA started their annual Christmas candy sale which will run until Nov. 19. Order forms can be picked up at the School Office.

**Brunch with Santa, Save the date:** Enjoy the magic of the holidays through the eyes of your child at Santa's Brunch on Saturday, December 12, 2009 in the Gathering Place. Children will have the opportunity to create holiday crafts, visit with Santa, read stories with Mrs. Claus and dine on a scrumptious kid-friendly brunch . **More information to follow.**

**The Sisters of St. Francis are sponsoring their 4th annual Take Out Lasagna Dinner on Friday, December 11th** from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at their Motherhouse, located in the Whitehall section of Pittsburgh's South Hills (15234). Each dinner costs \$6.00 and includes a choice of cheese or meat lasagna in a marinara sauce, dinner roll and brownie. To order take-out lasagna dinner, please call 412-885-7232 by 1:00 PM on Monday, December 7th.

**Ireland Tour** - "Faith and History Tour" of Ireland, 12 days, June 29 – July 10, 2010. Special emphasis will be on the wonders of Irish history, along with some "pub time" and usual tourist highlights. For more information/ call Fr. O'Shea at St. Valentine Parish (412-835-4415).

**World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend:** November 20-22 at Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Locante at 412-635-7775 or check us out on the web at [wwme-pittsburgh.org](http://wwme-pittsburgh.org).