

Mass Intentions**Saturday, December 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe**

3:00 P.M. - Wedding: Marci Young to Robert Reiland

5:00 P.M. - Tom Mahr (Tom & Carol Nath)

Sunday, December 13- Third Sunday in Advent

7:30 A.M. - Della Ambrogi (Roscoe Family)

9:00 A.M. - Rosemarie Powers (Frank Powers)

10:30 A.M. - Mary Kubis-Christmas Remembrance (Husband, Paul Kubis)

- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Henry Marzina (Marilou & Family)

Monday, December 14- John of the Cross

8:00 A.M. - Jack Gallagher (Wife Peg)

Tuesday, December 15- Advent Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Raymond Ackerman (Family)

Wednesday, December 16- Advent Weekday

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

Thursday, December 17- Late Advent Weekday

8:00 A.M. - William Jurgeovich (Wife, Betty)

Friday, December 18- Late Advent Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Hampton Saussy (Daughter, Linda)

10:00 A.M. - School Mass: Vito Sgro (Leo & Robin Reitmeyer)

Saturday, December 19- Late Advent Weekday

3:00 P.M. - Wedding: Ivan Braszo to Lauren Coe

5:00 P.M. - M/MMichael Suski (Bernardine Mindzikiewicz & Janice)

Sunday, December 20- Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. - Taboni & Gualazzi Families (M/M Gutrie Taboni)

9:00 A.M. - Jerry Schoedel (Regis & Marlys Schoedel)

10:30 A.M. - Salvador D'Amato (George & Linda Straka)

- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Elmer Hegedus & Janet Schuster (Wife & Mother, Clara Hegedus)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Judy Zabkar, Dottie Kennedy, Bob Bittner, Tim Zalewski, Anna Pierce, Jericho Fedor, Pat Rae, Al Furno, Ed Stetar, Ian Roberts, Rosemarie Jabo, Carl Humphreys, Frank Mathews, Camryn Surman, Chuck Vasco, Aileen Spamer, Donna Helbley, Patricia Rice and Ethan Loney, Mel Bingey. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

Sanctuary Lamp will burn for one week for the Blessed Mother in Memory of Mary Kubis (Christmas Blessing). Requested by her Husband, Paul & Family.

Financial Statement

Last Week's Income was:

Regular Collection.....\$11,102.00

Thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor's Desk

Many thanks to St. Nicholas for his visit last Sunday, as well to those who provided the candy and treats....we always look forward to St. Nicholas Day.... A GREAT RESPONSE (as usual) from our parishioners for the Giving Tree, and many thanks to the St. Vincent De Paul Society for handling the requests....please avail yourselves of the times for confessions, either on Saturdays at noon or the times scheduled the week before Christmas....

Father Pribonic

Second Collection today is for Repairs and Replacements.

St Joan of Arc Christmas Schedule:

Confessions in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord will be held on:

Monday: December 21 from 1:30-3:00PM

(extra priest will be available at this time)

Tuesday: December 22 from 4-5 PM and 7-8 PM

Wednesday: December 23 from 4-5 PM and 7-8PM

Confession of sins is an essential part of preparing to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord.

Masses:

December 24, Vigil of Christmas 4:00PM, 6:00PM, and Midnight.

December 25, Christmas 8:00AM, 10:00AM, and 12:00

Noon. *Come Christmas Day and Get a SEAT!*

St Joan of Arc wishes one and all in the Community a Very Blessed Christmas!

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. Names will be published in the December 20th bulletin, and will be remembered through the Christmas Season.

Class for Parents of the First Child Baptism: Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory. Please call to register.

Christmas cards available in Rectory. Box of 20 for \$5.00, What a bargain!!!!

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

Rest in Peace : Anna Szemanski mother of Donna Antis.

Scripture Reflection

SHALL WE TWITTER? "What are you doing?"

John the Baptist would ask what we are doing in order to prepare for the Savior.

If he were twittering, he might say something like: "Be satisfied with what you have", "Don't cheat anyone, not even the government", "Pay your taxes", "Do what you say you are going to do", "Keep your contracts", "Don't fudge on work or reports", "See what you can give to the community in terms of service", "Share with someone who is forgotten", "Make a phone call or visit and ask what can be done", "Do things with your children"...and the list could go on and on, with no limits to our imaginations or God's grace for repentance.

Dear Joan:



I was wondering if there is a midnight Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church this year, since many churches aren't having them anymore. I just read where the Pope is having Midnight Mass at 10:00PM. I was just wondering.

Thanks, Virginia

Dear Virginia,

Yes, there will be a midnight Mass this year at our church at mid-night. For all those who can't drive or go out at night, there is a Mass earlier or on Christmas Day at 8:00, 10:00, and Noon.

Thank you, Joan d'Arc

Caution: Given the darker hours we are facing at this time of year, please exercise extreme caution when crossing Route 88! O Lord, send your holy angels from heaven to protect us!

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, December 19, 2009

5:00 P.M. - M. Welsh, J. Nadorlik

Sunday, December 20, 2009

7:30 A.M. - M. Donahue

9:00 A.M. - A. Krajina, C. Dembiczak,
E. Aronhalt

10:30 A.M. - G. Kyle, K. Swindell, J. Riske

12:00 Noon - T. & W. Ashton, C. Bajkowski

Be an Angel...Give a gift!

REMINDER: Because the gifts are distributed to the families before Christmas, please return all gifts to the tree by TODAY, December 13th. Thank you for sharing the joy and love of Christmas with a "stranger". You truly are a Christmas Angel!

Calling all singers! Children/youth ages 8-15 interested in singing at this year's 4:00pm youth mass on Christmas Eve should contact Music Minister Deana Muro at divakeys@gmail.com. Participants must attend two mandatory rehearsals on December 15 and 22 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the library, and then meet at 3:15pm (also in the library) on Christmas Eve for the 4:00pm mass. I look forward to hearing from you!

Monday Morning Bible Class continues this week—we will conclude our experience of "Journey to Bethlehem." This will be the last class until January 4th when we will begin a study of the "Women of the Bible." All are welcome.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The lucky winner of our quilt is Walt Hajduk. Thanks to all who supported us in this fund raising event. It was a great success. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** now can be reached by 412-833-2400 ext 40.

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Reminder: The Children's Liturgy Mass is today at 10:30. Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade are invite to join Mr. and Mrs. Tressler at the start of Mass, and follow them to the Gathering Place where they will hear the Gospel reading and have it explained in terms that they can relate to. The children return to Mass and their families during the offertory song. We hope your child joins us for this very special Liturgy of the Word. Children's Liturgy continues on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the 10:30 Mass.

December 16th is the last CCD class before the Christmas break. Classes Resume January 4th. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you, my "church family" a very blessed Christmas season. Mrs. Buddemeyer

Christmas Bake Sale: Delicious homemade nut, poppy-seed or apricot rolls. Orders may be picked up Dec 19 and 20. Questions call: (412) 854-1089. Benefits Appalachian Work Camp.

Father Ray's Quotes: The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 Cross + 3 Nails = 4 GIVEN

SUNDAY BREAKFAST
in The Gathering Place
Sunday, December 20
8 AM to Noon
\$5.00 Adult \$3.00 Child

Sponsored by SJA Youth Group

Youth Group News

FOCUS ON YOUR CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS – and leave lunch and dinner to us! The SJA youth group will be selling 12” Italian and turkey hoagies after all masses next weekend in the lower parking lot. (There’s a Steeler game at 1 pm, so stock up!)

ICE SKATING – 8th Grade and high school students are invited to join the youth group on Tuesday, December 29 for our annual trip to downtown Pittsburgh for the ice skating extravaganza. Meet 10:30 AM at the Pleasant Street T-Stop in Library. Ride the “T” to Downtown Pittsburgh, visit the Crèche, have lunch at PPG Place, ice skate at the PPG ice rink. We’ll return to the Pleasant Street T-Stop at 4:10 pm. We’re hoping Fr. Ray will join us. As tradition will have it, he’ll be treating everyone to Starbucks before boarding the “T” for our trip back to Library! Permission forms are due Sunday, December 20. Hip-Hip-Hurray for Fr. Ray!

SAVE THE DATE: Tom Watt Island Party. Saturday Feb 13th, 2010. **ONE** night only! Treat your Valentine! For info/reservations: (412) 854-1089

THANK YOU!!!!CARD SIGNING EVENT FOR

TROOPS The response to support our troops was overwhelming. The donation of cards, those who stopped by the tables and signed 480 Greeting cards, and especially the donations, which allow us to fill “Wish Lists” for our troops serving in the Middle East. None of this would be possible without the support of Father Pribonic, and Father Ray. I am blessed to be part of the St. Joan of Arc Family. If you would like to know more, please go to our website: <http://www.operationtroopappreciation.org> or contact me directly: 412-833-7561 or kgasior2@gmail.com THANK YOU, Kathie Gasior

Community News

Christmas Concert: Tuesday, December 15, 2009 7:30 PM by Sibling Trio “Season” at Westminster Presbyterian Church, USC, Admission FREE. www.seasonmusic.com

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 8, 2010, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com

School News

Christmas Auction: St. Joan of Arc School is having their Annual Christmas basket auction. The auction will be Tuesday night December 21st after the Christmas Concert. The baskets will be made up of donations from the school students and parents. The auction is open to any parishioner who would like to buy tickets and/or donate any items. All donations are greatly appreciated and all proceeds go directly to the school. The baskets will be on display and tickets will be for sale after the 9:00AM, 10:30AM and Noon Mass on December 20th. Tickets are 1 for \$1.00, 3 for \$2.00, 7 for \$5.00, 15 for \$10.00 and 35 for \$20.00. Winners do not have to be present. Tickets will be drawn December 21 at the School Christmas Concert. Thank you for Supporting SJA School!

GIANT EAGLE GIFT CERTIFICATES are available and may now be purchased in the school office. Please stop at the school office from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm to purchase. To order other certificates, your order will be ready for pick up the following day. You may use Giant Eagle gift cards to purchase other gift cards at Giant Eagle to add to your fuel perks. This is a WIN, WIN for everyone! Help support our parish school. (Please check out the Fliers in today’s Bulletin!!!!)

50/50 Raffle to Benefit Saint Joan of Arc School.

Tickets are \$1.00 donation and the drawing will be held on December 21 at the SJA School Christmas Program. Santa will be pulling the lucky number!!! Tickets are available at the certificate table, the Fish Fry, and are available in the School Office. Help support our school, and take a chance at some extra Holiday CASH!!!!

Angels Are Among Us

It with great pride and pleasure that I share with you that our Superintendent of Elementary Schools, Sr. Mary Jo Mutschler, has commended us for our revising, editing, and hours of time and commitment as we worked on our Middle States document. Our “labors of love” for St. Joan of Arc School have not gone unnoticed. I am proud to be the leader and coworker of such a fine staff. Our teachers are tremendous! Sr. Mary Jo has provided the funding for us to purchase a SMART BOARD for successfully completing our Middle States Self-Study and Visitation! Included with the SMART BOARD will be a projector, cart, and training for teacher use. This will be a start at one of our goals which was increasing technology. There are angels among us ☺

How to initiate a tax free gift from your IRA: Please contact Paul F. Stabile, Director of Planned Giving for the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh at 412-456-3055. The above is general information. Please contact your financial advisor or attorney of others advisors for professional