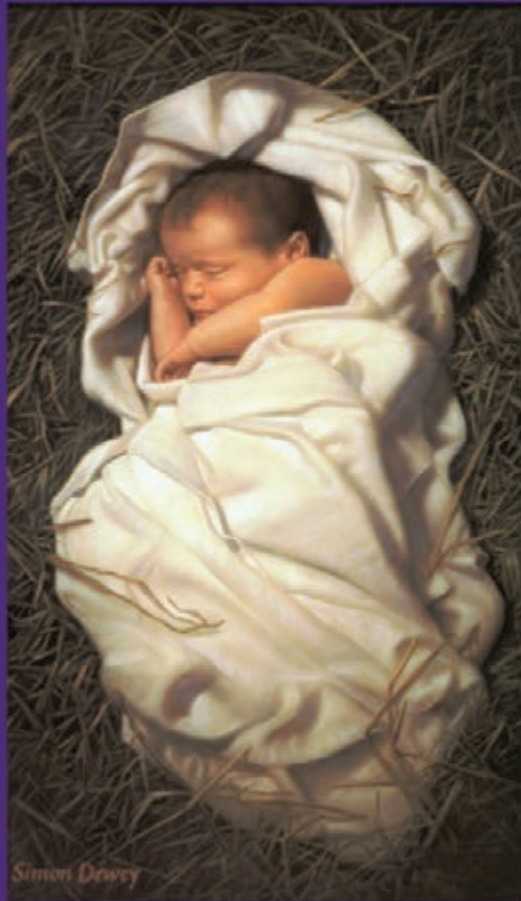


# Church of St. Joan of Arc

*Celebrate God's Love. Proclaim God's*

*Love. Share God's Love.*

# EMMANUEL



*Our greatest gift*

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 16, 2018

Parish Office: 856-983-0077  
Religious Education: 856-983-7575  
School: 856-983-0774  
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Music Ministry: 856-985-5461  
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## Parish Office Hours

### Monday-Thursday

9:30am-12:30pm, 2pm-5pm, 6pm-8:30pm

### Friday

9:30am-12:30pm, 2pm-5pm

### Saturday

9:30am to 12pm

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*Pastoral Associate*

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## ALL ARE WELCOME!

God's love knows no boundaries and neither do we!  
Consider making St. Joan of Arc your home parish.  
Register online at [www.stjoans.org](http://www.stjoans.org) or stop in the office.

### SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30pm

**Sunday:** 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am & Noon

**Korean Mass:** 3:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday:** 7am & 9am **Tuesday,**

**Thursday:** 9am & 7pm **Saturday:** 9am

**Tuesday, Thursday:** 7am Morning Prayer with Communion

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 4pm Anytime by appointment.

### BAPTISMS

We celebrate Baptisms most Sunday afternoons at 1:30pm.  
The baptism of your child is a great time to renew your own  
faith in Jesus Christ. Call the Office to schedule 856-983-0077

### WEDDINGS and BLESSING OF CIVIL MARRIAGES

Congratulations on your engagement! We are happy you have  
chosen to have a Church wedding! Please call the Office as  
soon as possible to schedule a date and to begin Marriage  
Preparation. Before planning a destination wedding, please  
call the Church to discuss ways in which you can have your  
marriage blessed in the Church. 856-983-0077.

### HOW TO BECOME CATHOLIC

We have special programs for children, teens and adults who  
would like to become Catholic or complete their Sacraments.  
Please call 856-983-0077.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENECTION



**Tuesday evening's  
Eucharistic  
Adoration  
5:00pm – 6:30pm  
Benediction 6:30pm**

### **Advent Reflection by Bishop Robert Barron The great liturgical season of vigilance, of waiting and watching.**

"As you keep vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, bring  
to Christ some problem or dilemma that you have been  
fretting over, and then say: "Lord, I'm waiting for you to  
solve this, to show me the way out, the way forward.  
I've been running, planning, worrying, but now I'm going  
to let you work." Then, throughout Advent, watch  
attentively for signs.

Also, when you pray before the Eucharist, allow your  
desire for the things of God to intensify; allow your heart  
and soul to expand. Pray, "Lord, make me ready to  
receive the gifts you want to give," or even, "Lord Jesus,  
surprise me."

## GOSPEL LUKE 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

ADVENT THREE/2018

## Change. Again.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Wouldn't you like a nickel (five bucks, allowing for inflation) every time you've heard or said yourself: "What should I do?" Or, a variation of it, less interrogatory and more pleading: "I don't know what to do!"

This Sunday's passage from Luke's gospel begins with this very question. The people ask it of John the Baptist who does not shrink from giving very direct, in your face, practical advise. To the crowd, he says, if you've got more than you need, give some away. To tax collectors (not a very popular gang): stop working the system to your advantage, lining your pockets with money that isn't yours. To soldiers: Cease the threats, the bullying, be satisfied with what you're paid.

Yikes. I wonder if they were sorry they asked.

Two things stand out:

First: John's advise to help the needy, the poor, the little guy (or gal). The oppressed. There is a social justice element to John's answer to the question: "What should we do?" In light of this, if I were to ask him, or you, what might John say to us.

Second: John is calling for change. Real change. Visible, concrete, measurable change.

I think Advent gives us the same challenge. Here's what we should do to prepare the way of the Lord: change. Yes, change. Again. Really? I can hear the (measurable) groans. Are you kidding me? Must I? Come on, I changed last Lent, or last year. I like where I'm at right now. I'm too old. Too busy. Change is too difficult. Let someone else do it.

We can come up with a lot of excuses. But there you have it, John the Baptist's prescription for making ready the way of the Lord — change. Again. And again. Because we should never stop trying to make things right, the way God would want things.

Peace!



**"Have You Ever Been Part of a Crowd Looking for Jesus and Asked the Right Questions?"**

### Small Groups Discussion Questions:

How have you experienced God in your midst this week?

What anxieties are you dealing with right now in your life, and how might you give these anxieties over to God.

In the Gospel people ask John "what should we do? As you enter the final days of Advent what is the one action you might take to serve Jesus' mission of mercy and justice?

This is Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday of joy even as we continue the season of Advent preparing our hearts and minds for Christmas. Are there Christmas preparations that are causing you stress and worry? Can you trade them in or let go of them in order to allow room for more joy?



# PRAYERS AND INTENTIONS

## TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION

Our Tabernacle Candle will remain lit during the week of  
December 16, 2018 to December 22, 2018

In Memory of Jimmy Mona

Requested by  
Wife Carolyn



## REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of Ann Nelson, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Also please remember in your prayers the consolation of her family.

## "ABIDE IN ME"

Intercessory Prayer Ministry  
DO YOU NEED PRAYER OR  
WANT TO PRAY FOR OTHERS?



Wednesdays 1-2 pm - Gathering Room &/or join our email prayer chain [www.stjoans.org/ministries/abide-in-me](http://www.stjoans.org/ministries/abide-in-me) To ask for prayer or to pray with us email [abideinme@stjoans.org](mailto:abideinme@stjoans.org) or call Marijane 609-744-7579

## WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

John Pantelone, Benny Bundens. Doris Richmond, Richard Croker, Frances McQuillin, Mari Scicero, Angela Lombardo, Olivia Demmler & Mario Tomaino

## PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

Kindly pray for the welfare of PFC. Elliot Adkisson, III, Jason Alexander, Matthew Alexander, CMS Michael Allen, Cpl. Jason Annese, Josh Blassman, USCGA Cadet 1/C Justin Beck, Bryan Bolt III, Marine Cpl. Justin Ryan Booth, USCGA Cadet 1/C Jack Brandt, Kevin Brodwater, USN, Kyle Brodwater, USN, Col. Denis Brown, Maj. Ryan Brunk, Staff Sgt. John Ciacci, Michael Costello, Joseph DeStefano, Josh Dikmak, LtCol. Christopher DiNote, John Dixon, Sgt. Kevin Dougherty, LCpl. Silvio Duplechan Jr., Sgt. Mohamed Embaby, Pvt. Andrew Ensign, James Evans, Col. Gerard Gagnon, Pvt. Nicholas Gianni, E3 Lucas Goergen, Cpl. Michael Goncalves, SPC Evan Grabowski, Andrew Guattari, Maj. John Harding, LtCol. Bill Harkins, James Hayes, Rick Heipertz, Sgt. Jeffrey Jayne, PFC. David Johnson, Amn Kris Knaup, Brian Kohler, Sgt. Jonathan Krall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Trevor Kuroczka, Lt. Scott Lafferty, USAF, Lt. John Paul Lamorte, USCG, A1C Class Daniel Little, SSG Stephen MacCroy, William Mace, Bryan Marines, Cpl. Anthony Mastrangelo, PFC Class Matthew Mastrangelo, LT Shane Mauro USN, Brenden McKittrick, Sgt. Brian McNally USAF, Sgt. Luke McNally USMC, SSG Richard Miller III, Cpl. Timothy Miller, Lt. JD Maggie Montesanti-Bowen USN, Cpl. Shannyn Noone, A1C Anthony Orlando Jr., USMC, Sgt. Michael Peterson, Bob Poller, Sr Chief USN Kimberly Ripoli, Doug Sackett, Clinton Scheibner USN, Col. Dan Shanahan, PFC Joseph Seller, Molina Semple, LtCol. Matthew Stanley, Dallas Thorp, Luke Williams, PFC Tristan Wood, SSgt. Jaried Zavatter, USN Robert Zielinski & Sgt. Alexander Zink, USMC.

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Monday

December 17

7:00 AM

Noreen Falzone r/o Brother Mike

9:00 AM

Russell Thurber r/o Wife Lee

Susan Picollo r/o Bob & Dolores Picollo

### Tuesday

December 18

9:00 AM

Helen Manco r/o Family

Vince Brigandi r/o Wife Sandy & Family

7:00 PM

Fred Schank r/o John & Lynn Masino

### Wednesday

December 19

7:00 AM

For the Intentions  
of Jeannette McFarlane

r/o John & Peg Pendergast

9:00 AM

Harry Meeker r/o Wife Lee Thurber

Carol Samson r/o Helen Nardi

### Thursday

December 20

9:00 AM

Ruth Momer r/o Terri Giordano

Noreen Falzone r/o Pat Brothers

7:00 PM

Stacey Walsh r/o Loving Mother

Andruszka Family r/o Your Sister Theresa

### Friday

December 21

7:00 AM

Noreen Falzone r/o Brother Mike

9:00 AM

Margaret Pycik r/o SJA School Family

Michael Doyle r/o Maureen Geddes

### Saturday

December 22

9:00 AM

Edward Kotowski

r/o Paula & Gene Kotowski & Family

Lucy Geraghty

r/o Henry & Eileen Quattrone

5:30 PM

Harper Mae Graham

r/o The Dadino Family

Raymond Mazzola

r/o Ken & Ann Picciano

Carol Koop r/o Mary Marczyk

### Sunday

December 23

7:30 AM

Ann Marie Ferko r/o Jim & Elaine Wilkie

Tony Gambone r/o Carol & Will Shubert

Matilda DiPietro

r/o Theresa & Hank Vitullo

9:00 AM

Josephine Lyszkiewicz

r/o Jim & Wendy Coxe

Albert Myers, Jr. r/o Gary Toothman

Fran McCooley r/o Eileen Schank

10:30 AM

Margaret Love r/o

Mr & Mrs John Carroll Jr.

Bob & Nancy Swift r/o Family

Joan Cirucci r/o The Segin Family

12:00 PM

Carmela Maniscalco

r/o Troop A Command Staff

Charles Osborne, Sr.

r/o Tess, Charles & Philip

Parishioners & Benefactors

# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

## WINGS Large Group Meeting 7-9pm Pedata Hall

Open to All High School & 8th Grade Students

In 2018 we celebrate 37 years of service to the Parish. Come, grow in your faith & give service to the Parish & the Community.

As Pope Francis said Lets go make a Mess!

Have Fun with your Friends and Make New Ones  
Travel, Trips, Great Events!

Join the Parish Youth Group Wings, St Joan of Arc's Youth Group, which meets Sundays from 7pm to 9pm in Pedata Hall. The meetings include group discussion, fun games & refreshments. All eligible teens are strongly encouraged to attend.

## WINGS COLLEGIATE CATHOLICS Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays ~ Youth Room

ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS  
COMMUTING or HOME ON BREAK

Announcing a new group forming for collegiate young adults to socialize and practice service & faith with like minded peers. Meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month @ 8pm in the Youth Room.

Questions: Call Jay Keesler, Youth Minister at 856-313-9304 or [jaykeesler@yahoo.com](mailto:jaykeesler@yahoo.com)



## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Check out our **NEWLY** designed containers located in the main entrance & the Pedata Hall entrance. We want to extend a big thank you to all parishioners and school families for continuing to send in your Box Tops. Every valid Box Top submitted becomes money that goes **directly** to St. Joan of Arc School. Please continue to clip & drop off your Box Tops & remember every clip counts! Check out [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com) or a list of participating products and more exciting information. Questions?

Lisa Guirguis at [summerbaby24@comcast.net](mailto:summerbaby24@comcast.net)

## ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL ANSWER GOD'S CALL

- Please join us for our closing Advent liturgy on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9am.
- With their beautiful interpretation of the Nativity, the Bowman School of Dance will entertain students and staff on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Reminder, students will have a half day on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Please note the new date for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Joan of Arc Golf Classic is May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Check out the PTA web pages on the school's website under "PTA"! Lots of important information and sign ups can be found there.



## KidsLIT

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

9am Mass 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month  
10:30 Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

PreK-6 is invited to join us in our very own Children's Liturgy of the word. Young adults 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to be readers. For more information check us out online @ [www.stjoans.org](http://www.stjoans.org) or email us at [childrensliturgy@stjoans.org](mailto:childrensliturgy@stjoans.org)



## Arise & Shine

A Catholic Weekly Morning Parenting Group  
Interested...

email [Ariseandshine@stjoans.org](mailto:Ariseandshine@stjoans.org)

Growing, Living, Building



## Emmanuel:

### God's Greatest Gift

Emmanuel means "God with us." All three words are really important but this week let's look at the middle one:

WITH. When we are really *with* another we are present to her, fully aware of him. He is not an object. She is not a thing. The more we are aware of how God is fully present to us, in Christ, the more we see how we, as disciples of Jesus, are called to be present to others ... especially those too easily forgotten, stepped over, ignored. At Mass, bread is changed into the Body of Christ — Christ is *really* present, body, soul and divinity. What are the implications of this for us who partake in this mystery? How does receiving Communion help us grow more fully present to God and to our sisters and brothers?

# ADVENT WEEK THREE

## PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE 3<sup>rd</sup> ADVENT CANDLE

*Members of the household gather around the wreath. The first two candles and then the pink candle are lit & the following is prayed aloud:*

**Dear God, what should we do? What should we do about injustice, about oppression, poverty and hatred? May the light of these candles stir us into action to build a better world. May the growing light challenge us to grow in our commitment to serve the poor and the hurting. This is what to do as we await the Kingdom. Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

*Together pray a Hail Mary, the Our Father, and a Glory Be*

## CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING

*It's good for households to pray together. Gather around your tree, large or small, and ask God's blessing upon it and your loved ones as you prepare for Christmas.*

Speaker: **God in heaven, thank you for your goodness and many gifts — especially the gift of Jesus — Emmanuel — "God with us!" Let the lights of this tree remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. May its colorful decorations recall our great joy in loving You. May the gifts we place beneath this tree remind us to be ever grateful for the greatest gift: the gift of your presence and love in our lives, the gift of salvation, the gift of Jesus. May we give you glory and praise by the way we love and share with each other and with everyone we meet. We ask this through Christ our Savior.**

Everyone: **AMEN.**

If there are people to pray for, or special needs to remember, each member can individually express these aloud. Then, together pray THE LORD'S PRAYER, and, if feeling adventurous, sing, "**O COME, O COME EMMANUEL**" or at least the refrain: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve

3pm

5pm Children's Mass

7:30pm Choir Mass

Musical Prelude 7:00pm

9:30pm

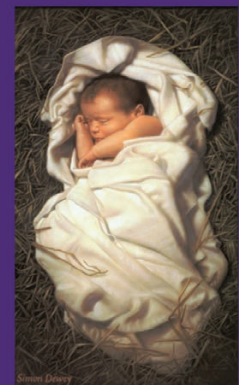
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### Christmas Day

8am 10am 12pm

All Masses Will Be Held in the Church

## EMMANUEL



*Our greatest gift*

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Discover Something More:

**Wednesdays,  
6:30am Pedata Hall**

For more information email  
Dolores or Marlene at [wwp@stjoans.org](mailto:wwp@stjoans.org)  
Visit [www/stjoans.org/wwp](http://www/stjoans.org/wwp)  
to register today

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gets small.



**SJA Small Groups**

No Group is too small. Share your faith on the  
ride home from church.

It's **NEVER, EVER**  
too late to join in

**Sign Up Now!**

[www.stjoans.org/smallgroups](http://www.stjoans.org/smallgroups)

## PENANCE SERVICES

**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30pm St. Joan of Arc

**Mary wrapped the first  
Christmas gift.**



**THAT MAN IS YOU!**  
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

**We're off for Christmas  
We'll return in the New Year  
Sign up or just show up  
go to [www.stjoans.org/tmiy](http://www.stjoans.org/tmiy)**

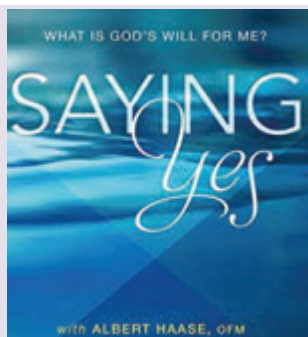
## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Every year we invite parishioners and guests to light the candles on the Advent wreath during the 4 Sunday's of Advent. The candles symbolize the light of Christ coming into the world. The wreath itself is a symbol of everlasting life. Sign up sheets for all who are interested in lighting the candles can be found in the offertory sign-in book (blue notebook on the table at the main entrance to the church). Ten minutes before Mass please let the deacon know that you have signed up for that Mass. For those who are interested in bringing up the gifts for communion, you can sign up in the same book. Thank you!

## FIRST FRIDAY

**Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> 9:45am Pedata Hall**

Our First Friday program of 2019 will be held on Friday, January 4, 2019 at 9:45AM in Pedata Hall. We will be viewing "A Discerning Lifestyle". It is the fourth DVD in the series, "What is God's Will For Me, Saying Yes" by Fr. Albert Haase. Coffee and Bagels will be waiting for you. Hope you can join us to start 2019. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



# MINISTRIES

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LITURGY

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 5pm Mass



### SHEPHERDS FOR BLESSING AT THE CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL

**Available This Weekend, While Supplies Last**  
Shepherd ornaments will be available for \$1.25 for the Christmas Carol Festival. See Ayson Madorno after Masses this weekend while supplies last.

You can contact Alyson at [madornoa@msn.com](mailto:madornoa@msn.com)



Congratulations to the winners and sellers! We are so grateful to everyone who sold chances & bought chances.

**\$10,000 Grand Prize Winner:** Charles Oettle, Philadelphia

**\$500 Prize Winners:** Arleen Patton, Warminster, PA, Richard Turco, Wildwood Crest, NJ  
Peg Quinn, Kate McGrath, Laverock, PA  
David J. Harp, Huntingdon Valley, PA  
Edward Johnston, Bethlehem Retirement Village  
Stephen Manfredo, Marlton, NJ  
Sister Jeanne McGowan/LaSalle Academy  
Ernie Pighini, Karen Allwein, Allentown, PA

#### Winning Sellers

#### Grand Prize Seller:

Saint Athanasius Convent

Congratulations to all our winners!

Thanks to everyone who supported the Villa Chance Drive

## ST. NICHOLAS TOY DRIVE

December 2nd - December 16th

Place your new and unwrapped gift at any of the church entrances until **noon** on **Sunday, December 16.**

Assistance with transferring toys to Pedata Hall during the drive will be welcome.

For more information, please email

Sheila O'Neill Hannon at [stnicktoydrive@stjoans.org](mailto:stnicktoydrive@stjoans.org)



## COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES!!

We are in need of everyone to bring cookies to the Christmas Carol Festival on Sunday, December 16th. We need lots of cookies to be sure we have enough for everyone, We also need sugar free and gluten free cookies too. If you can bring either of these, please let us know so we can plan ahead. We want to be sure that there is something there for everyone. Please contact Mary Bernard at 856-596-3227 or [webernards@comcast.net](mailto:webernards@comcast.net)

## AOA

### “ACCOMPANYING ONE ANOTHER” On the Journey through “ADDICTION TO RECOVERY”

A Christ centered ministry of spiritual support for anyone on their journey through addiction to recovery or anyone accompanying a loved one on their journey.

**When:** Every Sunday @ 7pm.

**Where:** Cafeteria

**How:** Guided by the “12 Steps” & related scriptures from Life Recovery Bible.

**What:** We pray, we share, we support. We don't judge nor give advice.

**Why:** We are family.

**Who:** Anyone impacted by this disease - All are Welcome!

For more information visit: [www.stjoans.org/AOA](http://www.stjoans.org/AOA).

To have a conversation contact: Deacon Tom at (856-983-0077, ext. 306) or [tom.murphy@stjoans.org](mailto:tom.murphy@stjoans.org).





**CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> 3:00PM**

SAINT JOAN OF ARC CHURCH  
Come with your family and friends!!

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS  
THE "NEW" OLD FASHIONED WAY  
"THE SAINT JOAN OF ARC WAY"

Help your children & grandchildren learn to sing the  
carols dear to us  
that have almost disappeared.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
**CHRISTMAS COOKIES**

(Gluten & Sugar Free too!)

**BLESSING OF THE SHEPHERD**

Bring the shepherd from your manger to be blessed.

**BRING BELLS ALONG!!**

**NO COST:**

Kindly bring non-perishable food to donate  
& Christmas cookies to share!





# MINISTRIES



## MARCH for LIFE Friday January 18<sup>th</sup>

All are welcome to join the five area parishes as we march to demonstrate our commitment for LIFE.

Buses leave St. Mary of the Lakes after the 7:15am Mass.

**Cost: Adults \$20, Students \$15**

For those unable to walk, arrangements have been made for you to stay at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Sandwiches from Murphy's will be provided for the ride home, your choice of turkey, roast beef or veggie. Please bring a bag lunch for the trip there. Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult & have parental permission. For more information please call Gene

Kotowski 609-238-6807 or email

[eugenekotowski@aol.com](mailto:eugenekotowski@aol.com). When leaving a message please provide your sandwich selection & if you'll be staying at the Basilica or attending the march.



## POPCORN, FRANKS & A MOVIE

### *Joseph and Mary*

**Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm Pedata Hall**

All are welcome to join us on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

@ 7:30pm in Pedata Hall as we

present "Joseph and Mary," a biblical drama that follows Elijah, a devout Rabbi, during the time of unrest of King Herod the Great's slaughter of innocents claims the lives of two boys Elijah had sworn to protect. Elijah makes it his life's mission to avenge their deaths, but when he meets Joseph, Mary and their young son, Jesus, the beliefs fueling his revenge are put into question. When the time comes to face his lifelong enemy, Elijah finds himself torn between killing or choosing forgiveness. Plan to be fed not just with food!

## ONE IN THE SPIRIT

### LGBTQ Prayer Group

**Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**7:40pm Rectory Arc Room  
(following our 7pm Mass)**

Our St. Joan of Arc Prayer Group ("One in the Spirit") would like to invite our LGBTQ friends and their loved ones to come join us for a time of prayer and faith sharing. This Prayer group is not an advocacy or political action group. In a spirit of mutual trust and respect for our LGBTQ sisters & brothers and for Church Teaching, we hope to offer a welcoming experience for everyone to deepen their relationship with our loving God. We meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the same time & place. At each gathering we will Pray, read the Scriptures and share our Faith together – always asking the Holy Spirit to guide our journey. All are Welcome! If you have time, please come join us for our 7pm Mass before coming to our prayer meeting. There's no better way to come together as Children of God! To learn more about this new ministry please visit:

[www.stjoans.org/one-in-the-spirit](http://www.stjoans.org/one-in-the-spirit)

or contact Deacon Tom at (856-983-0077, ext. 306) or

[tom.murphy@stjoans.org](mailto:tom.murphy@stjoans.org).

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, January 21st 1pm Pedata Hall**

The Knights of Columbus Council 6530 is sponsoring a Martin Luther King Day Blood Drive Monday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. Father Rich has challenged the Knights & parish to collect a minimum of at least 60 units of blood on this important day of service. The time will be from 1pm till 6pm in Pedata Hall. One pint of blood donated can help to save up to 3 lives. The donation is painless and lasts about one hour. Walk ins are always welcome but it is strongly suggested that you schedule an appointment at the Red Cross website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

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1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Every Month 3:00 pm Pedata Hall

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### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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#### Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Arc Room

St. Joan of Arc Bereavement Support group will meet this month on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> in the Rectory Arc Room from 7:30pm to 9pm. **Please note we are meeting on a Thursday and one week earlier.** At this meeting we will share about our grief and the holidays. This season can be an especially difficult time when we have experienced the loss of a loved one. Let us come together in caring and understanding to support and comfort one another through this holiday season. For further information or questions, call Colleen at 856-983-4323 or Joanne at 856-983-5523

### JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Support Group For Loss of a Child

#### Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Arc Room

St. Joan's Journey Through Grief Bereavement Support Group meets monthly. This month we will meet on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Rectory Arc Room. We welcome parents and family members to come and be with other bereaved parents who share your pain. At this meeting we will share about our grief and the holidays. This holiday season can be especially difficult when we have experienced the loss of a child. Let us come together in caring and understanding to support and comfort one another through this holiday season. For further information or questions call Dolores at 856-905-1728 or Joanne at 856-983-5523

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

## Sunday, December 16

3:00pm Christmas Carol Festival - Church

7:00pm Wings - Pedata Hall

7:00pm AOA Meeting - Cafeteria

## Monday, December 17

7:30pm Bible Study - Arc Room

## Tuesday, December 18

10:00am Virtus Re-Certification - Pedata Hall

5:00pm Adoration - Church

6:30pm Benediction - Church

7:00pm REM Family Catechesis - Pedata Hall

7:30pm K of C Meeting - Cafeteria

7:30pm Journey Through Grief (Loss of Child)  
Arc Room

7:30pm Penance Service - Church

## Wednesday, December 19

6:30am Women's Bible Study - Pedata Hall

9:30am Bible Study - Pedata Hall

1:00pm Abide in Me - Gathering Room

7:00pm RCIA - Pedata Hall

7:00pm Rosary - Church

## Thursday, December 20

9:00am Arise & Shine - Off Premise

7:30pm Movie Knight - Pedata Hall

7:30pm Bereavement (Loss of Loved One)  
Arc Room

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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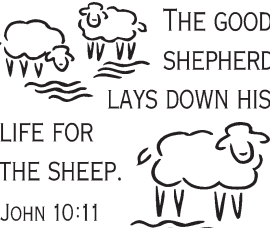
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