

# Church of St. Joan of Arc

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



*Led By A Star*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
December 8, 2019

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## Office Hours

### Monday-Thursday

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

### Friday

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

### Saturday

9:30am-12pm

## Pastoral Staff

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*Weekend Assistant*

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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: 9am

Tuesday, Thursday: 7am & 7pm Saturday: 9am

### 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 & BENEDICTION



Tuesday Evenings  
Eucharistic Adoration  
5:00pm – 6:30pm  
Benediction 6:30pm

Come Let Us Adore Him  
"It is He who is our Peace"  
~St Teresa of Calcutta

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart,  
make my heart like Yours.

## GOSPEL MATTHEW 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Second Sunday of Advent/2019

## HEAD UP, EYES OPEN



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Led by a Star. That's our Advent theme. As I see it, there is an important prerequisite to being led by a Star. You have to look up. Stars are in the heavens. They are "up there" and "beyond us."

When you begin to really digest (yes, eat) the Scriptures that the Church gives us during the four weeks of Advent, you begin to see how the Word of God wants also to get us to lift up our heads, open wide our eyes, and see — really see — the vision God has for our world.

Prophets are "eyes up" kind of people. We get two this Sunday: Isaiah and John the Baptist. They are visionaries — that is, they see and live by the vision God gives them.

Enemies living side by side in peace. That's what Isaiah sees. John sees the way to get there: repentance, letting go of self-consumption. They both prepare the way for Jesus Christ who is God's vision, God's word, in the flesh.

Perhaps Advent wants us to pray with heads up and eyes open. I wonder what we will see if we pray this way. What does God want to show us this week?

Good Advent!

Fr. Rich



### Small Group Faith Sharing Questions

- 1) What changes have you made to prepare your heart to fully receive Jesus this Christmas?
- 2) We are all broken, in need of Jesus' touch – how can you help bring reconciliation in your family?
- 3) Jesus is the King, the Servant King – Why are you called to follow His model, and how are you serving others?
- 4) We know that Jesus is both perfectly just and perfectly merciful. In your spiritual life are you most apt to focus on Jesus' justice or his mercy? Why do you think that is?

## Christmas Mass Schedule



All Masses Will Be Held in the Church

### Christmas Eve

3pm

5pm Children's Mass

7:30pm Choir Mass

Musical Prelude 7:00pm

12 Midnight

### Christmas Day

8am 10am 12pm



# PRAYERS AND INTENTIONS



## TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION

Our Tabernacle Candle  
will remain lit during the week of  
December 8<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>  
In Memory of Florence Kiley

Requested by Marylou & Bernice Palazzo

## REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of Michael D<sup>a</sup>Andrea, whose  
Funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Please pray for the soul of Margarita Parrilla, whose  
Funeral Service was celebrated Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Please pray for the soul of Theodore Gizelbach, whose  
Funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Please pray for the soul of Stephen McNulty Sr, whose  
Funeral Service was celebrated Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Please pray for the soul of Joan Lewis, whose Funeral  
Mass was celebrated Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Also please remember in your prayers the consolation  
of their families.

## WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Linda Pedano, Evelyn Leone, Arlene Saratta,  
MaryAnn Liedtka, Pat Koch, Frank Schwartz,  
Mary Young, Annette DiPaolo, Daniel Delisa,  
Helen Shaff, Sue & Ron Cary, Diamond DiChurches,  
Anita Saraco & Stephanie Quintavalia

## PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

*Kindly pray for the welfare of*  
SGT Elliot Adkisson III, Jason Alexander,  
Matthew Alexander, CMS Michael Allen,  
CPL Jason Annese, Josh Blassman, ENS Justin Beck,  
Bryan Bolt III, Cpl Justin Ryan Booth, CPL Stephen  
Bray III, ENS Jack Brandt, Kevin Brodwater, Kyle  
Brodwater, Col Denis Brown, Maj Ryan Brunk, SSG  
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, E3 Lucas Goergen, Cpl Michael  
Goncalves, SPC Evan Grabowski, Andrew Guattari,  
LtCol John Harding, LtCol Bill Harkins, James Hayes,  
Rick Heipertz, Spc James Heisler, Spc William  
Hornung, Sgt Jeffrey Jayne, PFC David Johnson, PO2  
Dixon Kehoe, PO3 Maxx Kehoe, Amn Kris Knaup,  
Brian Kohler, Sgt Jonathan Krall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Trevor  
Kuroczka, Lt Scott Lafferty, Lt John Paul Lamorte, Pvt  
Matthew LaRosa, A1C Class Daniel Little, SSG  
Stephen MacCrory, William Mace, Bryan Marines, Cpl  
Anthony Mastrangelo, PFC Class Matthew  
Mastrangelo, LT Shane Mauro USN, Brenden  
McKittrick, Sgt Brian McNally, Sgt Luke McNally, SSG  
Richard Miller III, Cpl Timothy Miller, Lt Maggie  
Montesanti-Bowen, Cpl Shannyn Noone, A1C Anthony  
Orlando Jr, Sgt Michael Peterson, Bob Poller, Sr Chief  
Kimberly Ripoli, Doug Sackett, Clinton Scheibner, LtCol  
Jeffrey Schneider, Lt Andrew Schwalbenberg, Col Dan  
Shanahan, PFC Joseph Seller, Molina Semple, LtCol  
Matthew Stanley, LTJG Gregory Swift, Dallas Thorp,  
Luke Williams, PFC Tristan Wood, SSgt Jaried  
Zavatter, Robert Zielinski & Sgt. Alexander Zink

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
9:00 AM	<b>Raymond Faucher</b> r/o Wife Judy <b>Donna Miller</b> r/o Jim & Marijane Michalowicz <b>Anthony Christopher</b> r/o Bill & Emily Hahn <b>Chuck Fleischman</b> r/o The Graziosi Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 10</b>
7:00 AM	<b>Mary Hones</b> r/o The Cassidy Family <b>Lauren Diorio</b> r/o The Hummel Family
7:00 PM	<b>John Pendergast</b> r/o Jeannette McFarlane <b>Laura Putz</b> r/o Daughter Jay
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 11</b>
9:00 AM	<b>Catherine Kordeck</b> r/o James & Mary Dunn <b>Jack Zeigler</b> r/o Family <b>Donna Miller</b> r/o Jerry & Sandy Skorch <b>Craig Philip White</b> r/o The Dietz Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 12</b>
7:00 AM	<b>Msgr Armand Pedata</b> r/o Parishioners <b>Eileen Kehoe</b> r/o Her Children
7:00 PM	<b>Nick &amp; Helen Birbilis</b> r/o Effie & Tom Murphy <b>Judith Patterson</b> r/o Religious Ed. Ministry
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 13</b>
9:00 AM	<b>Betty Luchtman</b> r/o The Luchtman Family <b>Terry McLaughlin</b> r/o SJA School Family <b>Mary Hones</b> r/o Jim & Elaine Wilkie
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 14</b>
9:00 AM	<b>Nick Birbilis</b> r/o Liturgy Team <b>Louise Michalowicz</b> r/o Grace Gryniuk
5:30 PM	<b>Larry Kowal</b> r/o Aunt Theresa <b>Alan Maute Jr</b> r/o Family <b>Nicole Gina Margiotti</b> r/o Mommy & Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 15</b>
7:30 AM	<b>Alfred &amp; Juliet Mascoveto</b> r/o Ron Thompson <b>Mark Rayner</b> r/o Julie Midiri & Joe Norris <b>Parishioners &amp; Benefactors</b>
9:00 AM	<b>Nick Birbilis</b> r/o Mary Bernard <b>Terry McLaughlin</b> r/o Friends <b>Dr Michael DiMarcangelo</b> r/o Family
10:30 AM	<b>Frances McQuillan</b> r/o Bill & Joy McGarigle <b>Louise Michalowicz</b> r/o Jim & Debbie Ross <b>Terry Walsh</b> r/o Pete & Claudia Scarpati
12:00 PM	<b>Bill Waldron</b> r/o Cathy Amico <b>John Murphy</b> r/o The Nocella Family <b>Jeffrey McGarry</b> r/o The Beck Family

# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



## ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL AMAZED BY GOD

- Our 8th grade students will be entertaining our **senior citizens** on Tuesday, December 10, for their **Christmas luncheon**. Many thanks to all those preparing food for the celebration.
- **7th & 8th grade** students! Come strut your stuff at the **dance** on Friday, December 13 from 7-9 pm.
- Check out the **PTA web pages** on the school's website under "PTA"! Lots of important information and sign ups can be found there.
- **Shop with Scrip** and earn easy money for our school. Set up your **online SCRIP** account using SJA enrollment code 4779C34312443 at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Start shopping immediately!

## SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM

The Religious Education Ministry is in need of several catechists (teachers) for our Summer Intensive Program. The program will run June 22 through July 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:30am to 12:30pm each day and includes grades 3,4, 5 6 and 7 grade.

If interested in sharing your faith with our young people, please call the Rel. Ed. Office (856) 983-7575 or email [Linda.Mueller@stjoans.org](mailto:Linda.Mueller@stjoans.org).

## WINGS!

**Sundays, 7PM TO 9PM IN PEDATA HALL**

All 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and High School teens are strongly encouraged to attend. New events, new programs, safe accepting environment, where you can be you. Make new friends, learn about and practice your faith, and enjoy amazing activities.



## KIDS LIT

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

All children are invited to participate in Kids Lit: Children's Liturgy of

the Word FYI: 6-8 graders are encouraged to be readers. For more info, Please contact Jayne Passerella 609.260.4241 WE ARE ALWAYS **LOOKING FOR PARENTS TO BE MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS**. Please contact Melissa Denisi Eisenstock at 856.296.7795

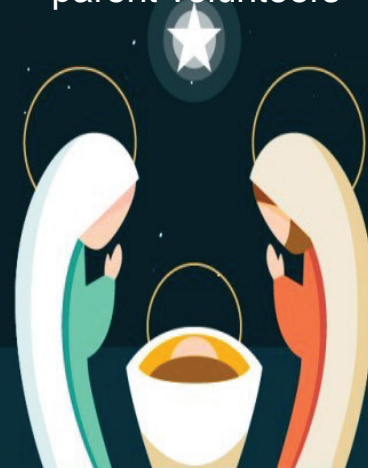
## COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES!!

We are in need of cookies and ask that everyone bring some to the Christmas Carol Festival on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. We need lots of cookies to be sure we have enough for everyone, We also need sugar free and gluten free cookies. If you can bring either of these special cookies, please let us know so we can plan ahead. We want to be sure that there is something there for everyone to enjoy on this day. Please contact Mary Bernard at 856-596-3227 or [weberwards@comcast.net](mailto:weberwards@comcast.net)

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LITURGY

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

Looking for school aged children & a few parent volunteers



**Mandatory Rehearsal**  
**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 3pm**

Please email [Christmasliturgy@stjoans.org](mailto:Christmasliturgy@stjoans.org)  
Limited Positions, First Come First Serve

## BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome the following children who are being baptized into our community this weekend:

Maeve Bond, Tanner Kelbaugh & Ava Wilson



# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you feeling a nudge from the Holy Spirit?

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE

2019-2020 sessions have begun but it's not too late to join us!! The Opening Your Heart program is held on Wednesdays at 6:30am and 7:00pm (*the foundational course for women new to WWP*). The Keeping in Balance program is held on Wednesdays at 6:30am (*the course for women that previously completed a WWP program*) Come and meet our savior in a life altering way through scripture. . . Come to "Walking With Purpose"!

Please register at [www.stjoans.org/www](http://www.stjoans.org/www)



## My Life Has Changed, Not Ended

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

7:30 PM SJA Cafeteria

For all men & women who feel the heartache and pain from the loss of your spouse.

Presenter, Cathy Amico, will address the many areas of the day to day living with life so different for those that have experience the loss of their spouse.

Whatever the stage you find yourself in this changed life, Cathy's hope is that by the end of the evening you will leave realizing a new self can be born out of your grief.

## BUNKO IS BACK!

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

7:30pm Pedata Hall

BUNKO returns Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

We begin at 7:30 in Pedata Hall. If possible bring a snack for the sharing table. Come and enjoy a night of fun and friendship. Questions please call Lori S (856) 237-3733



## Simbang Gabi

December 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Simbang Gabi or Mass at Night is a Filipino faith tradition. It is a nine-day novena of praise, song & worship. Come & join us and bring the whole family to celebrate the spirit of Christmas. The

Filipino community of St Joan of Arc in collaboration with St. Charles Barromeo will be celebrating one of the nine Simbang Gabi at St Joan of Arc Church on Wednesday, December 11, at 7:00pm. A reception in the cafeteria will follow the service. Enjoy music, dancing and Filipino deliatessens!

Everyone is invited to attend.

. For complete Simbang Gabi schedule, please contact Eduardo @ [effuentecilla@hotmail.com](mailto:effuentecilla@hotmail.com).

Blessed are the flexible...  
For they shall not  
be bent out of shape.



Men, come to Pedata Hall  
Fridays at 6am for a little straightening.

Sign up or just show up.

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



## Be Led by a Star

Make this your best Christmas ever.

Join a small Group at St. Joan's!

Groups will meet in Advent....

Continuing the weeks of

December 8<sup>th</sup>

December 15<sup>th</sup>



SJA Small Groups [stjoans.org/smallgroups](http://stjoans.org/smallgroups)

Coming Soon!

Saint Joan of Arc

Holy Land Pilgrimage

October 17 – October 27, 2020

Details will be available in December

# MINISTRIES

## "ABIDE IN ME"

Intercessory Prayer Ministry  
**DO YOU NEED PRAYER OR  
WANT TO PRAY FOR OTHERS?**  
Wednesdays 1-2 pm - Arc Room  
&/or join our email prayer chain  
[stjoans.org/ministries/abide-in-me](http://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  
Please no texts, thank you!

## 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).

## AOA CELEBRATES 3 YEARS

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

On Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the School Cafeteria, our Addictions Support Group (AOA) will be celebrating its 3 Year Anniversary meeting with 2 guest speakers sharing their Recovery stories. If you or your family has been touched by this disease, please come join us.

All are welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact: Deacon Tom Murphy at 856-983-0077 ext. 306 or [tom.murphy@stjoans.org](mailto:tom.murphy@stjoans.org).

## PRAY THE ROSARY

### The Path To Jesus Is Through Mary

Monday to Saturday 8:25 am - Church

Wednesday Nights 7:00 pm - Church

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

The Blessed Mother has told us to pray the rosary every day. This is Heaven's intervention to achieve world peace. Please Join Us In Prayer.

## WEDDING BANNERS Second Publications

Thomas Schaeffer Jr & Kelley Dickinson

## DANCE & EXERCISE FOR HEALTH

IT'S FREE! Come and Join Us Kids, Adults, Men, Women & Seniors. All are Welcome! Christ is Risen — Let's keep the spirit Alive! DANCE and EXERCISE for HEALTH. Energize the Brain, the Heart and keep the blood flowing to improve circulation. Feed the mind, body and soul with joy and laughter with lively music and happy people. No special training, No competitions just relax and move the body and follow the tune.

**Where:** Pedata Hall

**When:** December 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm

Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. For more details contact: Sockie Joaquin 609-304-7005

[Sockiejoaquin@Yahoo.com](mailto:Sockiejoaquin@Yahoo.com) or

Sr Peg.Boyle 856-983-0077 [peg.boyle@stjoans.org](mailto:peg.boyle@stjoans.org)

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE In Honor of Sr. Peg's 50 Plus Years of Service

**Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 1pm Pedata Hall**

The Knights of Columbus Council 6530 is sponsoring a Martin Luther King Day Blood Drive for Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Sister Peg Boyle has challenged the Knights, parish and the community to collect a minimum of 75 units of blood on this important day of service. One pint of blood donated can help to save up to 3 lives. The time will be from 1pm till 6pm in Pedata Hall. 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. All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free coffee & donut compliments of Dunkin Donuts. Pizza will be served during the drive compliments of Dominos Pizza of Marlton. All donors will have the chance to enter the raffle for some nice prizes. Questions, please call Dean DeRose at 856-596-6404 or email [roseman1957@comcast.net](mailto:roseman1957@comcast.net).



# ADVENT 2019 Week Two

## Led By A Star



*Advent is a 4 Week Walk around the Wreath*

### PRAYER FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE AT HOME:

Help us, O Lord, to walk in Your light this week. Open our eyes and hearts to your vision for the world when one day the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, when the cow and bear shall be neighbors, when hatred will be quenched by mercy and vengeance gives way to forgiveness. When enemies speak to one another and those who were estranged join hands in friendship and nations seek the way of peace together.

Led by the light of Christ, may that day be today. Amen.

### AREA PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

God is merciful! He loves and forgives all our failings. God desires to make us whole and holy. Let God's unconditional love transform you:

**Saturday, Dec. 14, 10am**  
Holy Eucharist, Tabernacle

**Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7:30pm**  
St. Joan of Arc, Marlton

### FOR PRAYER, REFLECTION, DISCUSSION

Which gift of the Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, or fear of the Lord) do you need most at this time in your life? (Isaiah 11:1-10)

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Because the Feast of the **Immaculate Conception** falls this year on a Sunday (today, in fact!), the Church moves the Feast to **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. However, the obligation to go to Mass on this Holy Day does not move with it. But who needs to be obliged to go to Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us for this beautiful Feast in the life of our Church: **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 9am.**

We believe Mary was conceived without sin so as to prepare her to be the mother of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, the Son of God. This doctrine reminds us that God knows all of us in our mother's womb. Life is sacred from conception to death.



**John the Baptist is the patron saint of "bucking the system,"**

**"swimming upstream," "going against the tide." Give thanks to God for the prophets in your life!**





## **CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL**

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<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 and grandchildren learn to sing the Christmas Carols that are dear to us but have almost disappeared.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**&**

**CHRISTMAS COOKIES**

(Gluten & Sugar Free Too)

**BLESSING OF THE LAMB**

Bring the lamb or lambs from your manger to be blessed.

**BRING BELLS ALONG!!**

**NO COST:**

BRING SOME CHRISTMAS COOKIES TO SHARE  
& KINDLY BRING SOME DIAPERS, WIPES, FORMULA,  
BABY BOTTLES, ETC FOR

**THE GOOD COUNSEL HOME**

**LET'S HONOR THE INFANT JESUS  
BY CARING FOR THE INFANTS IN OUR MIDST.**





**MARCH** *for* **LIFE**

# MINISTRIES

WASHINGTON, DC  
FRIDAY  
JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>

**Adults \$20 Students \$15**

All are welcome to join five area parishes, as we march to demonstrate our commitment for LIFE. Buses will depart from the St. Mary of the Lakes parking lot after the 7:15am

Mass. Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult and have parental permission. For those unable to walk in the march, arrangements have been made for you to stay at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Sandwiches from Murphy's in Medford will be provided for the ride home. Your choice of Roast Beef, Turkey or Veggie. Please bring a bag lunch for the ride down. We will make only a brief stop at either the Maryland or Chesapeake House rest stop. For more information or to reserve your seat please contact:

Gene Kotowski @ 609-238-6807 or email  
[eugenekotowski@aol.com](mailto:eugenekotowski@aol.com)

When leaving a message, please provide your sandwich selection and whether you'll be staying at the Basilica or attending the March.

Thinking of **Joining the**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?**

Visit: [www.kofc.org/un/newjoin/en](http://www.kofc.org/un/newjoin/en)



## MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

### This Weekend

Please remember those in need! When coming to mass this weekend bring along a few staple foods such as pasta, canned fruits & meats, and cereals to donate to the Food Pantry. Paper products are always needed. Thank you for your continued kindness & generosity!



## ST. NICHOLAS TOY DRIVE

**Now through Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

The annual drive for **unwrapped** new toys for children served by Mt. Carmel Guild in Trenton has begun! Toys for children from infancy through 12 years old will be greatly appreciated. Take a prayer card from the basket beneath the picture of St. Nicholas in the front foyer of the church as a reminder of your kindness. Place your **new and unwrapped** gift at any of the church entrances until **noon on Sunday, December 15.**

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## BURLINGTON COUNTY DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE NEWS

The Burlington County Diocesan Respect Life Committee was founded in 2016 by the Trenton Diocese to foster the growth of Respect Life in parishes of Burlington County.

One asset available to our county is the NJ Catholic Bishops web site at [www.njcatholic.org](http://www.njcatholic.org). The 7 bishops of NJ meet regularly and make joint pronouncements, many of which are published on their web site. NJ has recently announced new legislation which joins the healthcare bill (A5508/S3804) which would expand insurance coverage for abortion inducing drugs and eliminate the religious employers' exemption contained in New Jersey public law. The NJ bishop's web site [www.njcatholic.org](http://www.njcatholic.org) provides a good summary of the proposed laws and the effects on our lives. As a NJ Catholic citizen, you have the right and duty to let your elected officials know when your long-held Catholic beliefs differ from proposed state laws. Thank you for your action in defending our Catholic principles.

Burlington County Diocesan Respect Life Committee

## THESE MEN HAVE BEEN CALLED

On Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at the 7pm Mass, celebrated by Bishop O'Connell, @ St. Ann's Church in Lawrenceville, NJ, 9 men, in their 4<sup>th</sup> year of Diaconate formation, were installed into the *Institution of Acolytes* and their ordination will be in 2021.

**Philip G. Clingerman**  
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At that same Mass, 5 men, in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Diaconate formation, were installed into the *Institution of Readers* and their ordination will be in 2022.

**George A. Chemaly**  
**Robert A. Golden**  
**Eugene C. Kotowski**  
**Paul C. LaPlante**  
**Joseph V. Montone**

Please to continue to keep all 40 men, currently in Diaconate Formation, in your prayers.



## COMMUNITY SUNDAY This Sunday! After All Masses

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, December 8

Community Sunday After All Masses - Pedata Hall

7:00pm AOA - Cafeteria

7:00pm WINGS - Pedata Hall

### Monday, December 9

3:30pm Dance, Exercise for Health - Pedata Hall

7:00pm Abide in Me - Gathering Room

7:30pm Bible Study - Arc Room

### Tuesday, December 10

11:00am Senior's Lunch - Cafeteria

5:00pm Adoration - Church

6:30pm Benediction - Church

7:30pm K of C Planning Meeting - Cafeteria

7:30pm Liturgy Meeting - Conference Room

### Wednesday, December 11

6:30am Walking with Purpose - Pedata Hall

9:30am Bible Study - Arc Room

1:00pm Abide In Me - Arc Room

7:00pm RCIA - Arc Room

7:00pm Walking with Purpose - Pedata Hall

7:00pm Filipino Advent Night Mass - Church

8:00pm Simbang Gabi - Cafeteria

7:00pm Rosary - Church

### Thursday, December 12

7:30pm Life is Changed Not Ended - Cafeteria

7:30pm Feast Day Reception - Pedata Hall

### Friday, December 13

6:00am TMIY - Pedata Hall

7:00pm School Dance - Pedata Hall

7:15pm Loving Your Baby workshop - Arc Room

### Saturday, December 14

9:00am Salvation Army Christmas Party - Cafeteria

10:00am Holy Eucharist Penance Service

7:00pm Caritas TLC Social - Off Premise



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