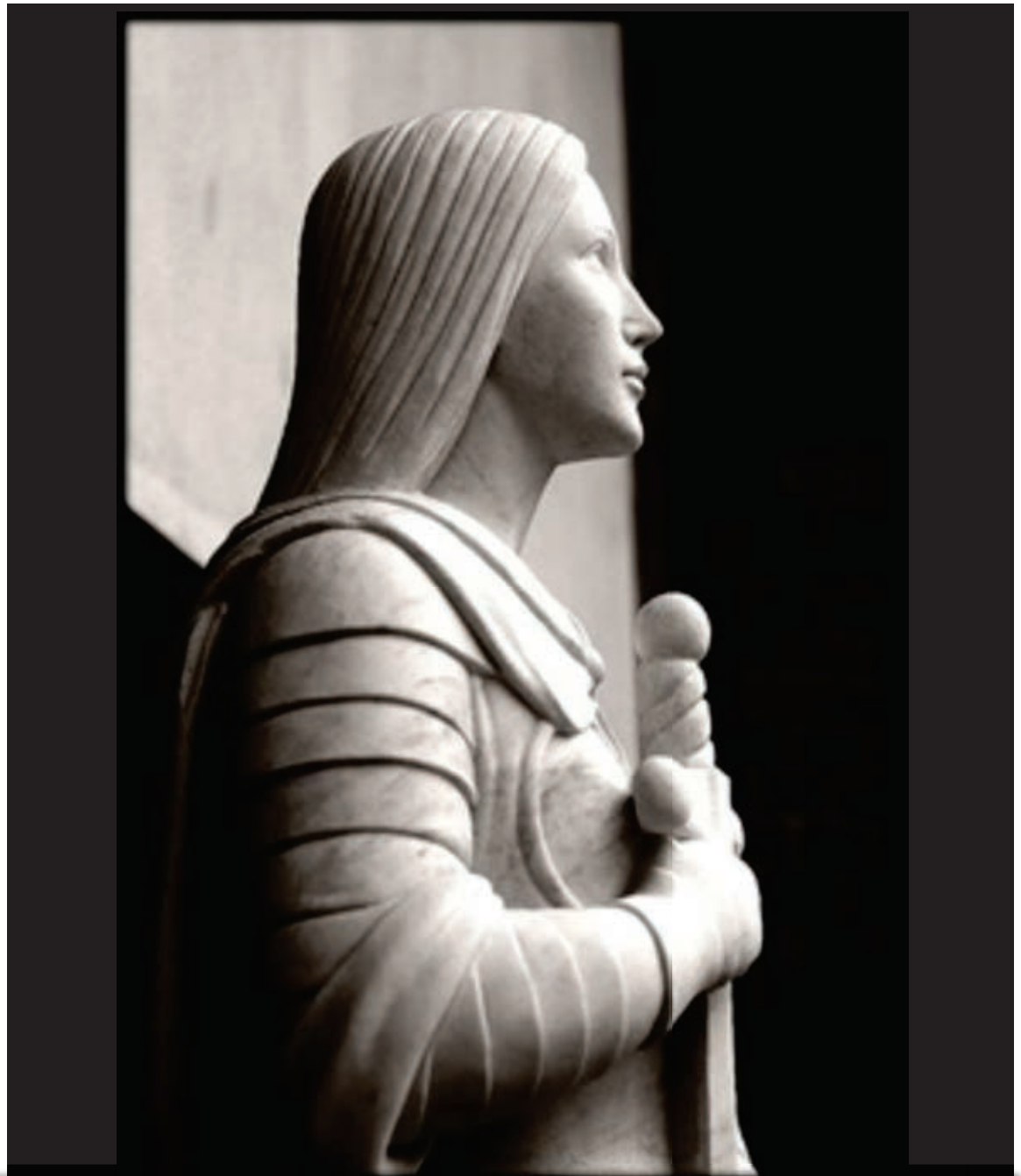


# Church of St. Joan of Arc

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



## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2020

Parish Office:	856-983-0077
Religious Education:	856-983-7575
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Youth Ministry:	856-983-7674
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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-12pm

## Pastoral Staff

**Fr. Richard D. LaVerghetta**, *Pastor*

**Fr. Jorge Bedoya**, *Parochial Vicar*

**Fr. Richard Regan**, *Weekend Assistant*

**Deacon Tom Murphy**, *Pastoral Associate*

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Barry Tarzy, Jeff DeFrehn, Bill Mueller

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**Mrs. Linda Mueller**,

*Director of Religious Education*

**Sr. Stephanie Cymerman, SSJ**,

*Director of Music*

**Mr. Jay Keesler**, *Youth Minister*

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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

## LENTEN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (Starting 2/27)

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

## 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.

## LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Congratulations to all who have been recently engaged! We invite you to consider a Church wedding (contrary to what you may have heard, Church weddings do not have to be BIG church weddings!). We would be honored to help you prepare for your wedding day. Please call the Parish Office (ask for Pat—856.983.0077) at your earliest convenience. Marriage prep in the Church is easier (and more fun) than you may think!

## CONSIDERING A DESTINATION WEDDING?

If you are considering a destination wedding, please give us a call to discuss available options to have your marriage blessed as one of the seven Sacraments. Even if you aren't sure what the Sacrament of Marriage is all about, give us a call. We think you will be pleasantly surprised!

## ALREADY CIVILLY MARRIED?

Or married in another faith tradition? We would love to talk to you about having your marriage blessed in the Catholic Church.

**Call today:** 856.983.0077

**Or Email:** [richard.laverghetta@stjoans.org](mailto:richard.laverghetta@stjoans.org)  
[Jorge.bedoya@stjoans.org](mailto:Jorge.bedoya@stjoans.org)

# Prayers and Intentions

## TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION

Our Tabernacle Candle will remain lit during the week of: February 23<sup>rd</sup> to February 29<sup>th</sup>  
In Memory of Joseph & Minnie Michon  
Requested by Daughter Catherine

## WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Bruce Forstein, Susan Harker, Ron Romero, Margaret Opsasnick, Rose Meglio, Sue Cary, Lea Romero, Donna Morici, David Dimenna, Joe DiCarlo, Carolyn Malaney, Margaret Juele, Russell Wells, Louis Tedeschi & Gregg King

## 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 Stephen Bray III, Ens Jack Brandt, Kevin Bodwater, Kyle Brodwater, Col Denis Brown, Maj Ryan Brunk, SSG John Ciacci, Michael Costello, Gwen Daley SR, Joseph DeStefano, Josh Dikmak, Col 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, Maj Thomas Guglielmi, 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, SrAmn 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 MacCroy, William Mace, Bryan Marines, Cpl Anthony Mastrangelo, PFC Class Matthew Mastrangelo, LT Shane Mauro, 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, Pvt Jake Witham, Luke Williams, PFC Tristan Wood, SSgt Jaried Zavatter, & Robert Zielinski

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday February 24

9:00 AM Edna Lynch r/o John & Peg Pendergast  
John Latella r/o Wife Susan  
Norman Wolfe r/o Bill & Susan Screnci

### Tuesday February 25

7:00 AM Robert Sambucci (L) r/o Connie Sambucci  
Mary Ann Petta r/o Family  
7:00 PM Grace Mink r/o Marie Morgan  
David Giacondino r/o The Boyle Family

### Wednesday February 26

7:00 AM Rosemarie Vassallo  
r/o Len & Maureen Caromano  
Dominic Fortino r/o Eleanor McKenna  
9:00 AM Brian Picollo r/o Lorry GaNun  
Edna Lynch r/o Dan & Joanne DelPrato  
7:00 PM Katherine Fuller r/o Jaimee Haas  
William Andris r/o SJA Sunshine Club

### Thursday February 27

7:00 AM Larry Mathis r/o Jane & Will LaVerghetta  
Finbarr O'Connell r/o John Hartnett  
Vic Libetti r/o The Veasy Family  
Sr Rose Loughery r/o Maryann & Peter Coyle  
7:00 PM Matthew Seng r/o Family  
Phillip & Margaret Cerria r/o The Ketchell Family

### Friday February 28

7:00 AM Marie Morgan r/o Richard Varevice  
Michael D'Andrea r/o Marge & Bruce Damiano  
9:00 AM Thomas J Murphy r/o Anne & Family  
Jane Swanson r/o Anne & Family

### Saturday February 29

9:00 AM Patricia Bimmer r/o The Romani Family  
Geraldine Fleck r/o Eileen Schank  
Barbara Sager r/o The Sager Family  
5:30 PM Harold DeRose r/o The Bisicchia Family  
Linda Rivard r/o Robert & Mary Osler  
Raymond Caramiello  
r/o Bernadette & Eugene Manco Jr

### Sunday March 1

7:30 AM Louis Davis r/o Judy & Glenn Merski  
Dr Christopher Lawley r/o Josephine Urbanovich  
Parishioners & Benfactors  
9:00 AM Marian Abruzzese r/o The Veasy Family  
Catherine Seminerio r/o The Coulter Family  
Charles Trimmell r/o Eileen Schank  
10:30 AM Brad Robertson r/o Friends on Anderson Ct  
Leo Hornunn  
r/o The Contento & Halabura Families  
John Patrick Duffy r/o The Forgash Family  
12:00 PM The Deceased Members of the McGrody Family  
Don Stewart r/o Regina Siciliano  
Francis Orsini r/o The Orsini Family

## GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples:

*"You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.*

But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles.

Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

*"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.*

But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?

Do not the tax collectors do the same?

And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that?

Do not the pagans do the same?

So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME/2020

## LENT AGAIN?

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

You bet! Lent again. That's one reason we are calling it **RELENT** this year. "Re" is a prefix that means "again" or "again and again." If you're like me, you need Lent again and again. Conversion isn't a one-shot deal. Learning to be a disciple of Jesus Christ takes time and practice.

Relent also means to "let go," "give in." Lent calls us to let go of all that keeps us from living as faithful disciples, to let go of destructive tendencies, to turn away from sin, to let go of my ego, *my* agenda and to "give in" to the will of God, to accept the cross of Christ and follow Him.

"Relent" comes from a Latin word meaning "to slow down or soften." During Lent we take time out of our normal schedules to slow down (or stop) in order to pay more attention to God and our relationships. Lent hopes to "soften" our hearts, round out the rough edges, help us grow in compassion and mercy.

Do we not all hope to one day say, as Mary once did, "My soul magnifies the Lord"? Do we not want "to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect" as we heard Jesus say in his Sermon on the Mount (today's Gospel)? Then, my friends, yes, we need yet another Lent, a lifetime of Lents, to teach us how to say, as John the Baptist once said: "I must decrease so that Christ can increase."

It all begins ... again ... this Wednesday.

Relent!

Fr. Rich

## GREAT LENTEN PRACTICES

### Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 7am and 9am;  
Tuesday and Thursday 7am & 7pm; Saturdays at 9am

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent at 12:05pm and 7pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday at 5-6:30pm; **Benediction** at 6:30pm

### Confession:

Every Saturday at 4pm (except Holy Saturday);

**Reconciliation Day** on Saturday March 28  
(confessions heard from 10am until 5pm)

**Area Penance Services:** March 24, 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Lakes, Medford; April 7, 7:00pm at St. John Neumann, Mt Laurel

## LENT IS COMING!

Ash Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:00am

Mass 9:00am

Prayer Service 10:30am

Prayer Service 12:05pm

Prayer Service 4:00pm

Prayer Service 5:30pm

Mass 7:00pm

Have you joined a Small Group yet?

Go online at

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

or call the rectory

(856) 983-0077 and get in a group.

# ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH PROFILE 2019

## *Celebrating, Proclaiming & Sharing God's Love*

*Below you will find a snapshot of the Sacramental and Ministerial life of our parish.  
It is not meant to be a complete summary of all that we do here.*

### SACRAMENTS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>BAPTISMS*</u>	224	193
<u>FIRST COMMUNIONS</u>	160	186
<u>CONFIRMATIONS**</u>	155	142
<u>WEDDINGS</u>	33	45
<u>FUNERALS</u>	138	136

*\*includes infant, children and adult baptisms*

*\*\*Includes youth and adult confirmations*

### MASS ATTENDANCE

2019: 2358

2018: 2438

### REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS:

2019: 5041

2018: 5042

*As I have loved you, love one another.*

JOHN 13:34

### HELPING OTHERS

#### Helping Hands Ministry

Christmas Fund: \$16,785

Food Card Distribution \$2,200

Mt. Carmel Guild Turkey Drive \$6,000

Rent and Utilities Assistance \$42,430

Catholic Charities Emergency Food Drive \$3,621

**Total Given From Helping Hands Fund: \$71,036**

#### Missions

World Mission Sunday Collection: \$6,755

Special Summer Mission Collection: \$9,679

Catholic Home Missions: \$800

Human Development Campaign: \$1,000

Holy Childhood: \$2,704

**Total Missions: \$20,938**

#### Other Support

Holy Land: \$2,704

Options for Women: \$8,162

Retired Religious Support: \$16,894

Catholic Relief Services: \$9,825

Cherry Hill Food and Outreach: \$250

Catholic University: \$1,100

Diocesan Military Branch Collection: \$4,201

School Support Collection: \$5,924

**Total Other Support: \$46,356**

Special Drives: First Wknd Food Drive, Undie Sunday, Back to School, Roses for Life, Intellectual Disabilities, Providence House, Food Bank, Clothing Drive, Easter Basket, Eyes for the Needy & St. Nick Toy Dive

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION for YOUTH in 2019

**School Enrollment: 411**

**Religious Education: 1143**

**Vacation Bible School: 140**

**WINGS Youth Ministry: 24**

**Caritas & TLC 32**

(Ministry to those w/ Special Needs)

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Over 1000 persons participated in:

**Adult Faith Enrichment Program (monthly);**

**First Friday Series (monthly); Small Groups;**

**Women of Faith; That Man Is You;**

**Walking with Purpose; Parish Mission;**

**One in the Spirit; Monthly Movie Night;**

**Monday Night Bible Study**

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

# Youth Faith Formation

## ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL AMAZED BY GOD

•Thank you to everyone who supported one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, the **Night at the Races**. Whether you attended, donated, or helped in any way, we couldn't have done it without you!

•Please join us for a prayer service on **Ash Wednesday**, February 26.

•PLEASE participate in **Scrip** gift card program! We need ALL school families to support this program (and we appreciate all of our parishioners who support the program too)! If every family purchased \$100.00 a month, we would have a fundraiser making \$64,000 a year. Imagine what that would do for tuition!!!

## St. Joan of Arc Presents **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 13-17**

Looking for adult volunteers interested in joining the VBS Team for a week long adventure with our children to celebrate our Catholic faith.

If interested, please email [vbs@stjoans.org](mailto:vbs@stjoans.org)

Student Registration TBA

## KidsLIT

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

## WINGS!

Sundays, 7PM 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.

# Adult Faith Formation

## SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS

- 1) Is there anything – a word, a phrase or sentence that struck you in these readings?
- 2) Has there been an instance in the past where you have not loved your neighbor as yourself? What happened and how could you have handled this differently?
- 3) Have you had an experience in your life where you practiced Jesus' commandment to "love your enemies?" What was the outcome?
- 4) What is your understanding of "turn the other cheek?"
- 5) When do you think it is imperative for Christians to reprove their fellow citizens

## VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS:

Virtus Training Full Course

**Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 to 9:30 pm in Cafeteria**

Recertification

**8:00 to 9:30 pm in Cafeteria**



**This year do Lent differently**

**Come ....**

**share the scriptures ....**

**seek not only to understand....**

**.... live fully in the Spirit**

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**Experience the Joy of life in a Small Group**

sign up at

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



# Adult Faith Formation

## WOMEN OF FAITH THE DAUGHTERS OF GOD

Monday February 24th 6:45pm Pedata Hall  
The Women of Faith Ministry will continue our discussion of Jesus' Beatitudes on Monday, February 24, 2020, at 6:45 p.m. in Pedata Hall, when parishioner Joe Bisicchia will reflect on "Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." Matthew 5:9.

Our meeting will begin with fellowship and light refreshments at 6:45 p.m., so that our speaker can begin right at 7 p.m., and our meeting can conclude at 8:30 p.m. All women are welcome to attend any of our meetings and to bring friends. There is no need to sign up in advance, and there are no annual dues. If you would like to receive notice of future meetings, please feel free to fill out a registration form, which can be found in the church lobby or on the parish website under "Women of Faith." Please contact Kathy Burns at (609) 923-7222 or [kathleensburns@aol.com](mailto:kathleensburns@aol.com) for more information.

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Walking With Purpose will not be meeting this Wednesday. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at both 6:30am and 7:00pm in Pedata Hall. We will be reviewing Lesson 17: "Opening Your Heart "Can God Really Change Me or is that Just Wishful Thinking?" & "Keeping In Balance" Balance Through Surrender.

## BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 9:30am - 11:30am  
following the 9am Mass Arc Room



**Those who get too big for their britches...**

**...will be exposed in the end.**

Men come join us.

We'll help you keep yourself covered.

**Pedata Hall Fridays at 6:00am**

Sign up or just show up.

## JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND IN BEAUTIFUL WESTON, VERMONT

Information Session March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7pm Pedata Hall

Retreat Friday June 5 - Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>

Come rest for awhile while enjoying the beautiful mountains, lakes & brooks of Weston. We will be visiting the famous Benedictine Monastery where the Benedictine Monks Of Weston live. They are well known for their music which includes "Wherever you go," "Come Back to Me," "Peace to you," and many more. A tour of the Monastery as well as an information session with one of the Monks who will share their history and their life with us is included in the package. There will be plenty of time to enjoy the shops and great restaurants in Weston as well. All Breakfasts and Dinners are included in the price of the room for the weekend. The Inn can accommodate 24 people. If interested please call to have your name placed on the list. Once we have reached 24 we will start a waiting list.

We will have a meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pedata Hall at 7pm at which time a deposit of \$100 will be collected from all those interested in attending. Please make checks out to The Colonial Inn.

Balance of the room is paid at departure. The meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> will include more details and answer any questions you might have or email [LAmico@opex.com](mailto:LAmico@opex.com).

## YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, the Diocese of Trenton invites all young adults, ages 18-39, to a day retreat at St Mary's Catholic Church in Bordentown, NJ. Join us for the opportunity to connect with other young adults from our Diocese and grow in your faith as we begin Lent together. Whether you're a student, a professional, single, married, or parents you are welcomed to join us. If interested, you can contact Christina Kotowski [95kotowskic@gmail.com](mailto:95kotowskic@gmail.com) or 609-410-7440. To register for the retreat go to [www.dotyouth.org/youngadultretreat](http://www.dotyouth.org/youngadultretreat)

# Parish Life

## SENIOR TRIPS

Open to All Ages!

### YESTERDAY ONCE MORE

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> \$87.00

Leave Pedata Hall 10:30am Return 6:30pm  
Celebrating the music of Abba, Carpenters, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Dimension, and Mama and Papas. Caesars Casino  
with \$20 slot play and buffet lunch. Four dynamic  
performers reach out with great music and amazing  
vocals to entertain with colorful choreography.

### QUEEN ESTHER SIGHT & SOUND THEATER w/Meal

Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> \$125.00

Leave Pedata Hall 9:00am Return 8:30pm  
Queen Esther is a captivating tale of beauty and  
bravery in Persian Empire. Her ordinary life changed  
forever when she was taken through the palace  
doors, entering a new world of royalty. With a crown  
on her head she found the courage to trust God's  
plan. Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories  
of the Old Testament with magnificent sets, special  
effects and live animals in a brand new original stage  
production. MAKE \$25.00 deposit check payable to ST  
JOAN OF ARC Balance due 30 days prior to trip.

Call to reserve your seat. For more information call  
856-596-9393 or 609-304-1968

Mail checks to BOB AND SUE DE NIGHT  
20 FLORENCE AVENUE  
MARLTON, N.J. 08053

## HEALING from DIVORCE or SEPARATION

Tuesdays, 7:30pm Dining Room

St. Joan of Arc is offering a ministry of healing & support for anyone who has experienced the pain from divorce or separation. This 10-week series features powerful DVD presentations (along with supportive & confidential small group sharing) covering topics, such as: shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, courts, children, ex-spouse, annulment and spirituality. Whether you are separated or divorced for years, this support group offers you healing and compassion today. Beginning January 28<sup>th</sup>, our next 10 week session will be held in our Rectory Dining Room on Tuesdays, starting at 7:30pm. To learn more or to register, please visit: [stjoans.org/healing-from-divorce](http://stjoans.org/healing-from-divorce). Or contact Deacon Tom at 856-983-0077 x306 or [tom.murphy@stjoans.org](mailto:tom.murphy@stjoans.org)

## SOUPER CHEFS WANTED

Lent is coming and so is Soup and Stations. Once again we need some people to help us make the soup for our Soup and Stations night. The date is Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Since this is a Friday night, the soup has to be meatless. If you can make some soup, please contact Mary Bernard at 856-596-3227 or email [weberwards@comcast.net](mailto:weberwards@comcast.net). Thank you. We hope to hear from you. Happy Lent!

## SOUP'S ON!!!

Soup & Stations Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

Please come and join us for Soup and Stations on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. There is no need to sign up; just come. We will gather in Pedata Hall at 5:30PM and enjoy a Lenten meal with our families and friends. After the meal, we will go into the church for Stations of the Cross. We hope to see you there. It is a great way for us to nourish each other with food, fellowship, and prayer during the season of Lent. If you have any questions, please call Mary Bernard at 856-596-3227. Thank you and Happy Lent

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

For Loss of Loved One

Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Arc Room  
St. Joan of Arc Bereavement support meets monthly. This group aims to establish a support network with the bereaved persons who have experienced the loss of a loved one. We hope that healing will be promoted as the bereaved gain insight and understanding of the grieving process. The warm and caring atmosphere will offer each person the opportunity to tell his or her story. If you are hurting from the loss of a loved one, please consider joining us. For further information or questions call Joanne at 856-983-5523 or Colleen at 856-983-4323  
Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.  
Matthew 5:4



# Parish Life

## PILLOWCASES NEEDED

Collection 2/29-3/8

In order to lessen our carbon imprint on Mother Earth, the **SSJ Neighborhood Center**, in Camden is collecting gently used pillowcases. The pillowcases will be made into grocery bags for use in our Food Pantry. There will be a container at the main entrance of the Church, 2/29 - 3/1 and 3/7 - 3/8 for you to drop off the pillowcases. Thanks for supporting this simple recycle idea that will benefit our neighbors as well as Earth. Gratefully, The Sisters of Saint Joseph

## SHOE LACE COLLECTION

Outreach to our neighbors at the border!

There is a request from the Sisters of St. Joseph who continue to travel to Mexico to help the homeless. Shoe laces are appreciated. There will be a box at the entrance to the church on 2/29 - 3/1 and 3/7 - 3/8 to collect these items. Four Sisters are currently there. The next group of sisters will be traveling March 20. Contact S. Peg Boyle, SSJ for more information.

## CARITAS CORNER FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

### MONTHLY EVENTS

#### SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS

Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:00 Noon

#### TLC ADULT SOCIAL GROUP for Ages 18-39

Leap Year Bowling - Medford Lanes

Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> 3pm

#### HEART TO HEART PARENT/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 - 8:30pm

Rectory Conference Room

#### **Sponsored by:**

**Caritas Ministry for Special Needs**

Please visit us online @ [stjoans.org](http://stjoans.org)

Or contact us @ [caritas@stjoans.org](mailto:caritas@stjoans.org)

#### SPECIAL DISCIPLES RELIGIOUS

#### EDUCATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

For more information contact: Linda Mueller

856-983-7575 or [linda.mueller@stjoans.org](mailto:linda.mueller@stjoans.org)

## "BELOVED..."

### FINDING HAPPINESS IN MARRIAGE

**New SJA Marriage Enrichment Program!**  
Thursdays, 7:30pm Pedata Hall

What if marriage is more than a simple contract between two people based on romance, mutual fulfillment, and basic attraction? What if God has woven into the very design of humanity a purposeful desire for a man and a woman to unite into something mysterious and holy? "Beloved" explores the essential realities of marriage, dealing with the deepest spiritual, emotional, and practical aspects of what the sacrament means for those couples yearning for a richer married life. If you are married one week or 60 years come and embrace what God has planned for your marriage to come alive more and more each day. Our program is a short 6 part series which began Thursday, February 13th.

Please contact Jeff & Maureen DeFrehn.

[Jeff.DeFrehn@stjoans.org](mailto:Jeff.DeFrehn@stjoans.org)

## CARITAS ENLIGHTENMENTS

Corinthians 12:4-11

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as He wishes."

In this passage we are shown that through the Spirit all persons are given gifts for the good of the entire community. Each person is expected to use his/her gifts for the common good. It would be neglectful if that gift were not acknowledged by the community and put to good use.

(Adapted from Pathways.org Inclusion in Worship – Family Guide)

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# Parish Life

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**Where:** Pedata Hall

**When:** February 24<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

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

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

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

## BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome the following children who are being baptized into our community this weekend: Leo Inoncillo, Aquinnah Mettinger, Jaxon Wines



## MARDI GRAS DINNER in Memory of Fr Leon

Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm Pedata Hall

Join as we celebrate Mardi

Gras with a fried chicken dinner and

remember Fr. Leon Buni on **Tuesday, February**

**25, 5:30pm in Pedata Hall.** Please bring your

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COMPETITION

On Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> the District Level of the Free Throw Championship was conducted in St. Joan of Arc. The winners are as follows:

### GIRLS

9 years old: Abigail Brown

10 years old: Kaitlyn Roscioli

11 years old: Abigail Riley

12 years old: Alaina Staub

13 years old: Katherine Brown

### BOYS

9 years old: Jude DeAnnuntis

10 years old: Luca Laudisio

11 years old : Colin McHale

12 years old: Evan Lampi

14 years old: Anthony DiMattia

The above contestants will advance to the Trenton Diocesan Round of the tournament, scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>, at St. Gregory the Great Parish Center, in Hamilton Square.

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Wednesdays, February 26- April 8

3:00pm – 4:00pm Maris Stella Chapel

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No registration needed.

For more information call Sr Pat: 609-494-2917

### Messages of the Heart

Taking a Walk with Mary March 5<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

St Andrew the Apostle Parish

This special day is an event planned for women, by women and includes music, prayer, lunch and a message from our much beloved Joan Sandell who returns and will continue to inspire us with her knowledge and lived faith experiences of God.

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*Please no texts, thank you!*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday Evenings

Eucharistic Adoration 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Benediction 6:30pm

On the Cross Jesus said "I thirst". From the Blessed Sacrament Jesus continues to say to each of us "I thirst." He thirsts for our personal love, our intimacy, our union with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

## 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.

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

There are times when we are moved to respond to God's personal invitation to a deeper relationship and to discover God's presence in all things... God desires a deeper relationship with you; a desire to grow in intimacy.

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[Jeff.DeFrehn@stjoans.org](mailto:Jeff.DeFrehn@stjoans.org) or call

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## YOU'RE INVITED TO A SCRIP PARTY!

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm Cafeteria

Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 10am Pedata Hall

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, February 23

7:00pm Passion Play Rehearsal - Church

7:00pm AOA - Arc Room

### Monday, February 24

3:30pm Dance Exercise for Health - Pedata Hall

6:30pm Virtus Training - Cafeteria

6:45pm Women of Faith - Pedata Hall

7:30pm Bible Study - Arc Room

### Tuesday, February 25

5:00pm Adoration - Church

5:30pm Mardi Gras Celebration - Pedata Hall

6:30pm Benediction - Church

7:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr Family Catechesis - Cafeteria

7:30pm Bereavement Support - Arc Room

7:30pm Healing From Divorce - Dining Room

7:30pm Liturgy Meeting - Rectory Conf Rm

### Wednesday, February 26

9:30am Bible Study - Arc Room

1:00pm Abide in Me - Arc Room

7:00pm RCIA- Pedata Hall

### Thursday, February 27

7:00pm Scrip How to Party - Cafeteria

7:30pm Marriage Enrichment - Pedata Hall

### Friday, February 28

6:00am TMIY - Pedata Hall

10:00am Scrip Party - Pedata Hall

12:05pm Stations of the Cross - Church

7:00pm Pre-Cana - Pedata Hall

7:00pm TLC Social - Off Premise

7:00pm Stations of the Cross - Church

### Saturday, February 29

9:45am Parish Council Meeting - Arc Room

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