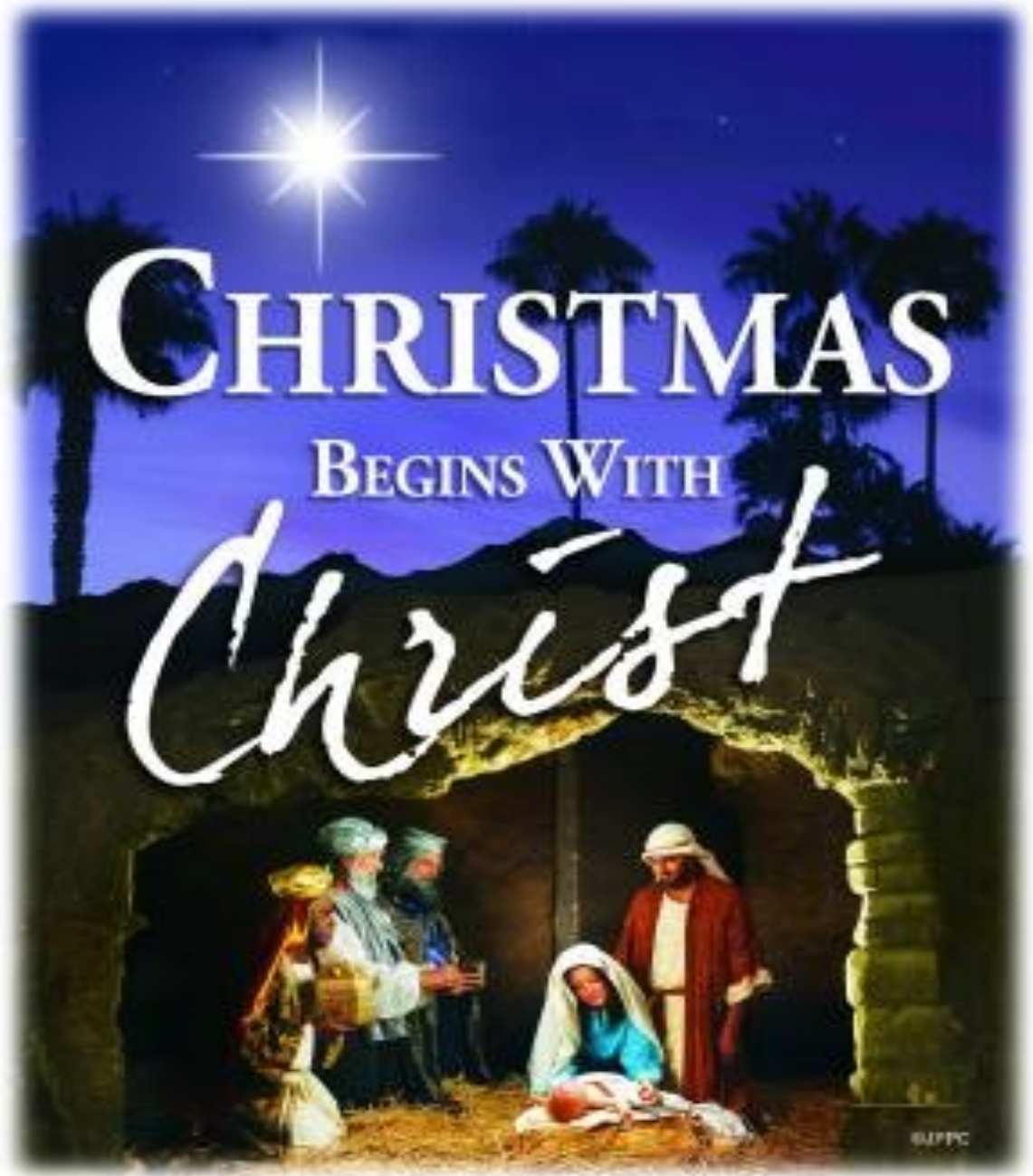


# Church of St. Joan of Arc

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



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
**December 25, 2022**

**Parish Office:** 856-983-0077  
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**School:** 856-983-0774  
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## Office Hours

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

12/24, 12/26 & 12/27

Monday - Thursday

9:30am - 12:30pm

2pm - 5pm and 6pm - 8:00pm

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

Saturday 9:30am - 12:00pm

Click [Here](#) to Request a Mass Card

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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 & 12pm

**Livestream Sunday:** 10:30am

Live streams available on **Website:** [www.stjoans.org](http://www.stjoans.org)

**Facebook:** [StJoansMarlton](#) & **YouTube:** [StJoanOfArcNJ](#)

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday:** 9am (Livestream Available)

**Tuesday & Thursday:** 7am & 9am (Livestream Available)

**Saturday:** 9am

**Morning Prayer (Mon, Wed, Fri):** 7am

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00pm & by appointment.

## BAPTISMS

We celebrate Baptisms most Sunday afternoons. The baptism of your child is a great time to renew your own faith in Jesus Christ.

Call the Office to schedule at 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)

[jm.patilla@stjoans.org](mailto:jm.patilla@stjoans.org)

# PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION

Our Tabernacle Candle will remain lit during the week of December 25<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> in memory of:

*Alfred & Rosina Pietrofesse*

Requested by: Bob & Roseann Graziosi & Family

## WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Jim Jackson, Joseph Fusco, James Miller, Brian Miller, Rich Minder, Joanne Cassidy, Tae Soo Lee, and Sharon Cinkowski

## REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of Frank A. Perna whose Funeral Service was celebrated December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray for the soul of Robert Walter Nowinski whose Funeral Mass was celebrated December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

KINDLY PRAY FOR THE WELFARE OF

Cmdr. Matthew Buyske, Sgt Elliot Adkisson III, Jason Alexander, Matthew Alexander, Cms Michael Allen, Cpl Jason Annese, Josh Blassman, LTJG Justin Beck, Bryan Bolt III, Cpl Stephen Bray III, LTJG Jack Brandt, Kevin Bodwater, Kyle Brodwater, Col Denis Brown, Maj Ryan Brunk, SSG John Ciacci, Michael Costello, MSgt Zachary Crawford, Gwen Daley SR, Joseph DeStefano, Josh Dikmak, Col Christopher DiNote, John Dixon, LCpl Silvio Duplechan Jr, Sgt Mohamed Embaby, Pvt Andrew Ensign, James Evans, Luca Franchi, 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, Matt Kotowski, PO2 Dixon Kehoe, PO3 Maxx Kehoe, SSgt Kris Knaup, Brian Kohler, Sgt Jonathan Krall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Trevor Kuroczka, Cpt Scott Lafferty, Lt John Paul Lamorte, Pvt Matthew LaRosa, A1C Class Daniel Little, SSG Stephen MacCrary, William Mace, Bryan Marines, Cayden Martin, Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Matthew Marthins, 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, LT Gregory Swift, Dallas Thorp, Pvt Jake Witham, Luke Williams, PFC Tristan Wood, SSgt Jaried Zavatter, Robert Zielinski, Pvt. Ian S. Evans & Cpt. Shaun T. Lieb EOD, Jack M. Tarzy, MIDN 4/C

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday**      **December 26**

9:00 AM      **Frank Schwartz** r/o Wife Ann & Family  
**Joseph M<sup>c</sup>Goldrick** r/o Family  
**Joe Grossman** r/o Wife Yvonne

**Tuesday**      **December 27**

9:00 AM      **Robert Campbell** r/o Bob & Sue DeNight  
**Al Zotti** r/o Rich & Becky DiGiacomo

**Wednesday**      **December 28**

9:00 AM      **Bill Silk** r/o Loving Wife & Family  
**Tony Amico** r/o Wife Cathy & Family  
**James & Marie Parrillo** r/o Lee Thurber

**Thursday**      **December 29**

9:00 AM      **Richard Brown Sr** r/o Brown Family  
**Robert Moroski** r/o Catherine Kilvington  
**Ethel C. Stewart**  
r/o Susan & Robert Butrymowicz

**Friday**      **December 30**

9:00 AM      **Fred Wisenauer** r/o Michele Dwier  
**Al Balassatais** r/o Cheryl Gliick

**Saturday**      **December 31**

9:00 AM      **Julia & Nicky Verde** r/o Daughter Julie & Family  
**Frank Schwartz** r/o Wife Ann & Family

5:00 PM      **Geraldine Kessler**

r/o Jenna Stevens, John & Lynn Doherty  
**Mary Burns** r/o Donna Burns

**Sunday**      **January 1**

7:30 AM      **Mrs. Joan Geier** r/o Viv & Dave Bernstein  
**Angelo Saneli** r/o Vince & Betty Maffei  
**Parishioners & Benefactors**

9:00 AM      **Joanne Sand** r/o Sue DeCicco  
**John Veasy** r/o Bill & Susan Screnci

10:30 AM      **Jacqueline Joseph** r/o Husband Don  
**Joseph Grossman** r/o Wife Yvonne  
**Gloria Sepiello** r/o Marleen & Jon Mabry

12:00 PM      **Joe Cataldo** r/o Joe Cataldo Jr.  
**Frank Morton** r/o Love Debbie  
**Christmas Flower Intentions**

## GOSPEL

Lk 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

[For this weekend's readings, click here.](#)

### NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

#### New Year's Eve:

5:00 PM

#### New Year's Day:

7:30AM, 9:00AM

10:30 AM (livestream available), 12:00 PM

**A warm welcome to all who join us for this Christmas Celebration! Welcome home, college students and family, relatives and friends who have travelled!**

**Welcome to those coming back for the first time since the pandemic!**

**Welcome to all believers, searchers, questioners and doubters!**

**Welcome to all who feel left out or shut out.**

**You are welcome here.**

**Christmas says: God's love knows no boundaries ... nor should ours.**

**There is room here for everyone!**

## CHRISTMAS/2022

### "A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER"

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I hope you have happy, good memories of Christmas mornings. As a child, of course, like all children, I loved Christmas morning. But the night before was so exciting, as well. We would have a big dinner with relatives. The anticipation would grow and grow as Uncle Bill would tune into the radio and we would get the report on where Santa had last been sighted.

As a young boy, I loved opening presents, of course! But I admit I also loved going to Midnight Mass. I had the privilege of being an altar server at some of them. In those days, Midnight Mass was the only Mass the night before Christmas morning. There was always a sacred stillness in the air that united us, as if we were all waiting together — people and sky and trees and air, everything! — for the birth of Jesus. After Mass, we would take a quiet moment back home sitting in the living room in front of our decorated tree, all lights out except those wrapped around the branches. Some of the tree lights blinked and there was always one wise guy bulb that would blink irregularly, out of sync with the others. There was a quirky beauty to it, now that I think about it. It was the one that caught our attention.

My prayer is that this Christmas will be one you will always remember for the family gatherings, the laughter and joy shared, as well as for the shared silences, the shared prayers. May this Christmas be remembered for big hugs and happy smiles and for the small things that unexpectedly catch your eye and say quietly to your heart, "Rejoice. Don't be afraid. A Savior is born."

Merry Christmas!

With love,  
Fr. Rich

**The Priests, Sisters, Deacons  
and entire St. Joan of Arc Staff  
wish you and your loved ones a  
*Most Merry Christmas  
and a very  
Happy, Holy New Year.  
May God bless you now  
and always!***

# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

## ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL Moving Forward with God

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** from all of us at St. Joan of Arc School! Take time to enjoy the days with family, friends, and our parish community.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Advent Updates** - We had a wonderful time at our first annual Advent Family Retreat! This was an opportunity for families to slow down together and focus on the beauty of this sacred season. Our children made beautiful Advent candle holders and wreaths, had refreshments, and we ended together in prayer. It was a great morning and we are already looking forward to next year's event!



## KIDSLIT

Sundays During 10:30AM Mass

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be No Kids Lit on 12/25 & 1/1.**

See you in the New Year!

Please come join us for Kids Lit! PreK through 8th Grade are all welcome. Interested in Volunteering? Need Service Hours? We are looking for Readers during Kids Lit. You must be Grade 6-8 (High School students welcome).

Adult Volunteers needed as well. No experience needed. (Virtus Training and Fingerprinting required for adults). Please contact Melissa Denisi Eisenstock if interested or have questions @ [childrensliturgy@stjoans.org](mailto:childrensliturgy@stjoans.org)



We were happy to hold our first Advent retreat for catechists on December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Feast Day for Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our speaker was Mary Neary, whose presentation was titled *Joy - Don't Leave Home Without It!* It was an evening of delicious food, wonderful fellowship, and nourishment of our faith. We are very grateful for the time and talent our catechists offer to our parish, and it was a blessing to be able to have this time together.

**Have you ever thought about teaching for our Religious Education program? We have a class for you!** If you think you might be interested in being a catechist, we invite you to come to our 'Art of Catechesis' class on January 14<sup>th</sup>! This class gives you a good overview of how we hand on the faith in our Church, and a helpful foundation for becoming a catechist. It will run from 9:30-3:30 in Pedata Hall, and registration is free (lunch is included!). Interested in registering, email Jessica Donohue, Director of Religious Education, [jessica.donohue@stjoans.org](mailto:jessica.donohue@stjoans.org). We would love to have you join us!

**Thank you for your prayerful support of the Religious Education ministry at St. Joan of Arc, and we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

## WINGS

Save the Dates!



**Blue Mt. Ski/Tubing Trip February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Don't miss one of the best events of the winter to have a fun day in the snow with your friends!

**Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

This is the yearly gathering for ALL teens 8—12<sup>th</sup> grades of the Diocese of Trenton. It is an opportunity to connect with other young Catholics beyond your parish or school and encounter Jesus through dynamic presentations, music, workshops and more! More info visit: [www.dotyouth.org/dyc](http://www.dotyouth.org/dyc)

**Connected**  
"then your light shall break forth like the dawn."  
ISAIAH 60:1-2

**SATURDAY  
02.04.23**  
DONOVAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
711 HOOPER AVE, TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753  
10AM-6PM

Advanced Registration \$25  
ENDS 1/30 \*TO GUARANTEE A FREE T-SHIRT REGISTER BY 1/23!

Walk-in Registration \$35

REGISTRATION & MORE INFO AT  
[WWW.DOTYOUTH.ORG/DYC](http://WWW.DOTYOUTH.ORG/DYC)



# ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL



## MERRY CHRISTMAS!



DEC. 2022

### *Moving Forward to Bethlehem*

#### DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

WE HAD A WONDERFUL ADVENT SEASON AT SJA! HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR ADVENT DAYS AS WE WERE MOVING FORWARD TO BETHLEHEM!



*Christmas Concert*

*Santa's Secret Shop*

*Senior Luncheon*

*Advent Liturgies*

*Advent Service Projects*

*Johnson's Farm Family Outing*

*Christmas Classroom Projects*

*Waiting, Watching, Wondering!*



Dear Parishioners,

Peace! May your hearts and homes be filled with Christmas Joy and Peace.

Our Advent journey had us ***Moving Forward to Bethlehem***. Our school community reached out to others by: providing a Christmas luncheon for our Senior Citizens, collecting for the troops for Operation Yellow Ribbon along with homemade cards for the troops, supplying items for the homeless and those in need, designing placemats and collecting gift cards for Helping Hands. We are hopeful these group activities and those that were done individually added more joy to our world.

The SJA School moms and grandmothers met for a couple of Advent hours for reflection, prayer and craft making. They designed a Kindness Calendar that was individualized for their family.

Our Advent/Christmas concert sent out a powerful Christmas message. The first grade angels reminded us that "*Christmas is a Time of Love.*"

We had a delightful day shopping in Santa's Secret Shop. Our PTA did a fabulous job transforming our cafeteria into Santa's workshop.

December 13th found many school families meeting at Johnson's Farm for Christmas activities. Check out the pictures on the SJA Facebook page. A good time was had by all.

This year we were blessed to have the dancers from Bowman School of Dance join us on Thursday, December 22nd. We appreciated their time, energy and talent. Their Nativity presentation is always so profound.

The 2022 academic school year ended with the celebration of the Eucharist at our parish 9:00 AM Mass on Friday, December 23rd. This was the first time since August 2019 that we were able to be together before our Christmas vacation. T'was a great way to end the Advent Season and begin celebrating Christmas.

Most of the buds from our amaryllis plants have blossomed. We enjoyed watching them, waiting for them and wondering about them during this Sacred Season.



Merry Christmas and God's Blessings,



*Sister Pat*



Christmas changed everything!  
Christmas changed the way we tell time.  
Christmas changed the way we think about  
and talk about God.

Christmas changed the world.  
Imagine a world with no Christmas!  
Imagine a world without Christ!

## Peace on Earth

Jesus comes back as a baby  
to tell us that God  
is not far away.

The angels are still singing:  
peace on earth  
to people he loves.

Let us ask your defenseless omnipotence  
to bend down and to snuff out the arrogance of violence,  
to remove hatred from all hearts  
and to put love there,  
to make it so that soon no nation in the world  
will remember  
what war is.

(Chiara Lubich, *Christmas Joy*)



## Silent Night

There was a movie out recently  
called *Violent Night*.  
Didn't see it. Didn't want to see it.  
Don't like the title.

It's the opposite of what God wants.  
It's the opposite of Christmas.

Let's pray for more silence  
than violence.  
More listening than shouting.  
More walking together  
than stepping on.  
More *with* than *against*.  
More hope than fear.

Silent night, holy night.

All is calm. All is bright.

This is what God wants  
for all of us.





# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

### How do I live the Eucharist?

Nourished by the Eucharist, we can respond to our call to be bread that is broken.

We can work to transform structures that prevent God's children from thriving: Poverty. Racism. Consumerism. Exploitation. Violence.

Currently, parishes discuss the urgent challenge of getting Catholics back to church. It is essential that we return in order to receive Christ's body in the Eucharist. It is also essential that, nourished by this gift, we then become bread broken for others, working across our divisions to heal the inequalities which have only become more apparent during the pandemic.

Pope Francis asks, "How do I live the Eucharist?" As the Church kicks off a multi-year Eucharistic revival, let us go forth, inspired by the Eucharist. Let us be his hands and feet, live his love, and transform injustice. It's how we live the Eucharist.

Rauh, Jill. "Bring What is Broken." Eucharistic Revival Blog, August 20, 2022



**merry CHRISTMAS**

### DAILY ROSARY 2 PM MON—SAT

Join us for the DAILY rosary. We gather on **Zoom at 2pm Monday thru Saturday**. Contact Bob Nardello with questions & for the zoom link (856) 630-9692 and [sja.rosary@gmail.com](mailto:sja.rosary@gmail.com)



### WEDDING BANNERS

Third Announcement:

**Amy Alyssa Kopec & David Russell Miller**



As baptized Christians,  
we are really and truly  
brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,  
and when we receive the holy eucharist,  
this union is most perfectly reached,  
for then we not only receive  
the King of Kings  
in him we receive each other."

Mary Fabyan Windeatt  
(1910-1979)



**WALKING WITH PURPOSE**  
So much more than a Bible Study  
*Come as You Are*

Next Meeting  
Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

Opening Your Heart: In Lesson 9, we will be discussing the limits of Christ's forgiveness and how truly different our lives would be if we had a better understanding of the heart of our heavenly Father.

Keeping In Balance: God wants us to pursue rest, He created us with a need to slow down. That place to stop and refuel is called the Sabbath. This week we will discuss Lesson 9, "Balance Through Rest".

Beholding His Glory: This week we will review and discuss Lesson 6: "Joseph". We will be placing ourselves in Joseph's shoes and be reminded that the God who proved faithful to Joseph will not disappoint us.

*Merry Christmas*

What a gift !

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

Men, we would love to share this wonderful gift we have received. Come join.  
We return mid-January. For more info:  
[www.stjoans.org/tmiy/](http://www.stjoans.org/tmiy/)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION**

*Oh come let us adore Him*



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

# PARISH LIFE

## ABIDE IN ME

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

Wednesdays, 1pm Knight's Hall

DO YOU NEED PRAYER OR WANT TO PRAY FOR OTHERS?

Join our prayer chain at:

[www.stjoans.org/ministries/abide-in-me](http://www.stjoans.org/ministries/abide-in-me)

Pray with us on Wednesdays from 1PM-2PM in Knight's Hall!

To ask for prayer or to pray with us, email:

[abideinme@stjoans.org](mailto:abideinme@stjoans.org) or call the parish offices 856-983-0077



## Healing From Separation & Divorce

Wednesday December 28<sup>th</sup> Rectory Arc Room 7pm

Helping you find Peace, Power and Passion— A support group for men and women seeking healing from divorce and separation. For info contact Janet Polidora at

[healingafterdivorce@stjoans.org](mailto:healingafterdivorce@stjoans.org)

## HUNGRY FOR HOPE

Thursdays 3:30pm Knights Hall

We meet WEEKLY for daytime gatherings **most Thursdays. Join us Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>!**

*This isn't a diet it's a journey of healing & grace!*

Rooted in God's love & nourished by his Word, **Hungry for HOPE** is a ministry of spiritual sharing & support for anyone who longs for a healthier relationship with food for themselves or their loved ones. Contact Marijane

[hungryforhope@stjoans.org](mailto:hungryforhope@stjoans.org)



## AOA

Sundays 7pm Knight's Hall

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. Guided by the "Recovery 12 Steps" & related scriptures from the Life Recovery Bible.

We pray, we share, we support.

We don't judge nor give advice.

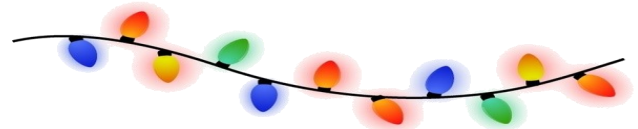
**AOA** is for anyone impacted by this disease.

All are Welcome! For more info visit [stjoans.org/AOA](http://stjoans.org/AOA).

To have a conversation, please contact:

**Dan** [aoa@stjoans.org](mailto:aoa@stjoans.org) or [856-313-9758](tel:856-313-9758) or

**Elaine** at [aoa@stjoans.org](mailto:aoa@stjoans.org) or [609-923-6525](tel:609-923-6525)



## CARITAS CORNER FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

HEART TO HEART

PARENT/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

**Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm via Zoom**

TLC SOCIAL ADULT GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS Ages 18-39

**Friday January 27th Winter Fun 7:30 pm in Pedata Hall**

SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS

**Sunday January 29th 12PM Mass**

For info on all Caritas events, email [caritas@stjoans.org](mailto:caritas@stjoans.org). Check out the Caritas Resource page for activities in our area:

[www.stjoans.org/caritas-resources/](http://www.stjoans.org/caritas-resources/)

### CARITAS ENLIGHTENMENT

*"Joy is prayer; joy is strength; joy is love; joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls."*

~ Mother Teresa

## USHER MINISTRY NEEDS USHERS

We are looking for men and women to join our ministry to help out at the Masses! We especially need help for the upcoming Christmas Masses. If you are interested in helping on a regular basis, part time basis or just for the holidays, please email Dean DeRose at [roseman1957@comcast.net](mailto:roseman1957@comcast.net) or call (856) 906-0482.



# PARISH LIFE

## JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

### LOSS OF A LOVED ONE December 27<sup>th</sup>

St. Joan's Bereavement Support Group, Journey Through Grief, meets monthly. We will meet on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00PM to 8:30PM in the St. Joan's Parish Office in Knight's Hall. 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 their story. If you are hurting from the loss of a loved one, please consider joining us. For further information or questions, please call Joanne at 856-983-5523 or Colleen at 609-304-6330.



## JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

### Loss of a Child January 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM

St. Joan's Bereavement Support Group, Journey Through Grief, meets monthly. This group is for the loss of a child. We welcome parents and family members; let us support and comfort each other. We will meet in the St. Joan of Arc Parish Office in the Arc Room at 7:30PM - 9:00 PM. For further information, please call Joanne at 856-983-5523 or Dolores at 856-905-1728.

## MORNING PRAYER

### 7AM in Church

#### Every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

Join us as we lift up our prayer petitions for each other along with receiving the Eucharist. A beautiful way to start the morning with the Psalms and Praising God.



## ONE IN THE SPIRIT

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM

St. Joan of Arc Prayer Group, "One in the Spirit," would like to invite our LGBTQ friends and their loved ones to join us for a time of prayer and faith sharing. In a spirit of mutual trust and respect for our LGBTQ sisters & brothers and for Church Teaching, we welcome everyone to deepen their relationship with our loving God. We meet every **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in the Arc Room.** All are Welcome!

To learn more about this ministry please visit:

[stjoans.org/one-in-the-spirit](http://stjoans.org/one-in-the-spirit) or email [onespirit@stjoans.org](mailto:onespirit@stjoans.org)

Council, #6530 Father John P.

THINKING OF JOINING THE  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?**  
VISIT: [KOFC.ORG/UN/NEWJOIN/EN](http://KOFC.ORG/UN/NEWJOIN/EN)



## SUNDAY KNIGHT FOOTBALL HOAGIES!



Looking for a great way to feed your hungry football fans as our Eagles finish the regular season? We have the perfect solution.

### Sunday, January 8

Your Eagles will be playing the Giants so let us provide all the hoagies you need for your watch party. We offer 8" hoagies in American, Italian or Turkey choices for \$8.00 each. These will be made fresh that morning by Del Buono's Bakery and Karen's Deli.

Pre-order and pick them up after Mass in Pedata Hall.

### Order deadline is Sunday Jan. 1

#### Three easy ways to place your order:

1. Fill out an order form located in the church vestibule and give it to any Knight.
2. Send an e-mail to [kocbillhahnpfn@gmail.com](mailto:kocbillhahnpfn@gmail.com)
3. Call in your order to (609) 670-4039



## ANNUAL MARCH for LIFE

### WASHINGTON, D.C. FRIDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup>

MARCHING FORWARD INTO A POST-ROE AMERICA!  
**Adults are \$20 and Students are \$15** All are welcome to join five area parishes, as we march to demonstrate our commitment for **LIFE**. Bus 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 will be provided for the ride home. Your choice of **Roast Beef, Turkey or Veggie**. Please bring a bag lunch for the ride down. For more info or to reserve your seat please contact: Deacon Gene Kotowski [gene.kotowski@stjoans.org](mailto:gene.kotowski@stjoans.org)

**Deadline to register for the march is  
Friday December 30<sup>th</sup>**

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## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to publish an announcement in the bulletin, please send all requests to [publications@stjoans.org](mailto:publications@stjoans.org). All requests must be submitted **no later than the Monday** before the weekend you would like them published.

## ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:

Gifts: **435**

Total Pledged: **\$82,889.00 (75% of Goal)**

Parish Goal: **\$110,000**



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

One Time Gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I make my Pledge today of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the ACA.

Please set up payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

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**Newark, NJ 07101**

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Online donations can be made by logging on to

[www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal)



## THE WEEK AHEAD:

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Merry Christmas!

**Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>:**

5:00PM: Adoration - *Church*

6:30PM: Benediction - *Church*

7:00PM: Bereavement Loss of Loved One -  
*Knight's Hall*

**Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>:**

1:00PM: Abide in Me - *Knight's Hall*

7:00PM: Divorced/Separation Support Group  
- *Arc Room*

**Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>:**

3:30PM: Hungry for Hope - *Knight's Hall*

