

# Church of St. Joan of Arc

***We are a Eucharistic People.***

*We Adore Christ; We Receive Christ; We Become Christ for One Another.*



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 15, 2024

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## Office Hours

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- Friday:** 9am (Livestream Available)

**Tuesday & Thursday:** 7am

**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.

Visit [www.stjoans.org/sacraments/baptism](http://www.stjoans.org/sacraments/baptism) to schedule

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> to December 21<sup>st</sup> for the intention of :

*Josephine Hollingshead*

Requested by: 5th Anniversary—The Joyce Family

## WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Daniel Mungiole, Bruce Forstein, Isabella Petitto, Eleanor Kane, Tammy Torrez, Deborah J. Rando, Rick Gawarzewski, Noreen Muth, Tommy Arlotta, Rosie Obara, Michael Madden, and James Coghlan.

## PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

KINDLY PRAY FOR THE WELFARE OF

Sgt Elliot Adkisson III, Jason Alexander, Matthew Alexander, Cms Michael Allen, Cpl Jason Annese, A1C Daniel Bilgic, A1C Joseph Bilgic, Josh Blassman, LT Justin Beck, Bryan Bolt III, Cpl Stephen Bray III, LT Jack Brandt, Evan Brown MIDN USNA, Col Denis Brown, Maj Ryan Brunk, Capt. Matthew Buyske, SN Matthew Chybinski, 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, Thomas Farley, Luca Franchi, Col Gerard Gagnon, E3 Lucas Goergen, Cpl Michael Goncalves, Spc Evan Grabowski, Andrew Guattari, LtCol John Harding, LtCol Bill Harkins, Jared Hatley, SR Hannah Hayes, James Hayes, Rick Heipertz, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Jarrod LaRosa, A1C Class Daniel Little, SSG Stephen MacCrory, William Mace, Bryan Marines, Cayden Martin, Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Matthew Marthins, Cpl Anthony Mastrangelo, PFC Class Matthew Mastrangelo, Cpt Michelle Mathews, LT Shane Mauro, Brenden McKittrick, Sgt Brian McNally, Sgt Luke McNally, Cpt Jared Miller, SSG Richard Miller III, Cpl Timothy Miller, Lt Maggie Montesanti-Bowen, Cpl Shannyn Noone, A1C Anthony Orlando Jr, Sgt Michael Peterson, Bob Poller, ENT Nicholas Ricci, Sr Chief Kimberly Ripoli, Doug Sackett, Clinton Scheibner, LCDR Andrew Schwalbenberg, Col Dan Shanahan, PFC Joseph Seller, Molina Semple, CW4 Nicole Sproesser, LT Gregory Swift, Dallas Thorp, Pvt Jake Witham, Luke Williams, Tristan Wood, SSgt Jaried Zavatter, Robert Zielinski, Pvt. Ian S. Evans & Cpt. Shaun T. Lieb EOD, Jack M. Tarzy, MIDN USN

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 16</b>
9:00 AM	<b>Ken Mills</b> r/o <i>George Forman &amp; Family</i> <b>Bob Lang</b> r/o <i>Joan &amp; Sam Rescigno</i> <b>Catherine Ann Lumpkin</b> r/o <i>Rosemary Barbera</i> <b>Aldonna Zalokar</b> r/o <i>The Hill Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 17</b>
7:00 AM	<b>Parishioners and Benefactors</b>
9:00 AM	<b>Andrew Kelly</b> r/o <i>Carl &amp; Nancy Ciervo</i> <b>Sharon Morris</b> r/o <i>The Boyle Family</i> <b>Chuck Marsden</b> r/o <i>Walt &amp; Judy Whitcraft</i> <b>Lena Calabree</b> r/o <i>Mary Friel</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 18</b>
9:00 AM	<b>Helen Manco</b> r/o <i>Loving Family</i> <b>Vincent Brigandi</b> r/o <i>Family</i> <b>Stephen Fichera, Jr.</b> r/o <i>His Sister, Susan</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 19</b>
7:00 AM	<b>George Morse</b> r/o <i>Loving Family</i> <b>Angeline Buonanno</b> r/o <i>Susan &amp; Walt Schrank</i>
9:00 AM	<b>Christopher Bakey</b> r/o <i>Family</i> <b>Janet Gallagher</b> r/o <i>Loving Family</i> <b>Robert Hildebrand</b> r/o <i>Sue Latella</i> <b>William A. Rizzi</b> r/o <i>Joe, AnnMarie &amp; Elizabeth</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 20</b>
9:00 AM	<b>Bob Lang</b> r/o <i>Dee Soderstrom</i> <b>Sara Panchi</b> r/o <i>Angela Harrington</i> <b>Mary Geraci</b> r/o <i>Daughter Cetta</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 21</b>
9:00 AM	<b>Fran Behnke</b> r/o <i>The Behnke Family</i>
5:30 PM	<b>Jeanette Ollariv</b> r/o <i>Family</i> <b>Dr. Michael DiMarcangelo, Sr.</b> r/o <i>Loving Family</i> <b>Lawrence Esposito</b> r/o <i>Esposito Family</i> <b>Dr. Anthony Fugaro</b> r/o <i>Frank &amp; Carol Allen</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 22</b>
7:30 AM	<b>Bob Lang</b> r/o <i>His Sister Jeannette</i> <b>Ted and Rita Mae Schaffer</b> r/o <i>Jim &amp; Elaine Wilkie</i> <b>Thomas Lamanna</b> r/o <i>Janie Kessler</i>
9:00 AM	<b>Jennifer Polidora-Puca</b> r/o <i>Cathy Amico</i> <b>Patricia Adams</b> r/o <i>Christa Adams</i> <b>Nicholas Goetz</b> r/o <i>Michael &amp; Kelsey Salvatico</i>
10:30 AM	<b>Patricia Arensberg</b> r/o <i>The Elmer Family</i> <b>Marylynn &amp; John Saldvtti</b> r/o <i>Patty McCalla</i> <b>Kim Ward</b> r/o <i>Lillian Abbinanti</i> <b>Russ Figueroa</b> r/o <i>St. Joan of Arc Staff</i>
12:00 PM	<b>Molly Sergi</b> r/o <i>Rita Rollo</i> <b>Fernanda "Fudge" Siani</b> r/o <i>Dominic Siani &amp; Family</i> <b>Kay Tomkins</b> r/o <i>Joanne Hurlock</i> <b>Jean Marie Wilden</b> r/o <i>Lou Citerone</i>

## GOSPEL

Lk 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.

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

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### Christmas Eve - Dec. 24th

3:00 PM Church, 3:00 PM Gym

5:00 PM Children's Mass

8:00 PM Mass

(Choral Prelude before Mass)

12 AM Midnight Mass



#### Christmas Day:

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

(All Masses will be held in the Church)

3rd Sunday of Advent / 2024

## A REASON TO REJOICE

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Officially, the Third Sunday of Advent is known as Rejoice Sunday! In Latin, it's GAUDETE! In our second reading, St. Paul emphatically urges (nearly commands) the Philippians (and us) to rejoice. "Rejoice," the apostle says. "Again, I say, REJOICE!"

In the very same letter, St. Paul also tells the Philippians (and us), "Your kindness should be known to all."

I'm thinking it wouldn't be such a bad idea to call this Sunday, "Be Kind and Rejoice Sunday."

The Latin word for "kindness" is "Beneficentia," which means "Good Will." To have good will for another ... in other words, to want the good, the best, for another. That truly is kindness.

Furthermore, "kindness" finds in its Old English roots the word, "Kin." When showing kindness, we show that we are not strangers. Indeed, we are related. We are family.

Would it not be wonderful, incredible, phenomenal, to be known for your kindness? That would be reason to rejoice!

Beneficentia!

Fr. Rich

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/ PENANCE SERVICE

Celebrating God's mercy is a wonderful way to prepare the heart for Christmas. This **Tuesday, December 17, 7pm**, area priests will join Fathers Rich and JM to hear Confessions (after a brief moment of prayer) right here at St. Joan of Arc. No need to worry if you have been away from Confession for awhile; we have recruited only the kindest priests who will most mercifully guide you through this beautiful Sacrament.

### DAILY ROSARY

2 PM MON—SAT

Join us for the DAILY rosary. We gather on **Zoom** at **2pm** **Monday thru Saturday**. Contact Donna Gould with questions and for the zoom link at [sja.rosary@gmail.com](mailto:sja.rosary@gmail.com)



# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



## ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL



- Please join us for our **closing Advent liturgy** on Friday, **December 20th at 9 AM!**
- Our **Christmas vacation will begin Monday, December 23rd**. Classes will resume on **Thursday, January 2nd** with our annual **school wide retreat day**, setting direction for 2025. **PTA will provide a hamburger or hot dog lunch for that day**, and students may wear their gym uniform.
- Parents, grandparents or special persons **looking to volunteer at the school** are required to go through **Virtus certification**. Register at [www.virtusonline.org/virtus](http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus) or contact Janet Polidora at [virtus@stjoans.org](mailto:virtus@stjoans.org).
- **Grocery and other gift cards** are available for purchase at Sunday Masses from 8:30am-11:30am. **Gift cards purchased through the RaiseRight gift card program benefit SJA School - at no additional cost to you**. For more details visit [www.stjoansk-8.org/pta-1/](http://www.stjoansk-8.org/pta-1/).

**Please come and join us on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> during 9am & 10:30am Mass**

**We will see you on Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> for 10:30am Mass.**

**KidsLIT Schedule: Week 1 & 3 at 9am Mass & Weekly at 10:30am Mass**

**Any questions, please reach out to Melissa Denisi Eisenstock at [childrensliturgy@stjoans.org](mailto:childrensliturgy@stjoans.org) [www.stjoans.org/ministries/kidslit](http://www.stjoans.org/ministries/kidslit)**



## WINGS

**Meetings Every Sunday from 7 to 9pm in Pedata Hall except when noted**

**Important Dates:**

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|----------|--|
| 12/22/24 | WINGS Christmas Party 7 to 9pm in Pedata Hall<br>All Parish Teens Welcome  |
| 12/29/24 | No Meeting   |
| 1/5/25   | Wings Home Coming Dance: All Past<br>WINGS Alumni Are Welcome  |
| 1/11/25  | Retreat. All teens 8th through 12th Grade are invited to Attend. Cost \$25. 8am to 11pm in the SJA school cafeteria. Breakfast, lunch, and Dinner, snacks will be provided. Come join the teens of the parish for fun games, great speakers, music and growing in your faith. Learn more about yourself and your friends as we start the new year. |
| 1/12/25  | Passion Play Tryouts 7 to 9 — <b>No meeting</b>  |
| 1/19/25  | <b>No Meeting</b> — Enjoy the 3-day weekend!   |
| 1/26/25  | Play Practice / Short meeting  |
| 2/1/25   | <b>Diocesan Youth Conference 2025:</b> All 8th-12th grade invited to attend! Notre Dame High School in Lawrence NJ.<br>If you RSVP, WINGS will provide transportation.   |
| 2/2/25   | Play Practice - <b>No Meeting</b>  |
| 2/8/25   | <b>WINGS Blue Mt. Trip:</b> A day of fun in the snow at Blue Mt PA! Leave from SJA about 7am get back around 2pm.  |

**Contact: Jay Keesler 856 313 9304**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Religious Education News!

- **NCCL Project Update** - We are happy to let you know that, as part of our participation in the NCCL Parents & Families at the Center of Faith Formation Project, we will be holding a 'Parent Cafe' on Sunday, January 19th following the 9 am and 10:30 am Masses. These are listening sessions, very similar to the recent Synod listening sessions, and our aim is to simply listen to parents so that we can gain valuable insights into what they need from our Church as they raise their children in faith. \*You do not have to have a child in a religious education program to participate! We are looking for the perspectives of all parents in our parish, as this project is concerned with supporting all Catholic families as they raise their children in our faith.
- If you are a parent of a child in high school, elementary school, or younger, we invite you to join us and share your perspective! Advance registration is appreciated for planning purposes, and you can sign up at this link: [shorturl.at/EnWZm](http://shorturl.at/EnWZm)
- **Parent Cafe Volunteers** - We are also looking for **volunteers who would like to help as facilitators for the Parent Cafe sessions on January 19th**. All directions will be provided to you in advance. This is a great way to get involved with this project, as these listening sessions will be so valuable to our ability to support families. If you would like to help out on January 19th, after either the 9 am or 10:30 am Masses (or both), please call the Religious Education Office at 856-983-7575 or email us at [rem@stjoans.org](mailto:rem@stjoans.org).
- **Second Annual John F. Pilles Coat Drive** - We are holding our coat drive again this year for children in need, in memory of John F. Pilles, Jr., a beloved catechist here at St. Joan of Arc. Mr. Pilles' positive impact on one of his students motivated her to create this drive, and we were able to collect a great number of coats and other winter necessities last year for children in need, thanks to the wonderful generosity of our parishioners. We would like to be able to do so again this year.
- We are looking for **NEW** coats, scarves, hats and gloves. Sizes 3T, 4T, 5T, and 6T, and donations can be dropped off to the Religious Education Office during the week, or to our receptacle in the hallway between the church and Pedata Hall between Friday and Sunday. **All donations must be received by December 18th**. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to children in need!
- **Art of Catechesis Class coming in February**—Have you ever thought about teaching religious education, but would like a little more background on the subject? We have a class for that! We are offering the Art of Catechesis, the Diocesan course for methodology, on Saturday, February 15th from 9:30-3:30 in Pedata Hall. **\*\*Advance registration is required.\*\*** For the registration link, please email us at [rem@stjoans.org](mailto:rem@stjoans.org), or see our catechist page on the website: [www.stjoans.org/religious-education/for-catechists](http://www.stjoans.org/religious-education/for-catechists)

# PARISH LIFE



## Caritas Corner for Special Needs

### December/January Calendar of Events

**SAT  
DEC.  
14**



**Ugly Christmas Sweater Bowling**

1-3pm; Medford Lanes

Open to young adults (18+) plus one parent



**FRI  
JAN.  
10**



TLC Social Group for Young Adults (18+)

**Winter Movie Night**

7-9pm; Pedata Hall



**SAT  
JAN.  
11**



Monthly Caritas Mass

5:30pm; St. Joan of Arc

(softer lighting, comfort area, no incense/bells, etc.)



**SAT  
JAN.  
11**



Caritas Pizza Cafe

6:30-8pm; Pedata Hall

Faith Sharing ~ Fellowship ~ Fun with Friends



**TUES  
JAN.  
14**



Heart to Heart Parent/Caregiver Support Group

7-8:30pm

Meetings are on Zoom each month for your convenience.



For more info about Caritas, email [caritas@stjoans.org](mailto:caritas@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)

## MORNING PRAYER

**7AM in Church  
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.

## THANK YOU!

Mt. Carmel Guild is so grateful to the parishioners of St. Joan of Arc for their extraordinary generosity once again. Your gifts will make a big difference to families served by Mt. Carmel Guild this Christmas. Thank you also to those who helped to fill the truck with 50 large bags of toys plus a few bicycles.

May blessings of peace and joy be upon you at the birth of Our Lord and Savior!



## CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> 3:00PM  
SAINT JOAN OF ARC CHURCH**

Come with your family and friends to CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS THE "THE SAINT JOAN OF ARC WAY"

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

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS & CHRISTMAS COOKIES**

**BLESSING OF ST. JOSEPH:** Bring the SAINT JOSEPH from your Manger to be Blessed.

**BRING BELLS ALONG!!**

**Please bring some of your homemade Christmas cookies to share.**

**No charge. Bring some non perishable food to donate.**

**Thank you!**



## ONE IN THE SPIRIT

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Arc Room**

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)

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## Saint Joan of Arc Parish First Friday Adoration



### **Come and Adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament**

Eucharistic Adoration is an essential part of Catholic prayer and worship.

It allows us to spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and connect with God on a deeper level. Adoration provides the opportunity to experience the peace and joy that comes from being in the presence of God.

Beginning this January 2025, Saint Joan of Arc will be holding adoration hours on the first Friday of every month 1pm to 9pm in our church.

We are asking for ALL parishioners, both young and old to attend these most holy hours with our Lord.

Come and experience this beautiful opportunity to deepen your love for Christ Jesus.

These hours are in addition to the weekly holy hours that are held on Tuesdays.

### **2025 Monthly Adoration Dates**

January 3, 2025

July 4, 2025

February 7, 2025

August 1, 2025

March 7, 2025

September 5, 2025

April 4, 2025

October 3, 2025

May 2, 2025

November 7, 2025

June 6, 2025

December 5, 2025

Would you like to help a family in need this Christmas?  
Consider donating to St Joan of Arc Helping Hands Christmas Fund



All donations will be distributed to families who are struggling financially here in Marlton. You can donate gift cards from local stores such as Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Old Navy, etc. or you can send in a monetary donation. All monetary donations will be used to purchase gift cards from SCRIP to help the families in need.

Please send in your donations by **Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**.

If you are in need of help, please call Pat (856) 983-0077 ext 312. The SJA Helping Hands Christmas Fund takes the place of our "Family to Family" Christmas Outreach Project. Thank you for your generosity, and for making a family's Christmas brighter!

# PARISH LIFE



**I Am Here.**

***Come Visit Me.***

Every Tuesday  
Adoration 5pm - 6:30pm  
Benediction 6:30pm

## WEDDING BANNS

Third Announcement:

Gemma Ochman and Kevin Braun



## USHERS MINISTRY

The Ushers Ministry is always looking for men, women and young adults to join the ministry and help out at all the Masses. We currently need help for the 5:30 Saturday Mass and covering the upcoming Christmas Masses. If you can help out or would like more information regarding the Usher's Ministry please contact Dean DeRose at [ushers@stjoans.org](mailto:ushers@stjoans.org)

# *1st Annual* Sparkle of Hope Charity Gala

Join us for the Sparkle of Hope Gala Fundraiser which will provide assistance to our neighbors in need who may come upon hard times, struggling with everyday expenses. This is done through our Helping Hands Ministry.

### Please Save the Date

Friday, January 31st  
Time: 6:30 pm - 11 pm  
Location: Westin Hotel, Mt Laurel

- ✦ Cost \$125 per person
- ✦ Cocktail Hour & Hors D'Oeuvres
- ✦ Plated Gourmet Dinner
- ✦ Full Open Bar Throughout
- ✦ Dancing with a Ten Piece Live Orchestra
- ✦ 50/50 Tickets and other Games of Chance

We Hope You Will Attend the Gala to enjoy a wonderful evening while supporting a cause that matters.

Can't attend?

Make a Donation – Your contribution will still make a huge impact.

Invite Friends & Family

The more, the merrier—and the more we can do together!

Tickets are limited and will be on sale soon.

Tickets will be an awesome Christmas gift.

This beautiful evening will be the Social Event of the Year!



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## POPCORN, FRANKS & A MOVIE

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm in Pedata Hall**

All are welcome to join us as we will be showing "*The Star*".

A small but brave donkey named Bo yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. One day, he finds the courage to break free, embarking on the adventure of his dreams. On his journey, he teams up with Ruth, a lovable sheep who has lost her flock, and Dave, a dove who has lofty aspirations. Along with three camels and some eccentric stable animals, Bo and his new friends follow the Star and become accidental heroes in the greatest story ever told -- the first Christmas Come Hungry! Lite refreshments will be served. ***Plan to be fed not just with food!***


## HUNGRY FOR HOPE

**Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm on Zoom**

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




Rooted in God's love and nourished by his Word, this is a ministry of spiritual sharing and support for anyone who longs for a healthier relationship with food for themselves or their loved ones. Questions and for zoom link contact Marijane at [hungryforhope@stjoans.org](mailto:hungryforhope@stjoans.org)



walking with purpose  
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY


*The Walking With Purpose Advent Celebration will be held on  
Wednesday, December 18, 2024  
at 7:00 p.m.  
Saint Joan of Arc ~ Pedata Hall*

*Join us for "A Quiet Moment" honoring the Holy Family.*



*The celebration will be one of quiet reflection followed by spiritual fellowship, music, hor'derves, desserts & Christmas cheer!*

*This year as part of our Advent Celebration, we will collectively help and support families from Marlton by contributing to SJA's Helping Hand Ministry.*



## BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome the following children who were baptized into our community the weekend of December 8<sup>th</sup>:



Jada Marie DiGianivittorio, Francesca Rose Nocito, Lucy Rita Cowan,  
Romeo George Anthony, Myla James Sigwart



# PARISH LIFE

## MARY STATUE HOME VISIT



Our Lady of Fatima has already blessed many parishioners who have welcomed the Mary statue into their homes. Consider signing up to host the Mary statue in your home for one week.

The sign-up sheet is located in the Church Gathering Room. You simply pick up the statue in her travel case on Sunday at 11 am and return her the following Sunday no later than 10:30 am. Pick-up and drop-off in the Gathering Room.

### What is involved with a Mary statue home visit?

- ◆ You create a special place in your home for the statue (flowers, candle)
- ◆ Bring the Blessed Mother statue into your home with love and reverence
- ◆ Pray the rosary daily-invite family and friends to gather with you

Questions? [marystatue@stjoans.org](mailto:marystatue@stjoans.org)

“H We’ll Be Home For Christmas”  
so we’re taking a few weeks off to help .....

## ... St. Nick!



Men, we return to Pedata Hall and ZOOM to resume our program in near the end of January. Stay tuned for details. For more info or to sign up go to [www.stjoans.org/tmiy/](http://www.stjoans.org/tmiy/)

## ABIDE IN ME

Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm in Knight’s Hall

DO YOU NEED PRAYER OR WANT TO PRAY FOR OTHERS? Email Marijane at [abideinme@stjoans.org](mailto:abideinme@stjoans.org). Pray with us on Wednesdays from 1PM-2PM and once a month in the evening! To ask for a prayer, or to pray with us, email Marijane at [abideinme@stjoans.org](mailto:abideinme@stjoans.org) or call the parish office at (856) 983-0077.



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**Knights of Columbus**  
COUNCIL 6530 St. Joan of Arc Parish



# Christmas Candy Sale!!!

Brooks & Collins delicious Chocolate Covered Pretzels and Non Pareils. Fresh from B&C Chocolates.

1 Pound Box Decorated for Christmas.

**\$20.00 per box.**  
( Same price as last year ! )

**Pick Up: December 14th and 15th after all Masses.**

Place your order with:  
[knights@stjoans.org](mailto:knights@stjoans.org) Or *Fill out the form below*  
( Leave in the basket. )

Name _____	Circle Pickup Date. <b>14th Or 15th</b>
Address _____	<b>Candy Sale</b>
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	
Email _____ Phone _____	
Milk Chocolate <input type="checkbox"/> Qty. _____ \$20.00 ea. Total: _____	
Dark Chocolate <input type="checkbox"/> Qty. _____ \$20.00 ea. Total: _____	
Mixed <input type="checkbox"/> Qty. _____ \$20.00 ea. Total: _____	
<b>Payable to: Knights Of Columbus Council 6530</b>	

## American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



## Blood Drive St. Joan of Arc Church

Pedata Hall  
100 Willow Bend Road  
Marlton, NJ 08053

**Saturday, January 18, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Joan of Arc to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Come give Jan. 1-26 to automatically be entered for a chance to win an exciting trip for you & a guest to Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans! Includes travel, hotel, \$1,000 gift card, pre-game activities & more! Terms apply; visit [RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl](http://RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl).



# PARISH LIFE

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend



Even when a marriage is going smoothly, there are always opportunities to make it work better. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 14 - 16.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information

Visit us at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.

## JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

### Loss of a Child

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm in Arc Room**

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 7PM - 8:30 PM.

For more information or questions, please email [bereavement@stjoans.org](mailto:bereavement@stjoans.org).

## BEREAVEMENT

### Loss of a Loved One

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm 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 email [bereavement@stjoans.org](mailto:bereavement@stjoans.org).

**DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE**

# THE JOURNEY

**FEB. 1<sup>ST</sup> 2025 10AM**

8th-12th grade  
Notre Dame H.S. Lawrence, NJ  
Advance Registration \$25  
Walk-in Registration \$35  
[diocesofrenton.org/dyc](http://diocesofrenton.org/dyc)

*"Those who hope in the Lord will not and not be weary." (1s 40:31)*

# COMFORT & JOY

ADVENT CONCERT  
WITH SARAH HART  
AND STEVE ANGRISANO

**WED, DEC. 18, 2024 | 6:30PM**

PARISHIONERS, NEIGHBORING PARISHES AND VISITORS OF ALL COMMUNITIES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES ARRIVE AT 6PM IN NOLAN HALL

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
236 E. MAIN ST., MAPLE SHADE, NJ

HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIE SOCIAL

will follow in Nolan Hall.

FREE WILL OFFERING  
INFO: [OLPHPARISH.COM](http://OLPHPARISH.COM) | 856-667-8850

# STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

As disciples we are called to be faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure.

December 7/8 .....\$15,798  
Electronic Giving .....\$11,113

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*  
For your convenience, donation boxes are located in each of the vestibules.

## LEGACY GIVING

Have you considered St. Joan of Arc in your estate planning? Did you know that you can make a contribution from your IRA (after the age of 70.5 years) directly to St. Joan of Arc (up to \$105,000 max) and not pay income taxes on the withdrawal? Did you know that you can name St. Joan of Arc as a beneficiary of your IRA? If you would like to learn more about legacy giving, please contact Theresa Segin at the Parish Offices 856-983-0077, ext. 311 to discuss.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

Gifts: **608**

Total Pledged: **\$117,284 (100% of Goal)**

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

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have exceeded our goal. Since we reached our goal, we will receive 15% back from the Diocese which we will be using to help subsidize the cost of new kneelers. The new kneelers can be expected to be installed in February 2025.



CLICK HERE to  
DONATE  
ELECTRONICALLY

OR SCAN THE QR CODE!



## 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 at Noon** before the weekend you would like them published.

## Prayer Garden Faded Paver Project Status

This past week, a list of 28 faded pavers were sent to the Paver Company, PaverArt, to have them redone. This process could take 6-8 weeks before we receive the final product from PaverArt. Please look for a spring install.

We are in the process of compiling a second list of faded pavers. If your Prayer Garden paver has faded and you would like to have it redone, please contact Betty Mills at [Oce1048@aol.com](mailto:Oce1048@aol.com).

## ANNUAL MARCH for LIFE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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.

The cost for adults is \$20 and for all students \$15.

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 only make a brief stop at either the Maryland or Chesapeake House Travel Plazas. For more information or to reserve your seat please contact: Deacon Gene Kotowski at [gene.kotowski@stjoans.org](mailto:gene.kotowski@stjoans.org)

Please provide your sandwich selection and whether you'll be staying at the Basilica or attending the March.

**Deadline to register for the march is Friday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Gift Card Sales

3:00 PM: Christmas Carol Festival—*Church*

7:00 PM: AOA—*Knight's Hall*

7:00 PM: Wings—*Pedata Hall*

### Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

7:15 PM: Abide in Me—*Rectory Dining Room*

### Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM: Adoration—*Church*

6:30 PM: Benediction—*Church*

7:00 PM: Journey Through Grief: Loss of a Child  
—*Arc Room*

7:00 PM: Advent Penance Service—*Church*

### Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

1:00 PM: Abide in Me—*Knight's Hall*

7:00 PM: OCIA—*Knight's Hall*

7:00 PM: WWP—*Pedata Hall*

### Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

3:30 PM: Hungry For Hope—*Zoom*

7:00 PM: One in the Spirit—*Arc Room*

7:30 PM: Bereavement: Loss of a Loved One  
—*Knight's Hall*

7:30 PM: Popcorn, Franks & A Movie—*Pedata Hall*

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

3:00 PM: Blaze—*Pedata Hall*

7:30 PM: Bunco — *Pedata Hall*