

# Church of St. Joan of Arc

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

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 22, 2024

**Parish Office:** 856-983-0077  
**Religious Education:** 856-983-7575  
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## Office Hours

**OFFICE CLOSED 12/24 through 12/28**

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

## Pastoral Staff

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

**Fr. John Michael Patilla, Parochial Vicar**

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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 22<sup>nd</sup> to December 28<sup>th</sup> for the intention of :

*Alfred and Rosina Pietrofesse*

Requested by: The Graziosi Family

## REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of Francis Saling whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on December 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Please pray for the soul of Rita Zlupko whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on December 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Please remember in your prayers the consolation of their families.

## 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

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|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Monday</b><br>9:00 AM         | <b>December 23</b><br><b>Dr. Anthony Fugaro</b> r/o Donata & Bernie Kratz<br><b>Don Staudt</b> r/o Gerry & Rich Minder<br><b>Ingrid Williamson</b> r/o The Garrido Family   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>3:00 PM        | <b>December 24</b><br><b>Maria and Ted Flocco</b> r/o Family<br><b>Don and Stephen Jeffrey &amp; George Kelly</b> r/o Family<br><b>Lucia Jun</b> r/o Daughter Maria Kim   |
| 5:00 PM                          | <b>Paula Kotowski</b> r/o Small Group Sisters<br><b>Eileen Lafferty Marmino</b> r/o Mom & Dad<br><b>Bill Silk</b> r/o Wife Eileen & Family  |
| 8:00 PM                          | <b>Killian Baldwin</b> r/o Loving Family<br><b>Frank &amp; Helen &amp; Francis Manco</b> r/o Family<br><b>O'Connor &amp; Ross Families</b> r/o Jim & Debbie   |
| Midnight                         | <b>Monsignor Armand Pedata &amp; Family</b> r/o Family<br><b>Monsignor Alex Palmieri</b> r/o Family<br><b>William Rizzi</b> r/o Joe, AnneMarie & Elizabeth  |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>8:00 AM      | <b>December 25</b><br><b>Matthew Seng</b> r/o Loving Family<br><b>Madaline Bonfiglio</b> r/o Love Pete & Family<br><b>Martha Tuno</b> r/o Dolores & Lloyd Humphrey  |
| 10:00 AM                         | <b>Sam &amp; Claire Rescigno</b> r/o Family<br><b>Frank Schwartz</b> r/o Wife Ann<br><b>John DeCicco</b> r/o Wife & Children  |
| 12:00 PM                         | <b>Mary Schiappa</b> r/o Her Family<br><b>Alice Dorisio</b> r/o Daughter Laurie<br><b>Richard Carlin</b> r/o Loving Wife & Family   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>Friday</b> | <b>December 26—No Mass</b><br><b>December 27</b>  |
| 9:00 AM                          | <b>Danielle Fowler</b> r/o Friends & Family   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>9:00 AM       | <b>December 28</b><br><b>James A. Heaney</b> r/o Mom<br><b>Wanda &amp; Albert Rizzi</b> r/o Joe, AnneMarie & Elizabeth  |
| 5:30 PM                          | <b>Lena Calabree</b> r/o Donna Friel<br><b>Bill Silk</b> r/o Wife Eileen & Family<br><b>Carmela Reeve</b> r/o Small Group Sisters<br><b>Mary Lou Clayton</b> r/o Family<br><b>Joseph Starr III (10th Anniversary)</b> r/o Loving Family |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>7:30 AM         | <b>December 29</b><br><b>Bob Lang</b> r/o Marie Zeigler<br><b>Patricia Sims</b> r/o James Contento<br><b>Christopher Contino</b> r/o Tom & Claire LaRosa & Ann Stanton  |
| 9:00 AM                          | <b>Bob and Brian Picollo</b> r/o Family<br><b>Anthony Fugaro</b> r/o Friends From Marlton Middle School<br><b>Bob Morrissey</b> r/o Mark & Maria Chalmers<br><b>Marie T. Murphy</b> r/o Joanne Swift                                    |
| 10:30 AM                         | <b>Richard Brown, Sr.</b> r/o Wife Eileen & Family<br><b>Carolyn Sherf</b> r/o Sharon & Michael Smith<br><b>Kay Tompkins</b> r/o Joanne Hurlock   |
| 12:00 PM                         | <b>Len Mansolino</b> r/o Wife Loretta & Family<br><b>Christmas Flower Intentions</b><br><b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Nunzio Signore</b> r/o Daughter Natalie<br><b>Tony Amico</b> r/o Wife Cathy & Family  |

## GOSPEL

Lk 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S 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)



#### New Year's Eve:

9AM Mass

5PM New Year's Eve Mass

#### New Year's Day:

9AM Opening Jubilee Year Mass

4th Sunday of Advent / 2024

**STILL PURPLE, BUT SOON AND VERY SOON**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Yup, still Advent. Chances are pretty good that you might not get to read this letter because there are a hundred and one other things that need to be done before the big day, but if you do, let me give you a few notes about "Christmas and Jesus" that you can share at Christmas dinner or during the Christmas Season which, for the Church (meaning us) goes until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 12th.

1. Yes, there would be no Christmas without Jesus. The very word "Christmas" comes from "Christ" + "Mass." There is no better way to celebrate the birth of Christ, God's Word made flesh, than to go to Mass and receive Christ in the Eucharist.

2. Your Christmas tree is Christmas' cross. The cross is considered the Tree of Life because upon it hung our salvation, Jesus Christ, who was "born that we no more may die," as we hear in the beautiful Christmas carol, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (my favorite carol, by the way — what is yours?). So the Christmas tree is an evergreen to symbolize the eternal life that we receive through our Savior, Christ Jesus.

3. Speaking of everlasting life, even the traditional colors of Christmas, red and green, are linked to Jesus. The colors come from holly's green leaf and red berry. The red symbolizes Christ's blood shed for us and the green, again, eternal life.

4. Speaking of colors, the red and white candy cane also refers to Jesus: red, again, for his life-saving death, and white for the purity of Jesus and of His mother, the Virgin Mary. The cane, shaped like a shepherd's staff, is meant to remind us that Jesus is our Good Shepherd. A reminder, too, that it was poor shepherds who first visited the baby Jesus.

5. That brings us to the nativity or manger scene you have placed under or near your tree. This tradition was begun by St. Francis of Assisi in 1223 in Greccio, Italy. Remember, too, that Jesus was born in Bethlehem which means "House of Bread." He crib was a manger, a feeding trough for animals. Christ is indeed our heavenly food; He is the Bread of Life.

6. Even the lights we decorate our houses point to Jesus, the Light of the world. The Magi who come to behold Jesus, on a day we call Epiphany, the 12th day of Christmas, represent all the nations of the world. Jesus Christ reveals God's love for all people of every race and tongue. Gift-giving at Christmas no doubt comes from these three kings bearing gifts of gold (Jesus is the King of Kings), frankincense (Jesus is divine, the Son of God), and myrrh (Jesus is the suffering servant who lays down His life for the life of the world). Jesus is truly God's gift to us! Let us prepare well to adore Him!

Fr. Rich

# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



## ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL



- 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.

### WINGS

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



#### Important Dates:

- 12/22/24 WINGS Christmas Party 7 to 9pm in Pedata Hall  
All Parish Teens Welcome
- 12/29/24 No Meeting
- 1/5/25 Wings Home Coming Dance: All Past  
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 — **No meeting**
- 1/19/25 **No Meeting** — Enjoy the 3-day weekend!
- 1/26/25 Play Practice / Short meeting
- 2/1/25 **Diocesan Youth Conference 2025:** All 8th-12th  
grade invited to attend! Notre Dame High  
School in Lawrence NJ.  
If you RSVP, WINGS will provide transportation.
- 2/2/25 Play Practice - **No Meeting**
- 2/8/25 **WINGS Blue Mt. Trip:** 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](https://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).
- **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)

**It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas!  
Everywhere you go.**

Don't forget to purchase gift cards before or after mass for holiday shopping or gifts for friends and family.

\$10 gift cards are available for Dunkin, Panera Bread and Starbucks!

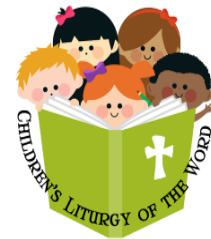
\$25 Visa gift cards are here! There is no activation fee. Come check out our selection!

All gift card sales will help the school's brand-new fundraising goal

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**Please come and join us on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> during 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)

# 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** [doa@stjoans.org](mailto:doa@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.

walking with purpose  
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

**WWP will NOT be meeting for the next two weeks,  
December 25<sup>th</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Meetings will resume on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

*We wish you all a very Merry Christmas &  
a very healthy and Happy New Year!*

## Merry Christmas

### What a gift !



**Men, we would love to share this  
wonderful gift we've received.  
Come join us in January .**

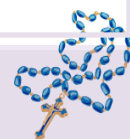
For more info:

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

### 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)



# PARISH LIFE

## 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

February 7, 2025

March 7, 2025

April 4, 2025

May 2, 2025

June 6, 2025

## 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)



## 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)



**I Am Here.**

**Come Visit Me.**

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

# PARISH LIFE

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Now that the weather is getting colder, the Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to remind you that there are blankets available at the Parish Office for you or someone you know that is going through a difficult time with an illness or a loss of a loved one. There is no charge but donations are graciously accepted. If you crochet or knit and would like to "Share your Talents", please consider joining us. We make blankets, baby blankets, hats, scarves and we make them from the comfort of our homes. Blankets are donated to the ICU at the Virtua hospital in Marlton, the Baby blankets are donated to Good Counsel Home in Riverside, Helpers of Precious Infants and Lily's Hope which is an organization for Premie babies.

If you have any yarn or spools of narrow ribbon that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to our ministry. Be assured they will be put to good use. Just drop them off at the Parish Office at your convenience.

For more information, email Rita Smith at [prayershawl@stjoans.org](mailto:prayershawl@stjoans.org)

## ABIDE IN ME

**NO MEETING DECEMBER 25TH OR JANUARY 1ST**

**Next Meeting is Wednesday, January 8<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.



# KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS

THINKING OF JOINING THE

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?**

VISIT: [KOFC.ORG/UN/NEWJOIN/EN](http://KOFC.ORG/UN/NEWJOIN/EN)

## WEDDING BANNS

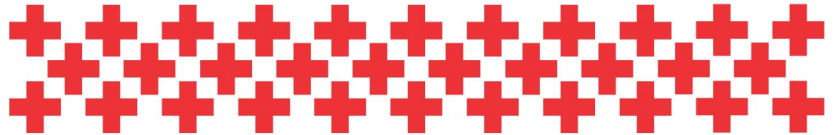
First Announcement:

Jaqueline Burek and Joseph Maloney



## 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).



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

## PARISH PIZZA SOCIAL



**Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM  
in Pedata Hall**

**All** are welcome to join us on January 11<sup>th</sup> for our parish pizza social. Join us and the Knights of Columbus for some delicious pizza, soft drinks, and dessert. See you there!



# PARISH LIFE

LOVE IN ACTION

Justice Corner:



## Hats, gloves, and underwear (adult men and women) are needed for Joseph's House

Joseph's House, located in Camden, started in 2010 in response to the vast needs of the homeless in their area. They currently provide temporary housing for up to 75 guests experiencing homelessness. Joseph's House offers hot meals, showers and hygiene items, along with case management services 24 hours/day.

For more information, please visit: [www.JHOC.org/](http://www.JHOC.org/)

## Drop off deadline: Sunday, January 26, 2025

Please place your donation in the Love In Action bins located in the Gathering Room and Side Entrances of the Church. Thank you.



# ANNUAL MARCH for LIFE



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## 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**

## BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome the following children who were baptized into our community the weekend of December 15<sup>th</sup>:



Asher Lawrence Fenaroli, Everlee Morgan Fenaroli, Rae Cichon, Elena Wren Murphy



# CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Give Your Loved One a Gift to Remember



**Only \$ 250.00\***

- \* Two Tickets to the "Sparkle of Hope Gala"
- \* Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres
- \* Four Hour Open Bar
- \* Gourmet Plated Dinner
- \* Dancing with a Ten-Piece Live Orchestra
- \* Three 50/50 Tickets
- \* Elegant 5x7 Frame for Gala Photo, Exquisitely Gift Wrapped

**\*Special Offer Valid up until 12/24/24**

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AFTER MASSES  
EMAIL [GALA@STJOANS.ORG](mailto:GALA@STJOANS.ORG)

# HAPPENING NEARBY



## OFFERINGS AT FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center & Retreat House  
84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501  
609-877-0509 or [FHOP@verizon.net](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net)

Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!  
All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

### THE END OF THE YEAR RETREAT

Tuesday, December 31 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Since God gives us life and time and is Lord over all, it seems appropriate to end the year in prayer. Francis House offers time, space and quiet for naming the graces of 2024 and expressing gratitude to God. The day will focus on our goals, hopes and desires for 2025. We reverently say farewell to 2024 and cordially welcome 2025 as a gift from God. Please bring your lunch. Donation: Love Offering

### EVENING ZOOM ONLY

#### OFF TO A PRAYERFUL START FOCUSING THE NEW YEAR

Thursday, January 2 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Start out 2025 with an evening zoom retreat to set the direction for the year. "Well begun is half done," they say, and establishing a direction is essential for the journey. Where am I going in 2025? What is the desire of my heart, and God's as we begin this year together? Donation: \$15, includes materials.

### SETTING THE DIRECTION FOR 2025

Friday, January 3 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

A new year is born! The first task at any new birth is to name the baby! We will give 2025 a name and choose a goal or practice for each month to assure it is true to its name! Does that sound appealing, grace-filled, and helpful to you? Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom: \$20

## 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 Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is primarily a space for you to pause, reflect, and reconnect privately.

The experience allows you to create a dialogue with each other and with God, to create a higher and broader understanding of what it means to be married.

While faith is a powerful part of this process, the focus of the Marriage Encounter experience is on the ups and downs of married life.

Married couples of any denomination, mixed-faith, or without religious affiliation are welcome!

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.

**DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE**

# THE JOURNEY

**FEB. 1 2025 10AM**

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

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

# STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

December 14/15 .....\$20,192  
Electronic Giving .....\$19,180

*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: **615**

Total Pledged: **\$118,189 (100% of Goal)**

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

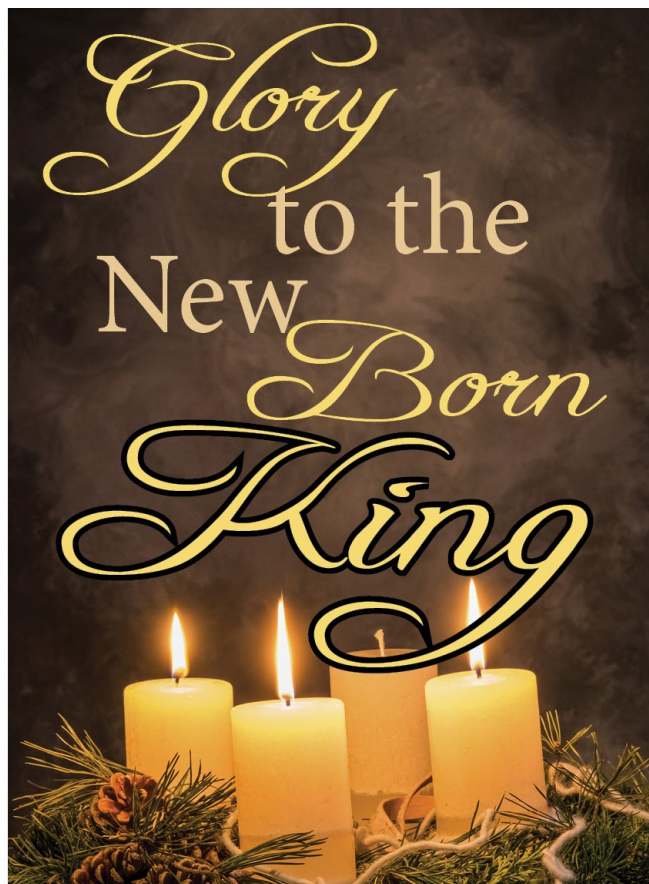
THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have exceeded our goal. Since we reached our goal, we will receive 15% back from the Diocese which we will be using to help subsidize the cost of new kneelers. The new kneelers can be expected to be installed in February 2025.

[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.



## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Gift Card Sales Gala Tickets

7:00 PM: AOA— *Knight's Hall*

7:00 PM: Wings— *Pedata Hall*

### Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

3:00 PM: Christmas Eve Mass—*Church & Gym*

5:00 PM: Christmas Eve Mass—*Church*

8:00 PM: Christmas Eve Mass—*Church*

12:00 AM: Christmas Eve Mass—*Church*

### Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00AM: Christmas Day Mass—*Church*

10:00 AM: Christmas Day Mass—*Church*

12:00 PM: Christmas Day Mass—*Church*

