

Church of St. Joan of Arc

We are a Eucharistic People.

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



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY
AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 29, 2024

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Office Hours

OFFICE CLOSED Tuesday, 12/31 at 12:30

All Day Wednesday, 1/1

Monday - Thursday **9:30am - 12:30pm,**
2pm - 5pm and 6pm - 8:00pm

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

Saturday **9:30am - 12:00pm**

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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 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

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 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

jm.patilla@stjoans.org

PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION

Our Tabernacle Candle will remain lit during the week of December 29th to January 4th for the intention of :

Danielle Fowler

Requested by: Friends and Family

REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of Angela Curcio whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on December 23rd. Please remember in your prayers the consolation of her 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, 2nd Lt Trevor Kuroczka, Cpt Scott Lafferty, Lt John Paul Lamorte, 2nd Lt Jarrod LaRosa, A1C Class Daniel Little, SSG Stephen MacCrory, William Mace, Bryan Marines, Cayden Martin, Pvt. 1st 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

Monday	December 30
9:00 AM	Carmela Reeve r/o <i>Balco Family</i> John and Jean Nihil r/o <i>Tim & Marie Tencer</i>
Tuesday	December 31
9:00 PM	Carmela Reeve r/o <i>Paulette D'Orio</i> Frank Schwartz r/o <i>Wife Ann</i>
5:00 PM	William Ellis, Sr. r/o <i>Granddaughter & Family</i>
Wednesday	January 1
9:00 AM	Maryann Lang r/o <i>Joan and Sam Rescigno</i> Steven Michael Sloan r/o <i>Mary Friel</i> Frank Schwartz r/o <i>Wife Ann</i> Jean Jaccarino r/o <i>Loving Family</i>
Thursday	January 2
7:00 AM	Madeline Stover r/o <i>Family</i>
9:00 AM	Geraldine Barsocchi r/o <i>Pam & Jack Carey</i> Lucie Barbalace r/o <i>Balco Family</i> Joseph and Michael Tarsia r/o <i>Kathy Milano</i> Nancy Bruecks r/o <i>Maureen Sabo</i>
Friday	January 3
9:00 AM	Don Staudt r/o <i>Joyce Zalis</i> Jennifer Polidora-Puca r/o <i>Lou & Anne DeVoto</i> Catherine Namiotka r/o <i>Mary Bernard</i>
Saturday	January 4
9:00 AM	Matthew Seng r/o <i>Loving Family</i> Richard Null r/o <i>Mr. & Mrs. Michael Grossman</i> Joseph Camoratto r/o <i>Wife Marie & Family</i>
5:30 PM	Carmella Reeve r/o <i>Claudia & Pete Scarpati</i> Dorothy Straub r/o <i>Donata & Bernie Kratz</i> Susan Carson r/o <i>Loretta Serpas</i> Martin Rotindo r/o <i>Family</i>
Sunday	January 5
7:30 AM	Robert Lang r/o <i>Bisicchia Family</i> Michael Pallagrosi r/o <i>Jim & Elaine Wilkie</i> MaryAnn Lang r/o <i>Dee Soderstrom</i> Brian and Bob Picollo r/o <i>Family</i>
9:00 AM	Marie Doto r/o <i>Will & Carol Shubert</i> Molly Sergi r/o <i>Tami & Joel Aronow</i> Don Staudt r/o <i>Bunco Friends</i>
10:30 AM	Jaqueline Joseph r/o <i>Husband</i> Patricia D'Amico r/o <i>Lillian Abbinanti</i> Dorman "Cork" Camden, Jr. r/o <i>ND Club of South Jersey</i>
12:00 PM	Tom Walsh r/o <i>Julia Davies</i> Glen Cochrane r/o <i>Frank & Maria Conte & Family</i> Parishioners and Benefactors Patrick and John Mahoney r/o <i>The Rhyner Family</i>

GOSPEL

Lk 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

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

Fathers Rich, JM and Richard, along with our Deacons Gene and Barry, and the Sisters of St.. Joseph, as well as the entire Staff, thank everyone for your prayers, kindness and generosity at Christmas! We are so blessed to minister to and with you all year long! God bless you!

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve:

9AM Mass

5PM New Year's Eve Mass

New Year's Day:

9AM Opening Jubilee Year Mass

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY / 2024 YEAR OF HOPE BEGINS

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Every family has special days of the year marking important milestones such as birthdays and anniversaries. For our Church family, every 25 years we celebrate a Jubilee Year. It is a great way for all of us — I mean all of us, all one billion of us! — to highlight an important part of Christian faith we share.

Pope Francis has named the coming Jubilee Year of 2025: Pilgrims of Hope!

We are all pilgrims! All of us on a journey of faith, a journey from God, returning to God! It is a journey we make together. As we make this journey, we are called to be sources of hope for another.

Our parish has been designated as a Pilgrimage Church, one of four in our Diocese of Trenton. People from Burlington County and around the Diocese will be invited to join us in our prayer and worship, faith formation programs, and other activities.

This special year begins at the 9am Mass on New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

Let's make it a year of hope for all of us! Let's be signposts of hope for one another, encouraging each other, lifting each other up, building up the Body of Christ that is the Church. Be a Pilgrim of Hope in your household, in your places of work and leisure, in your conversations and communication.

May it be a happy and hopeful New Year for all!

Fr. Rich



**THE STAFF,
THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH AND
CLERGY OF ST. JOAN OF ARC WISH
YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY, HOPEFUL NEW YEAR!**

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL



- **Happy New Year from all of us at SJA!** Wishing you a healthy and happy 2025! Our students will ring in the new year with a special treat! PTA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and a beverage on Thursday, January 2 to kick off 2025. Remember to wear your gym uniform! Thank you to all of our parents and parishioners for all of the many ways you help support our wonderful school!!

WINGS

**No Meeting Today—
December 29th**

Important Dates:

- 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

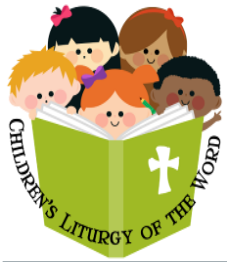


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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
- **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.
- **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, or see our catechist page on the website: www.stjoans.org/religious-education/for-catechists

**There will be no KidsLIT on
Sunday, December 29th**



**We will see you on Sunday January 5th for 9am &
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
www.stjoans.org/ministries/kidslit**



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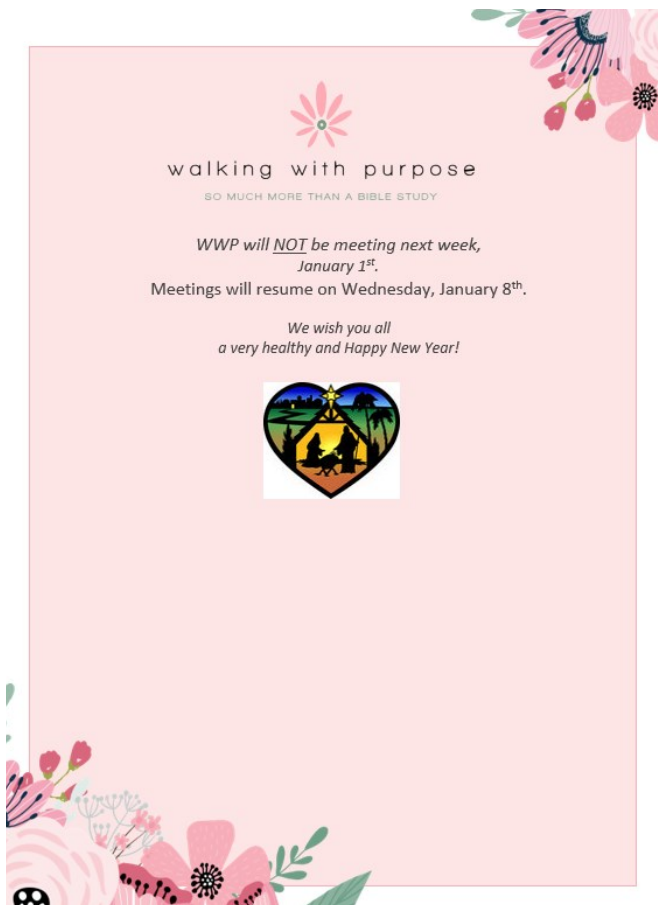
**\$10 gift cards are available for Dunkin, Panera Bread
and Starbucks!**



**\$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!

PARISH LIFE




 walking with purpose
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY
 WWP will *NOT* be meeting next week,
 January 1st.
 Meetings will resume on Wednesday, January 8th.
 We wish you all
 a very healthy and Happy New Year!




Caritas Corner for Special Needs

FRI
JAN.
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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!

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.

To have a conversation, please contact:

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

Elaine at 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.

What does God want for Christmas?

Men, look in the mirror.



We'll resume our sessions in January.
 Stay Tuned .

It's never too late to sign up!
 go to www.stjoans.org/tmiy/

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



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 7pm 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



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



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



ABIDE IN ME

NO MEETING JANUARY 1ST

Next Meeting is Wednesday, January 8th

1:00pm in Knight's Hall

DO YOU NEED PRAYER OR WANT TO PRAY FOR OTHERS? Email Marijane at 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 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

WEDDING BANNS

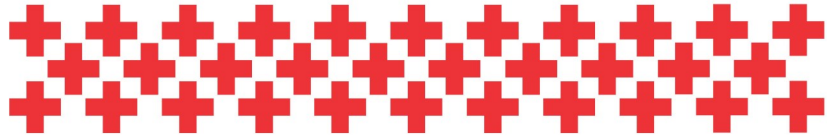
Second Announcement:

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 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 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.



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

PARISH PIZZA SOCIAL



**Saturday, January 11th 6:30PM
in Pedata Hall**

All are welcome to join us on January 11th 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/

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.

SPIRIT AND MIND

Tuesday, January 7th at 7 pm in the Arc Room

Your brain matters – Of all the human organs, the brain still seems to mystify us with its complexities and the awesome power of this very delicate structure. Join us for a discussion on the mysteries of the brain, and learn how events like brain injury and cerebral malfunction affects behavior. We will conclude with ways that you can improve your brain's health and possibly your well being in the New Year. All are welcome.

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE



NEXT WEEKEND JANUARY 5TH

Food drive collections after all Masses. Donations will benefit the Wiley Food Pantry. Any non-perishable food items and paper items are greatly appreciated!

Please drop off donations in the gathering room.

1st Annual Sparkle of Hope Charity Gala

Great Night - Great Cause!

Join us for an unforgettable evening raising funds for our neighbors struggling with everyday expenses.

Friday, January 31st
Time: 6:30 pm - 11 pm
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

Tickets are limited and on sale now.
Get your tickets today!
stjoans.org/gala



SAVE THE DATE!

SJA'S 13TH ANNUAL
NIGHT AT THE RACES

**NEW
LOCATION!!**



CASINO ROYALE

FEB 28

7PM



INDIAN SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB, MARLTON NJ

CONTACT SJANATR@STJOANSK-8.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

St. Joan of Arc School

Faith, Knowledge, Service

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December at SJA

Advent Liturgies
Christmas Concert
Senior Luncheon
Santa's Secret Shop
Advent Service Projects
Christmas Classroom Projects
Waiting, Watching, Wondering!



While I'm waiting for Jesus, I go to church every Sunday with my family. While I'm waiting for Jesus, I will light the advent candle in school with my friends. While I'm waiting for Jesus, I will make advent projects in school.



December 2024



Dear Parishioners,

Peace! The last month of 2024 was filled with a variety of activities. We began our second trimester and are excited about all we will accomplish in the next twelve weeks.

Advent gave us an opportunity to bring Kindness to those in need. Students across the grades did a variety of outreach projects such as: Collected gift cards for Helping Hands, Made Blessing Bags for the Homeless, Gift Bags of Cheer for children in Camden, Hosted the Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon, Participated in the parish St. Nicholas Toy Drive and Collected items for Good Counsel Home in Riverside.

Our Annual Advent Retreat morning gave our moms, grandmoms and aunts an opportunity to pray, reflect and prepare for the great feast of Christmas. Those who attended were grateful for some quiet, peaceful moments before the hustle and bustle of December days.

The Annual Advent/Christmas Recital reminded us of the importance of the prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus Come".

Special thanks to all who made a donation to SJA on December 3, National Giving Tuesday. We appreciate your generosity.



Our deepest thanks for your prayerful support and sympathy wishes on the deaths of Sister Mary William, our former gifted music teacher and Mrs. Joy McGarrigle, our former beloved school secretary.

We began the last day of the 2024 academic year with the celebration of Eucharist with you, our parish community. Thank you for praying with us and for us throughout the year. We ended the day with a performance of the Bowman Dancers and their powerful presentation of the Nativity.

May your Christmas celebrations of Peace on Earth and Joy to the World continue to be part of your every day experience, this week and throughout the New Year.



*Continued Christmas and New Year Blessings,
Sister Pat*



STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

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. All requests must be submitted **no later than the Monday at Noon** before the weekend you would like them published.

ANNUAL MARCH for LIFE

WASHINGTON, D.C. FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th, 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 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 6th, 2025

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Sunday, December 29th

Gift Card Sales

7:00 PM: AOA— *Knight's Hall*

Tuesday, December 31st

5:00 PM: New Year's Eve Mass—*Church*

Wednesday, January 1st

9:00AM: Opening Jubilee Year Mass—*Church*

Friday, January 3rd

9:45AM: First Friday Presentation—*Pedata Hall*

1:00 PM: Adoration—*Church*

3:00 PM: Blaze—*Arc Room & Knight's Hall*

Happy New Year!