

# Church of St. Joan of Arc



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent February 25, 2018

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**School: 856-983-0774**

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### **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**God's love knows no boundaries  
and neither do we!**

Consider making St. Joan of Arc  
your home parish. Register online  
at [www.stjoans.org](http://www.stjoans.org)  
or stop in the office.

### **SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm**

**Sunday: 7:30am, 9am,  
10:30am & Noon**

**Korean Mass: 3:30pm on the 2nd  
Sunday of the month**

### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday thru Friday:  
7am & 9am**

**Tuesday & Thursday:  
7pm**

**Saturday: 9am**

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday, 4pm  
Anytime by appointment.

### **BAPTISMS:**

We celebrate Baptisms most Sunday  
afternoons at 1:30pm.

The baptism of your child is a  
great time to renew your own faith  
in Jesus Christ.

Call the Office to schedule  
856-983-0077

### **WEDDINGS and BLESSING OF CIVIL MARRIAGES:**

Congratulations on your  
engagement! We are happy you  
have chosen to have a Church  
wedding! Please call the Office as  
soon as possible to schedule a date  
and to begin Marriage Preparation.

Before planning a destination  
wedding, please call the Church to  
discuss ways in which you can have  
your marriage blessed in the Church.  
856-983-0077.

### **HOW TO BECOME CATHOLIC**

We have special programs for  
children, teens and adults who would  
like to become Catholic or complete  
their Sacraments.  
Please call 856-983-0077.

### Parish Office Hours:

#### Daytime Hours:

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

Saturday: 9:30am-12pm

#### Evening Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 6pm-8:30pm

### Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Msgr. Richard D. LaVerghetta,  
*Pastor*

Rev. Jorge Bedoya, *Parochial Vicar*

Rev. John Buni, *Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Richard Regan, *Weekend Assistant*

Deacon Tom Murphy, *Pastoral Associate*

#### Permanent Deacons:

Barry Tarzy, Jeff DeFrehn, Bill Mueller

Sr. Patricia Pycik, SSJ, *School Principal*

Sr. Peg. Boyle, SSJ,

*Director of Pastoral Care*

Mrs. Linda Mueller,

*Director of Religious Education*

Sr. Stephanie Cymerman, SSJ,

*Director of Music*

Mr. Jay Keesler, *Youth Minister*

#### Parish Pastoral Council:

Tony Smaldone, *Chairperson*

Paula Kotowski, *Vice Chairperson*

Anastasia Bouillon, *Secretary*

#### Parish Finance Council:

John Nihill, *Chairperson*

Lou Chiarelli, Susan Hatch,

Mike Smithwick

#### School Board:

Nancy DiBlasi, *Vice Chairperson*

Joy McGarrigle, *Secretary*

Michael Balabon, Mary Clare Brandt,

Chuck Fleischman, Joe Gallombardo,

Amy Nihill

### LOOKING FOR A FEW STRONG MEN

We need four to eight young men, 20-39, to help carry the altar out of the church after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and then back into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

For more information contact

Gene Kotowski  
at 609-238-6807 or email  
eugenekotowski@aol.com

### PRAYER GARDEN PAVER ORDER

**Deadline March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Paver order forms are available on St. Joan's web site, at the rectory or from Ken & Betty Mills. For more information contact Ken - sfoxlx1@aol.com or Betty - oce1048@aol.com or call 856-596-0407.

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT/2018

## LOUD AND CLEAR

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I know it is strange to say that the story of Abraham and the Sacrifice of Isaac is one of my favorite Old Testament passages. I know it's even stranger to say I love Caravaggio's painting of the scene (I have it hanging in my residence).

How horrific, everyone says, that God would ask a man to sacrifice his son. That's what everyone focuses on when they hear this story.

It's the wrong thing to focus on. If you focus on that you miss the whole point: God **does not** want Abraham to sacrifice his son. It is God who sends the angel to withhold Abraham's hand. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," the angel says.

In the painting, notice the angel's hand gripping Abraham's wrist, holding him back. Focus on that. **That's** what God wants. This is a defining moment for Abraham *and* for Israel. Their God is not like "other gods" who demand human sacrifice. Their God does not want a hand to be laid on this boy or any child or any person. **God does not want any kind of destruction of human life.** This is the lesson that is revealed by Jesus Christ who is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

Sadly, it is a lesson slow to be learned even by those of us who love Jesus and try to follow Him.

The night before He died, when a follower of Jesus pulled out a sword to defend Him, Jesus told him to put it away. If you live by the sword, you will die by the sword (Mt. 26:52). He says it today to us.

I am as horrified as you are by what happened in Parkland, Florida. But I am equally horrified that anyone (especially a young person) can purchase an assault weapon. Quite honestly, I don't know what to make of a society that would allow it.

Change is necessary. Change in our laws. Change in our hearts. Much has been made that this latest mass shooting occurred on Valentine's Day, a day to celebrate love. It should not be forgotten, however, that it was also Ash Wednesday — a day that calls for conversion, for turning back to the Lord.

This evil done on a holy day calling for repentance and conversion challenges us to change in many ways. Here are two, as I see it: First, those of us who desire a change in our nation's laws to protect life in the womb, must work equally as hard to change our nation's laws in order to protect life in the classroom ... and at a concert, on a ball field, in a shopping mall, theater, church, in our homes and on our streets.

Second: our children need God in their lives. They need faith. Parents, **please**, bring your children to Church. This Sunday. Every Sunday. Faith is more important than sports, than video games. It is even more important than an A on a test. Faith in Christ forms us and frees us to love each other the way God loves. Faith also restrains us, holds us back from hurting others and ourselves.

Parkland sends a message loud and clear. As Jesus said, let us who have ears, hear it ... and heed it.

Peace!



# PRAYERS AND INTENTIONS

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

**(Loss of Loved One)**  
**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30pm Arc Room**

This group aims to establish a support network with the bereaved persons who have experienced the loss of a loved one. We hope that healing will be promoted as the bereaved gain insight and understanding of the grieving process. The warm and caring atmosphere will offer each person the opportunity to tell his or her story.

For More Information Contact Terry at 856-574-4731  
or Colleen at 856-983-4323

*"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."*  
~ Mathew 5:4

## TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION

**Our Tabernacle Candle will remain lit during the week of  
February 25, 2018 to March 3, 2018  
In Memory of John A. Sousa  
Requested by Roberta & John Kolarick**



## WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Pauline Scrocca, Frank Campo, Sr, Bernice Palazzo,  
Margaret Zeidler, Mildred Leber, Marie DiMartini, Luann Tierno,  
Kathleen O'Connor, Rita Jones, Joan Kirk, Sandra Kile,  
Lori Radwell, Violet Simmons, Wilhelmina Vagnoni, Joseph Ricci,  
Susan DeCicco and Thomas Rozanski

## PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

Kindly pray for the welfare of PFC. Elliot Adkisson, III,  
Jason Alexander, Matthew Alexander, CMS Michael Allen,  
Cpl. Jason Annese, Josh Blassman, USCGA Cadet 2/C Justin Beck,  
Bryan Bolt III, Marine Cpl. Justin Ryan Booth,  
USCGA Cadet 2/C Jack Brandt, Kevin Brodwater, USN, Kyle Brodwater,  
USN, Col. Denis Brown, Maj. Ryan Brunk, LCpl. Kevin Robert Cassel,  
Staff Sgt. John Ciacci, Michael Costello, Joseph DeStefano,  
Josh Dikmak, Lt. Col. Christopher DiNote, John Dixon,  
Sgt. Kevin Dougherty, LCpl. Silvio Duplechan Jr.,  
Sgt. Mohamed Embaby, Pvt. Andrew Ensign, James Brent Evans,  
Col. Gerard Gagnon, Pvt. Nicholas Gianni, E3 Lucas Goergen, Cpl.  
Michael Goncalves, SPC Evan Grabowski, Andrew Guattari,  
Maj. John Harding, Lt. Col. Bill Harkins, James Hayes, Rick Heipertz,  
Sgt. Jeffrey Jayne, PFC. David Johnson, Brian Kohler,  
Sgt. Jonathan Krall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Trevor Kuroczka, 2 Lt. Scott Lafferty,  
USAF, Lt. John Paul Lamorte, USCG, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Daniel Little,  
Staff Sgt. Stephen MacCrory, William Mace, Bryan Marines,  
Cpl. Anthony Mastrangelo, Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Matthew Mastrangelo,  
LT Shane Mauro USN, Brenden McKittrick, Sgt. Brian McNally USAF,  
Sgt. Luke McNally USMC, S.Sgt. Richard Miller III, Cpl. Timothy Miller,  
Lt. JG Maggie Montesanti, Cpl. Shannyn Noone,  
Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Anthony Orlando, Jr., USMC, Sgt. Michael Peterson,  
Bob Poller, Sr Chief USN Kimberly Ripoli, Doug Sackett,  
Clinton Scheibner USN, Col. Dan Shanahan, Pfc. Joseph Seller,  
Molina Semple, Lt. Col. Matthew Stanley US Army, Dallas Thorp,  
Luke Williams, PFC. Tristan Wood, LCpl. Joseph Yecco,  
SSgt. Jaried Zavatter, USN Robert Zielinski  
& Cpl. Alexander Zink, USMC.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday** February 26  
7:00 AM **Mary Ann Petta**  
*r/o Husband Pat & Family*  
9:00 AM **Patricia O'Neill** *r/o Tom & Terri Weaver*  
**Lorraine Colabella** *r/o Mom & Family*

**Tuesday** February 27  
7:00 AM **Dawn Armenti** *r/o Friends*  
9:00 AM **Genowefa Barwicki** *r/o Tom & Pat Marchisello*  
**Killian Baldwin** *r/o Mae Lucarini & Family*  
7:00 PM **Mladen Babic** *r/o Peter Toich & Family*  
**Joan Cirucci** *r/o Mark & Joanne Hummel & Family*

**Wednesday** February 28  
7:00 AM **Peg Pycik** *r/o Tom & Effie Murphy*  
9:00 AM **Patricia O'Neill** *r/o Paula & Gene Kotowski*  
**Barbara Zirilli** *r/o The LaPata Family*

**Thursday** March 1  
7:00 AM **Regina McNulty** *r/o Daughter Regina Kinney*  
9:00 AM **Lauren Diorio** *r/o The Salmonsens Family*  
**Killian Baldwin** *r/o Hedy Fortuna*  
7:00 PM **Margaret Pycik** *r/o The Patullo Family*  
**Joan Cirucci** *r/o Rocky & Liz Sorino*

**Friday** March 2  
7:00 AM **Peg Pycik** *r/o Lorrie & Jim Stanley*  
9:00 AM **Dolores Cisek** *r/o Brother Tom*  
**Brooke Baldwin** (Living)  
*r/o Mom & Dad*

**Saturday** March 3  
9:00 AM **Rita LaRosa** *r/o Family*  
**Killian Baldwin** *r/o Grandparents*  
**Bill Johnson** *r/o Mary Bernard*  
5:30 PM **Marian Abruzzese** *r/o Jack & Joan Veasy & Family*  
**Maria Simone** *r/o Dan & Joanne DelPrato*  
**Kevin Malone, Jr.** *r/o Jennifer Martorano Family*

**Sunday** March 4  
7:30 AM **Killian Baldwin** *r/o Debbie & Jack Galamb*  
**Richard O'Callahan** *r/o Louise Aub*  
**John & Gertrude Wilkie** *r/o Jim & Elaine*  
9:00 AM **Parishioners & Benefactors**  
**Eileen Kehoe** *r/o Children*  
**Angiolina Cary** *r/o Husband Tom & Family*  
10:30 AM **Connie Spano** *r/o Joanne Swift*  
**Killian Baldwin** *r/o The Nocella Family*  
**Patricia O'Neill** *r/o The Aucello Family*  
12:00 PM **Anna Casalnova** *r/o Barbara & Mark Ross*  
**Killian Baldwin** *r/o Cathy Amico*  
**Kathleen Belville** *r/o Diane Harker*



# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



## Attention all Parish teens & 8th Graders!

Wings meets every Sunday at 6:30 pm. All Parish teens are encouraged to attend. Come make new friends, be yourself

& have a great time!

### Upcoming Events

4/6-8 - Jr./Sr Retreat - Cape May

May Gettysburg trip Info Soon

To learn more contact Jay at [Jaykeesler@yahoo.com](mailto:Jaykeesler@yahoo.com)



## KIDS LIT

All Children are Invited to come pray together & learn about Jesus at the

Weekly Children's Liturgy of the Word

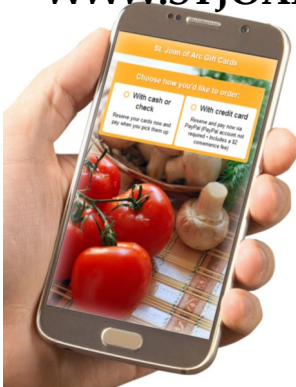
### Join us on

March 4 at 9am Mass

March 11 at 9am Mass

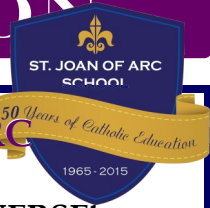
## HELPING ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL IS NOW TWICE AS EASY!

[WWW.STJOANS.ORG/GIFTCARDS](http://WWW.STJOANS.ORG/GIFTCARDS)



When you shop using St. Joan of Arc's Gift Card Program, participating stores give back a percentage of what you spend directly to the school. The Parish website now lets you **purchase cards online** with a credit card or PayPal using a simple order form (includes a \$2 convenience fee).

You can also **pick up your order even faster:** order Monday-Friday by 9am and your cards will be available for pickup at the rectory office between the hours of 10am and Noon, or after weekend Masses. Go to [stjoans.org/giftcards](http://stjoans.org/giftcards) and choose either the new credit card option to buy online, or choose to pay with cash or check at pickup. You can order cards for ShopRite, Whole Foods, Rastelli's, Acme, Murphy's, SaladWorks, Allora, or Barnes & Noble, and stop at the Rectory on your way over to the store!



## ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL

EMBRACE GOD'S UNIVERSE!

◆PLEASE participate in buying Grocery Gift Cards! We need all school families to support this program! You can now order online as well, using your credit card or PayPal. Need your gift card today? No problem! Order by 9 am Monday-Friday and pick up that day between 10 am-12 pm at the Rectory. If every family purchased \$100.00 a week, we would have a fundraiser making \$64,000.00 a year.

◆It's never too early to talk Carnival!!! Mark your calendars for this FUNdraiser, August 20th-August 25th. More information to follow. We need all school families to support this event!

## ST. JOAN OF ARC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday March 17th  
St. Joan of Arc School

Cafeteria

7:30-11pm

\$35 per person

Live Entertainment

Great Food

Super 50/50, Door Prizes

Beer & Setups Provided

For More Information

Contact Lisa Mrvica at

[lisavmrvica@comcast.net](mailto:lisavmrvica@comcast.net)



# MINISTRIES

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENECTION

*"Our Redeemer ever present in the most Blessed Sacrament, extends His hands to everyone. He opens His heart and says 'Come to Me, all of you.'"*

*~ St. Raphael Kalinowski, O.C.D.*



### **Tuesday evening's**

Eucharistic Adoration 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Benediction 6:30pm

During Eucharistic Adoration we "watch and wait"; we remain "silent" in His presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. By worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

## AOA

### **"ACCOMPANYING ONE ANOTHER" on the Journey through "ADDICTION TO RECOVERY"**

**Every Sunday @ 7 pm in the School Cafeteria**

A Christ centered ministry of spiritual support, AOA is for anyone on their journey through addiction to recovery or anyone accompanying a loved one on their journey.

- AOA meetings follow the powerful "Twelve Steps" that lead toward recovery
- AOA is open to any person affected by this disease

For More Information visit [www.stjoans.org/AOA](http://www.stjoans.org/AOA), contact Deacon Tom 856-983-0077 ext. 306 or email [tom.murphy@stjoans.org](mailto:tom.murphy@stjoans.org).

## ROSES FOR LIFE SALE

In loving memory and honor of our Past Grand Knight, Jack Keesler, your Knights of Columbus Council #6530, Father John P. Wessel, will be distributing Roses and collecting donations after all of the Masses this weekend to help promote Life. All monies collected will benefit the efforts of the 1st Way of Burlington County Pregnancy Center in Beverly, NJ. No donation is too small. All donations are welcome.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



## "ABIDE IN ME" *Abide In Me*

### **Intercessory Prayer Ministry DO YOU NEED PRAYER OR WANT TO PRAY FOR OTHERS?**

Wednesdays 1-2 pm - Gathering Room  
&/or join our email prayer chain  
[www.stjoans.org/ministries/abide-in-me](http://www.stjoans.org/ministries/abide-in-me)  
To ask for prayer or to pray with us email  
[abideinme@stjoans.org](mailto:abideinme@stjoans.org) or  
call Marijane 609-744-7579

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

### **Individual sessions held at St Joan's Rectory**

There are times when we are moved to respond to God's personal invitation to a deeper relationship and to discover God's presence in all things. God desires a deeper relationship with you; a desire to grow in intimacy. Spiritual direction is an experience that enables a person to become more fully aware of God's abiding presence in their life, and live more fully in that relationship.

To schedule a session or if you have questions, please contact; Deacon Jeff DeFrehn [Jeff.DeFrehn@stjoans.org](mailto:Jeff.DeFrehn@stjoans.org) or call the Office 856-983-0077

## PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

- Difficulty hearing, please ask the usher for a **hearing amplifier**.
- Dietary restrictions, a **low gluten host** is available for Holy Communion. Line up in the center aisle before everyone else receives Communion. First time you are receiving the low gluten host, please let the priest or deacon know before Mass begins.
- A **Transport wheelchair** is available to assist transitioning from the car to the church. Please see an usher.
- In case of emergency, an **AED is located in the hall by the Sacristy door near Pedata Hall**.

For More Information about the Health Ministry Contact Carolyn Bitzer 732-887-0898 or email [health@stjoans.org](mailto:health@stjoans.org)  
Blood pressure screenings are scheduled every Community Sunday (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month) after each Mass.

Questions, contact Patti Clifford 856-983-7187 or [P31155@comcast.net](mailto:P31155@comcast.net).

## ARISE & SHINE

### **Morning Parenting Group Meetings Every Friday in Room 8 at St. Isaac's** [ariseandshine@stjoans.org](mailto:ariseandshine@stjoans.org)

Arise & Shine is a morning preschool playgroup aimed at inspiring fellowship, personal growth & knowledge based on our faith. We are dedicated to nourishing parents and children with the virtues needed to enrich our Christ based family lives.

*Our Group is about Growing, Living & Building Together!*

## TAI CHI ANYONE???

Instructions on Tai Chi will be offered this spring beginning on March 13 and continuing for 6 weeks in Pedata Hall at 7PM. There will be a fee which will be determined by how many people sign up for this program. It should be approximately \$5.00 or \$10.00 each session. Tai Chi Chuan is an ancient Asian art form of relaxation and exercise that is easy, fun and low impact. The exercises can be performed seated or standing. Our Instructor, Alexandria Goldman, has presented Tai Chi to many Senior Residences, Nursing Homes, and Rehab Centers in the Area. Alexandria has been teaching the Art of Tai Chi for over 25 years. Please contact Mary Bernard at 856-596-3227 or [webernards@comcast.net](mailto:webernards@comcast.net) to register for this program.

# Lent with a Heart



## Sunday Mass

Sunday Mass is still the heart of our Catholic Christian life and worship of God. If you have been away from Mass, or not consistent, try to come the Sundays of Lent. Check the cover of this Bulletin for Mass times.

## Daily Mass

Monday thru Friday: 7am  
Monday thru Saturday: 9am  
Tuesday, Thursday: 7pm

## Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday: 5pm-6:30pm with Benediction at 6:30pm

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays: 12:05pm and 7pm

Soup before Stations 5:30pm

♦ March 16<sup>th</sup>

## Adult Faith Enrichment

### **“Reclaiming Catholicism”**

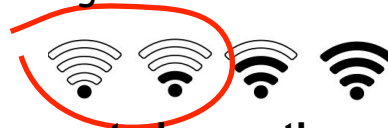
March 1<sup>st</sup> 7:30pm Pedata Hall

Presented by Fr. Jorge and Fr. Rich

### **1<sup>st</sup> Friday Series**

March 2<sup>nd</sup> after 9am Mass Pedata Hall

Are you connected to your faith but, your “signal” is still “weak-ish?”



You are not alone....there is hope.



## **Strengthen your “signal”**

Connect with a Small Group.



**SJA Small Groups**

To sign-up go to:

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

Call 856-983-0077 ext \*246

## **WOMEN OF FAITH**

March 12th 6:45pm Pedata Hall

Parishioner Paula Kotowski will discuss the Holy Spirit’s Gift of Piety. Join us as we continue our Lenten Journey together, guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit and encouraged by each other.

Meetings begin with fellowship and light refreshments at 6:45pm and speakers begin promptly at 7pm. Registration is not required and all women are encouraged to attend any or all of the meetings and bring friends! For more information please fill out a registration form, which can be found in the church vestibule or on [www.stjoans.org/ministries/women-of-faith](http://www.stjoans.org/ministries/women-of-faith) or contact Kathy Burns 609-923-7222 or [kathleensburns@aol.com](mailto:kathleensburns@aol.com).

It’s Lent....  
ease up on Facebook,  
spend more time with the  
“Good Book.”



**THAT MAN IS YOU!**

Men come join us. Pedata Hall at St. Joan’s  
Fridays 6:00am

Sign up or just show up  
[www.stjoans.org/tmiy](http://www.stjoans.org/tmiy)

# Lenten Connections

Daily Reflections to help you pray, journal, connect with God, others and yourself this Lent.



## Sunday, February 25

Jesus takes his friends Peter, James and John up a mountain where they experience him as more than a good teacher. Jesus is the Messiah. As you begin

each day this week, ask Jesus to take your heart to a special place, to show you more about Him, how He loves and calls us to love.

## Monday, February 26

“Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts” (*St. Teresa of Calcutta*). This Lent connect with the Lord in prayer each day, making time to hear His loving voice guiding you on your journey. It is here you will find peace.

## Tuesday, February 27

God’s invitation in today’s first reading to “set things right” (Is. 1:18) is a good summary of what Lent is about. The answer to what we need to do (and how) may be different for each of us. This week we are invited to seek answers in Scripture – a good place to start is with the Our Father, or with Jesus’ words in Matthew 25, or the daily Mass readings (visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)). If you find a word or passage that moves

you, challenges you, comforts you or makes you angry, stay with it and pray with it. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you be aware of how these words are inviting you to make things right with God and with those around you.



## Wednesday, February 28

Jesus tells us He did not come to earth to be served, but to provide ransom for His people. Could anyone have imagined that an innocent man like Jesus would suffer death by crucifixion? Even harder to imagine is that Jesus would think we are worth saving, even to the point of dying for us! Take time today to meditate on all that Jesus has done to secure the salvation of our souls.

## Thursday, March 1

“Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.” We begin National Women’s



History Month on the **Feast of Saint Agnes Tsao Kou Ying**, who was martyred for keeping the word by preaching the Gospel to the Chinese and refusing to deny her faith. While imprisoned, her spirit never failed as she prayed repeatedly, “God, have mercy on me; Jesus save me!” Has your perseverance shone through so far this Lent in your fasting, prayer and almsgiving? If you find yourself straying from your spiritual journey, let Saint Agnes inspire you to remember the words given to us on Ash Wednesday: “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”

## Friday, March 2



What a surprise to learn that today is **World Day of Prayer (WDP)**! This global, ecumenical movement led by Christian women welcomes all to join in PRAYER and ACTION for peace and justice. While this annual celebration began very simply in 1887 in the USA, it is now celebrated in over 170 countries! WDP’s motto “*Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action*,” invites each of us to pray about how to care for others in greatest need while simultaneously caring for creation. To spark our creativity, check out [worlddayofprayer.net](http://worlddayofprayer.net) or [wdp-usa.org](http://wdp-usa.org).

## Saturday, March 3

Today is the Feast day of Saint Katharine Drexel, one of our local saints, foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in 1891. Guided by her spirit, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament are still called to share the Gospel message with the poor, especially among the Black and Native American peoples. They challenge injustices in the world today, and oppose ALL forms of prejudice, racism and oppression. As Lent’s journey continues, recall that our spirituality and piety is strengthened by our differences & diversity. Reflect on what someone of a different race, ethnicity or religion has taught you. We are all Children of God.



# MINISTRIES

## CARITAS ENLIGHTENMENTS

The Caritas Ministry is dedicated to serving and supporting all of our parish members with special needs, so that they may participate fully in parish life. As we promote a welcoming parish community for all, some people may feel a little uncomfortable interacting with a person with a disability because of fear of saying or doing the wrong thing. The following suggestions may help you create positive experiences:

\*Remember the Golden Rule - Treat all people as you want to be treated. Relax when communicating; let common courtesy be your guide. If misunderstandings arise, don't be afraid to repeat yourself or ask others to repeat themselves.

\*Offer assistance by asking what is needed, but don't insist or be offended if your offer is declined.

\* Respect the individual's personal space and auxiliary aids.

\* Treat adults as adults no matter how severe a disability.

\*Always speak directly to the person, no matter what their age. Talk naturally to those who are non-verbal or use communication devices.

\*Allow people to do things for themselves, even if it takes longer or results in mistakes.

\*Encourage participation; personally invite all to share their gifts or acknowledge their participation.

\*If words fail, a friendly *smile* says it all.

Above all, remember, despite individual differences we are all more alike than different; *we are all made in the image and likeness of God.*

*Caritas – Love for All*

## CARITAS MASS

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 12 noon**

Low Sensory Mass

to Accommodate Sensory Sensitivities

*Caritas: "A Selfless Love for All."*

Soft Music and Lighting

Incense and Bell free

Low Gluten Hosts

(please see a Caritas minister, priest, deacon or usher before Mass if you have this need.)

**Please visit the Caritas Table in the Church Vestibule for:**

*PECS Mass books, amplifiers and other Special Needs Resources*



**St. Joan of Arc's Caritas Ministry serves as advocates for our members with special needs: promoting a welcoming environment and encouraging full participation in parish life for ALL.**

*We welcome your feedback: [caritas@stjoans.org](mailto:caritas@stjoans.org)*

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:4**

*There are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit...*

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## THE KNIGHTS ARE COOKIN' AGAIN!

**March 4<sup>th</sup> After all Masses**

**Adults - \$5; Kids - \$3; Family max - \$15**

We will be serving breakfast after all Masses on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> in the School Cafeteria. Come and enjoy great pancakes, bacon, sausage, sweets and breakfast beverages along with your fellow parishioners.

## COMMUNITY PIZZA PARTY

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm - Pedata Hall**

Compliments of the Knights of Columbus

Come enjoy free pizza, Soft drinks & dessert as a Thank You for all the support you give our council.

BYOB event

## COMING SOON

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Classics for Charity Auto Show**

**Saturday April, 14th 10am - 2pm**

Proceeds benefit the "Helping Hands Ministry" at St. Joan of Arc Church. Watch for a flyer in the church bulletin the weekend of March 17/18

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm - Pedata Hall**

Have you ever wanted to know more about the Knights of Columbus and how membership could make a difference in your life as a Catholic man?

Come join us for an Information Night Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm Pedata Hall. No Pressure - Just information for you to consider that could change your life.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

### BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1pm-6pm Pedata Hall**

One pint of blood donated can help to save up to 3 lives. The donation is painless and lasts about one hour. Walk-ins are always welcome but it is strongly suggested that you schedule an appointment at the Red Cross website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. For more information please contact Dean DeRose at 856-596-6404 or email [roseman1957@comcast.net](mailto:roseman1957@comcast.net)



## STEWARDSHIP

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

February 17/18.....\$ 29,020

Electronic Giving .....\$ 6,404

Thank you for your continued generosity!

### WEDDING BANNS

#### **First Publications**

Stephen Valinski & Regina Lyons



### PRAY THE ROSARY

#### **The Path To Jesus Is Through Mary**

Monday to Saturday 8:25 am - Church

Wednesday Nights 7:00 pm - Church Rosary

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Every Month 3:00 pm Pedata Hall

The Blessed Mother has told us to pray the rosary every day. This is Heaven's intervention to achieve world peace.

Please Join Us In Prayer.



### PARISH "ONLINE" GIVING

Please join our growing number of families who have elected to make their contributions online through Parish Giving.

#### **It's Simple:**

- Log onto [www.stjoans.org](http://www.stjoans.org) and click on the Giving tab and choose Parish "Online" Giving and follow the easy registration instructions.

#### **It's Secure:**

- Parish Giving is PCI compliant and uses the strongest SSL encryption technology available.

#### **It's Convenient:**

- No more searching for the check book on Sunday or morning stops at the ATM machine.

#### **Tax Benefits:**

- You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.

#### **Parishioner Benefits:**

- Ability to choose date and frequency of contributions.

Contact Theresa Segin at 856-983-0077 ext. 311 should you have any questions.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, 2/25

Wings - 6:30pm Pedata Hall

AOA Meeting - 7pm Cafeteria

### MONDAY, 2/26

Bible Study - 7:30pm Arc Room

### TUESDAY, 2/27

Adoration - 5pm Church

Benediction - 6:30pm Church

Bereavement Support (Loss of Loved One)  
7:30pm Arc Room

Knights of Columbus Information Night  
7:30pm Pedata Hall

Liturgy Meeting - 7:30pm Gathering Room

### WEDNESDAY, 2/28

Bible Study - 9:30am Arc Room

Abide in Me Prayer Group

1pm Gathering Room

Rosary - 7pm Church

RCIA Meeting - 7pm Pedata Hall

### Thursday, 3/1

Reclaiming Catholicism - 7:30am Pedata Hall

### FRIDAY, 3/2

TMIY - 6am Pedata Hall

First Friday - 9:45am Pedata Hall

Stations of the Cross - 12:05pm Church

PreCana - 7pm Pedata Hall

Stations of the Cross - 7pm Church

K of C Monthly Meeting - 7:30pm Cafeteria

### Saturday, 3/3

K of C Montly Rosary - 3pm Pedata Hall



### BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome the following children who are being baptized into our community this weekend: Jackson Krieger and Luca Marie

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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