



# Church of St. Joan of Arc

Marlton, New Jersey

Sunday, March 25, 2018

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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

PALM SUNDAY OF LENT/2018

## A CENTURION AND US

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

“Truly this man was the Son of God.” A Roman centurion utters this at the foot of cross of a man he never met until he saw him crucified. Maybe he even helped in it.

Something changed in him. Something he saw. Something he heard. Something he felt. He changed. His life would never be the same again.

Truly this *is* the Son of God. Jesus Christ!

This week our liturgies will take us to the table where Jesus declares bread and wine to be His body and blood. They will take us to the foot of that same cross where the centurion stood. They will take us to the tomb. An empty tomb.

Truly, these liturgies, this holy week, is meant to touch us and transform us. I urge you to not let this week go by like any other week. Live it differently. Come to the liturgies and participate. Give your time. The three days we call the Sacred Paschal (Easter) Triduum are the heart and soul of our calendar because they celebrate the heart and soul of our faith. Come. Pray. Worship. Break bread. Have your feet washed. Walk to the cross — kiss it. Go to the tomb. Cry. Sing. Rejoice. Your life will forever be changed by the Son of God.

Truly.

Yours,



### PASCHAL CANDLE

The 2018 Paschal Candle is used at every liturgy during the Easter Season each time the Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated and at the Funeral Liturgy of those buried from this church. This year the Paschal Candle is donated by Debbie & George (Hoff) Hoffman in loving memory of Tiffaney Faith Davies.

We wish to express our gratitude to Debbie and Hoff and ask you to remember their family in your prayers.

*Please keep in your prayers the following adults and young people who will enter the Church through the Easter Sacraments at the Great Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>: Johnnie Hall, Dallas Gilmore, Jim Dunn Jr., George Hoffman, Karen Pilles, Heather Ridgeway, Samantha Crockett*

### EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

Please join us immediately following the Easter Vigil Mass as we celebrate our newly initiated Catholics. If you can, please bring a finger food or dessert for the occasion. Drop it off in

Pedata Hall before the  
Easter Vigil begins at 7:30pm.



### Pastoral Staff:

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

**Rev. Jorge Bedoya,** *Parochial Vicar*

**Rev. Leon 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

## AREA PENANCE SERVICE

**St. John Neumann**

Mt. Laurel

Tuesday, March 27,

7:30pm

# PRAYERS AND INTENTIONS

## REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

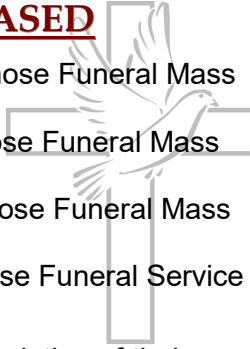
Please pray for the soul of Dane Tourscher, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please pray for the soul of James Fannon, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please pray for the soul of Dennis Gregory, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray for the soul of Cynthia Sleeth, whose Funeral Service was celebrated on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Also please remember in your prayers the consolation of their families.



## TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION

Our Tabernacle Candle will remain lit during the week of  
**March 25, 2018 to March 31, 2018**  
In Memory of Bob & Nancy Swift  
Requested by the Hummel Family



## WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Michael Mannery, Jim Sundstrond, Kathleen O'Connor, Sandy Skorch, Tom Vandergriff, Samuel Valenza, Dan Morgan, Hugh Carberry, Anna Geroni, Gloria Diodato, Irene Westfield, Addison Wright, Judy Keesler, Marie Moffa, Pauline Scrocca, Frank Campo, Sr., Bernice Palazzo & Margaret Zeidler

## 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 MacCrorry, 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

<b>Monday</b>	March 26
7:00 AM	<b>James Fayer</b> r/o Robert Chan <b>Armand Mastrangelo</b> r/o Patricia Lucas
9:00 AM	<b>Fidel Montemayor</b> r/o Candi Fabia & Family <b>Kevin Kane</b> r/o Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	March 27
7:00 AM	<b>Agnes McMenamin</b> r/o Matthew & Melissa Marchisello
9:00 AM	<b>Killian Baldwin</b> r/o Jerry & Sandy Skorch <b>Patricia O'Neil</b> r/o Mary Bernard <b>Mary Votta</b> r/o Friends
<b>Wednesday</b>	March 28
7:00 AM	<b>Bruce Bunning</b> r/o Wife Diane & Family <b>Sheridan &amp; Margaret Clark</b> r/o The Cassidy Family <b>Salvatore Leonardo</b> r/o The Larkin Family <b>Jean Dalisa</b> r/o Ginger Sbrocco
<b>Thursday</b>	March 29
7:30 PM	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
<b>Friday</b>	March 30
12:15 PM	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
3:00 PM	<b>Passion w/ Veneration of the Cross</b>
7:00 PM	<b>Ecumenical Service Prince of Peace</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	March 31
9:30 AM	<b>Blessing of Food</b>
7:30 PM	<b>The Great Easter Vigil</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	April 1
7:30 AM	<b>Sam &amp; Claire Rescigno</b> r/o Family <b>McBride &amp; MacDonald Families</b> r/o Jackie & Family <b>Lauren Diorio</b> r/o Sam & Joan Rescigno CHURCH: <b>Deceased Members of the Santis &amp; DiMargangelo Families</b> <b>John Howard</b> r/o Paul & Linda Steets <b>Eileen Moss</b> r/o Mom & Dad Tarzy GYM: <b>Rose Haugh</b> r/o JoAnn & Bob Rocca <b>Al DiPaolo</b> r/o Wife Annette CHURCH: <b>Jerry Altmann</b> r/o Wife & Children <b>Catherine Kawnsnik</b> r/o Elena & Guy Licciardi <b>James Charles</b> r/o The Forte Family GYM: <b>Pat Bakey</b> r/o Family <b>Eileen Lafferty Marmino</b> r/o Mom & Dad <b>Deceased Members of the Abruzzese &amp; Veasy Families</b> CHURCH: <b>Ginger Ptaszenski</b> r/o Sue Borden & Rita Kennedy <b>Patricia O'Neill</b> r/o The Bisicchia Family <b>Parishioners &amp; Benefactors</b> GYM: <b>Deceased Priests and Religious who Served St. Joan of Arc Parish</b>
9:00 AM	
10:30 AM	
12:00 PM	



# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

April 8 at 9am Mass

April 15 at 10:30am Mass



## ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL EMBRACE GOD'S UNIVERSE!

- ◆ Our school Lenten celebration will end with our annual retreat day on Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to praying with and for your children as we commemorate the Triduum.
- ◆ Reminder that students will be dismissed March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm to start Easter vacation.
- ◆ Have a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoy Easter vacation. School resumes Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

# GIFT CARDS

Help St. Joan of Arc just by shopping!  
Purchase cards here after all weekend Masses

Plus...

Order online at  
[STJOANS.ORG/GIFTCARDS](http://STJOANS.ORG/GIFTCARDS)

Purchase by credit card  
(includes \$2 convenience fee)  
or reserve your cards and pay by  
cash or check at pickup

4 ways you can pick them up:

- At all weekend Masses
- At the Rectory on your way to the store, Mon-Fri from 10am to Noon
- At the Religious Education office when you drop your child off to class
- Sent home with your School child on Friday

# MINISTRIES

Men, this week is very special.  
We'll meet on a very special day:

## HOLY THURSDAY.

Join us: Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
Pedata Hall at St. Joan's 6:00am

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



## Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

*"Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him  
who takes away the sins of the world"*

Tuesday evening's

Eucharistic Adoration 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Benediction 6:30pm

On the Cross Jesus said "I thirst." From the Blessed Sacrament Jesus continues to say to each of us "I thirst." He thirsts for our personal love, our intimacy, our union with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

~St. Teresa of Calcutta

## 2018 SENIOR TRIPS

### SOUND OF MUSIC WITH DINNER Academy of Music in Philadelphia

Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> Depart 2:30pm Return 10:30pm \$118.00

In the heart of the Austrian Alps, a young woman named Maria is in training to become a nun. Unsure that such a free spirited soul as Maria is ready for a life of pious devotion, the head sister assigns her to the role of governess to the children of Captain Georg Von Trapp. Maria with a little love and lot a singing wins over the mischievous children. Her kindness dispels the gloom around their father after losing his wife and the two begin to fall in love. But danger looms on the horizon with the advent of World War II.

Dinner before the 6:30 Show

\$25.00 deposit is required for a reservation  
Balance is due 30 days prior to event date

Make checks payable to **ST. JOAN OF ARC**

Mail checks to: Bob and Sue DeNight  
20 Florence Avenue  
Marlton, N.J. 08053

Call for more info 856-596-9393 or 609-304-1968

# MINISTRIES



## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

(Loss of Loved One)

**Tuesday, March 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. Let us support and comfort each other.

For More Information Contact Terry at 856-574-4731, Colleen at 856-983-4323 or Joanne at 856-983-5523

*"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."*

~ Mathew 5:4

## EASTER BASKET DRIVE

**March 24/25 Pedata Hall**

Donations of Easter baskets, canned hams, frozen turkeys or food certificates will be accepted in Pedata Hall this **weekend, March 24 and 25**. More than 100 children locally and in Trenton, through the Mt. Carmel Guild, will benefit from your generosity. Baskets are needed for children between 3 years -12 years old. Baskets for boys are particularly needed. Anything you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact Karen Stroker at [kstroker@icloud.com](mailto:kstroker@icloud.com) for more information.

## 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 Heath 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)

Questions, contact Patti Clifford 856-983-7187 or

**[P31155@comcast.net](mailto:P31155@comcast.net)**.

### **DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

If you need a wheelchair, crutches, walker, cane or other equipment, we might have them. Call Pat Morgan at 856-983-5656 to inquire about an item you need or would like to donate.

## 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.

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

## 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](mailto:eugenekotowski@aol.com)

## 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).

## 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

## "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



# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

## Monday of Holy Week, March 26:

- Mass at 7am and 9am
- Chrism Mass at Diocesan Pro-Cathedral, Freehold, 7:30pm

## Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27:

- Mass at 7am, 9am and 7pm
- Adoration 5pm-7pm

## Wednesday of Holy Week, March 28:

- Mass at 7am and 9am

## HOLY THURSDAY, March 29:

- Morning Prayer, 9am
- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm**
- Visitation of 3 Churches (following Mass)
- Adoration in Pedata Hall begins after Mass until Night Prayer at 11pm

## GOOD FRIDAY, March 30

- Morning Prayer, 9am
- Stations of the Cross, 12:15pm
- Celebration of the Passion of Christ with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion, 3pm**
- Ecumenical Service, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Rt. 70, 7pm

## HOLY SATURDAY, March 31

- Morning Prayer, 9am
- Blessing of Easter Food, 9:30am
- The Great Easter Vigil, 7:30pm**  
(begins in the gymnasium)

## EASTER SUNDAY, April 1

- Church: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am and 12pm
- Gym: 9am, 10:30am, 12 noon



# Lenten Connections

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

## Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday

Truly, this man was the Son of God.” They are the words of a centurion at the foot of the Cross. What did he see in Jesus’ face, in his eyes, what did he hear from Jesus’ lips, that led him to this astounding profession of faith? What did he witness that day that made him a believer? How do we show *that* Christ to the world today?

## Monday, March 26

"Hope lies in dreams, in imagination and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality."

On March 26, 1953, Dr. Jonas Salk announced that he successfully tested a vaccine against poliomyelitis, the virus that causes the crippling disease of polio, one of the worst epidemics of the 20th century. Salk's desire was not one of personal profit but "to be of some help to humankind." When asked who owned the patent to the vaccine, Salk replied: "There is no patent. Could you patent the sun?" Imagine the viruses of the world that can be prevented when we all open our hearts to Jesus and trust our dreams to Him - our Sun ... our Vaccine to eradicate hatred, intolerance, violence, addictions, loneliness ... our Hope for eternal life for all humankind!

## Tuesday, March 27

Each day in Holy Week is a sacred time to enter more deeply into the suffering and passion of Jesus. Pope Francis' words may help guide our interior journey: "*Pray for the patience to carry our own cross, not to refuse it or set it aside, but rather, in looking to him (Jesus), to take it up and carry it daily.*" Let's pray for all who suffer around the world and for the courage and strength to keep our eyes on Jesus and follow him – wherever he leads us.

## Wednesday, March 28

Holy Wednesday, or Spy Wednesday gets its name because on this day, Judas betrayed Jesus to the Sanhedrin. Judas is thought to be sneaky, and his actions conjured up the image of a spy. All the Gospels include an account of the betrayal. In contrast (Jn.19:38) upon hearing of Jesus' death, and as a sense of duty, Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin and a "secret disciple" of Jesus decides that, since Jesus is Jewish, His body should not be left on the cross on the eve of the Sabbath. He

asks Pilate if he may take away the body of Jesus and give him proper burial. Interesting contrast. Jesus is betrayed by one of his own followers, yet an act of kindness is extended by a member of the group opposed to Jesus. On the eve of Easter Triduum, let us prepare with a clean heart. May Joseph be the one we pray to when trying to be kind to someone we are at odds with. May we think of it as a gift to Jesus.

## Holy Thursday, March 29

So Lent ends and the Triduum begins. At Holy Thursday's *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*, we remember that the hour has come when Jesus must *pass from this world to the Father* (Jn. 13:1). Yet

Jesus still has much to teach us. Though Master and teacher, Jesus defies all custom by assuming the role of a slave or servant throughout the Triduum.

Tonight he takes towel and basin and washes the feet of the apostles. They are disturbed by this, especially Peter.

Humiliating? Yes. This is just wrong in their view. However, in God's terms, it is a

lesson for them and for all of us in servant leadership. Jesus says, *I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do* (Jn. 13:15). If we are to follow Jesus, how do we accept God's terms and serve others as Jesus does with complete self-giving? Let us thank God for the gift of salvation and pray for the grace to have the will and courage to live as Jesus teaches.

## Good Friday, March 30

When we look at the Cross today, we often think of darkness and despair and yet, it is also a testament to the great love of our Father in heaven through the sacrifice of His only Son. We each carry our own crosses at times. It is in the darkness of those crosses we bear, that we can say yes to God as Jesus did. We can say "Thy will be done," knowing that He is with us through our trials and will move us from the darkness into His Light, the light of His Promise. We can connect with the Lord in our darkness, when we need Him most and experience the joy of His great love.

## Holy Saturday, March 31

Holy Saturday is a day of sorrow and anticipation, the period between the sadness of the cross and the joy of Easter. As we go from the crucifixion to the resurrection it is easy to overlook the importance of the tomb. Today, before you start preparing for Easter, spend some time in silence – no phone, no tv, no internet. Tonight, at the Easter Vigil, we will rejoice: the light of Christ will dispel the darkness. But first, enter into the silence. Let God find you today in the stillness of the tomb.



# MINISTRIES

## MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

**April 7/8**

The Monthly Food Drive will take place the second weekend of April because of Easter. Please remember those in need when coming to mass the weekend of April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Bring along a few staple foods such as pasta, canned fruits, cereals and meats to donate to the Food Pantry. Paper products are always needed.

Thank you for your continued kindness & generosity!

## A SOUPER THANK YOU!!

The Adult Faith Enrichment Team would like to say thank you to all our parishioners who made soup for our Soup & Stations evenings this Lent. We had such a wonderful and delicious variety of soups and we are grateful for all of you as well as those who came and joined us for our Lenten Suppers. We look forward to next year. God Bless you and Happy Easter.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



## 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.

## FREE THROW CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus, Councils #6530 and #12229 want to congratulate the following Shooters who will be moving on to the 2018 Diocesan Free Throw Invitation on March 31st in Lakewood, NJ: 9 Year Old Boys, Preston George; 12 Year Old Boys, Tyler Bergman; 13 Year Old Boys, Luke Berstein and 13 Year Old Girls, Braelyn Hoffman. The Knights wish them luck, and would like to thank all the boys and girls who participated.

## 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)

# HAPPENINGS NEAR BY

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**April 8th 2pm - 5pm**

**St. John Neumann**

**Main Celebrant:**

Rev. Christopher Colavito with Deacon Joseph Barbara

**Event Will Include:**

Holy Mass at 2pm

Benediction

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Prayers to Obtain Indulgence

Veneration of a life sized image of the Divine Mercy  
Speaker

Video Presentation

**How to Prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday:**

Do Acts of Mercy

Receive the Sacrament of Penance

Attend Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday

Offer Prayers for the Pope

Venerate the Image of Divine Mercy

**Please bring non-perishable food items towards a Deed of Mercy to "feed the hungry"**

Refreshments will be available in the Parish Hall.

## DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

**April 8th 2pm - 4pm**

**St. Mary of the Lakes Emmaus Center**

**Event Will Include:**

History of the Feast

Rosary

Adoration

Benediction

and More...

As Catholics, Easter is our most important feast and is celebrated for 8 full days. The last day of the octave is Divine Mercy Sunday. It has roots in the Easter celebration of the early church, but had been forgotten. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you!

For more information contact

Marianne at [609-760-9221](tel:609-760-9221) or Mario at [609-654-8916](tel:609-654-8916).

Tickets

**\$50**/pp

Includes Buffet Dinner  
Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks

## HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 1975 & FRIENDS PRESENT:

**Comedy Night**

**Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm Holy Cross Academy**

Scan for tickets





## STEWARDSHIP

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

March 17/18.....\$24,512

Electronic Giving .....\$ 6,069

Thank you for your continued generosity!

### ROSE MEMORIAL FOR HOLY THURSDAY



If you would like to donate yellow roses for Holy Thursday Devotions as a memorial for a loved one, please contact Theresa Segin at 983-0077 by **Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**. The donation is \$75.00 for a bouquet of roses.

## Parish Giving 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.

Questions, contact Theresa Segin at 856-983-0077 ext.311

## BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome the following children who are being baptized into our community this weekend.

William James Battillo

## WEDDING BANNS

### Second Publications

Michael Brunges & Lindsay Burns

## RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

The rectory office will close for the Easter Holiday 12:30pm March 29<sup>th</sup> and will reopen Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, 3/25

Wings - 6:30pm Pedata Hall

AOA Meeting - 7pm Cafeteria

### MONDAY, 3/26

Carnival Meeting - 6:30pm Pedata Hall

Welcoming Committee Meeting

7pm Dining Room

Bible Study - 7:30pm Arc Room

### TUESDAY, 3/27

Adoration - 5pm Church

Benediction - 6:30pm Church

Adult Faith Tai Chi - 7pm Pedata Hall

Bereavement (Loss of Loved One)

7:30pm Arc Room

Liturg Meeting - 7:30pm Gathering Room

Penance Service - 7:30pm St. John Neumann

### WEDNESDAY, 3/28

Bible Study - 9:30am Arc Room

Abide in Me Prayer Group

1pm Gathering Room

Agape Dinner - 6pm Pedata Hall

Rosary - 7pm Church

Evangelization Meeting - 7pm Dining Room

### THURSDAY, 3/29

TMIY - 6am Pedata Hall

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30pm Church

Visitation of Churches - 9pm

Night Prayer - 11pm Church

### FRIDAY, 3/30

Stations of the Cross - 12:15pm Church

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - 3pm Church

Ecumenical Service

7pm Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

### Saturday, 3/31

Morning Prayer - 9am Church

Blessing of Easter Food - 9:30am Church

The Great Easter Vigil - 7:30pm Church

## 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.

## 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.