



# MERCY!

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER/2018**  
**April 8, 2018**

**Church of St. Joan of Arc**  
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*Share God's Love.*

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**Music Ministry: 856-985-5461**

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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, Wednesday, Friday:  
7am & 9am**

**Tuesday, Thursday:  
9am & 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. Leon Buni,** *Parochial Vicar*

**Rev. Richard Regan,** *Weekend Assistant*

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Barry Tarzy, Jeff DeFrehn, Bill Mueller

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*Director of Pastoral Care*

**Mrs. Linda Mueller,**

*Director of Religious Education*

**Sr. Stephanie Cymerman, SSJ,**

*Director of Music*

**Mr. Jay Keesler,** *Youth Minister*

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Mike Smithwick

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Joy McGarrigle, *Secretary*

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Chuck Fleischman, Joe Gallombardo,

Amy Nihill

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## THE CLOSENESS OF CHRIST

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"Close calls" come in all shapes and sizes. An escape with something bad, dangerous or nearly disastrous. In baseball there are close calls at the plate. In the Gospels, there are close calls of a different sort.

Nearly all of the stories of Christ's appearances after his resurrection emphasize his closeness to the disciples. He is with them. Walking with them. Eating with them. Talking to them. Teaching them. And sending them.

The closeness of the Risen Christ fills the disciples with hope, with joy, with peace, and with a mission. They experience another call. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they cannot sit still. Once more, they are sent.

In our Church Easter is not a day. It is celebrated as a Season lasting 50 days (until Pentecost). But as a lifestyle, Easter must be lived every day.

May you have many close calls with the Risen Lord these next 50 days. May each one fill you with these Easter gifts: hope, peace, joy and a true sense that the Lord Jesus is sending you out, filled with his Spirit, to live a new life!

Happy Easter!



## CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA AND THANK YOU!

The Sisters, Deacons, Staff and Priests of St. Joan of Arc Parish and School wish to thank EVERYONE who made our Easter Triduum such a powerful, meaningful and joyful celebration of the Paschal Mystery (the suffering, death and

resurrection of Jesus Christ!)

It was an extra special Easter and could not have happened without the help of so many dedicated parishioners!



*Scenes from the Great Easter Vigil: A large assembly, including those to be baptized and received into the Church, gathers around the new Easter Fire, blessed by Fr. Rich. Then, Deacon Jeff carries the new Paschal Candle with the people in procession carrying candles lit from it.*



# PRAYERS AND INTENTIONS

## REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of Patricia Cronin-Farley, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Please pray for the soul of Pauline Scrocca, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Please pray for the soul of Francis Woshnak, whose Funeral Service was celebrated on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Please pray for the soul of Lorraine Turck, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 7<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  
**April 1, 2018 to April 7, 2018**  
In Memory of Emil Nardi  
Requested by Wife Helen & Family



## WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Noreen Falzone, Michelle Riggs, Ann Magorry, Michael Mannery, Jim Sundstrond, Kathleen O'Connor, Sandy Skorch, Tom Vandergrift, Samuel Valenza, Dan Morgan, Hugh Carberry, Anna Geroni, Gloria Diodato, Irene Westfield, Addison Wright and Judy Keesler

## 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**  
April 9  
7:00 AM **Emil Nardi** r/o Wife Helen  
**Karl Kleinz** r/o Dee Soderstrom  
9:00 AM **Deceased Members of the Pellecchia Family** r/o Annette  
**Frank & Helen Cassidy** r/o The Cassidy Family

**Tuesday**  
April 10  
9:00 AM **Agnes McMenamin** r/o Pauline Thomas  
**Edith Spera** r/o Fran & Louis Tedeschi  
7:00 PM **Joseph Bender** r/o Al & Florisa Cascarina  
**Henry McCracken Jr.** r/o Kathy Milano

**Wednesday**  
April 11  
7:00 AM **Jordan Shubert** r/o Family  
9:00 AM **James Conboy** r/o Denise & Hank McElwee  
**Jim Thum** r/o Bill & Joy McGarrigle

**Thursday**  
April 12  
9:00 AM **Lauren Diorio** r/o Joe & Penny Luczak & Family  
**Peter Palladino** r/o Marie Riley  
**Elena Cutrupi** r/o Mr. & Mrs. Frank Galasso  
7:00 PM **Tony Gambone** r/o John Michele & Rosemarie Marra  
**Dawn Armenti** r/o The Hannon Family

**Friday**  
April 13  
7:00 AM **Peg Pycik** r/o The Harker Family  
9:00 AM **Catherine Pagliaro** r/o Daughter Gloria  
**James Thum** r/o Carl & Marti  
**Antoinette Rohrer** r/o Hank & Denise McElwee

**Saturday**  
April 14  
9:00 AM **Michael Giordano** r/o Joanne & Doug Reynolds  
5:30 PM **Lauren Diorio** r/o Sue & Catherine Screncie  
**Matthew Hartnett** r/o Family  
**William Johnson** r/o Michael & Sheila Abair  
**Marie Santandrea** r/o Sons of Italy

**Sunday**  
April 15  
7:30 AM **Michael Smithwick** r/o Lynn & John Doherty  
**Michael (Mickey) Brady** r/o Tom & Mary Anne Donaldson  
9:00 AM **Parishioners & Benefactors**  
**Jim Thum** r/o The Meeker Family  
**Lauren Diorio** r/o The Santisi Family  
**Killian Baldwin** r/o The Magee Family  
10:30 AM **Elizabeth Malone** r/o Roseann Graziosi & Family  
**Rocco D'Antonio** r/o The Girone Family  
**Carmen Leati, Jr. & Rita Schina** r/o Maria Leati  
12:00 PM **James Charles** r/o The O'Brien Family  
**John & Betty Pasquariello** r/o Sharon Cinkowski  
**Christopher Manuele** r/o Ed & Anita Curci



# 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

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 15 at 10:30am Mass**

**April 22 at 10:30am Mass**



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

- ◆4th grade families! Let the PTA treat you to dinner. Join us Tuesday, April 10th at 6:15 in the cafeteria for your rescheduled spaghetti dinner.
- ◆8th grade families! Let the PTA treat you to dinner. Join us Wednesday, April 11th at 6:15 in the cafeteria for your rescheduled spaghetti dinner.
- ◆Mark your calendars! Designer Bag Bingo will be held on Thursday, May 3rd. Tickets will go on sale after Easter Break. Start gathering your tables now. If you don't have a table, we will find you the perfect seat!
- ◆Fore! Monday, May 7th will be our 10th annual Golf Classic in memory of Monsignor Pedata. Register or sponsor via the PTA web page under *Current Happenings*.

# 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

# SENIOR TRIPS

## SOUND OF MUSIC WITH DINNER

Academy of Music in Philadelphia

**Sunday, April 29th 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

## CAPE MAY FERRY TO REHOBOTH

**Thursday, June 28th \$99.00**

Leave 7:00am Home 8:30pm

Ride the Cape May Ferry to Lewes, DE to shop the Rehoboth Outlets or spend time walking the boardwalk. Dinner is included at the Rusty Rudder for "all you can eat buffet" salad bar, carving station, pasta station, sushi station, chilled shrimp, crab clusters, clams, and desserts, before returning home.

## PHILLIES GAME

**Wednesday, June 20th \$74.00**

Leave 11:30am Home 4:30pm

Travel to Citizens Bank Park for a day at the ball field. Enjoy the vendors and eateries while you watch the Phillies play the St. Louis Cardinals at 1:05 pm. Seats are located in 103 section and are undercover in case of inclement weather..

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

## COMMUNITY SUNDAY

**After All Masses April 8<sup>th</sup> Pedata Hall**

This year, along with coffee and donuts, different ministries will be highlighted each month, and will be available for any questions or concerns you may have. We have a ministry for everyone, so come check us out!!! Did you know students can help out and earn service hours for NHS, Confirmation etc...?

Please contact Paula Kotowski at 609-760-1706 or [communitysunday@stjoans.org](mailto:communitysunday@stjoans.org)

**Ministry Spotlight:** This month we highlight our "Worship" ministries: *Liturgy Planners, Sacristan, Morning Prayer Group, Children's Liturgy, Arts & Environment, Abide in Me, Purification & Corporal Laundering.*



## MORNING PRAYER

Please join us for morning prayer at 7am on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the church starting April 10th. We come together as a community to start our day in prayer as well as to offer up our petitions and receive the Eucharist.

What a wonderful way to begin each day!



**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
7 pm, Pedata Hall**

Come & enjoy a night of fun & friendship!  
Bring a snack to share with the table.  
Coffee & tea will be provided

For more information call Marie 856-983-2185

## 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 COUNCIL MEETING

**April 14<sup>th</sup> 9:45am Pedata Hall**

All are welcome!

## 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!*

## 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)  
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.

## "ABIDE IN ME"

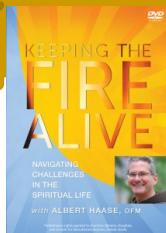
**Intercessory Prayer Ministry**  
**DO YOU NEED PRAYER OR WANT TO PRAY FOR OTHERS?**

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



*Abide  
In  
Me*

# MINISTRIES



## FIRST FRIDAY

April 13th Pedata Hall  
Following 9am Mass

Our First Friday series will continue on Friday, April 13, 2018, the second Friday of the month. We will continue with the series by Fr. Haase, OFM, "Keeping the Fire Alive: Navigating Challenges in the Spiritual Life". We will gather right after the 9AM Mass in Pedata Hall. Coffee and Bagels will be waiting for you! We hope to see you there.

## Salvation.

Over 2000 years old .....  
and still under the Makers guarantee.



THAT MAN IS YOU!  
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Men come to Pedata Hall at St. Joan's  
Fridays at 6:00am

Sign up or just show up

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

## 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.

**St. Joan of Arc Parish**  
**PICNIC**  
Save the Date  
Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Free Food, Music & Entertainment  
Pony Rides & Petting Zoo  
for the Kids

## WOMEN OF FAITH

April 16th Pedata Hall  
We Are Easter People!

Back by popular demand, Sr. Peggy Devlin will return and will discuss the Holy Spirit's Gift of Counsel, reminding us that in the Old Testament, when Elijah was waiting for a message from God, it came in a "still, small voice," and not in a loud sound.

Our meetings begin with fellowship and light refreshments at 6:45 p.m., speakers begin promptly at 7 p.m. and our meetings conclude right at 8:30 p.m. Come join us as we continue to experience our risen Jesus through the Holy Spirit!

Our annual Women of Faith Fellowship Dinner will take place on Monday, May 14, at Allora by Da Soli Restaurant in Marlton. All are welcome to attend, and registration and payment for the dinner can be made at the April 16 meeting or by mail.

Please contact Kathy Burns at (609) 923-7222 or [kath-leensburns@aol.com](mailto:kath-leensburns@aol.com) for more information.

## 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.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

~ John 6:35

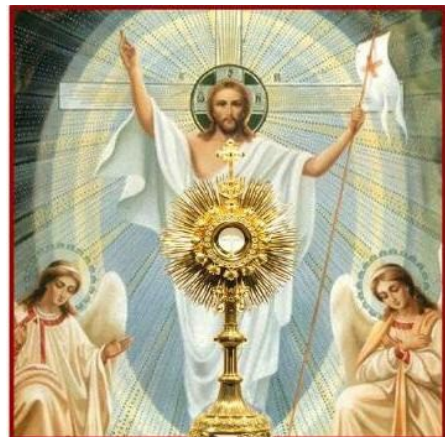
**Tuesday evening's**

**Eucharistic Adoration 5:00pm – 6:30pm**

**Benediction 6:30pm**

I'd like to share a teaching that came to me one day as I sat before the Lord. I was just looking at the Blessed Sacrament and adoring Jesus and telling him I didn't have much to say except that I loved him. I felt as though the Lord said to me, "Well, don't you know that you don't have to say anything to me? Just be with me. Come into my presence. It's not what you do for me, it's what I want to do for you."

*Miracles Do Happen*  
Sister Briege  
McKenna, O.S.C



# 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 this weekend. 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!

## AOA

### “ACCOMPANYING ONE ANOTHER”

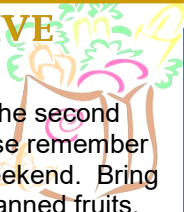
on the Journey through “**ADDICTION TO RECOVERY**”

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).



www.stjoans.org/oneminutewithgod



## THANK YOU!

THANK YOU for making the 2018 Easter Basket Drive a HUGE success. Because of your generosity, 179 Easter Baskets, 20 turkeys and hams and \$1645 in gift certificates were provided to Marlton families and the Mt. Carmel Guild in Trenton. Thank you for bringing Easter hope and joy to those in need.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## BEEF & BEER PARTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

### ST JOAN OF ARC CAFETERIA

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM (right after the 5:30 PM Mass)

FOOD, DJ for DANCING, DOOR PRIZES & FUN

ADULTS (21+) ONLY EVENT - **JUST \$25 PER PERSON**

Beer and door prizes are included in your ticket price

BYOB (wine)

For information and reservations, contact **Jim Stanley** 856-596-2087 or e-mail [jimstanley28@gmail.com](mailto:jimstanley28@gmail.com)



## 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

The Knights of Columbus, Councils # 6530 and 12229 want to congratulate Tyler Berstein for shooting 24 out of 25 free throws at the 2018 Diocesan Free Throw Invitation. Tyler will move on to New Jersey State Council Free Throw Tournament Championship Round, scheduled for Sunday, April 8, 2018 at Our Lady of Peace Center, 10 Franklin Ave., Fords, NJ.

The Knights wish Tyler good luck in Fords, NJ. The Knights also wish to thank all the boys and girls who participated in the Free Throw Championship. We hope to see you next year and bring a friend

## THANK YOU!

The Knights of Columbus Council 6530 from St. Joan of Arc Church and The American Red Cross would like to thank the parishioners, the community and parish staff for their support of the blood drive that was held on April 2nd in Pedata Hall. The blood drive was a great success and we were able to collect 54 units of blood. Each unit collected can potentially help to save up to three lives. The Knights would also like to thank one of our members, Bill Hahn who with Domino’s Pizza supplied pizza at the blood drive for the donors, staff and volunteers. We hope you can make it to our next blood drive in October.

# 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 or Mario at 609-654-8916.

## ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL REUNION CLASSES 1977-1985

**April 14th 7pm-12am**

**PJ Whelihan's Cherry Hill**

For More Information Contact

Dawn (Teesdale) Battaglia

atbattaglia@verizon.net or 443-616-4753

## St. Mary of the Lakes 75th Anniversary Dinner/Dance Tickets

**June 15th 6 to 11pm**

The Merion

\$75 pp

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**Join St. Mary of the Lakes Parish, Covenant House  
To Sleep on the Street for One Night--  
So Homeless Kids Don't Ever Have To!**

**Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
7:00 p.m.**

**St. Mary of the Lakes School  
196 Route 70  
Medford, NJ**



**Your Participation and Donations Will Help Homeless Youth  
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To register for any of the below programs please call (732) 922-0550 or email [office@theupper-room.org](mailto:office@theupper-room.org) at least 1 week in advance.

### Centering Prayer

Come to learn and pray with Fr. Thomas Keating (DVD) as he leads us deeper into our center and transformation in Christ.

**Facilitator:** Sun Spriggs

**Date:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018

**Time:** 10am - 2pm

**Fee:** \$35-\$50 (continental breakfast & light lunch included)

### Knitting and Prayer

Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills, prayer and compassion and be rewarded with the satisfaction of creating a prayer shawl. Little or no experience required.

**Facilitators:** Lois Dougherty and Mary Reidy

**Date:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018

**Time:** 1:30-3:30pm

**Fee:** Free Will Offering



## STEWARDSHIP

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

March 24/25.....\$30,404  
Easter Collection to Date.....\$85,594  
Electronic Giving .....\$ 3,415

Thank you for your continued generosity!



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  
856-983-0077 ext.311



#### **Update:**

**348** donors  
**\$65,815** Total Pledged  
**\$111,189** Parish Goal

Your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal will help support

- Catholic Education Administration and Ministries
- Evangelization - Ministry to Families, Youth, Young Adults, Pastoral Care and Multicultural Ministries
- Clergy and Religious Administration, Vocations and Consecrated Life
- Catholic Social Services

Please give generously by going to the Diocese of Trenton Annual Catholic Appeal website. Please indicate donation and be sure to designate the funds to St. Joan of Arc Parish.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, 4/8

**Community Sunday** - after all Masses **Pedata Hall**  
**Wings** - 6:30pm **Pedata Hall**  
**AOA Meeting** - 7pm **Cafeteria**

### MONDAY, 4/9

**Abide in Me** - 7pm **Gathering Room**  
**K of C Degree Ceremony** - 7:30pm **Pedata Hall**  
**Bible Study** - 7:30pm **Arc Room**

### TUESDAY, 4/10

**Senior Luncheon** - 11:30am **Pedata Hall**  
**Adoration** - 5pm **Church**  
**Benediction** - 6:30pm **Church**  
**Adult Faith Tai Chi** - 7pm **Pedata Hall**  
**Liturgy Meeting** - 7:30pm **Gathering Room**

### WEDNESDAY, 4/11

**Bible Study** - 9:30am **Arc Room**  
**Abide in Me Prayer Group**  
1pm **Gathering Room**  
**RCIA** - 7pm **Pedata Hall**  
**Rosary** - 7pm **Church**  
**Caritas Planning Meeting** - 7:30pm **Gathering Room**

### THURSDAY, 4/12

**Adult Faith Book Club** - 7pm **Arc Room**  
**Family Life Meeting** - 7pm **Cafeteria**  
**Small Group Leader Reception** - 7:30pm **Pedata Hall**

### FRIDAY, 4/13

**TMIY** - 6am **Pedata Hall**  
**1st Friday Series** - 9:30am **Pedata Hall**  
**Bunco** - 7pm **Pedata Hall**  
**Loving Your Baby Workshop** - 7:15pm **Arc Room**

### Saturday, 4/14

**K of C Car Show** - 7am **Parish Grounds**  
**Parish Council** - 9:45am **Pedata Hall**  
**New Parishioner Reception** - 6:30pm **Pedata Hall**

### BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome the following children who are being baptized into our community this weekend:  
Landon Flaherty and Carson DiLullo



### WEDDING BANNES

#### **Second Publications**

Robert Cassidy and Danielle Visichio



### 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.