

Church of St. Joan of Arc

Celebrate God's Love. Proclaim God's Love. Share God's Love.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023

Let's Advent Together

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Office Hours

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

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

Saturday 9:30am - 12:00pm

Click [Here](#) to Request a Mass Card

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

Consider making St. Joan of Arc your home parish.

Register online at www.stjoans.org or stop in the office.

SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:30PM; **Sunday** 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am & 12pm

Livestream Sunday: 10:30am

Live streams available on **Website:** www.stjoans.org

Facebook: [StJoansMarlton](#) & **YouTube:** [StJoanOfArcNJ](#)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday : 9am (Livestream Available)

Tuesday & Thursday: 7am

Saturday 9am

Morning Prayer (Mon, Wed, Fri): 7am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00pm & by appointment.

BAPTISMS

We celebrate Baptisms most Sunday afternoons. The baptism of your child is a great time to renew your own faith in Jesus Christ.

Call the Office to schedule at 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.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Congratulations to all who have been recently engaged! We invite you to consider a Church wedding (contrary to what you may have heard, Church weddings do not have to be BIG church weddings!). We would be honored to help you prepare for your wedding day. Please call the Parish Office (ask for Pat—856.983.0077) at your earliest convenience.

Marriage prep in the Church is easier (and more fun) than you may think!

CONSIDERING A DESTINATION WEDDING?

If you are considering a destination wedding, please give us a call to discuss available options to have your marriage blessed as one of the seven Sacraments. Even if you aren't sure what the Sacrament of Marriage is all about, give us a call. We think you will be pleasantly surprised!

ALREADY CIVILLY MARRIED?

Or married in another faith tradition? We would love to talk to you about having your marriage blessed in the Catholic Church.

Call today: 856.983.0077

Or Email: richard.laverghetta@stjoans.org

jm.patilla@stjoans.org

PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION

Our Tabernacle Candle will remain lit during the week of December 17th to December 23rd for the intention of :

Mary Geraci

Requested By: Cetta

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

John McGinley, Bernie Koval, Gerard Hart, Francis Campo Sr., Donna Hill, Jillian Schlueter, Carol Shubert, Missy McGeever, Stephanie Berrios, and Pat Morris

REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of William Joseph Cruzan whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on December 12th.
Please pray for the soul of Melissa Courchain whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on December 14th.
Please pray for the soul of Edith Phipps whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on December 15th.
Please remember in your prayers the consolation of their family.

PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

KINDLY PRAY FOR THE WELFARE OF

Sgt Elliot Adkisson III, Jason Alexander, Matthew Alexander, Cms Michael Allen, Cpl Jason Annese, A1C Daniel Bilgic, A1C Joseph Bilgic, Josh Blassman, LT Justin Beck, Bryan Bolt III, Cpl Stephen Bray III, LT Jack Brandt, Col Denis Brown, Maj Ryan Brunk, Cmdr. Matthew Buyske, SN Matthew Chybinski, SSG John Ciacci, Michael Costello, MSgt Zachary Crawford, Gwen Daley SR, Joseph DeStefano, Josh Dikmak, Col Christopher DiNote, John Dixon, LCpl Silvio Duplechan Jr, Sgt Mohamed Embaby, Pvt Andrew Ensign, James Evans, Luca Franchi, Col Gerard Gagnon, E3 Lucas Goergen, Cpl Michael Goncalves, Spc Evan Grabowski, Andrew Guattari, LtCol John Harding, LtCol Bill Harkins, SR Hannah Hayes, James Hayes, Rick Heipertz, Spc William Hornung, Sgt Jeffrey Jayne, PFC David Johnson, Matt Kotowski, PO2 Dixon Kehoe, PO3 Maxx Kehoe, SSgt Kris Knaup, Brian Kohler, Sgt Jonathan Krall, 2nd Lt Trevor Kuroczka, Cpt Scott Lafferty, Lt John Paul Lamorte, A1C Class Daniel Little, SSG Stephen MacCrory, William Mace, Bryan Marines, Cayden Martin, Pvt. 1st Class Matthew Marthins, Cpl Anthony Mastrangelo, PFC Class Matthew Mastrangelo, LT Shane Mauro, Brenden McKittrick, Sgt Brian McNally, Sgt Luke McNally, SSG Richard Miller III, Cpl Timothy Miller, Lt Maggie Montesanti-Bowen, Cpl Shannyn Noone, A1C Anthony Orlando Jr, Sgt Michael Peterson, Bob Poller, ENT Nicholas Ricci, Sr Chief Kimberly Ripoli, Doug Sackett, Clinton Scheibner, Lt Andrew Schwalbenberg, Col Dan Shanahan, PFC Joseph Seller, Molina Semple, CW4 Nicole Sproesser, LT Gregory Swift, Dallas Thorp, Pvt Jake Witham, Luke Williams, Tristan Wood, SSgt Jaried Zavatter, Robert Zielinski, Pvt. Ian S. Evans & Cpt. Shaun T. Lieb EOD, Jack M. Tarzy, MIDN USN

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday

9:00 AM

December 18

Helen Manco r/o Family
Phillip Borden r/o Mom, Sue
Vincent Brigandi r/o Family
Jack Wilson r/o Rita Rollo

Tuesday

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

December 19

Mary Geraci r/o Daughter Cetta
Robert Hildebrand r/o Sue Latella
Christopher Bakey r/o Family
Robert Campbell r/o Bernie Franz
James Gallagher r/o Daughter Janet and Family

Wednesday

9:00 AM

December 20

Jack Veasy r/o Roseann & Jack Carroll
Marian O. Taranto r/o Chris & Jen Pilla
Margaret Squires r/o Claudia & Pete
Gretchen Schaller r/o Eileen Schank

Thursday

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

December 21

Deacon Bill Wilson r/o Fr. Rich LaVerghetta
Ken Mills r/o Cathy Amico
Joseph Camoratto r/o Barry & Alice Tarzy
Richard Gimigliano r/o Mickey Dillich
Walter Dougherty r/o James & Patti Shacklett
Mary Ann Carroll r/o Roseann & Jack

Friday

9:00 AM

December 22

Nancy Firreno r/o Lori Filipek
Colleen Gribbin r/o Jim & Marijane Michalowicz
Richard Gimigliano r/o Loving Family
Eleanor Constantino r/o Jim & Dawn DiMiero

Saturday

9:00 AM

4:00 PM

5:30 PM

December 23

Carol Logson r/o Joan Schlindwein
Jack Zeigler r/o Wife Marie & Family
Bernadette Culver r/o Pisasale Family
Lawrence Esposito r/o Esposito Family
John Jakominich r/o Tom & Terri Mooney
Vincent Maffei r/o Sharon & Ron Maffei
Frank Schwartz r/o Wife, Ann & Family

Sunday

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

3:00 PM

5:00 PM

8:00 PM

Midnight

December 24

Brian Jones r/o Eileen Thedinga
Nanny & Pop Pop r/o Grandchildren
Deacon Bill Wilson
Maria & Ted Flocco r/o Flocco Family
Matthew Seng r/o Family
Don & Stephen Jeffrey, George Kelly r/o Family
Eileen Lafferty Marmino r/o Mom & Dad
Martha Tuno r/o The Girone Family
Arthur Leonard r/o Dan Leonard
Killian Baldwin r/o Godmother
Helen, Frank & Francis Manco r/o Family
Special Intentions of Paula Kotowski
r/o Small Group Sisters
Monsignor Armand Pedata & Family r/o Family
Christopher & Patricia Bakey r/o Bakey Family
Monsignor Alex Palmieri r/o Loving Family

GOSPEL

Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing. [For this weekend's readings, click here.](#)

Faith Sharing questions located on adult formation page.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday Vigil Mass - Dec. 23rd

4pm

5:30pm

Sunday Mass - Dec. 24th

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

Christmas Eve - Dec. 24th

3:00 PM Church, 3:00 PM Gym

5:00 PM

8:00 PM

Midnight

Christmas Day:

8:00 AM

10:00 AM (livestream available)

12:00 PM



New Year's Eve:

Regular Sunday Schedule

New Year's Day:

9:00AM (livestream available)

All Masses Will Be Held in the Church.

Only the 3 PM Christmas Eve Mass will be in
both the Church and Gym.

Third Sunday of Advent / 2023

Complete the Circle

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Here we are in the Third Week of Advent. We've reached the pink candle on the Advent Wreath. The Sunday we name Gaudete, Latin for "REJOICE."

I urge everyone to make the best of this 3rd week of preparation because this year there will not be a 4th week. So, prepare the house, meals, gifts, cards, and also your heart, for the celebration of the Birth of Christ!

Although there is no 4th week of Advent, there WILL BE a Fourth Sunday of Advent (there always is!)! So, please don't skip it! Come next Sunday (or, if you prefer, Saturday evening, we are adding a 4pm Mass to make it easier).

As always, for Christmas, expect crowds. Come ready to joyfully greet people, especially the folks you do not know. Meet the folks sitting around you. We want people to say, "St. Joan of Arc is the friendliest parish ever!"

Leave big heavy coats in the car. Come ready to squeeze in. Don't worry about getting "your pew." Please don't "save seats;" it just causes everyone anxiety and raises people's blood pressure (not in a good way!)

Sing! Sing your heart out at Christmas Mass. You will know the songs, trust me! Singing is praying twice. Plus, when you sing, it sets a great example for all those around you.

After Mass, clean up around you (tissues, water bottles, Cheerios, mittens, etc). Even if it's not your stuff, clean it up for the folks coming to the next Mass.

Be kind and gentle in the parking lot! Remember: Jesus wasn't born inside a building; He was born outside in the parking lot, so to speak. Make it holy ground! Treat all other vehicles as if there is a Baby Jesus on board!

Love, love, love! This is what Christmas wants us to do! I cannot wait to celebrate it with you!

Joyous Adventing!

Fr. Rich

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT

A gentle reminder that at Christmas Mass we will "pass the basket" during the Offertory. (For those who wish, the collection boxes will remain in the vestibules).

We are humbled by the generosity of all who give Sunday after Sunday. If able to give a little extra at Christmas, we are very grateful. The Christmas Collection goes a long way to help our parish do the work of Jesus Christ throughout the year: to celebrate, proclaim and share the love of God with everyone ... no exceptions! **THANK YOU!**

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL



Please join us for our **closing Advent liturgy** on Friday, **December 22nd at 9 AM!**

The **Bowman School of Dance** will again entertain students and staff with their beautiful interpretation of the Nativity, Friday, December 22nd.

Our **Christmas vacation** will begin Friday, December 22nd at 12:30 PM. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd with our annual school wide **retreat day**, setting direction for 2024. PTA will provide a hamburger or hot dog lunch for that day, and students may wear their gym uniform.

Looking for the perfect addition to your Christmas tree? We have a **limited amount of the SJA 2023 "Eucharist - Bridge to Unity" Christmas ornaments** available for \$25 each. Cash or check can be sent to the school office.

Thanks to all who continue to support our **RaiseRight gram**. Grocery Gift cards and gift cards to many area stores and restaurants are available for purchase.

SJA school receives a percentage of the sale at no cost to you. For details, go to the PTA Current Happenings Page at www.stjoansk-8.org/pta-1/. Scan this QR code for the enrollment code.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES

We are blessed at St. Joan's with a large program. If interested in helping and joining our catechetical team, please contact Jessica Donohue, Director, at jessica.donohue@stjoans.org or 856-983-7575.

Join us Sunday, December 17th
During 9am and 10:30am Mass

No KidsLit on Dec. 24th & Dec. 31st.

See you on Jan. 7th at 9 am and 10:30am Mass

Questions? Melissa at childrensliturgy@stjoans.org



WINGS

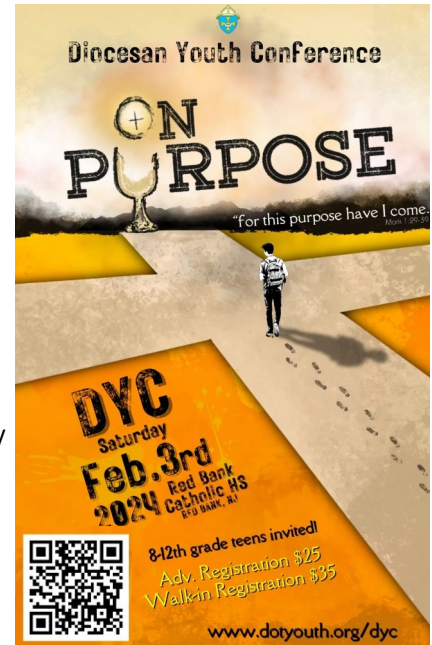
Sunday, December 17th WINGS Christmas Party Games! 630pm to 9pm in Pedata Hall. Open to all Parish Teens 13 to Senior in High School.

Sunday, January 14th Passion Play Tryouts 7pm - 9m in Pedata Hall. Open to all Parish Youth 7th Grade to Senior in High School. Earn service credits!

Saturday, February 3rd NYC! Open to 8th Graders to Highschool Seniors! Missed NCYC? Come to the next best local thing. See flyer for more information.

Saturday, Feb. 10th Save the date! WINGS Blue Mt. Ski/ Tubing day trip! More info soon! Its a fun day with your friends on Blue Mountain.

Any questions please contact Jay Keesler (856) 313-9304



Save the Date!

**7 PM
February 9th
2024**

**SJA'S 12TH ANNUAL
NIGHT AT THE RACES
& CASINO ROYALE**

Horse racing | Casino Games | Wine Pull | Basket Raffle
Non-stop fun and lots of chances to win!

Presented by the PTA hosted at SJA School Cafeteria & Gym

Questions ask Kathleen McGlade kmcglade@me.com

and Susan Murphy susan1017@yahoo.com

BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome the following children who were baptized into our community the weekend of December 10th:

Olivia Jane O'Brien, Lucy Katherine Romanoski, Nathan Paul Steets, Penelope Hope Entralgo



ADVENTING ...

Let's do Advent together! We hope this Advent Calendar will help all of us prepare together for Christmas and the coming of the Lord! (Pay Attention: the dates are purposely scrambled to keep us on our toes ... the way Advent wants to prepare us, up on our toes, alert, awake and ready to meet Jesus!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

It's the Sunday with the pink candle. The third candle. The third Sunday of Advent. We call it "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete means "Rejoice."

I don't think this is where we get the expression, "tickled pink," but you never know. Rejoicing certainly changes the look of one's face.

St. Paul tells the Thessalonians not simply to rejoice, but to rejoice always!" He says it quite emphatically, as if commanding it. Perhaps St. Paul understands that sometimes, given the state of the world, or situations in our own individual lives, it is difficult to rejoice and give thanks (giving thanks just seems to go with rejoicing, right?)

So, today, this week, REJOICE! Even if you don't feel like it. Imagine how it might lift your soul ... and change the color of your face!



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Remember Mary's word to the angel Gabriel:
"May it be done to me according to God's word."
Do we dare to make her words our prayer?

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Behold!

Now, there's a word you only hear in Church: BEHOLD!
Angels and prophets like to say it because it's the job of angels and prophets to get our attention!

This is what God is trying to do through the Incarnation.

At Christmas, God says to the world, "Behold! I am with you!"

**What will get your attention today?
How has God been trying to get your attention?**

What does God want you to behold today?

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19:

Elizabeth is said to be "barren" (Luke 1:5-25). In Biblical terms, it means she had no children. Such a harsh word! But God chooses her, Elizabeth, an elderly woman, childless, to give birth to John (the Baptizer). It turns out "barren" is *our* word, not God's! God sees no one as infertile or sterile. God sees all as full of potential, full of life, full of grace! We will see this again as Mary, a virgin, gives birth to Jesus, the Christ, the Savior of the world!

Pray for those who feel unfulfilled, or feel a failure, for those who feel they have nothing to give. Pray they see themselves as God sees them.

God never gives up on us!

... TOGETHER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Go the whole 9 yards!

Don't do Christmas without doing the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

It would be like watching three quarters of a movie and then skipping to the end.

Experience ALL of Advent.

Plan to come to Mass this Sunday AND for Christmas.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

This is Mary's prayer, her words upon visiting her cousin, Elizabeth, who has called her "blessed among women." Pray today with Mary, as we prepare to make room for the Christ Child:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever." (Luke 1:46-56)

ADVENT EVENTS

December 19: **Adoration and Benediction**, 5-6:30pm

December 19: **Penance Service**, 7pm

December 23-24: **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
(Masses at 4pm and 5:30pm on Saturday, Dec. 23;
7:30am and 9am on Sunday, Dec. 24)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21:

Hark!

It's another word we hear only in Church and usually only at Christmas in the world's most beautiful Christmas carol (according to Fr. Rich!): "Hark the herald angels sing!"

Hark! While related to "behold" it means more "to listen." Listen to angels singing. Or, as in Song of Songs (2:8-14), listen for your lover, bounding over the hills, calling to you!

Hark! Listen! It would be good with all the hustle and bustle of final preparations to take each day to harken, to listen to your heartbeat (or to another's), to listen to the lights twinkling on the Christmas tree or in the night sky, to listen to silence.

Hark! God speaks in so many ways, so many of them so softly.

ADULT FORMATION

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS

John the Baptist is sure about his own identity because he is sure about the identity of Jesus. John was believed by those who heard him because he helped them recognize Jesus in their midst. In your family life, what specific ways do you lead one another to recognize Jesus' presence in our world?

What was John the Baptist's reply when asked, "Who are you?" John said that he was not the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet. But then John quoted the prophet Isaiah, saying that he was "the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord."

What does your voice sound like to others? Is it judgmental or gentle; angry or kind; snippy or patient? John cries out with conviction and courage about who Jesus is. What brings you to cry out in life? What brings you to cry out with conviction about who Jesus is in your life? What are the "deserts" in your life and how can they lead to life and light?

Since this third Sunday of Advent is known as "Gaudete Sunday" (Gaudete means "rejoice"), what was a joyful moment for you this week and did you recognize God within your joy?

"We'll Be Home For Christmas"

We're taking a few weeks off from TMIY to help

... St. Nick!



Men, we return to Pedata Hall to resume our program in mid-January.

Stay tuned for details.

For more info or to sign up go to www.stjoans.org/tmiy/

Advent Penance Service to be held here at St. Joan of Arc.

Your sins are never bigger than God's love and mercy.

Let God help you find your joy again!

Tuesday, December 19th

7:00pm

St. Joan of Arc, Marlton

Many priests will be available for individual confessions.

******There will be no Saturday Confessions on December 23rd******

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

"If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus... We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist."



- St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

FDLC

Come as you are.

walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

The Walking With Purpose Advent Celebration will be held on

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Saint Joan of Arc ~ Pedata Hall

Come join in the celebration as we anticipate with the Holy Family the birth of our Savior . . .

All gifts for the Holy Family's homeless needs will be donated to Good Counsel Home.

Please join us for a reflective, prayerful evening filled with spiritual fellowship, music, appetizers & Christmas cheer!

MORNING PRAYER

7AM in Church Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Join us as we lift up our prayer petitions for each other along with receiving the Eucharist. A beautiful way to start the morning with the Psalms and Praising God.



ABIDE IN ME

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

Wednesday, December 20th 1pm in Knight's Hall

DO YOU NEED PRAYER OR WANT TO PRAY FOR OTHERS?

Join our prayer chain at:

www.stjoans.org/ministries/abide-in-me

Pray with us on Wednesdays from 1PM-2PM and once a month in the evening! To ask for a prayer, or to pray with us, email Marijane at abideinme@stjoans.org or call the parish office (856) 983-0077



MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th 3:00PM
SAINT JOAN OF ARC CHURCH

Come with your family and friends to
CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS THE "SAINT JOAN OF ARC WAY"

Help your children & grandchildren learn to sing
the carols that are dear to us.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & CHRISTMAS COOKIES
(Gluten & Sugar Free too!)

BLESSING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

Bring the BLESSED MOTHER from your Manger to be Blessed.

BRING BELLS ALONG!!

Please bring some of your homemade
Christmas cookies to share.

We need gluten free, sugar free,
and peanut free too.

We want to have
cookies for everyone!

NO CHARGE:

Kindly bring some
non-perishable food
to donate.



PARISH LIFE

POPCORN, FRANKS & A MOVIE

Thursday, December 21st 7:30pm in Pedata Hall

All are welcome to join us as we will be showing "**Christmas Manger.**"

Fleeing an abusive relationship, Jessica is reunited with her estranged foster father, "Chap," a rough-around-the edges rancher. With the help of a handsome neighbor, the group learns to trust again and discovers that there is hope and healing at the manger.

Come Hungry! Lite refreshments will be served. **Plan to be fed not just with food!**



AOA Sundays 7pm Knight's Hall

A Christ centered ministry of spiritual support for anyone on their journey through **addiction to recovery or anyone accompanying a loved one** on their journey. Guided by the "Recovery 12 Steps" & related scriptures from the Life Recovery Bible. We pray, we share, we support. We don't judge nor give advice. **AOA** is for anyone impacted by this disease. All are Welcome!

For more info visit stjoans.org/AOA.

To have a conversation, please contact:

Dan aoa@stjoans.org or 856-313-9758 or

Elaine at aoa@stjoans.org or 609-923-6525

CARITAS CORNER FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

MONTHLY EVENTS:

TLC SOCIAL ADULT GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS Ages 18+



Friday, January 26th SAVE THE DATE! 7:00 - 9:00 pm Pedata Hall
Movie Night

HEART TO HEART PARENT/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, January 16th 7:00 pm via Zoom



We will reflect on Isaiah 41: 10 & 13

CARITAS MASS

Sunday, January 28th St. Joan of Arc Church (Noon Mass)

NEW! CARITAS CAFE!! Faith Sharing, Fellowship, Fun with Friends!

Sunday, January 28th following CARITAS MASS from 1:00-2:00PM,
We invite Adults ages 18+ with one or more family members to come and share our faith with music, movement, small group activities and crafts. Light refreshments will be served.

CARITAS ENLIGHTENMENT

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." - St. Teresa of Calcutta

For more information about Caritas, email caritas@stjoans.org

THANK YOU!

Mt. Carmel Guild is very grateful to the parishioners of St. Joan of Arc for their extraordinary generosity once again. Your gifts will make a big difference to the families served by Mt. Carmel Guild this Christmas. Thank you also to those who helped to fill the truck with more than 50 large bags of toys. May blessings of peace and joy be upon you at the birth of Our Lord and Savior!



USHERS MINISTRY

The Ushers Ministry is always looking for men and women to join the ministry and help out at all the Masses. We currently need help for the 5:30pm Saturday Mass and are looking for a few parishioners to help on a regular basis. We could use help to cover the Christmas Masses. If you can help out or would like more information regarding the Ushers Ministry please contact Dean DeRose at ushers@stjoans.org

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Loss of a Child

Tuesday, December 19th 7:00pm in Arc Room

St. Joan's Bereavement Support Group, Journey Through Grief, meets monthly. This group is for the loss of a child. We welcome parents and family members; let us support and comfort each other. We will meet in the St. Joan of Arc Parish Office in the Arc Room at 7PM - 8:30 PM.

For more information or questions, please email bereavement@stjoans.org.

BEREAVEMENT

Loss of a Loved One

Thursday, December 21st 7:00pm in Knight's Hall

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 their story. If you are hurting from the loss of a loved one, please consider joining us.

For further information or questions, please email bereavement@stjoans.org.

PARISH LIFE

CHRISTMAS WREATHS



The Knights of Columbus are offering Christmas Wreaths for display outside the Church. Purchase your wreath in memory of loved ones, family or a festive Christmas theme!

Individuals or families can receive their individual wreaths and assigned spots with a **sponsorship of \$50**. Place orders by emailing knights@stjoans.org and send a check to Knights of Columbus 10 Patrick Henry Drive Marlton NJ 08053.

Start with your very own 20" lighted wreath prominently displayed on a 4-foot post secured around the island and walkways in front of our Church. Make it your own with decorations and remembrances of your loved ones and family. We suggest your memories or greetings be laminated prior to attaching them to your wreath.

Decorate to your hearts content, but no extra lights please.

Your wreath will remain lit and displayed throughout the Christmas Season, from Advent to The Epiphany (Jan 7th).

Here is an example. Adding a simple bow along with a few ornaments easily transforms this into a beautiful memorial or festive family wreath!



Order your wreath today!

HEALING FROM DIVORCE & SEPARATION

Wednesday, Dec. 20th 7pm Parish Office Dining Room

Helping you find Peace, Power and Passion -

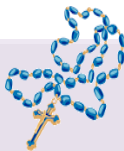
A support group for men and women seeking healing from divorce and separation. Questions contact Janet Polidora at healingafterdivorce@stjoans.org

DAILY ROSARY

2 PM MON—SAT

Join us for the DAILY rosary. We gather on **Zoom** at **2pm**

Monday thru Saturday. Contact Donna Gould with questions and for the zoom link at sja.rosary@gmail.com



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday Evenings

Eucharistic Adoration:

5:00pm-6:30pm

Benediction:

6:30pm



Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is He who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: He is God with us.
- Saint John Paul II



ANNUAL MARCH for LIFE

WASHINGTON, D.C. FRIDAY, JANUARY 19th
NEXT STEPS: MARCHING FORWARD INTO A POST-ROE AMERICA!

All are welcome to join five area parishes, as we march to demonstrate our commitment for **LIFE**. Bus will depart from the St. Mary of the Lakes parking lot after the **7:15am** Mass.

The cost for adults is **\$20** and for all students **\$15**.

Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult and have parental permission. For those unable to walk in the march, arrangements have been made for you to stay at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Sandwiches from Murphy's in Medford will be provided for the ride home. Your choice of **Roast Beef, Turkey or Veggie**. Please bring a bag lunch for the ride down. We will only make a brief stop at either the Maryland or Chesapeake House Travel Plazas. For more information or to reserve your seat please email Deacon Gene Kotowski at gene.kotowski@stjoans.org Please provide your sandwich selection and whether you'll be staying at the Basilica or attending the March.

Deadline to register for the march is Friday January 5th

SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH CHANCE DRIVE 2023 WINNERS

Grand Prize Winner: Debra Ponticello, Stamford, CT

\$500 Winners : William Retallick, Faith, NC,
Maria Thomas, Hatboro, PA

Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Tierce, Voorhees, NJ (**SJA Parishioners!**)

John Calvitti, Philadelphia, PA,

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Veit, Lafayette Hill, PA

Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser for the Sisters of Saint Joseph!

ONE IN THE SPIRIT

Thursday, December 21st 7:30pm Arc Room

St. Joan of Arc Prayer Group, "One in the Spirit," would like to invite our LGBTQ friends and their loved ones to join us for a time of prayer and faith sharing. In a spirit of mutual trust and respect for our LGBTQ sisters & brothers and for Church Teaching, we welcome everyone to deepen their relationship with our loving God.

We meet every **3rd Thursday of the month in the Arc Room.**

All are Welcome! To learn more about this ministry please visit: stjoans.org/one-in-the-spirit or email onespirit@stjoans.org

HUNGRY FOR HOPE

Thursday, Dec. 21st 3:30pm on Zoom

This isn't a diet it's a journey of healing & grace!

Rooted in God's love and nourished by his Word, this is a ministry of spiritual sharing and support for anyone who longs for a healthier relationship with food for themselves or their loved ones. Questions and for zoom link contact Marijane at hungryforhope@stjoans.org



STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

December 9/10\$16,755
Electronic Giving\$15,428
Support for Retired Religious Collection\$12,689

Thank you for your continued generosity!

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:

Gifts: **565**

Total Pledged: **\$108,992 (99% of Goal)**

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



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

- ☐ One Time Gift of \$_____
- ☐ I make my Pledge today of \$_____ to the ACA.
- Please set up payments of \$_____ for _____ months.

Name

Address

City State Zip

Parish

Email

Phone

Please make checks payable to:

Annual Catholic Appeal

PO Box 70170 Newark, NJ 07101

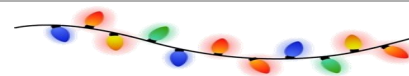
or drop in the collection box in the
main foyer or at the parish office.

Online donations can be made by
logging on to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal



ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to those who have made a gift to get our parish to **99% of goal!** If you would like to make a gift to help our parish reach goal please respond to the recent mailing or fill out a pledge card found in the back of the church - every gift helps! **Plus, when we reach our goal, we receive 15% of funds received to goal, and 50% of funds received over goal back for parish needs.** This additional support enhances our services, programs, & facilities.



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

THE WEEK AHEAD:



KofC Keep Christ in Christmas Sale

Sunday, December 17th

3:00 PM: Christmas Carol Festival - Church
7:00 PM: AOA - Knight's Hall
7:00 PM: WINGS - Pedata Hall

Tuesday, December 19th

5:00 PM: Adoration - Church
6:30 PM: Benediction - Church
7:00 PM: Loss of a Child - Arc Room
7:00 PM: Penance Service - Church

Wednesday, December 20th

9:45AM: Bible Study - Knight's Hall
1:00PM: Abide in Me - Knight's Hall
7:00 PM: Healing from Divorce/Separation
- Parish Office Dining Room

7:00PM: O.C.I.A. - Pedata Hall

7:00PM: WWP Advent Celebration - Pedata Hall

Thursday, December 21st

3:30 PM: Hungry for Hope - Zoom
7:00 PM: Loss of a Loved One - Knight's Hall
7:00 PM: Popcorn, Franks, & a Movie - Pedata Hall
7:00 PM: One in the Spirit - Arc Room