

Church of St. Joan of Arc

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2023

Let's Advent Together

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Office Hours

OFFICE CLOSED: Dec. 25 and Dec. 26

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 24th to December 30th for the intention of :

Bob Picollo

Requested By: The Graziosi

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of Margaret M. Opsasnick whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on December 16th. Please remember in your prayers the consolation of her 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 Ciaci, 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, Cpt Michelle Mathews, LT Shane Mauro, Brenden McKittrick, Sgt Brian McNally, Sgt Luke McNally, Cpt Jared Miller, SSG Richard Miller III, Cpl Timothy Miller, Lt Maggie Montesanti-Bowen, Cpl Shannyn Noone, A1C Anthony Orlando Jr, Sgt Michael Peterson, Bob Poller, ENT Nicholas Ricci, Sr Chief Kimberly Ripoli, Doug Sackett, Clinton Scheibner, 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

December 25

8:00 AM

Martha Tuno r/o *Debbie & Jack Galamb*
William Rizzi r/o *Family*
Bob Picollo r/o *Wife Dolores & Family*
Parishioners & Benefactors

10:00 AM

Rosemarie Viney r/o *The Rescigno Family*
Joseph Grabowski, Sr. r/o *Charlene*
Richard Carlin r/o *Wife Kathy & Family*

12:00 PM

Albert Zotti r/o *Diane Zotti*
Mary Schiappa r/o *Family*
William Bouillon r/o *The Balco Family*
Anthony & Edith Arigo r/o *Family*

Tuesday

December 26 - No Mass today

Wednesday

December 27

9:00 AM

John Michalowicz r/o *Joan Horner*
Tom Valcich r/o *Jim & Marijane Michalowicz*
Joseph Pino r/o *Joanne Hurlock*
Chris Jucnno r/o *The Haigh Family*

Thursday

December 28

9:00 AM

Bill Silk r/o *Wilfe Eileen & Family*
Gary Carey r/o *Barry & Alice Tarzy*
John DeCicco r/o *Wife Susan & Children*
Kenneth James Siwec r/o *Gil & Brett Tayag*

Friday

December 29

9:00 AM

Richard Brown, Sr. r/o *wife Eileen & Family*
Joseph Camoratto r/o *Eileen Schank*
Honey Clair r/o *Bernie Franz*
Mary Carabasi r/o *Henry & Eileen Quattrone*

Saturday

December 30

9:00 AM

Sonia & Anthony Milano r/o *Daughter Kathy*
Annette Carolina Daly r/o *Frank & Gayle McGee*
Edwin Jones r/o *Linden Family*

5:30 PM

James T. Harcarik r/o *Edith, Angelina, & Julia*
David Allison r/o *Frank & Maria Conte*
Frank Schwartz r/o *Wife, Ann & Family*

Sunday

December 31

7:30 AM

Richard Nocella r/o *Tom & Claire La Rosa*
Parishioners & Benefactors

9:00 AM

Hank D'Andrea r/o *Diane & Jeff Feeny*
Lisa Kober Mueller r/o *Joyce Kober-Bell*
Rita M. Flood r/o *Kim Chiachetti & Tim Dean*

10:30 AM

Jack Veasy r/o *Deacon Gene & Paula Kotowski*
Margaret Squires r/o *Jerry & Sandy Skorch*
Dominic Pettula r/o *Joanne Del Prato*

12:00 PM

Chritmas Flower Intentions
Mary Elena Wirzbarger r/o *Colleen Forrester*
James Miller r/o *Natalie Bohi*

GOSPEL

Lk 1: 26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. [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

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent / 2023

WEEK IN A DAY

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

With God a thousand years can be like one day and one day like a thousand years. That's what we heard last Sunday. This Sunday, one day is the entire Fourth Week of Advent. That's what you get when Christmas falls on a Monday!

It's a quirk of the calendar, but there is an important lesson for us on this extremely short Fourth Week of Advent.

We are not in control.

So, yes, relax. As all the last minute preparations swirl around you like a tornado, take a deep breath and relax.

You are not in control.

This, it turns out, is Christmas' ultimate lesson. **God is not about control. God is about love.**

Find a minute (you can find one) and think about it: God so loved the world that in the fullness of time God gave the world His only-begotten Son. The only reason for Christmas is because God loves. And not in the abstract, but in the flesh.

Loving is always better than controlling.

What else could God, choosing to become the most vulnerable of persons, a child, want to show us?

God is love. Not control.

So, still wearing purple, still singing O Come, O Come Emmanuel, still lighting an Advent candle on an Advent wreath, I wish you a Merry Christmas!

Fr. Rich

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The Christmas Collection goes a long way to help our parish do the work of Jesus Christ throughout the year: to share the love of God with everyone ... no exceptions! Thank you for your generosity at Christmas!

THE STAFF,
SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH
AND CLERGY OF ST. JOAN OF ARC
WISH YOU AND YOURS
A MERRY
HOLY
JOYOUS
AND PEACE-FILLED CHRISTMAS!
GOD BLESS YOU!

ADVENTING TOGETHER!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Mary is presented in the light of the prophet who says “behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son.” Matthew the evangelist recognizes that this happened in Mary, who conceived Jesus through the Holy Spirit. The son of God “comes” into her womb in order to become man, and she welcomes him. Thus, in a unique way, God drew near to mankind, taking on flesh through a woman: God drew near to us and took on flesh through a woman. To us too, in a different way, God draws near with his grace in order to enter our life and offer us the gift of his Son. What do we do? Do we welcome him, let him draw near, or do we reject him, push him away? As Mary, freely offering herself to the Lord of history, allowed him to change the destiny of mankind, so too can we, by welcoming Jesus and seeking to follow him each day, cooperate in his salvific plan for us and for the world. Mary thus appears to us as a model to look to and upon whose support we can count on in our search for God, in our closeness to God, in thus allowing God to draw close to us, and in our commitment to build the culture of love. *(Pope Francis)*



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

from all of us at St. Joan of Arc School!

Take time to enjoy the days with family, friends, and our parish community.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We wish you a Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!



WINGS



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 DYC! Open to 8th Graders to High school Seniors! Missed NCYC? Come to the next best local thing. See flyer for more information.

Diocesan Youth Conference

Saturday Feb 3 2024

**Red Bank Catholic HS,
Red Bank NJ**

8th—12th Grade Teens Invited

Adv. Registration \$25, Walk-In Registration \$35
www.dotyouth.org/dyc



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

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

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

Questions? Contact Melissa Denisi

Eisenstock at childrensliturgy@stjoans.org



BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome the following children who were baptized into our community the weekend of December 17th:



Rory Micheal Blom, Tyler Leo Austin, Vincent John Altieri, Casey Berdj Kalustyan, Salem Louis Gray, Sage Lania Gray



ADULT FORMATION

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS

Today in Luke's Gospel we read the Annunciation story. God calls Mary to be the first disciple. Mary's initial response to Angel Gabriel's appearance and message is fear, a fairly common reaction. Sensing Mary's fear, the angel speaks one of the most common phrases in Scripture: "Do not be afraid."

Reflect on circumstances in your life in which has God called you to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus? Were you ever afraid as Mary? Mary's answer is, "Yes." Can you name a time when it was very hard for you to say 'yes' to God? What is your relationship to Mary? What has helped it to develop?

Gabriel also informs her of her cousin Elizabeth's pregnancy. Although much older than Mary, Elizabeth too will bear a child for "nothing is impossible with God." Recall an experience in your life when you felt hopeless; but because nothing is impossible with God, your situation was changed for the better.

Merry Christmas

What a gift!



Men, we would love to share this wonderful gift we've received.

Come join. We return in January.

For more info

go to www.stjoans.org/tmiy/

walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

WWP will NOT be meeting on December 27th.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a healthy & Happy New Year! All meetings will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd.



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 27th 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



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

For God would make himself wholly like them, and he would come to them and dwell with them; and God would be man and man would be God, and he would talk with them and eat and drink with them; and he himself would be with them continually until the consummation of this world.



St. John of the Cross
(1542-1591)

St. Joan of Arc School

Faith, Knowledge, Service

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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December at SJA



Christmas Concert

Santa's Secret Shop

Senior Luncheon

Advent Liturgies

Advent Service Projects

Johnson's Farm Family Outing

Christmas Classroom Projects

Waiting, Watching, Wondering!





Dear Parishioners,

Peace! Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones. May these Christmas days fill your hearts and homes with God's peace, joy and love. Blessed are we that we are able to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

With Advent being shorter this year we began our preparation a few days earlier. On Friday, December 1st, we gathered as our school community, focusing our hearts on the need to be a bridge of peace and unity. Our scripture reading was from Isaiah proclaiming the lion and the lamb, though very, very different in every way, are able to respect each other. What a lesson for us all.

Each morning we were reminded that the Amaryllis plant grows silently and slowly. In awe and wonder, we wait, watch and wonder. What a perfect symbol of Advent, waiting, watching, and wondering about the Christmas miracle, the birth of Jesus.

Our annual Advent and Christmas Concert on Friday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, reminded us of the importance of our Christmas carols. We were invited to listen and live their messages.

Our moms, aunts and grandmoms were invited to join us for an Advent morning of prayer, reflection, and crafts after our Advent liturgy. We celebrated Mary, Our Lady of Advent as we prepared the way of the Lord.

During our Advent liturgies, Father Rich challenged us to think about what was on God's List and how we could be a bridge to each other. Father JM reminded us of the importance of counting our blessings.

Our Advent projects consisted of a variety of activities that would bring God's joy to those in need: St. Nicholas Toy Drive, Operation Holiday Goodie Drop, Blessing Bags for the Homeless, Glove and Sock Drive, Gift Cards for Helping Hands and Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon.

Our Advent Season ended with the celebration of liturgy followed by a presentation by the Bowman Dancers. It was a wonderful way to bring Advent to a close and open the door to Christmas.

We wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy, Holy and Healthy New Year. See you in 2024.



Christmas Blessings,

Sister Pat



PARISH LIFE

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

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION MONTH 4

What a miracle your spiritually adopted baby is! If her mother's womb had a window, you could watch her squint, swallow and move her tongue. If her palm is touched, she will respond by making a fist. Pray that the Lord of Life moves the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of life. Please pray daily the prayer of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.

I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who may be in danger of abortion. Amen.

From: Life/Justice Committee

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

Bundle of Joy - SUNDAY Baptism Preparation Team

If you love babies and baptism, then maybe God is inviting you to help us with our **Bundle of Joy SUNDAY Baptism Team**.

You would be responsible for one Sunday a month to welcome our families, complete a small amount of paperwork with them and take photographs of the families for our bulletin. If interested, please contact SueAnn at sueann.jeral@stjoans.org

Come support your **Health Ministry Blood Drive** And receive a **great Dunkin' gift!**



American Red Cross Blood Drive

St Joan of Arc
Monday, January 15th
1:00 pm- 6:00 pm

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY:

[CLICK HERE](#) Or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code: **Joan of Arc**

Consider making a **Power Red** donation. Power Red Cell collection is an automated process that safely allows for the collection of two red cell units rather than one. It can make **twice the difference** for patients in need.

THANK YOU for supporting the American Red Cross Blood Program and helping to ensure there is blood on the shelves to help save lives.



PARISH PIZZA SOCIAL

Saturday, January 6th AFTER the 5:30 PM Mass in Pedata Hall

All are welcome to join us immediately following the 5:30pm Mass on January 6th for our parish pizza social. Join us and the Knights of Columbus for some delicious pizza, soft drinks, and dessert. This is a treat for the 5:30 pm regulars who don't get to enjoy Community Sunday. See you there!



Council, #6530 Father John P. Wessel
THINKING OF JOINING THE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?
VISIT: KOFC.ORG/UN/NEWJOIN/EN

PARISH LIFE

LOVE IN ACTION - A NEW MINISTRY!

Tuesday, January 16th 7pm in Pedata Hall

Our parish is excited to launch a new social justice ministry called LOVE IN ACTION: Life, Justice and Creation. Our ministry will be grounded in our baptismal call as Christians to care for one another and our planet Earth.

Please join us for our first meeting on Tuesday, January 16th at 7pm in Pedata Hall to hear what we have in mind and to brainstorm about what you may have in mind for our new ministry.

If you have any questions please contact SueAnn at sueann.jeral@stjoans.org.

HUNGRY FOR HOPE

No meeting this week.

We will meet next on

Thursday, Jan. 4th 3:30pm on Zoom

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

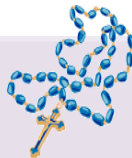
Rooted in God's love and nourished by his Word, this is a ministry of spiritual sharing and support for anyone who longs for a healthier relationship with food for themselves or their loved ones. Questions and for zoom link contact Marijane at hungryforhope@stjoans.org



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



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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Family Promise of Burlington County (formerly IHN) is a faith-affiliated nonprofit serving families experiencing housing insecurity in Burlington County. We provide a variety of services, such as emergency shelter to families that have already lost their homes, direct financial assistance to families that are in imminent danger of eviction or foreclosure, and help with first month's rent and security deposit for families establishing a new home. All our services come with comprehensive case management—assessment, planning, and guidance to ensure the family's continued success in establishing permanent, stable housing.

Covid-19 took a tremendous toll on our organization, as it did for many nonprofits. Prior to the pandemic, we had a team of over 200 dedicated volunteers that helped us serve our client families. We are trying to re-engage those volunteers, on whom we rely so heavily.

Our greatest need is for empathetic people to engage with people calling us for information. The commitment is for a couple of hours per week.

Volunteers will answer the phone and record basic information about the caller and their situation into a database. Training will be provided. We also have two professional opportunities. We'd like someone with an accounting background to volunteer for a couple of hours per month to do our bank reconciliation and annual tax return.

We also need a CPA to audit three years of tax returns to make us eligible for larger grants. We will continue to audit our annual returns going forward. The auditor role will be a paid contract position.

Anyone interested should contact Scott Rush at srush@fpburlco.org. People interested in the accounting positions should include a resume.

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

December 16/17\$16,153

Electronic Giving\$17,446

Thank you for your continued generosity!

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:

Gifts: **573**

Total Pledged: **\$110,367 (100% of Goal)**

Total Paid: **\$107,127 (97% 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.

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Parish

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Please make checks payable to:

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PO Box 70170 Newark, NJ 07101

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

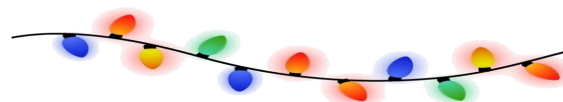
Online donations can be made by
logging on to

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal



[CLICK HERE to
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ELECTRONICALLY](#)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE!



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Monday, December 25th

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Tuesday, December 26th

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Wednesday, December 27th

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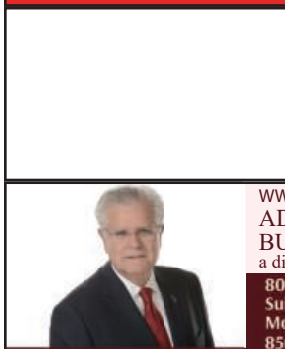
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