Church of St. Joan of Arc

We are a Eucharistic People.

We Adore Christ; We Receive Christ; We Become Christ for One Another.



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2024

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

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

Saturday 9:30am - 12:00pm

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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:7amSaturday9amMorning 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 February 25th to March 2nd for the intention of :

Muriel & James Edwards

Requested by: The Yankanich Family

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Tom Lorusso, Joe Sadlowski, Roberta Schneider, Fr. John A Del Duca, Fr. Robert V Smith, David D Evans, Paul Krisa, Joseph Leyenaar, and Diana Jordan

REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of James J. Reed whose Funeral Service was celebrated on February 19th. Please pray for the soul of James W. Loughry, Jr. whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on February 21st. Please pray for the soul of William C. McGoey whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on February 22nd. Please pray for the soul of Margaret Maney whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on February 24th. Please remember in your prayers the consolation of their families.

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, Thomas Farley, Luca Franchi, Col Gerard Gagnon, E3 Lucas Goergen, Cpl Michael Goncalves, Spc Evan Grabowski, Andrew Guattari, LtCol John Harding, LtCol Bill Harkins, Jared Hatley, 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

9:00 AM Gloria Marguerite DiPietro

r/o Daughters Michele & Roseanne Steven Coluzzi r/o Carol Derita

Anthony Arcieiciano r/o Debbie & Frank Conti

Tuesday February 27

7:00 AM **Tessie Lim** r/o Cathy & Rob Palermo

Leonard Petruzzo r/o Bill & Maria Elena

9:00 AM Jack Marczely r/o Marie Zeigler

Thomas Triller r/o *Tim & Eileen Hartman* **Rose Mary Chichester** r/o *The Dietz Family*

Wednesday February 28

9:00 AM Mike Falzone r/o Bob & Dolores Picollo

Patti Travers r/o Danielle & Al Stuffo Bob Picollo r/o Lillian Abbinanti Robert Hildebrand r/o Sue Latella

Thursday February 29

7:00 AM Irene Thorne r/o Catherine Daniels

9:00 AM Kaminski & Carey Families r/o Judy & Walt

Thomas Crilley r/o Lisa Grandinetti

Marty Stutz r/o Jackie & Michael Yankanich

Mark Cullinan r/o Loving Family

Friday March 1

9:00 AM Maria Utterbaugh r/o Linda Holtzman

Rosemarie Walsh r/o The Heck Family
Doris Hannon r/o Mickey & Smiley Knight

Saturday March 2

9:00 AM Eileen Kleinz r/o Dee Soderstrom

Tom Carlson r/o Mary Bernard Lenora Ladik r/o Bob & Gerry Leader

Molly Sergi r/o Jackie & Joe Gallombardo & Family

5:30 PM Brian Miller r/o Paula Connolly

Marie Browne r/o Steven & Dolores Richardson Jane Birnbohm r/o Donata & Bernie Kratz

Bob Picollo r/o Joanne, Dean, Alexis & Jon DeRose

Sunday March 3

7:30 AM **Killian Baldwin** r/o *Godmother*

Karen Ciccotelli r/o George Forman

Madaline Bonfiglio r/o Love Pete & Family

9:00 AM Special Intentions of Catherine Daniels

r/o Small Group Sisters

Maria Smith r/o The Lombardo Family
Dolores Dailey r/o The Magee Family
Matthew Seng r/o Loving Family

10:30 AM Marian Abruzzese r/o Loving Family
Jim Miller r/o Deacon Tom & Effie

Wilhelmine LaRusso r/o With love, Judy

12:00 PM Linda Ficca r/o Jack Lamplugh

Gloria Osler r/o Anthony Gambone & Family

Frances Donahue r/o Lillian Abbinanti & Family

GOSPEL Mk 9: 2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

For this weekend's readings, click here.

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS:

Peter, James and John witness Jesus transfiguration, but they themselves also undergo a transfiguration. Something within their hearts, minds, and their souls changes, so they are able to hear God's voice announcing Jesus as God's "beloved son" and hear God's call to "listen to Jesus". God reveals, directly to the disciples, who Jesus is. Then God commands the apostles to listen to Jesus. In other words, follow Jesus. Lent is a time of transfiguration for each one of us. Are YOU ready to be transfigured? What changes need to occur in this moment of your life to be open to hearing God's voice? Sometimes we are afraid to hear God's voice. What in your life distracts you from God? How do you put into practice God's daily call to listen to Jesus? What steps can you take to listen and follow Jesus throughout the morning, afternoon and evening? When do you struggle to listen to Jesus? Who or what helps you to work through your struggles?

2nd Sunday IN LENT /2024 No Portrait of Jesus

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Two Fridays ago (Feb. 16) during our 9am School Mass, I asked the St. Joan of Arc students why they thought Jesus gave Himself to us as bread and wine. In other words, He wanted to be remembered, so why didn't He have someone paint His portrait, or why didn't He leave us His robe? Why when He said, Do this in remembrance of me, it was to take bread and wine?

The responses from the kids were wonderful! (You can watch the Mass on YouTube or Facebook.) One young man said, "So that we can receive Him." My heart leaped for joy when I heard this!

Exactly!

Jesus doesn't want to be just remembered like we remember Socrates, or even St. Francis of Assisi. Jesus wants to be received! Jesus wants to be part of our lives and wants us to be part of His life! In the Eucharist, we have communion in Christ! We partake of His life.

Just as we need food to stay alive, we need the Bread of Life to really live!

Peace!

Fr. Rich

FIRST FRIDAY SERIES

Friday, March 1st at 9:45 AM in Pedata Hall

Please join us for First Friday Series after the 9AM Mass on Friday, March 1st.

All are invited! Sponsored by our Adult Faith Enrichment Team.

Join us for a

EUCHARISTIC SUMMIT

We Adore Christ, We Receive Christ, We Become Christ for Others

Wednesday, March 6 6:30pm-8:30pm

6:30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (will include time for quiet Prayer and also Praise and Worship) 7:30pm: Celebration of Mass

Please bring any kind of bread, one loaf or package (sandwich, hotdog/hamburger rolls, pita, dinner rolls, bagels) to be shared with the poor. Thank you.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL

Thanks again to all those who joined us for Night at the Races! Check your tickets! If you have any of the following tickets, please reach out to Susan Murphy Susan1017@yahoo.com or Kathleen McGlade kmcglade@me.com.

Ticket numbers: 0922718, 85612, 0922719.

Save the date for our 15th Annual SJA School Golf Outing on Monday, May 6th at Indian Springs Country Club in Marlton. Join us for this great event that is not just for golfers - all are welcome to support our school!

Tuesday, February 27 Mr. Paul Sanfrancesco will talk about social media and students at 7 PM in the cafeteria. This is the Technology meeting that was postponed due to weather back in January. Please come out and learn something that will help you keep your child safe.

Our 6th grade spaghetti dinner will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28th at 6:15. Thank you to our PTA for providing this opportunity for classmates and families to share a delicious meal together.

NIGHT AT THE RACES BASKET RAFFLE WINNERS

Check your tickets! If you have any of the following ticket numbers, please email Susan Murphy susan1017@yahoo.com or Kathleen McGlade kmcglade@me.com.

Ticket Numbers: 0922718, 85612, 0922719

Thank you again for supporting St. Joan of Arc School!

KIDSLIT

Join us for Lent on Sunday, February 25th during 10:30am Mass





We will see you on Sunday, March 3rd at 9am and 10:30am Mass.

Any questions? Please contact Melissa Denisi Eisenstock at childrensliturgy@stjoans.org

WINGS

Sunday, Feb. 25th 7pm- 9pm - Play Practice for the *Passion* Play performance on March 15th and March 16th at 7pm. We have room available if anyone still wants to participate!

Sunday, May 19th - State Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure!

All Families of the parish - Save the date! May 19th State Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure. We hope you join WINGS and the Youth of the Diocese of Trenton for a day of fun at this great park with a buffet lunch and ending with a Mass for all in attendance. Call Jay Keesler at (856) 313-9304 and watch for more information soon.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Art of Catechesis - Virtual Classes in February

Have you ever thought about volunteering as a catechist or aide for Religious Education? Interested in learning more about our Catholic faith? We have a class for that! 'Art of Catechesis,' is a course created by the Diocese. Session 3 Tools and Practice will be offered virtually on Wednesday, February 28th, 6:30 pm. Participants must register in advance so that we can send you the Google Meet link for the class (there is no cost for this class). You can find the registration form at www.stjoans.org/religious-education/for-catechists. Questions? Please email Jessica Donohue, facilitator for the course, at jessica.donohue@stjoans.org.

ABIDE IN ME

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

Wednesday, February 28th 1:00pm in Knight's Hall DO YOU NEED PRAYER OR WANT TO PRAY FOR OTHERS?

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

To ask for a prayer, or to pray with us, email Marijane at abideinme@stjoans.org or call the parish office.

WEDDING BANNS

Second Announcement: Kathryn Aucello & Kyle Flanagan



BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome the following children who were baptized into our community the weekend of February 18th:





Arden Grace Connell Weston Turner Spillner Emily Michele Keefe





From the <u>Catechism</u> of the <u>Catholic</u> Church:

1376 "Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council [of Trent] now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy **Catholic Church has** fittingly and properly called transubstantiation."



From an embroidered banner in St Dominic's, Newcastle. Photo by Lawrence Lew, O.P.

2nd Sunday of Lent's Eucharistic Word:

Transubstantiation

Another Big Word

The Catholic Church has got some big words, that's for sure. How about **consubstantial**, for starters? Then there is **prevenient** grace. Even **catechumen** can be tough. **Transubstantiation** may be the biggest among them and the most difficult to understand.

But that doesn't mean we shouldn't try saying it or understanding it.

It is used most famously by St. Thomas Aquinas back in the 13th century. The Council of Trent (16th century) used the term to describe what takes place to the bread and wine during the Mass.

The accidents (that is, the appearance) of bread and wine, do not change, but the substance truly, really does. After the consecration (a big word in its own right), it is no longer bread and wine on the altar but the body and blood of Christ. And this is not temporary change, not something that happens just during Mass and then goes back to being bread and wine after Mass is over. This is why we do not discard the remaining consecrated elements. The remaining consecrated hosts are kept safely and reverently in the Tabernacle. The Blood of Christ is fully consumed. This is also why we do not refer to the Eucharist as a mere symbol.

Today's Scriptures and the Eucharist

(Genesis 22:1-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10)

Mountains play a big role in our Scriptures this Sunday, as they do all throughout the Bible. When there is a mountain, there will be an important epiphany, an awe-inspiring encounter with the Holy of Holies, God.

In his fidelity to God, Abraham holds nothing back, but God tells Abraham to forego the sacrifice of his son, Isaac. In a twist, this mountainous event prefigures the giving of God's own Son on Mt. Calvary. God will hold nothing back in His love for us. It is this Jesus, God's beloved Son, whom is transfigured on a mountain and revealed to Peter, James and John in a glorified state.

Every Mass is like going up a mountain where we encounter the living God. Today we hear God say, "Listen to my Son." At every Mass, bread and wine are "transfigured," changed, becoming, through the words of Christ, His very Body and Blood.

Like Peter, Andrew & James, we who receive the Lord in the Eucharist must go down the mountain changed, different than who we were when we went up. Same face, same appearance, but the love of Christ within us must shine out for all to see.

In the Eucharist, we adore Christ, we receive Christ and we become Christ for others.

A PRAYER FOR PREPARING TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

By St. Thomas Aquinas

All-powerful and everlasting God, behold, I approach the sacrament of Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

As one infirm, I approach the medicine of life; as one unclean, the fountain of mercy; as one blind, the light of eternal splendor; as one poor and needy, the Lord of heaven and earth.

Therefore, I ask Thee, from the abundance of Thine immense generosity, to cure my illness, wash away my uncleanness, illuminate my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness, that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, such purpose and intention, as is expedient for the salvation of my soul.

Grant, I beg Thee, that I may receive not only the sacrament of the Lord's Body & Blood, but also the reality and power of this sacrament.

O most gentle God, grant me so to receive the Body of Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which He took of the Virgin Mary, that I might be worthy to be incorporated into His Mystical Body and counted among His members.

O most loving Father, give to me Thy beloved Son, whom I intend to receive now in veiled form on my pilgrimage, that I may one day contemplate Him with unveiled face for all eternity, who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

[Christ} took upon himself our humanity that we might share in his divinity. We are nourished by his flesh that we may grow to be other Christs. I believe this literally, just as I believe the child is nourished by the milk from his mother's breast."

Dorothy Day, Servant of God

EUCHARIST: THE HEART OF OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

Every day during Lent we are highlighting a word (or phrase) related to the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Throughout the week you can find a brief reflection on the daily word at the following websites:

www.stjoans.org

Facebook

@stjoansmarlton

Instagram

@stjoansmarlton

Last week's words: In case you missed them, take a look and pray with them:

BODY OF CHRIST (Sunday, February 19)

DAILY BREAD (Tuesday, February 20)

MISSION/SERVICE (Wednesday, February 21)

BELIEVE (Thursday, February 22)

SIGN OF PEACE (Friday, February 23)

PARTAKE/PARTICIPATION

(Saturday, February 24)

St. Joan of Arc School



Faith, Knowledge, Service























February 2024 February Highlights

February was a month full of activities!

Faculty vs. 8th Grade Volleyball Game and Pep Rally

Grandparents Day World Read Aloud Day 7th & 8th Grade Spaghetti Dinners 100th Day of School Night at the Races

Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day Presidents Day 2nd Grade First Reconciliation Classroom Blessings SJA Basketball Service Projects











Dear Parishioners,

Peace! We are happy to join you in SJA's Lenten practices – *EUCHARIST ~ The Heart of Our Journey Together*. While each adult who attended Ash Wednesday received a holy card with a specific Lenten word, the children have received their own personal calendar with all the words. Each day we reflect on the parish word of the day and do our best to reflect on it and live it.

As we strive to be Eucharistic people, our school families are collecting a variety of bread: sandwich, bagels, hot dog rolls, hamburger rolls, English muffins and crackers for our local food pantries. The recipients of the items are most appreciative.

February began with registration for the 2024-2025 school year. We are very excited to welcome our new families to our school community. At this time registration for grades K-4 is open, and grades 5-8 have a waiting list. If you would like a personal tour please call the school office at 856-983-0774 and *COME SEE THE DIFFERENCE*.

Grandparents/Special Persons Day followed registration. We were delighted that so many were able to join us. Father JM shared a story of his great grandfather and the special role he played in his life.

Other February activities included our 100th Day, Va*LENT*ine's Day, Ash Wednesday and President's Day. Hopefully you heard our Kindergarten students sing the Star Spangled Banner before our weekly 9:00 AM liturgy.

Our class spaghetti dinners are almost complete. Thanks so much to the PTA and kitchen crew who make these dinners possible.

Our Second grade students celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, February 24th. Please pray with and for them as they continue to receive God's love and mercy.

St. Joan of Arc basketball teams celebrate Eucharist together this weekend at 10:30 Mass followed by our Annual Communion Breakfast.

As you know this year February has an extra day. One of our activities to commemorate this day will be to open our Leap Year box from February 29, 2020. We are excited to see the gems that were placed in the Leap Year box that day. We will also put memories from 2020-2024 in a box to be opened in 2028. Whatever you do on this extra day may you have a deeper awareness of God's presence in your life.

Thanks so much to all who participated in our annual Night at the Races fundraiser. It was a wonderful evening from beginning to end. Special thanks to all who made this event possible.

May your Lenten experiences bring you to a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the great gift of the Eucharist. Yes, we are a Eucharistic people. We Adore Christ. We Receive Christ. We Become Christ for One Another.



God's Blessings, Sister Pat



























PARISH LIFE

Come as you are



walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 28th.

Opening Your Heart: Please come prepared to discuss Lesson 17: "Can God Really Change Me or Is That Just Wishful Thinking".

Keeping In Balance: Be prepared to review and discuss Lesson 17: "Balance Through Surrender".

Fearless & Free: We will review Lesson 5, 'Passionate", days 1-3. This lesson will look at our passion for holiness in our lives. Please come prepared to review Day 1: Desire, Day 2:Light and Day 3: Opportunity.

It's Lent Join us for a little "Cross"—training.



We meet on Friday mornings in Pedata Hall at 6am And On-line via ZOOM on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

It's never too late to give us a try.

Go to <u>www.stjoans.org/tmiy/</u> for more info.

WOMEN OF FAITH WALKING HUMBLY WITH GOD



Monday, February 26th 7:00 pm Pedata Hall

This season we are exploring how "We Are Called" to radiate God's love and expand his care to those we meet in our daily lives. This month, parishioner

Christina Kotowski, the wonderful daughter of Deacon Gene and Paula Kotowski, will discuss how we are called to walk humbly with God. Christina has focused her education on behavioral sciences and Catholic studies. She currently works with young autistic children as a one-on-one teacher and serves in our Caritas ministry.

Our speaker will be followed by table discussions and fellowship. We also offer a Zoom meeting for those who would prefer to attend from home. We are always happy to welcome new and returning members, as well as friends and family. Please email Kathy Burns at womenoffaith@stjoans.org for more information or to sign up for our email list. We will be so happy to see you at the meeting or on Zoom!

Let's Talk About It

Are you dealing with depression, anxiety, marital issues, aging, feeling alienated or isolated?

Consider making an appoinement with Sr. Barbara Gondek, SSC. Sister Barbara is a licensed clinical social worker/counselor with over 24 years experience in the field of counseling.

To schedule an appointment, please call Sr. Barbara at the parish office at (856) 983-0077 ext. 315.

Sister Barbara is in the office Wednesdays and Thursdays.

At this time, this ministry is limited to parishioners of St. Joan of Arc. A free will offering is suggested.

LOVE IN ACTION - A NEW MINISTRY!

Thursday, February 29th 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 Thursday, February 29th 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.

CARITAS CORNER FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

MONTHLY EVENTS:

TLC SOCIAL ADULT GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS Ages 18+ SAVE THE DATE- Please note - NO TLC EVENT FOR MARCH Friday, April 26th 7:30 - 9:00PM

Take Me Out to the Ballgame Theme.
Ballpark style games, refreshments and prizes!

HEART TO HEART PARENT/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 pm via Zoom

CARITAS MASS - NO CARITAS MASS IN MARCH Sunday, April 28th St. Joan of Arc Church (Noon Mass)

CARITAS CAFÉ Faith Sharing, Fellowship, Fun with Friends Sunday, April 28th following CARITAS MASS 1PM - 2PM

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 refreshmen

movement, small group activities and crafts. Light refreshments will be served.

CARITAS ENLIGHTENMENT

"Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."

Pope Benedict XVI

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



PARISH LIFE

SJA PRAYER GARDEN

THE NEXT PRAYER GARDEN PAVER ORDER DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2024 FOR SPRING/SUMMER INSTALLATION

- 6"x 9" paver with ALL CAPITAL LETTERING, 3 lines of 16 characters per line, including spacing and punctuation is \$120. Only 6 x 9 pavers are remaining. Paver orders will now be ordered only once a year in March.
- 9" x 9" pavers are all sold out.
- Cross on paver can be purchased for an <u>additional \$5</u>. It will only be placed on the <u>top of the paver and centered</u>. This location of the cross does not count as a character line.

Pavers can be purchased for those who have died, in remembrance, the living or some other special event in life. Certificates for the pavers are now available. Contact Alyson Baranowski at the parish offices for the certificates. There is no charge.

Donations towards the garden will greatly be appreciated. Paver order forms can be found on the church web site, at the parish office or contact Betty Mills. Forms with checks should be made out to St. Joan of Arc Church and can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office, marked - garden paver order.

Please contact Betty Mills at oce1048@aol.com for more info.

HUNGRY FOR HOPE

Thursday, February 29th 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

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.

SOUP'S ON!!!

Friday, March 8th 5:30pm Pedata Hall

Please join us for Soup and Stations on Friday,
March 8th. There is no need to sign up; just come! We will
gather in Pedata Hall. The soup will be served from 5:30pm to
6:30pm so we can get to the Stations of the Cross after cleaning
up. Please come and enjoy a Lenten meal with your families and
friends. We hope to see you there. It is a great way for us to
nourish each other with food, fellowship, and prayer during the
season of Lent. If you have any questions, please email Mary
Bernard webernards@comcast.net. Thank you and Happy Lent!

SPIRIT AND MIND

Tuesday, March 5th 7 pm in the Arc Room

Stress and anxiety; most of us face these in our lives to some extent. Whether it's worrying about things or overwhelmed by panic, we can sometimes get frozen in our everyday world. Jesus tells us that "tomorrow will worry about itself", that "each day has enough trouble of its own" is a clear statement of the futility of worrying about what we cannot change. Join us for a discussion on anxiety and ways in which our faith can address and recognize strategies to handle our worries with the Spirit and Mind Ministry Tuesday, March 5th at 7pm in the Arc Room. We hope to see you there!

"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil." – Matthew 6:34

BEREAVEMENT Loss of a Loved One

Tuesday, February 27th 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.

We will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 27th in the St. Joan of Arc Parish Office in Knight's Hall at 7PM. For more information or questions, please email bereavement@stjoans.org.

EASTER BASKET DRIVE 2024

St. Patrick's Weekend March 16th /17th

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SOUPER CHEFS WANTED

Friday, March 8th

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Lent is here and so is Soup and Stations. Once again, we need volunteers to help us make the soup for our Soup and Stations night. The date is Friday, March 8th. Since this is a Friday night, *the soup has to be meatless and in a Crock Pot*. Please bring a ladle and have the soup in Pedata Hall by 5:00 pm. If you can make some soup, please contact email Mary Bernard at webernards@comcast.net. Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon! Happy Lent!



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THE WEEK AHEAD:

Sunday, February 25th

7:00 PM: AOA - Knight's Hall 7:00 PM: WINGS - Pedata Hall

Monday, February 26th

7:00 PM: Women of Faith - Pedata Hall

Tuesday, February 27th

5:00 PM: Adoration - Church 6:30 PM: Benediction - Church

7:00 PM: Bereavement Loss of Loved One

- Knight's Hall

Wednesday, February 28th

6:30AM: Walking With Purpose - Pedata Hall

9:45AM: Bible Study - Pedata Hall

10:00AM: Walking With Purpose - Pedata Hall

1:00PM: Abide in Me - Knight's Hall 7:00PM: Walking With Purpose - ARC Room & Knight's Hall

7:00PM: Walking With Purpose - Knight's Hall

7:00PM: OCIA - Pedata Hall

Thursday, February 29th

3:30 PM: Hungry for Hope - Zoom 7:00 PM: Love In Action- Pedata Hall

Friday, March 1st

6:00 AM: TMIY - Pedata Hall

9:45 AM: 1st Friday Series - Pedata Hall 12:05 PM: Stations of the Cross - Church

7:00 PM: Stations of the Cross - Church



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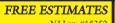
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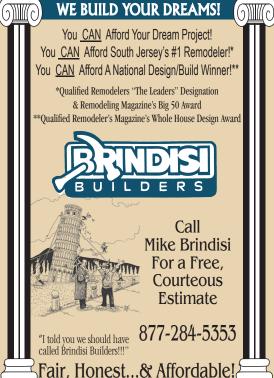
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