

# Church of St. Joan of Arc

***We are a Eucharistic People.***

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



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 3, 2024

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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

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# ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

Consider making St. Joan of Arc your home parish.

Register online at [www.stjoans.org](http://www.stjoans.org) or stop in the office.

## SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

**Livestream Sunday:** 10:30am

Live streams available on **Website:** [www.stjoans.org](http://www.stjoans.org)

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## 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](mailto:richard.laverghetta@stjoans.org)

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# PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION

Our Tabernacle Candle will remain lit during the week of March 3<sup>th</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup> for the intention of :

*Gail Cargen*

Requested by: The Balco Family

## WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Tom Lorusso, 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 Lawrence T. Lagatol whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember in your prayers the consolation of his 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, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Trevor Kuroczka, Cpt Scott Lafferty, Lt John Paul Lamorte, A1C Class Daniel Little, SSG Stephen MacCrory, William Mace, Bryan Marines, Cayden Martin, Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> 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

9:00 AM

### March 4

**Eileen Kehoe** r/o *Her Children*  
**James Miller** r/o *Richard Bussemer*  
**Emiliana Fabia** r/o *Candida Fabia*

### Tuesday

7:00 AM

### March 5

**John McGinley** r/o *Peg Pendergast*  
**Don Staudt, Sr.** r/o *The Hannon Family*  
**Jim Miller** r/o *Mary Bernard*  
**William R. Martz** r/o *With love, Mom*  
**Jack Marczely** r/o *Barry & Alice Tarzy*  
**Killian Baldwin** r/o *Grandparents*

9:00 AM

### Wednesday

9:00 AM

### March 6

**Ruth Skowronek** r/o *Husband Joe*  
**Salvatore Savino** r/o *Daughter & Family*  
**The Bernard & Boyle Families** r/o *Mary Bernard*  
**Jackson Sadlowski** r/o *Grammy*

### Thursday

7:00 AM

### March 7

**Francis Flynn** r/o *Terri Giordano*  
**Bob Morrissey** r/o *The Hannigan Family*  
**Karen DeLucio** r/o *Bill & Emily Hahn*  
**Peter Cassiano** r/o *Marie Ziegler*  
**John Lavallo** r/o *Carolyn Mona*  
**Reynold Caramiello** r/o *Norma Caramiello*

9:00 AM

### Friday

9:00 AM

### March 8

**Jim Miller** r/o *Maureen Sabo*  
**Raymond Salvatore** r/o *Lorraine Donato*  
**Bob Picollo** r/o *Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fierko*  
**Rita Zirello** r/o *Cousin Annette*

### Saturday

9:00 AM

### March 9

**Jack Marczely** r/o *Anastasia Kim*  
**Eleanor Regan** r/o *Mary Bernard*  
**Stephen Fichera, Jr.** r/o *His sister Susan*  
**Thomas Dallmer** r/o *Colleen Forrester*  
**Christine Clancy** r/o *Donata & Bernie Kratz*  
**Edward Sternbach** r/o *Frank & Maria Conte*  
**Leonard Zaccagnino, Sr** r/o *Pat & Kelly Marciano*

5:30 PM

### Sunday

7:30 AM

### March 10

**Peter C. Robinson** r/o *Loving Wife & Family*  
**Annette Di Paolo** r/o *Joan & Sam Rescigno*  
**Rita Pagliei** r/o *Jim & Elaine Wilkie*

9:00 AM

**Intentions of Stacy Bouillon** r/o *Small Group Sisters*  
**Jack Marinella** r/o *Will & Carol Shubert*  
**Parishioners & Benefactors**

10:30 AM

**Jim Miller** r/o *Deacon Tom & Effie Murphy*  
**Leonard Serpiello** r/o *Marleen & Jon Mabry*  
**Cecilia Sanchez** r/o *Mariana*

12:00 PM

**John Emerick** r/o *Mary & Dan Latore*  
**Joseph Grossman** r/o *Loving Wife*  
**Lisa Kober Mueller** r/o *Joyce Kober-Bell*  
**John O'Neill** r/o *Wife Mary & Family*

## GOSPEL

Jn 2: 13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well. [For this weekend's readings, click here.](#)

## FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS:

What spoke to you most in this gospel? Why do you think that word, phrase or idea touched you? Imagine you are a bystander in the temple when Jesus enters and reacts to the circumstances. What would your response be as a bystander? Have you ever felt like a money changer because you have not honored God's presence? Describe your experience. How do you feel knowing that Jesus absolutely dwells within YOU as a temple of God? In what way is God speaking to your heart this week about your Lenten journey thus far?

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday IN LENT /2024

## Adore, Receive, Become

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It was the Second Vatican Council that called the Eucharist "the source and summit of our Christian lives." All that we do as Christians, as disciples of Christ, flows from the Eucharist, from being nourished and fed on this bread from heaven, this spiritual food and drink. And it is also the summit, the highpoint of every week to gather together at the Lord's table. What could be better than receiving Christ Himself?

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

This Wednesday, I hope you will join us for our **EUCCHARISTIC SUMMIT!** During this "Summit" (**see below for the details**) it is my hope that we will see the intimate connection between our adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and our receiving of Christ in Holy Communion at Mass and the living out our daily lives as the Body of Christ, the Church.

If your Lent is going great or if your Lent has sputtered a bit, please come! If you've already made a Lenten retreat or attended a presentation (or two) on the Eucharist, please come and be further enriched. If you haven't attended any program this Lent, make this your retreat night. Set aside a couple of hours. All ages are welcome.

Peace!

Fr. Rich

# Join us for a EUCCHARISTIC 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



**Kindergarten and New Student Registration is now open for Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.** We are taking names for the waiting list for grades 5-8. For more information or to schedule a tour, please email Mary Clare Brandt at [m.brandt@stjoansk-8.org](mailto:m.brandt@stjoansk-8.org)

We still have some unclaimed baskets from **Night at the Races!** If you have any of the following tickets, please reach out to Susan Murphy [Susan1017@yahoo.com](mailto:Susan1017@yahoo.com) or Kathleen McGlade [kmcglade@me.com](mailto:kmcglade@me.com). Ticket numbers: 0922718, 0922719, 85612

SJA students are contributing to our **service project** this month to **help our local food pantries**. This week we are collecting english muffins. Thank you so much for showing your children **how to be Eucharist for others!**

**Volunteers wanted!** We are looking for **volunteers to share their stories and inspire** our students for **Career Week, April 23 – 25**. If you, or someone you know, would like to present to our students please contact Christine Pickel at [christine.pickel@gmail.com](mailto:christine.pickel@gmail.com)

Save the date for our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual SJA School Golf Outing on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

## KIDSLIT Join us for Lent on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> during 9am & 10:30am Mass



We will see you on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am Mass. Questions? Please contact Melissa Denisi Eisenstock at [childrensliturgy@stjoans.org](mailto:childrensliturgy@stjoans.org)



## WINGS



**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm- 9pm** - Play Practice for the *Passion Play performance on March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.* We have room available if anyone still wants to participate!

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** - State Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure! All Families of the parish - Save the date! May 19<sup>th</sup> 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

### Religious Education Updates

**Congratulations to our First Communicants!** - Last weekend, we were blessed to join with the nearly 160 First Communicants from our parish and school and their families as they celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time! We are so grateful to our wonderful catechists and teachers at St. Joan of Arc who have been preparing the children for Reconciliation and First Communion this year, which we look forward to celebrating together this spring. We are also grateful to Msgr. Rich, Fr. JM, and Fr. Richard, and priests from surrounding parishes, who were with us to hear the children's confessions, and communicate the love and mercy of our Good Shepherd to the children. You could see the light of Jesus shining in the children's smiles after they received the Sacrament! Please keep the children in your prayers as they continue their preparation for their First Holy Communion, when they will join our parish family at the table of the Lord.

As we look toward the spring, we are already beginning to plan for next year, and will share news about our Religious Education program in upcoming bulletins as updates are available. We are thankful to our St. Joan of Arc Church family for your prayerful support of our efforts to help families raise their children in our beautiful Catholic faith!

## BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome the following children who were baptized into our community the weekend of February 25<sup>th</sup>:



Vincent John Dispenziere  
Gia Capri Hernandez  
Quinn Harper Werst



## In the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

1379 The **tabernacle** was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those absent outside of Mass. As faith in the real presence of Christ in his Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason that the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

1380 It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to his Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take his departure from his own in his visible form, he wanted to give us his sacramental presence; since he was about to offer himself on the cross to save us, he wanted us to have the memorial of the love with which he loved us "to the end," even to the giving of his life. In his Eucharistic presence he remains mysteriously in our midst as the one who loved us and gave himself up for us, and he remains under signs that express and communicate this love. The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.

# 3rd Sunday of Lent's Eucharistic Word: Tabernacle

"Tabernacle" means "dwelling place" and has its origins in the Latin word for "tent." The tabernacle in every Catholic Church is the dwelling place for the Blessed Sacrament, the Eucharist. Every Catholic Church has a tabernacle and near it a candle called the "tabernacle lamp." The light of this candle reminds all who enter that this building is more than a building. This space is sacred because the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is housed in the Tabernacle.

In most parish churches, like ours, the Tabernacle can be found somewhere in the sanctuary, the area of the church with the altar and ambo (pulpit). In many larger churches, cathedrals and basilicas, the Tabernacle is kept in a separate chapel near the sanctuary (i.e. St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.)

You are most welcome to come to St. Joan of Arc Church during the week to pray in the presence of Christ Jesus and to adore Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle.



## Today's Gospel and the Eucharist (John 2:13-25)

Maybe it is strange for you to hear Jesus refer to himself as a temple. You are not alone. It caught a lot of people off guard back when Jesus walked the earth. We hear of one such time in today's Gospel passage from John.

The temple in Jerusalem was a place of worship, prayer and also sacrifice. Now Jesus identifies this holy place with His body.

Where Christ dwells or lives is an important question throughout John's Gospel. The first question put to Jesus in John's Gospel (1:28) is, "Where are you staying?" In other words, where do you dwell, abide?

Later, Jesus discusses with the Samaritan woman (Jn 4:19-24) where true worship occurs. The woman tells him her "ancestors worshipped on this mountain." Jesus tells the day will come, and indeed is already here, "when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." Worshipping God is not a question of geography. It is a matter of relationship.

In Matthew' (27:51), when Jesus dies on the cross, the curtain of the Temple, which separates the people from the Holy of Holies, is torn in two. Before, only the High Priest could enter, but now Christ, the eternal High Priest establishes the New Covenant in His blood. Now, in the words of St. Paul, nothing can "separate us from the love of God which comes to us through Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:39).

Therefore, in Christ we all have access to God. In the Eucharist, bread from heaven, Christ dwells within us. Our bodies, then, are temples of the Holy Spirit!



## SHOWING REVERENCE

Because Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, it is proper to show a deep reverence for the Blessed Sacrament housed in the Tabernacle. To show this reverence, it is customary to genuflect (kneel on one knee) or bow, when entering your pew, as well as when approaching or passing by the Tabernacle. Once Mass begins, without being disrespectful, our attention is given to the Ambo where Christ speaks to us in the Word of God, to the Altar where bread and wine are consecrated, and even to the people and priest, where we also believe Christ is present.

## THE TABERNACLE TENT

**Tabernacle means tent. The most recent Synod on Synodality, which continues through October of this year, has used the image of the tent to illustrate its very Eucharistic theme of “Communion, Participation and Mission.”**

**When we receive Holy Communion, we become a tabernacle, a dwelling place for the Lord. The Eucharist enlarges our heart and opens wide our eyes and arms to find and embrace the presence of Christ in all people, especially those who are hurting or alienated or regarded as “different” by the world.**

## EUCCHARISTIC SUMMIT:

This Wednesday, March 5. Adoration with worship and praise music begins at 6:30pm, followed by Mass at 7:30pm. Please bring a package of any kind of bread as an offering for the poor. The Eucharist “is the source and summit of our Christian lives” (Vatican II).

**“The Virgin Mary is the mother of God. In her womb, for the first time in history, God becomes human. She carries him quietly and powerfully. She is a living tabernacle. Mary reminds us that we, too, carry Christ within us after receiving Communion, as living tabernacles.”**

(Rev. Joe Laramie, SJ)



## Did You Know?

Tabernacle, NJ, was originally known as "Tabernacle In The Wilderness" due in fact to the establishment of a log church by a missionary named John Brainerd. In the 1980s, the Diocese of Trenton established a Catholic parish in Tabernacle called, most appropriately, **Holy Eucharist**.



## EUCCHARIST: 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](http://www.stjoans.org)

Facebook

@stjoansmarlton

Instagram

@stjoansmarlton

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

**TRANSUBSTANTIATION** (Sun., February 25)

**RECEIVE** (Monday, February 26)

**HUMBLE SELF-GIVING** (Tues., February 27)

**DRINK THIS CUP** (Wednesday, February 28)

**COMMUNION** (Thursday, February 29)

**IN REMEMBRANCE** (Friday, March 1)

**POURED OUT** (Sat., March 2)

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# ADULT FORMATION

*Come as you are*

walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

**YOU ARE WELCOME HERE**

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Opening Your Heart:** We will be watching the Connect Coffee video from Lesson 18, "Reaching Your Child's Heart". We so badly want to teach our children well, but how often do we discipline our children for outward behavior rather than reaching the heart? Together we will learn to discipline those we love in the way that God intended, with the truths that God values.

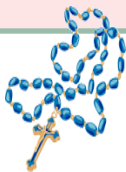
**Keeping In Balance:** : This week, Lesson 18 is a Connect Coffee video, "Getting A Grip When It All Falls Apart".

**Fearless & Free:** We will review Lesson 5, "Passionate". Please come prepared to review Day 4: Mutual Submission and Day 5: Roots.

## 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](mailto:sja.rosary@gmail.com).



## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

"Look at this cross. Oh, how beautiful it is! It has been my whole happiness during my life, and I advise you also to make it yours." St. Kateri Tekakwitha



*It's Lent .....*

*ease up on "Facebook".  
Spend more time with  
the "Good Book".*



**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 [www.stjoans.org/tmiy/](http://www.stjoans.org/tmiy/) for more info.

## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

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

Consider making an appointment 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.

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via Zoom**

**CARITAS MASS - NO CARITAS MASS IN MARCH**

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> St. Joan of Arc Church (Noon Mass)**

**CARITAS CAFÉ** Faith Sharing, Fellowship, Fun with Friends

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 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 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](mailto:caritas@stjoans.org)





# PARISH LIFE

## MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

**MARCH 2 & 3** - Food drive collections this weekend after all Masses. Donations will benefit the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Any non-perishable food items and paper items are greatly appreciated! Bags in the gathering room are available for your donations to our monthly food drive. **Please drop off donations in the gathering room.**



## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION



There will be a second collection for Catholic Relief Services next weekend! Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## WEDDING BANNS

Second Announcement:  
Kathryn Aucello & Kyle Flanagan



## SPIRIT AND MIND

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

## SOUP'S ON!!!

**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm Pedata Hall**



Please join us for Soup and Stations on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:webernards@comcast.net). Thank you and Happy Lent!

## EASTER BASKET DRIVE 2024

**St. Patrick's Weekend March 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup>**



Donations of Easter Baskets for children ages 3 years – 12 years old as well as turkeys and canned hams will be accepted during the **weekend of March 16/17**. Numerous under privileged children locally and in Trenton, through the Mt. Carmel Guild, will benefit from your generosity.

**Important:** Please leave completed/cellophane wrapped baskets in Pedata Hall before weekend masses. **All baskets must be received before Noon on Sunday, March 17.** At noon baskets will be transported to their destination for distribution. Email Karen at [easterfooddrive@stjoans.org](mailto:easterfooddrive@stjoans.org) with any questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## MORNING PRAYER

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## PASSION PLAY

**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm**

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30pm**

**St. Joan of Arc Church**



Two opportunities to see the Passion Play presented by the teens of our parish and our WINGS youth ministry.

Everyone is invited to see this portrayal of the suffering and death of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

## SOUPER CHEFS WANTED

**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**



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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:webernards@comcast.net). Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon! Happy Lent!

# PARISH LIFE

## ABIDE IN ME

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

**Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 7:15pm in Knight's Hall and**

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm in Knight's Hall**

DO YOU NEED PRAYER OR WANT TO PRAY FOR OTHERS?

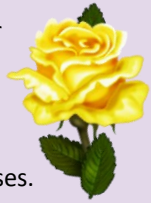
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## HOLY THURSDAY ROSE MEMORIAL

- If you would like to donate yellow roses for Holy Thursday Devotions as a memorial for a loved one, please contact Theresa Segin (856) 983-0077 ext 311.
- The donation is \$85.00 for a bouquet of roses.
- Please order by Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.



## HUNGRY FOR HOPE

**Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm on Zoom**

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- 9" x 9" pavers are all sold out.
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Pavers can be purchased for those who have died, in remembrance, the living or some other special event in life.

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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](mailto:oce1048@aol.com) for more info.

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**Dan** [aoa@stjoans.org](mailto:aoa@stjoans.org) or **856-313-9758** or **Elaine** at [aoa@stjoans.org](mailto:aoa@stjoans.org) or **609-923-6525**.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Council 6530 will have a **Membership Drive after all Masses on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**. Members will be at exits with information and to answer questions. There will be an **Open House on March 12<sup>th</sup> in Knights Hall at 7:30pm**. There will be light refreshments. Wives are welcome to attend. [knights@stjoans.org](mailto:knights@stjoans.org).



## PALM CROSS SALE!!!

**After All Masses March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

Palm Crosses are \$10 each.

**Make sure you get yours!**



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# PARISH LIFE

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### THE WEEK AHEAD:

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic Relief Services, Community  
Sunday, Knight's of Columbus Membership Drive and  
Open House

#### Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 PM: AOA - *Knight's Hall*

7:00 PM: WINGS - *Pedata Hall*

#### Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

7:15 PM: Abide In Me - *Knight's Hall*

#### Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM: Adoration - *Church*

6:30 PM: Benediction - *Church*

7:00 PM: Spirit and Mind - *Arc Room*

#### Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

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*

6:30PM: Eucharistic Summit - *Church*

7:00PM: Walking With Purpose

- *ARC Room & Knight's Hall*

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

7:00PM: OCIA - *Pedata Hall*

#### Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

3:30 PM: Hungry for Hope - *Zoom*

#### Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

6:00 AM: TMIY - *Pedata Hall*

5:30 PM: Soup and Stations - *Pedata Hall*

12:05 PM: Stations of the Cross - *Church*

7:00 PM: Stations of the Cross - *Church*



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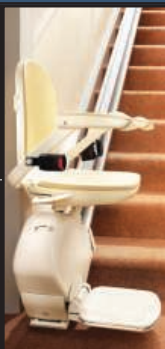
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