

CHURCH OF ST. JOAN OF ARC

We are a Eucharistic People.

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

TAKE UP **YOUR CROSS**



**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 28, 2026**

Parish Office: 856-983-0077
Religious Education: 856-983-7575
School: 856-983-0774
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Convent: 856-983-0258



100 Willow Bend Rd, Marlton, NJ 08053 | Parish: www.stjoans.org | School: www.stjoansk-8.org

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:30am - 12:30pm,

1:30pm - 4:30pm

Closed Friday

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.

Visit www.stjoans.org/sacraments/baptism to schedule

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 (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 June 28th to July 4th in memory of:

Philip Musso

Requested by: Loving Wife, Joyce

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Peg Fleishman, Bob Smith, Jim S., Seleta Hertlein, Lily Johnson, Dawn Linneman, Kelly Lockspeiser, Maryrose Ricchini, and David Hochberg.

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, Evan Brown MIDN USNA, Col Denis Brown, Jason Brown, Maj Ryan Brunk, Capt. 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, Thomas Farley, Luca Franchi, Col Gerard Gagnon, E3 Lucas Goergen, Cpl Michael Goncalves, Spc Evan Grabowski, Andrew Guattari, Col John Harding, LtCol Bill Harkins, Jared Hatley, SR Hannah Hayes, James Hayes, Rick Heipertz, Lieutenant Brett Hopkins, Spc William Hornung, Sgt Jeffrey Jayne, PFC David Johnson, Matt Kotowski, Lt Dennison Kelly, Lt Madeline Kelly, Spc Thomas Kelly, PO2 Dixon Kehoe, PO3 Maxx Kehoe, SSgt Kris Knaup, Brian Kohler, Sgt Jonathan Krall, 2nd Lt Jarrod LaRosa, A1C Class Daniel Little, SSG Stephen MacCroy, 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, LCDR Andrew Schwalbenberg, Col Dan Shanahan, PFC Joseph Seller, Molina Semple, CW4 Nicole Sproesser, LT Gregory Swift, Dallas Thorp, Ryan T. Toner, Pvt Jake Witham, Luke Williams, Tristan Wood, SSgt Jaried Zavatter, Robert Zielinski, Cpt. Shaun T. Lieb EOD, Jack M. Tarzy, Lt. USMC

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday

9:00 AM

June 29

Margaret DeStefano r/o Mike & Penny Ferrara and Family

Lucille Buffington r/o Joseph & Dorothy Balabon

Lorraine Tanski r/o Jim & Elaine Wilkie

Harold Vaccaro r/o Terri Bracchi

Tuesday

7:00 AM

June 30

Patricia Ensslen r/o Maureen Rowan

Donald J. Stecher r/o Brian Laddey

Deborah Bingemann r/o Peter & Deborah Bertolino

9:00 AM

Stacia Regn r/o Loving Family

Ruby "Criss" Houck r/o Maretta McKenna

Wednesday

9:00 AM

July 1

Kevin Kane r/o His Loving Parents

Edward Patzer r/o The Hannon Family

Frank Cipolone r/o Simone & Bob Stewart

Colin Hough r/o Rich & Gerry Minder

Thursday

7:00 AM

July 2

Jack & Rita Kennedy r/o Daughter Sue

Anne Valeriani r/o Loretta A Lacava-Tiver

John Geraci r/o Cetta Lieb

9:00 AM

George Heisler r/o Carolyn, Bob, Jeremy & Nathan Linden

Joann Bertoia r/o Andrew & Rosemary Cosgarea

Friday

9:00 AM

July 3

Richard Tiver r/o Loretta Lacava-Tiver

Joseph Welsh r/o Wife Jeune & Family

Cay Michon r/o Jim & Debbie Ross

Ben Rosenberger r/o Scott Ulrich

Saturday

9:00 AM

July 4

Pat Brothers r/o Bill & Susan Screnci

Naulty Family r/o Naulty Family

Jim Dunn r/o Mary Bernard

5:30 PM

Alice M. Bocco r/o Donata & Bernie Kratz

Barbara Caimi r/o Dottie Mortellite

Walt Schmidt r/o Ken & Anne Picciano & Family

Mary Manera r/o Sue Borden

Sunday

7:30 AM

July 5

Abbe Manco r/o Brother Sam

Laci Pribula r/o The Lazorik Family

Frank Cipolone r/o Dr. & Mrs. Gawarzewski

9:00 AM

Louise Sprouse r/o Mary & Kathy Bernard

Patricia Ann Walker r/o Jane Kessler

John & Susan Jennings r/o Granddaughter

Beverly Brooks r/o Barry & Alice Tarzy

10:30 AM

Rosa Angelastro & Lucrezia Visceglia r/o The Taccardi Family

Richard F. Nocella r/o Loving Family

Tim Kolb r/o Jim & Marijane Michalowicz

Eddie Lou Whiting r/o Lloyd & Dolores Humphrey

12:00 PM

Kristen & Stephen DeMarco r/o Lynne Beamer

Edward E. Patzer r/o Hart Family

Parishioners and Benefactors

GOSPEL MATTHEW 10:37-42

For this week's readings, click here or visit <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/062826.cfm>

SUMMER DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

The Daily Mass Schedule will continue *as is* through Saturday, July 4.

On Monday, July 6th, the Daily Mass Schedule will be as follows for the months of July and August only:

Tuesday through Saturday: 9am Mass

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 7am Morning Prayer with Holy Communion

ADORATION

WEDNESDAYS, 5PM

Please join us for a date night with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday at 5pm. Come and spend some time with Him in Adoration. Benediction will follow at 6:15pm.



DAILY ROSARY 2 PM MON—SAT

Join us for the DAILY rosary.

We gather on **Zoom** at **2pm Monday through Saturday**.

Contact Donna Gould with questions and for the zoom link at rosary@stjoans.org

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/ 2026 THE ONLY ULTIMATE

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"God. Country. Notre Dame." It's the title of a book written by Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, past president of the University of Notre Dame (more on him and the University on the "Catholic in America" page of this bulletin).

I went to Ohio University, and no disrespect to my alma mater, nor to Notre Dame, I would probably put my family and friends ahead of the institution that gave me a bachelor's degree.

The point is: God first. God before all else. This seems to be the point of some rather tough words from Jesus in our Sunday Gospel (Mt. 10:37-42).

Following Jesus Christ means putting Jesus Christ first. Making a deity out of anything ... country, college, football, soccer, money, career, car, "stuff," our good looks, sex, shopping, popularity ... even making a deity out of special people in our lives, or even our own selves ... making any of this more important than God, making any of this the center of our universe, will never bring complete fulfillment, joy or peace.

As someone once said, we all worship something. What we worship is our choice.

Choose God.

Peace!

Fr. Rich

START YOUR DAY WITH MORNING PRAYER

Join us for Sunrise, Psalms, and The Eucharist.

In July and August we will meet Monday through Friday from 7:00 to 7:30. Please join us this summer in place of 7am mass. It's a wonderful way to start the day as we pray the Psalms, share our prayer petitions, and receive the Eucharist.

Join us any day or all of the days and begin your day with The Lord.

Catholic in America



America's first Cathedral is the Archdiocese of Baltimore's **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Under the guidance of Baltimore's (and America's) first Bishop,

John Carroll, the Cathedral was completed in 1821. In an age when anti-Catholic sentiment was prevalent in the U.S., Bishop Carroll wanted the

Cathedral to have a distinctly American look, rather than European.

The architect he chose to design the Cathedral was Benjamin Latrobe who also designed the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.



Nestled among the canyons of steel in Manhattan is what can arguably be called America's most famous church building – **St. Patrick's Cathedral**. Dedicated on May 25, 1879, it is the largest Gothic revival Catholic cathedral in North America. Visitors to the Big Apple, whether Catholic or not, are sure to make a stop at St. Patrick's as part of their tour. What they may not know is there is another St. Patrick's in NYC, the *first* St. Patrick's in lower Manhattan – the **Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral** (dedicated in 1815, pictured to the right). Notably, St. John Neumann was ordained a priest here in 1836.



When people think of Catholicism in the USA, they many times think first of **Notre Dame University**. No doubt the University's football Fighting Irish are a big reason for this. And no

doubt this is largely due to none other than **Knute Rockne**, All American, Notre Dame's football coach from 1918-1930 (right). With his 105 wins and 13 losses and 3 National Championships. he is still considered one of the best coaches in college football history. Inspired by watching his players get up extra early on game days to attend Mass, he started attending with them. Their "devotion and piety" while receiving Holy Communion led Knute to convert to Catholicism in 1925.



Also well known to many Americans is **Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C.** president of the University from 1952-87, and for whom the library is named (pictured above with the "Word of Life" mural, also known as "Touchdown Jesus"), He wrote a book famously titled, "God, Country, Notre Dame."

4 POPES HAVE VISITED THE UNITED STATES

POPE ST. PAUL VI (pope from 1963-1978) is the first Pope to visit our country. Coming in 1965, he spoke at the UN and celebrated Mass in Yankee Stadium.



POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II (1978-2005) visited the U.S. seven times during his long pontificate: 1979, 1981 (a short stop in Anchorage, Alaska), 1984, 1987, 1993 (for World Youth Day in Denver), 1995 and 1999.

POPE BENEDICT (2005-2013) visited once in 2008; during his visit he stopped at Ground Zero in New York City.

POPE FRANCIS (2013-2025) travelled here in 2015, including a visit to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families. He was also the first Pope to address a Joint Session of Congress.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL



- ◆ Get your school supplies early to save on **Back-to-School specials**. Supply lists can be found at www.stjoansk-8.org.
- ◆ **SJA Carnival - August 24 – 29! Advanced Ride Bracelet Vouchers are on sale for \$35 beginning June 20th in the Parish Office** – a savings of \$10 when you purchase in advance (A bracelet is good for all rides for one night).
- ◆ Please remember to **take Flat Jesus with your family** this summer. We love to receive your pictures at FlatJesus@stjoansk-8.org. Flat Jesus will be available on our website all summer.
- ◆ **Grocery and other gift cards are available** for purchase at Sunday Masses from 8 - 11:30 AM. **Gift cards purchased benefit SJA School - at no additional cost to you.** For more details: www.stjoansk-8.org/pta-1.

KidsLIT

Enjoy Your Summer Vacation
We will return in September



While we are on break, here are some resources
for your family through the summer

startwithsunday.org/

Adult Volunteers needed. No experience required.
(Virtus Training and Fingerprinting required for adults)

Please contact me if you are interested

Any questions, please reach out to Melissa Denisi Eisenstock @
childrensliturgy@stjoansk-8.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Summer Office Hours

The Religious Education Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We can be reached by phone at 856-983-7575 or by email at rem@stjoansk-8.org.

Please note that our office hours may be adjusted during August due to preparations for and operation of the parish carnival. Any changes will be communicated in the bulletin and on the Religious Education page of the parish website.



Religious Education for 2026-2027 -

As we prepare to welcome our children and families to our upcoming Summer Program, we are also beginning to prepare for the fall! In order to meet the various faith formation needs of our children and their families, we offer multiple options in our program:
Weekly/Traditional Program (Grades 1–8): Classes meet Mondays or Tuesdays from 5:15–6:30 PM.

Family Program (1st Grade): Four Sunday sessions throughout the year, with parent participation and at-home activities.

Special Disciples: Faith formation and sacramental preparation for children with special needs, meeting approximately twice monthly on Sundays.

Home Study (Grades 3–6): Parent-led instruction at home following a syllabus provided by the Religious Education Office, with required activity participation.

OCIA Tweens/Teens: For children who missed prior years of Religious Education, and need foundational catechesis and sacramental preparation. Placement and scheduling are arranged through the Religious Education Office.

If you did not participate in our program during the 2025-2026 year but are interested in registering your child, please contact us by either filling out the new student form below, or calling the office at 856-983-7575. We look forward to hearing from you!

New Student Registration

Do you have a child to register for Religious Education for the upcoming year? Please complete the form at this link so we can gather the necessary information before registration: <https://tinyurl.com/38j8m2nf>
After reviewing your submission, we will send you the registration link. Information about this year's program options, as well as the form link above, are also available on our website at <https://www.stjoansk-8.org/religious-education>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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](tel:856-313-9758) or

Elaine at aoa@stjoans.org or [609-923-6525](tel:609-923-6525)

EVER WONDERED ABOUT THE PARISH COUNCIL?

Our Parish Council is looking for new members starting in the Fall. "The main mission of the Council is to serve as a consultative body to Msgr. Rich to help foster, promote and advance the St. Joan of Arc mission." Members shall serve for a two-year term, with an option for a second two-year term for a total of four consecutive years. If you are interested in joining the team, or finding out more information about becoming a member, please email Gina Borucki at parishcouncil@stjoans.org

ABIDE IN ME DO YOU NEED PRAYERS OR WANT TO PRAY FOR OTHERS?



To ask for a prayer, or to pray with us, email abideinme@stjoans.org or call the parish office at (856) 983-0077.

Pray with us on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 1PM-2PM and once a month in the evening! **Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 1st at 1pm in Knight's Hall**



walking with purpose
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

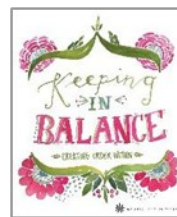
Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Would you like to connect with other women in our parish community? Are you searching for something more in your life?

We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic Bible study, right here at Saint Joan of Arc. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN** on Saint Joan of Arc's Ministry Page.

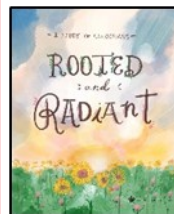
We meet on Wednesday's with three sessions available at 6:30a, 10a 7p.



Opening Your Heart, (foundational study) designed for a woman new to WWP with or without any Bible study experience; come as you are to learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives.



Keeping in Balance, (for women who previously experienced a WWP course) takes us on a journey throughout Scripture as we discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom to our daily challenges.



Rooted & Radiant, (3rd yr and beyond) focuses on the book of Colossians. We will seek to understand the challenges that faced the Colossians, recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.



Passionate Discipleship, teaches how to live as disciples of Christ, living with Him as the center of our lives and entrusting this message to others who can pass it on as well.

If you are interested in learning more, please email wwp@stjoans.org

PARISH LIFE

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

NEXT WEEKEND JULY 4 & 5

Food drive collections after all Masses. Donations will benefit Wiley Mission. Any non-perishable food items and paper items are greatly appreciated!

We thank you for your generosity!

Please drop off donations in the Gathering Room.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR TLC CHRISTMAS in JULY CRAFT NIGHTS

Adults with Special Needs Ages 18+

All crafts will be sold at the PTA Holiday Craft Show

Wednesday Evenings, July 15th in the cafeteria
& July 22nd in Pedata Hall

7-8:30 PM

Please RSVP by Monday, July 6th to caritas@stjoans.org
only if you WILL be joining us!

We will have a third craft night for parents on
July 29th from 7-9:00 RSVP by 7/22nd

Refreshments will be served at all events!



PASTORAL COUNSELING

St. Joan of Arc Parish has a licensed clinical social worker on staff Wednesdays and Thursdays. Counseling is offered to adult parishioners. If you would like to make an appointment please call Sr. Barbara Gondek, SSC at #856-983-0077 ext. 315

Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack Need Leaders

Cub Scout Pack 49 (ages 5 to 10) and Scout Troop 49 (ages 11 to 17) are in need of new adult leaders.

The Pack needs a Cubmaster and the Troop needs a Scoutmaster. Working with our youth can be a fun and very rewarding experience. Please consider becoming a Scout leader so our youth can continue to enjoy the benefits of being a Scout. Contact Tom Nolan Jr. if you have any questions or interest in becoming a Scout leader: tnolan201@verizon.net 609-923-2602

BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome the following children who were recently baptized into our community.



Kaiden Asher Minisci, Charlie Robert, Elliott Michael ,
Avery Dianne Presser

LOVE IN ACTION: HELP US TO FEED THE POOR AND HUNGRY 2nd Weekend Each Month



2 LB. BAGS OF WHITE RICE, PACKAGED RED, BLACK OR WHITE BEANS AND ANY KIND OF PASTA FOR SSJ NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER
CASSEROLE SUNDAYS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES & JOSEPH'S HOUSE IN CAMDEN
Pick up **CASSEROLE tins** first Sunday each month (July 5th) in Gathering Room
2ND WEEKEND EACH MONTH (July 12th) Drop off Casseroles in Pedata Hall Kitchen and Rice, Beans & Pasta to the Gathering Room Food Drop

A sincere thank you for your generosity and let us continue to make a difference in the lives of those in need and put your LOVE IN ACTION!

SUMMER SERIES "The Chosen"

Wednesday July 1st at 6:30pm in Knight's Hall
Seasons 1 through 5 of **THE CHOSEN** will continue throughout the summer.

Whether its a refresher or for the first time , please join us every Wednesday.



ST. JOAN OF ARC CARNIVAL

AUGUST 24th TO AUGUST 29th

WHERE MARLTON MEMORIES ARE MADE!

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIPS

Celebrate 54 Years of Community — Support the St. Joan of Arc Carnival

This year marks the 54th anniversary of the St. Joan of Arc Carnival—one of Marlton's most beloved traditions and largest community events. For more than five decades, our parish has proudly brought together families, friends, and local businesses for a week of fun, connection, and community spirit. We are excited to make 2026 our biggest and best year yet!

All proceeds directly support St. Joan of Arc School, helping us provide a quality, faith-centered education to every child—regardless of financial circumstances. Your sponsorship helps ensure that no child is turned away due to need.

As a Community Sponsor, you will receive:

- A custom banner displayed on the carnival grounds (week of August 24)
- Recognition in our parish bulletin throughout August
- Promotion on our website and social media
- The support of our parish community—we encourage all to patronize our sponsors

Your generosity strengthens our parish, supports local families, and keeps this cherished tradition thriving.

Thank you for your support—and we'll see you on the midway!

Please fill out the information below or click the link for electronic submissions. Drop off at the Parish Offices or mail to: St. Joan of Arc Church Carnival, 100 Willow Bend Road, Marlton, NJ 08053.

_____ Gold-banner size 36" X 72" = \$500 (includes the cost of the sign)

_____ Silver-banner size 24" X 48" = \$400 (includes the cost of the sign)

_____ Bronze-banner size 18" X 24" = \$300 (includes the cost of the sign)



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"Carnival Sponsor"

Name _____ Phone _____

Company Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

If Sponsored before, please use previous sign, please circle: **YES** or **NO**

If you indicated no, please submit a camera-ready file of what you would like on your sign to brianna.prentice@stjoans.org no later than **August 3rd**.

St Joan of Arc School

June 2026



Faith, Knowledge, Service



A Message from the Class of 2026

Good evening! My name is Gianna Applebaum. Welcome to the 8th grade graduation for the St. Joan of Arc Class of 2026. I would like to thank everyone here for supporting me and my classmates. We as a class have been together for many years. From kindergarten orientation, First Holy Communion, countless Spaghetti Dinners, spirit and field days, Grandparent and special persons day, to the widely anticipated summer carnival and every fleeting moment in between to finally, this special moment of graduation, we have been making cherished memories.

First, we would like to thank all of the teachers and staff who have helped us in numerous ways. All of you have inspired us in your own significant way, assisting us with a problem, preparing us for the future, or putting a smile on our faces. You are all wonderful role models, and made sure that our subjects and lessons incorporated God and prayer. Our teachers helped us to embrace the tools we needed to grow stronger in our faith with God and to thrive and take risks as individuals on our own special journeys.

Our Mission Statement shows us who we truly are as a school: united. Jesus being the backbone of our school encourages us not only to be a better Catholic, but a better person.

Second, I would like to thank Fr. Rich and Fr. JM for their wonderful works. Every time we celebrate Mass, the both of you make it so fun and enjoyable to be included. Your homilies are so inspiring and uplifting. Both of you always know what to say, and how to say it. You teach us that our faith is a faith in action and we are not just bystanders.

We are called to make a difference.

Third, I would like to thank our amazing principal, Sr. Pat. You are always very welcoming and loving to everyone. You always inspire us to be kind and tell us that everyone is created in the image of God! You celebrate our faith and make it fun to be a part of such an amazing community and school. You hear our voices and see us on our own journeys. All of us thank you for your continued support.

Fourth, I would like to thank our amazing parents for sending us to this beautiful school, with a "God-centered environment". We are eternally grateful for all of the tuition you've paid, countless volunteer hours you have worked, many homework questions you've answered, and how you have always stood by our side, no matter what. Growing up with having the best parents who sacrificed so much, advocated for us, and were our soft places to fall when things got tough, has been the best part of our childhoods and we love you.

Lastly, I would like to thank my amazing classmates. Each laugh we've shared will never be forgotten. You all are smart, hilarious, and kind. I wouldn't have spent the last 9 years with anyone else. Even though most of us will be going to different high schools, our bonds will never be broken. I'm so proud of how far we've all come. Moving on might be intimidating and scary, but you always have your family at St. Joan of Arc to count on. The best is yet to come.

In conclusion, all of our years at St. Joan of Arc have been the most enjoyable experience. We are so blessed to have had such amazing role models that have greatly impacted our lives.

As the graduating class of 2026, no matter where life takes us, let us always remember the lessons we've learned, the education that made us whole, and the friendships we've created. Of course, we couldn't have done this without God. God was the core of our school years. He has and will continuously help us through thick and thin. No matter what path we will go on, St. Joan of Arc will always be a remarkable part of our lives. In the words of Pope Leo XIV, "Dear young people, aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. Then you will see the light of the Gospel grow every day, within you and around you."

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!



St Joan of Arc School

June 2026

Principal's Corner



Faith, Knowledge, Service



Dear Parishioners,

Peace! Yes, our 60th Anniversary of St. Joan of Arc School has come to an end. We invite all who were able to attend the celebration in October to take a few minutes to stop and reflect on that evening. It was so good to connect with present parents, teachers, and alumni along with former parents and teachers. We continue to be blessed and grateful to all who contributed to building SJA in 1965 so that hundreds of children could be educated in their faith and academics.



June began with a Fun Day sponsored by our PTA to celebrate our successful Race for Education. Unique Game Show Company provided three assemblies on the importance of listening, teamwork and kindness all incorporated into an interactive game with the children. It was a fun time for all, topped with a Mr. Softee treat.

We celebrated our STEM-STEAM project on June 2nd with Challenge Island. Again, there were 3 hands-on assemblies. K-2, 3-5 learned about the importance of bees and were instructed to create a hive out of hexagon pipe cleaners, while 6-8 worked on the importance of density of water with constructing their own plankton models.

Eighth grade enjoyed the annual Clap Out, their trip to Baltimore, the 8th grade dance, and Graduation (6-7-2026).

Grades K-7 celebrated the end of the year with our annual retreat day. We took time to reflect on the graces and blessings of the 60th year. In the afternoon Father Rich gave a presentation of Catholics in America in preparation for the 250th Anniversary of our country. Yes, God Bless America.

Best wishes for a peaceful, happy and healthy summer. See you in Church and at the Carnival (Aug 24-29).

God's Blessings!
Sister Pat

P.S. The next 60th celebration (really the 120th) will be 2085-2086. Our graduating class will be 73-74 years of age! Wow!!



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Tuesday, June 30^h

7:00 PM: AFE Tai Chi — *Pedata Hall*

Wednesday, July 1st

1:00 PM: Abide in Me — *Knight's Hall*

5:00 PM: Adoration— *Church*

6:30 PM: Benediction— *Church*

6:30 PM: The Chosen— *Knights Hall*

Saturday, July 4th

4:00 PM: Confessions — *Church*



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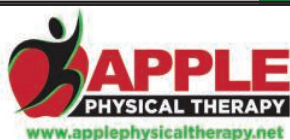
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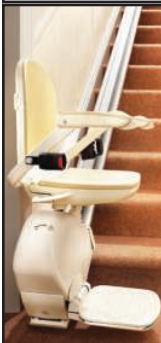
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