

St. Joan of Arc Parish

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 19*Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 Psalm 71:**36,16-17 Luke 1:5-25*

5:30 pm Herb Clough +

Tuesday, December 20*Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10**Psalm 24:11-6 Luke 1:26-38*

5:30 pm Emmitta Landeta +

Wednesday, December 21*Zephaniah 3:14-18 Psalm 33: 2-3,**11-12, 20-21 Luke 1:39-45*

5:30 pm Joseph Tropani +

Thursday, December 22*1Samuel 1:24-28 1Samuel 2:1,4-**8 Luke 1:46-56*

5:30 pm Deceased Friars

Friday, December 23*Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-6 Psalm 25:4-**5,8-10, 14 Luke 1:5-7-66*

5:30 pm Helen Connolly +

Saturday, December 24*Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 89:3-4,15-**16,26,28 Acts 13:16-17. 22-25**Matthew 1:1-25*

5:30 pm The Parish Community

Sunday, December 25*Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98:16**Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-5,9-14*

10:00 am The Parish Community

*Fourth Sunday of Advent****The Friar's Nook***

I've been having lots of meetings these past few weeks with various groups in the parish. We are working toward getting the parish up and running post-Covid. In the new year, hopefully you will notice some changes. All of our liturgical ministries will be scheduled online and available on our website. We have already moved the live stream Sunday Mass to the website and are continuing to tweak that. We are getting back to social functions like Sunday coffee and Merrymakers. We can now take debit cards as a source of payment both in the office and on free trade Sundays. We are looking at modernizing a few of the things around the parish in hopes of communicating better and drawing more people to the church.

I know that some of you have been waiting for us to bring back additional Masses and after a meeting last week I've decided to try bringing back the 12 noon Mass for Lent. If we find enough people attending, we will keep that back in the schedule. If not, we will stop it again at Easter. We certainly have enough parishioners to populate an additional Mass so I'm hoping that we get more people coming back once the 12:00 o'clock Mass is reinstated.

It has been difficult getting all of our ministries back up and running due to the fact that for some of them we have no one who wants to be the contact person. This is especially true for the altar servers and for the greeters/ ushers. You'll notice that we combined the ministry of greeter and usher because they overlap and since we have no one to coordinate them that means we have one less person needed for the ministry. As I said before the scheduling of these ministries will all be done online so the coordinator doesn't have to make up schedules, they simply need to schedule training for the ministries, and be a contact person. If you think you might be up to it, I would welcome hearing from you! It would be like an early Christmas present!

I would like to think all the many parishioners who are working behind the scenes to keep the parish moving forward and looking ahead. I hope they never tire.

*Keep looking for the Lord,
Fr. Bob*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick:

The Deceased: John Hruskoci

Winter Welcome Table

A new season has started at St. Peter's parish, jointly run by St. Peter's and St. Joan of Arc, serving a hot meal to their clients every Monday night. They are looking for warm winter jackets. If you have gently used jackets that need a new home, you can bring them to the parish hall, and they will be distributed at St. Peter's on Monday nights.

They will have their Xmas dinner on December 19th. Gifts for men and women would be appreciated, indicating man or woman on the outside so it is given to the appropriate person. Since this programme is sponsored by St. Joan of Arc and St. Peter's, we are asked to supply half of the gifts. They can be left at the entrance of the church.

Christmas Pageant

Any child still interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant is invited to come to the parish hall at 12 noon today for the second rehearsal. Parts will be given out. Parents are also needed to help with the cast.



Christmas Schedule

*Christmas Eve, December 24 5:30 pm Liturgy
With children's pageant*

*Christmas Day, December 25 10:00 am Liturgy
Christmas mass will be live streamed on our
Facebook page.*

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

*New Year's Eve December 31 5:30 pm Liturgy
New Year's Day January 1 10:00 am Liturgy
New Year's Day Mass will be live streamed on our
Facebook page.*



10:00 am SUNDAY LITURGY

We continue to live stream the 10:00 am Mass on our Facebook page.

St. Joan of Arc Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

We rely on the poor box to do our work in looking after the less fortunate of our area. If you use our blue or Xmas Hamper envelopes to make a donation and print your name and address on the envelope, we will issue a tax receipt at the end of the year. The blue envelopes are out all year round because we give out help all year round. Please help us to continue to help the less fortunate of our community.

Parish News

There will not be any parish activities between Christmas and New Year's Day.

No Mass on December 26.

No Mass January 2, 2023

The Parish Office will be closed December 27th to January 6th

Offertory Envelopes

The New year is about to start, so this is the time to collect those boxes in the parish hall.

If you never had box or are new and would like one issued, please leave your information for the parish office.



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