

St. Joan of Arc Parish

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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 7:00 p.m.

Monday to Friday 5:30 p.m.

Baptism: Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Pre-Baptismal meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Sheila Malloch

Marriage: Diocesan regulations require that the initial Interview take place one year prior to planned date. Please call the office for an appointment.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.





MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8, 10 Psalm 24

Luke 1:26-38

5:30 pm The Sick of our Parish

Tuesday, December 21

Zephaniah 3:14-18 Psalm 33

Luke 1:39-45

5:30 pm Annie Cornelius +

Wednesday, December 22

1Samuel 1:24-28 1Samuel 2

Luke 1:46-56

5:30 pm Dorothy Venne +

Thursday, December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-6 Psalm 25

Luke 1:57-66

5:30 pm Tadeusz Walat & Teresa Stano+

Friday, December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,16 Psalm 89

Luke 1:67-79

5:30 pm The Parish Community

9:30 pm The Parish Community

12:00 am The Parish Community

Saturday, December 25

10:00 am The Parish Community

12:00 pm The Parish Community

No Evening Mass

Sunday, December 26

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm 128

Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15,16

8:30 am Mary Armstrong+

10:00 am Leonora O'Keefe +

12:00 noon Jan Pabian +

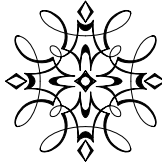
7:00 pm The Parish Community

Monthly Comparison for November

Offertory	2009	2010
Envelopes	\$18,924	\$15,558
Loose	\$4,614	\$5,126
PAG*	\$6,299	\$8,690
Total	\$29,837	\$29,374



Fourth Sunday of Advent



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

This the last Sunday in Advent the Church remembers St. Joseph and his role as the wife of Mary. He was instructed to name her son Jesus, miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit. Joseph's received his message from an angel in a dream, and obeyed it. As the story unfolds we see that he is also attentive to the laws of the land as he directs his family to go to Bethlehem where the Child will be born. He listens to the political news of the times that will protect the safety of his family and later we see he is obedient to the religious directives of their Jewish faith as Jesus is presented in the temple. We know few details of this just man but what is clearly evident is his openness to life and reality as it presents itself to him. His willingness to act in prudence and wisdom make him a model for parents of all time as an ideal husband and father.

This last week of Advent leading to the celebration of Christmas is often filled with busyness and stresses that present themselves to our families as we prepare for the holiday or travel to be with family and friends. It is a challenge to remain attentive and mindful of God with us throughout the experiences. Perhaps we can turn to St. Joseph as an intercessor in our efforts to give us patience prudence and perseverance. Advent is a time of prayer and reflection for us as we prepare to celebrate the birthday of the Lord right in the midst of the commercial overload that the world delivers.

Last week the priests of the Archdiocese gathered for a day of prayer and recollection to prepare us for the many worship services that we will serve over these days. I was one of the 5 priests privileged to be asked to hear confessions during this retreat. It was simply inspiring to participate in this sacrament which we will provide to our parishioners in preparation for Christmas. The sacrament of reconciliation is a humbling experience for me, whether receiving the sacrament or administering it. How beautifully this prepared me for the coming celebrations. Christmas is the celebration of the humility of God; who humbled himself to become one with us in the humanity of the child; named and protected by St. Joseph the just and humble head of the Holy Family. May this last week of Advent prepare us all to receive Him in our hearts.

May the love and Joy of Christ fill your life in this season of Grace.

Fr. Dan

Please Pray for:

Sick:

Deceased: Mary O'Neill, Alphonsus (Frank) Gallagher, Daniel Savident

Christmas Pageant

We will once again have the Children's Pageant at the 5:30 pm mass on Christmas Eve. Lots of Children are needed for this wonderful celebration of Christmas. The second rehearsal will be this weekend on Sunday, following the noon mass. Any child wanting to participate is invited to come to this rehearsal.

Romero House

Each year at Christmas time, Romero House pairs over 100 refugees with people in the community, who purchase some Christmas gifts, wrap them, and bring them to Romero House where they are delivered to families.

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Bishop's Visit

The Most Rev. Bishop William Mc Grattan, will be visiting our parish the weekend of January 14 to 16th. We believe that he will be presiding at most, if not all of the masses that weekend.

Christmas Schedule

Monday, December 20

7:30 pm Parish Reconciliation Service

Friday, December 24

5:30 pm Children's Pageant & Liturgy

9:30 pm Christmas Liturgy

12:00 midnight Christmas Liturgy

Christmas Day December 25

10 am and 12 noon Christmas Liturgies

No Confessions or Evening Masses

Feast of the Holy Family December 26

8:30 am, 10:00 am 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm Liturgies

(No Masses on Monday, December 27th)

Feast of Mary Mother of God,

December 31 5:30 pm mass

January 1 10:00 am & 12 Noon Liturgies

No Evening Masses.

Epiphany January 2

Regular Sunday schedule.

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 20

7:15 pm Mediation Group

Tuesday, December 21

7:00 pm D & P

Wednesday, December 22

Staff Meeting

7:30 pm RCIA

Future Dates to Remember

Saturday, January 15

10:00 am Parish Council
With Bishop McGrattan

Did you ever think?

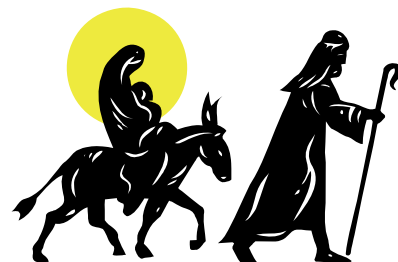
To remember St. Joan of Arc Parish in your will! Just as you support the parish in the Offertory, you can remember your parish in your will.

Offertory Envelopes.

If you didn't have a box for 2010, and would like one for 2011, drop by the office and a box will be issued to you.

*May your hearts be filled
with light and hope this
Christmas as we celebrate
God among us and with us.
May you have a Happy and
Blessed Christmas.*

*From
Your Parish Staff*



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