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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

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Andrew O'Handley

Lectors:
Maryanne Chard
10:00AM Choir
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Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM
12:00 Noon Choir
Antoine Pellerin

Ushers: Call the office

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday
5:30 PM

Sunday
10:00 AM

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Couples expecting a child are encouraged to contact the office before the child is born. Please contact ext. 222, for more information.

MARRIAGE

Please call Fr. Bob at least one year prior to the planned wedding date.

Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit
Call the office ext. 221

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday
9:30 am to 11:30 am

Monday to Thursday afternoons
1:00 pm to 4:00pm

Monday & Wednesday Morning Closed

Friday closed

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League
See CWL Bulletin Board for Details

Children's Liturgy
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace
www.devp.org
3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

Merrymakers
3rd Tuesday, 12:15 PM

Prayer Group
Wednesdays after mass

Parish Council
Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society
2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Sunday School (ages 3-6)
During 10:00 AM Mass



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Monday, March 22

Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-64

Psalm 23:1-6 John 8:1-11

5:30 pm Edward Benson +

Tuesday, March 23

Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 102:1-

2,15-17,18-20 John 8:21-30

5:30 pm Sister Anne Schenck CSJ

Wednesday, March 24

Daniel 3:13-20, 24,49-50,91-95

Daniel 3:52-56 John 8:31-42

5:30 pm John Sobie +

Thursday, March 25

Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10 Psalm 40:6-10

Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38

5:30 pm John McNamara +

Friday, March 26

Jeremiah 20: 7:10-13 Psalm 18 1-

6 John 10:31-42

5:30 pm Ludmila Walker Family

Saturday, March 27

Ezekiel 37:21-28 Jeremiah 31:10-13

John 11:45-57

5:30 pm Int. of Mary McNamara

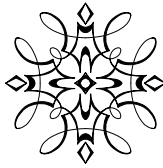
Sunday< March 28

Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22: 7-8. 16-

19, 22-23 Mark 14:1-15,47

10:00 am Tony Florian +

**5th Sunday
of
Lent**



The Friar's Nook

One year ago, we began a lockdown due to the pandemic with the hopes that it would end soon. The year brought us more and more darkness, and death. Last Easter we had a hope that things would soon return to normal. This year we see light on the horizon but as we hope for things to “go back to normal” we must realize that we can never go back, only forward. As Pope Francis reminded us that caring for our brothers and sisters is an obligation not an option for Christians, things like wearing masks are a sign of love of neighbor.

If we can't do the little things to care for each other how can we do the greater? In the second book of Kings, we hear of Naaman, a Syrian general, who had leprosy. He almost wasn't cured because of his disposition. Fortunately, he had people with him who told him that if the prophet had requested that he do a great task he would have done it – so why not do the simple thing he asked of you!

Caring for God is revealed by how we care for one another. Remember that in the ten Commandments there are two commandments regarding God and eight regarding our relationships with others. Maybe that's because God knew that we needed to be reminded four times as much to love those who are around us!

As we are now able to open for public Masses it is great to see faces in the otherwise empty pews. But this can only occur with people showing God's love and service to each other. As I write this I'm not sure if we are open for Mass at 10AM because we didn't have enough volunteers to help. The same goes for Holy Week. Last year we were forcibly closed but this year we have the option to be open! We need your help if this is going to work.

I can think of two things that we should consider. First, we are a stewardship parish, meaning we commit ourselves to the service of others. So, this is a chance to put ourselves where our words are. And second, the reason we may not have the help we need is the abuse some of the volunteers had to endure. Things like “there are too many rules”, “I want to sit where I always sit”, and “there are rules everywhere, there shouldn't be rules in church.” I have personally heard all of these and more. But those who are giving of themselves to make worship available to others shouldn't have to deal with this grief.

So, I ask two things of you in the name of love of God and neighbor. If you can volunteer, please do. We can't open without you. And if you can't volunteer, then treat those who do with love and admiration for what they are doing for the parish and for YOU!

I really hope to be open for Holy Week. Of course, there are some adaptations due to COVID. No palms will be distributed on Palm Sunday, no feet washed on Holy Thursday, no Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, and no candles on the Easter Vigil. But it's better than the nothing we had last year. And hopefully it will be less than the fullness we will experience next year.

Thank you for showing God's love, to me and each other.

Fr. Bob

Please Pray for:

The Sick: Gary Hartnett, Frank Grech and Daniel Olmedo,

The Deceased: Maura Cussen, Irene Brown and Michael Brennan

New Parish App!

St. Joan of Arc is launching our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It is a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more. We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at St. Joan of Arc and better stewardship. You can either look for MyParish in your app store and select St. Joan of Arc Parish in the setup or scan the following code.



Share Love/Share Lent

Today is Solidarity Sunday. It is a very special day for Development & Peace. Solidarity is at the core of everything that D&P does.

The following statements are taken from Pope Francis' new book "Let us Dream: A Path to a Better Future. They speak directly to us about solidarity. "What ties us to each other is what we commonly call solidarity. Solidarity is more than acts of generosity, important as these are, it is the call to embrace the reality that we are all bound by the bonds of reciprocity. In this solid foundation we can build a better, different future." pg 107. Pope Francis reminds us that" Fraternity is our new frontier... Unless we accept the principle of solidarity, we will not come out of this crisis better." "Solidarity is not the sharing of crumbs from the table but making a space at the table for everyone. pg. 110,

Prayer during a Pandemic

Loving God, Holy One, Your desire is for our wholeness and well-being. We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened. We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future. We pray: May love, not fear, go viral.

Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity. Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, You, the God who does not abandon, You, the Holy One, breathing within us, breathing among us, breathing around us in our beautiful yet wounded world. Amen
(Sisters of IHM, Scranton, Pennsylvania)

Please join us on our Facebook page

Sundays at 10:00 am

The Sunday Liturgy is live streamed on the St. Joan of Arc Facebook page.

Wednesdays at 2:00 pm

Fr. Bob has a Bible Study hour on the St. Joan of Arc Facebook page.

For Lent. Fr. Bob has also added the Stations of the Cross on our Facebook page.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

When making a donation to the SVDP, please make your cheques payable to: St. Vincent de Paul

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Instead of adding steps to the parish finances.

Yes Lord! A Lenten Liturgy of the Word for Kids

Tune into Salt + Light Television on Friday mornings during Lent for a Kid friendly approach to the Sunday Mass readings and homily. Whether you are worshipping at home due to the pandemic or just looking for a way to boost your family's faith life. You won't want to miss this brand-new series.

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