

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 28

1 John 1:5-2:2 Psalm 124
Matthew 2:13-18
 No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96
Luke 2:22-35
 5:30 pm Int. of the Friars

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96
Luke 2:36-40
 5:30 pm Int. of the Parish Staff

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96
John 1:1-18
 5:30 pm The Parish Community

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

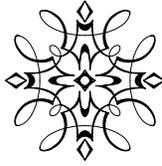
Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67
Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21
 10:00am The Parish Community
 12:00 noon The Parish Community

Saturday, January 2

1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98
John 1:19-28
 5:30 pm The Parish Community

Sunday, January 3

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12
 8:30 am Int. of Br. John
 10:00 am Deceased Friars
 12:00 noon Int. of the Friars
 7:00 pm The Parish Community



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

December 18, 2009

Merry Christmas
Happy Chanukah
Blessed Holidays
Happy New Year

Dear Friends and Family And Parishioners:

On the evening of December 11, we had a black out to half the lights in the house and most of the Church. I celebrated the 5:30 daily Mass by candle light. It was mysterious and beautiful. The sound system worked so the Word of God was proclaimed in the darkness as the light that it is for our lives. It was beautiful. Advent is the time before Christmas when we speak the Word of God in the darkness of the world to bring light and hope to so many who seek direction and meaning in life. The Advent Candle for Christians and the Menorah for Jews are symbols of this. The candle light penetrates the dark with mysterious effect. Such is hope in life's changes and challenges.

In June of this year I was installed as pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish here in Toronto. Last Christmas, I was administrator and was beginning the life and work I now enjoy. It has been a year of transition and grace. We are currently undergoing major renovations in the building, restructuring of parish councils and committees and working to engage and empower the parishioners in the work of the Church, to proclaim the Good News that God became one of us in the human life of Jesus whose birth we celebrate in Christmas. God has joined us in the fray to make life holy and worth the effort.

My days are filled with the ordinary things the calendar brings; meetings, interviews, bills, e-mails, meals, scheduled liturgies and sacraments, plus the unscheduled sick calls, funerals and parishioner necessities that daily enter the life of a pastor. I used to manage it a day at a time, but now have reduced it to the current hour. Miraculously it all works out. God is so good. I used to wonder why God would want to become human in Jesus. Now I understand a little better. It's because he really loves us, the way we are and the way we hope to be as we grow in love. Merry Christmas!!!

With my Love and Prayers Always,
 Fr. Dan Callahan,SA

Please Pray for:

The Sick: Rev. Paul Vernooy, SCJ,

The Deceased:

Dear Fr. Dan and Parishioners,

“It is the most wonderful time of the Year”. I hope you all had a Blessed and Joyful Christmas. Thank you for the many cards and greetings I have received. I wish many blessings on you in the New Year! I miss you all.

Br. John Baptist, SA

Address for Br. John

Br. John Baptist Hildreth, SA is at: Cedar Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Rm. 207-B, Cedar Lane, Ossining, NY 10562

Request from the Office

We would like to make sure we have the correct information for parishioners that use envelopes. We have some registered without addresses, and we will not be able to send out tax receipts in the New Year without this information. Please be sure to let us know if you have moved recently. Once we close the file for 2009, the information can't be changed.

For 2010 envelopes please put your information on the first few, so we can check our information in the computer.

Friar's Student Writing Award

(For ages 14 to 18) Have you thought about Christian Unity lately? Well, think about it—and tell us what you think. (Your could win an iPod or other prizes) What do you do? The theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 24-31, 2010) is: “*You are witnesses to these things*” Luke 24:48.

Send your essay, along with your name and address, telephone number, age, grade and school to The Catholic Register, 1155 Yonge St., Suite 401, Toronto, Ontario M4T 1W2. (For more information contact 416-934-3400 ext 344.)

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

The Parish Staff



THIS WEEK

No Activities this week

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 5

Religious Ed restarts

Thursday, January 7

Marriage Prep resumes

DID YOU EVER THINK?

To remember St. Joan of Arc in your Will! Just as you would support the parish for the capital campaign and repairing our stain glass windows. You can support your parish in your will.

A reminder to all Parish groups

Bulletin notices and announcements must be submitted to the office by Monday at 4 pm, for the week you want an announcement included.



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