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Feast of the Holy Family



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 Elva Bryson +

Wednesday, December 30

1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96

Luke 2:36-40

5:30 pm Jan Pabian +

Thursday, December 31

1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96

John 1:1018

5:30 pm The Parish Community

Friday, January 1

Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67

Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21

10:00 am The Parish Community

12:00 pm The Parish Community

Saturday, January 2

1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98

John 1:19-28

5:30 pm Futvio Boletta +

Sunday, January 3

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

8:30 am The Parish Community

10:00 am Gladys Howard +

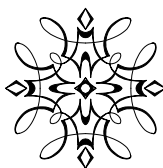
12:00 pm MaryAnne Graham +

7:00 pm Int. of the Friars

Monthly comparison for November

Offertory	2014	2015
Envelopes	\$ 20,654	\$ 19,413
Loose	\$ 6,169	\$ 6,321
PAG	\$ 6,289	\$ 6,438
Total	\$ 33,112	\$ 32,082

Building and Maintenance funds for November were \$ 6,473.00.



The Pastor's Corner

Peace and Goodness to All!

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to you and welcome to St Joan of Arc for our celebrations of the birth of the Lord Jesus, the Christ Child sent to unite us all with God and with one another in love and hope. This season brings us together to rejoice in the salvation of all creation realized when God the creator of all was born of the Virgin Mary into our humanity, bringing holiness to our lives and relationships and realizing the hope of all for eternal life. What joy we share in this faith that God has revealed through the prophets in the Word of the Holy Scriptures. As John's gospel so poignantly states, Christmas celebrates the fact that "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The beauty and pageantry of our Christmas liturgies will remember the gospel stories from Luke and Matthew both in proclamation and Eucharistic celebration. At the 5:30 Mass, The story is told simply in the Children's liturgy where the various familiar characters from the holy family, the shepherds, angels, soldiers, kings and even the Christmas star participate to re-enact this marvelous event in human history bringing lovely wonder to this holy day. More traditional services will follow through the evening, at 9:30 and at Midnight. Christmas Day we will continue the celebrations focusing on the Gospel of John remembering that Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overpower it.

St. Joan of Arc Parish is a place of hospitality and welcome to all who enter this place of worship, fellowship and sharing. We gather here each Sunday to realize our mission as a parish to Live and Proclaim the Gospel as Stewards of the Good News commissioned to welcome all to our community. The warmth and generosity of spirit that is demonstrated throughout the year by our parishioners is a feature we hope you will experience as you enter this place. We hope you feel at home here as we gather to celebrate Christmas. It is always a wonderful time to enjoy the presence of family and friends who have come home to be with us. If you are new to the parish, we hope you will find others to help you become a part of the community. We do our best to incorporate new members and families into the life of the parish so please don't hesitate to ask anyone for information guidance and help.

Christmas celebrates the Love of God who has become human, so we may become familiar with Him in the life and teaching of Jesus, and so, become imitators of the gentle, merciful way we are shown in the gospel. In this we hope to become friends of the Lord and one another as we grow in love and faithfulness. The miraculous birth of Jesus born a child in such a vulnerable and lovable way is God's self-introduction to all people. Jesus grew in wisdom age and grace as the Gospel demonstrates, so we may realize the holiness of all human life as we grow in love and wisdom in our lives and relationships. The mercy of God embraces all of us and we hope to extend this gift to you and to all in our service and ministry as a parish.

Thank you for being here to celebrate these wonderful days with us. May God bless and fill you and yours with great joy throughout this holy Christmas season and all of your days. May the Holy Spirit of Christmas surround you always!

In the Love and Peace of the Christ Child, Jesus the Lord
Fr. Dan

Please Pray for:

The Deceased: Br. Liam Young SA, Br. Bob Taylor, and Fr. Richard Albert.



Congratulations to all those families that had children baptized at St. Joan of Arc in 2015!

Saoirse Bridges, Francis Gerson, Elise Pichard, Colm Sumandl, Tiana Joseph, Eric Morton, Michael Tam, Julie Tans Ryan Breedon, Jackson Lewis, Adrian Stiles, Quentin Stiles, Arina Balandina, Logan Boucher, Lola Durant, Oscar Pole, Vincenzo Romano, Valerie Zarev, Callum Andrews, Juliet Boguski, Ethan Krause, Daisy Paulo, Addison Murphy, Aylana Pessa, Liam Jones, Safali Laframboise, Keelie Albert, Lexienia Bracia, Iah Campbell, Aiden Kuruvilla, Zachary Rygier, Rachel Sammut, Jenson Cahoon, Joseph Fiore, John Latham, Danie Alexander, Orson Sprules, Ruby Vieau, Miller Bulas, & Parker Bulas, Savannah Chavez, Tristen Fieldhouse, Sophie Lournitus, Comeron MacDonald, Liam MacDonald, Madison MacDonald, Sabrina Russell, Robert Resano, Frances Donnelly and Elwyn Laxa.



Congratulations to all those who were married at St. Joan of Arc in 2015

Michael Pietowski & Meaghan Decourcy, Matthew Dylag & Lisa Jemison, Adolfo Montes & Danielle Gendron, Marek Deska & Rachael Posthumas, Steven Wintle & Jada Twist, Christiaan Van Dongen & Jacqueline Quinn, David Robertson & Karina Santiago Matos, Guilherme Medeiros & Marija Horvat, Quincey James & Nancy Yeaman, Alexandre Omiccioli & Tanya Guimmond, Francis Finnison & Kathleen Keenan and Jan Jaskiewicz & Chantal Burch

Holiday Schedule

December 28	No Mass
December 31	5:30 pm Octave Day of the Nativity
January 1	10:00 am Solemnity of Mary 12:00 pm Solemnity of Mary
January 2 & 3rd	Regular Schedule



This Week

No Activities this week

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Future Dates to Remember

Tuesday, January 5

Confirmation Orientation Night

Friday January 8

Confirmation Retreat

Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will be closed
December 28 to January 4.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

- 1) For the first few weeks of using your 2016 envelopes, please print your full information on the outside, so we can check that you are getting credit for your donations.
- 2). When making cheques out for donations: remember to make the cheque payable to St. Joan of Arc and on the memo line write the name of the collection it is for.



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