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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers
Andrew O'Handley

Lectors:
Maryanne Chard
10:00AM Choir
Susan McElcheran
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, December 28

1 John 1:5- 2:2 Psalm 124 2-5,7-8

Matthew 2:13-18

5:30 pm Int. of the Parish Staff

Tuesday, December 29

1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96:1-6

Luke 2:22-35

5:30 pm Int. of the Friars

Wednesday, December 30

1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96:9-12

Luke 2:36-40

5:30 pm Int. of the General Council

Thursday, December 31

1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96 1_2, 11-13 John 1:1-18

5:30 pm The Parish Community

Friday, January 1

Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67 1-2,4-7 Galatians 4:407 Luke 2:16-21

10:00 am The Parish Community

Saturday, January 2

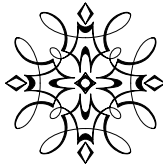
1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98:1-4 John 1:19-28

5:30 p The Parish Community

Sunday, January 3

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 1-2, 7-8,10-13 Matthew 2:1-12

10:00 am The Parish Community



The Friar's Nook

With this time of pandemic, it means that this is a very different Christmas than we have ever celebrated! It means that our celebrations are smaller, maybe even alone, but as we know we are never alone. Perhaps it is good to remember the times when we could be together, not to mourn but rather to know the love that is there. At funerals we say "the bonds of love do not end in death" but we can forget about them even while we are alive.

Remember the first Christmas. Mary wasn't with family and friends; Joseph wasn't with family and friends. They had each other – and God. They didn't even have a pull-out sofa to sleep on, they had to stay in a stable! We should be glad that we have a warm place to stay, that we have those people who can be around (even if they sometimes drive you crazy), and we have God! We have a God who loves us so much that he came to us as Emmanuel – God with us.

That, being said, I hope that you are celebrating Christmas the best way you can. I would have loved to have a full church, a choir, a pageant, YOU, but as I celebrate Mass, I am with you! I know your care and love. This has been especially made clear when I had my recent COVID scare. I got lots of care and support (albeit socially distant) as well as food and love. Through this social distancing we need to remember that we may be socially distant, but we are emotionally very close. As close as Jesus is in our hearts.

I would not have been able to function through this very odd year without your help. You have stepped up and volunteered, you have carried the load with me, you have helped pay the bills, and you have prayed for me. Please don't think I haven't noticed. It has made my first year as a pastor doable! I certainly didn't expect this year to take the turn the way it did but neither did Mary and Joseph. In talking to Fr. Dan, he very kindly said that the parish got the pastor they needed for the pandemic. I'm not so sure of that but I have tried to move us forward given the limitations placed on us. Any plans that I had for my first year have been thrown out the window.

But it's not about our plans but rather about God's plan! Despite not having a Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Advent, or Christmas at church we have continued. I just want to make it clear that I wasn't responsible for those things! We eventually received new members into the church, we have celebrated first Communions with most of our children, we were able to get all of our kids Confirmed just before we were shut down again, and we have had baptisms and funerals. Life goes on and God is with us.

I hope that 2021 brings us health and the freedoms associated with it. We can never go back, so I look forward to going ahead to whatever the new normal will be. I rely on your help, hope, and cooperation to continue to make St. Joan of Arc the place of welcome that you surely have made it for me.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year,
Fr. Bob

Congratulations to the 2020 First Communion class

The following received their First Communion over a series of months, due to Covid-19:

Katherine Bradshaw, Darian Castellino, Oscar Pires, Elizabeth Horn, Daniel Wood, Marie Akiremu, Adam Carolan, Agatha Hughes, Indell Stradiotto, Audrey Van Dam, Amanda McInore, Grace Bisby, Jack Schomer, Isabelle Shaw, Hugh Henderson, Nial Henderson, Sebastian Jazwinski, Matthew Oille, Simon Oille, Leo Zogheib, Mac Kenzie Dineley, Edie Wilson, Clara Dimmock, Tessie Packianathan, Charles Brockley, Emma Hanna, Cheston Schwindt and Alden Wheeler.

THE FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five-hundred-word essay for the Week of Christian Unity, celebrated from January 18th to the 25th, 2021. This year the theme is, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (cf. John 15:5-9)

Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

New Years Eve	Mass	5:30 pm	Online
New Year's Day	Mass	10:00 am	Online

Go to the St. Joan of Arc Facebook page to watch Mass!

*The Parish Staff would like to wish
everyone*

A Healthy and Blessed New Year!

Fr. Bob & Fr Ken

Rosanne

Cathi & Anne



ST. ANDREW'S NOVENA.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God, was born of the Most Pure Virgin Mary. At midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech The, O my God, hear my prayer and grant my desires, mention your request through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of his Blessed Mother. Amen

2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Are ready for pickup, they can be collected Tuesdays and Thursdays when Rosanne is in the office.

2021 SUNDAY MISSALS: are available from the office for \$5.00 each. When Rosanne is in.

MASSES

Be assured if you have booked a mass to be said here at St Joan of Arc, it will be said. Even though we can not open up the church, Fr. Bob and Fr. Ken are privately saying mass daily. All the masses that have been booked have been said to date. We will continue to book masses through the office.

The Parish Office

The office will be closed until January 4th, 2021.



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