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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Call the office

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> Lectors: Maryanne Chard

10:00AM Choir Susan McElcheran Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM

12:00 Noon Choir Chris McConnell Rehearsal: Sunday 10:30 AM

> Ushers: Eugene Sziraky

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 PM

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. 221, for more information.

MARRIAGE

Please call Fr. Dan 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

Monday to Friday 9:30 am to 11:30 am

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Monday & Wednesday mornings closed.

Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please call Fr. Dan Callahan, ext. 226, for more information.

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League See CWL Bulletin Board for Details

Children's Liturgy 10:00 AM Mass

Sunday School

10:00 AM Mass

Weekly Sacramental Preparation Development and Peace

www.devp.org

3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

Meditation Group

Mondays, 7:15 PM

Merry Makers

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 8

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalm 98 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38 5:30 pm Bock Family

Tuesday, December 9

Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 96 Matthew 18:12-14 5:30 pm Hrestak Family

Wednesday, December 10

Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103 Matthew 11:28-30 5:30 pm David Sylvester +

Thursday, December 11

<u>Isaiah 41:13-20</u> Psalm 145 Matthew 11-15 5:30 pm Justina & John Lepchak +

Friday, December 12

Zechariah 2:10-13 Judith 13 Luke 1:39-47 5:30 pm Asunta Dipachda +

Saturday, December 13

Sirach 48:1-4,9-11 Psalm 80

Matthew 17:10-13

5:20 pm. Int. of Nestaranka Fa

5:30 pm Int,. of Nostarenko Family

Sunday, December 14

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 Luke 1
IThessal. 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28
8:30 am The Parish Community
10:00 am Frank Foley +
12:00 pm Dmytro Spiwak +
7:00 pm Giovanni Genovese +

Monthly Comparison for November:

Offertory		2013	2014	
Envelopes	\$	15,510	\$	20,654
Loose	\$	5,140	\$	6,169
PAG	\$	6,964	\$	6,289
Total	\$	17,614	\$	33,112

Note: Comparison totals are based on 5 weeks in 2014 compared to four weeks in November 2013

Contributions for the Building Maintenance Fund \$3,138.00



The Pastor's Corner Peace & Goodness to all!

Advent is the time of patient waiting for the Coming of our Savior. The gifts of salvation, peace and reconciliation are brought to us by our Emmanuel, Christ the Lord. The Church throughout the world celebrates this time in watchful prayer as we move ever closer to Christmas to once again celebrate His birth. Christ Jesus who came to us in the flesh of an infant will come again in Glory to judge the living and the dead and so we also anticipate this final day in joyful hope. The mystery of salvation is remembered throughout the season in the characters of John the Baptist the prophet and herald who completes the prophetic messages proclaimed in the Word of the Old Testament. Mary the Mother of Jesus is the one in whom the Word is made flesh. Her yes to the message of the angel Gabriel permitted the Incarnation of the Lord to become one of us. Her time of pregnancy is symbolic of the joyful hope filled waiting that is ours in this prayerful season. The dawn of our Salvation is born because she said yes. Each Sunday as we light another candle on the advent wreath to mark the passing of the time. We appreciate that Jesus was born in the fullness of time so we could know the eternal salvation that he won for us. Let us be attentive to the messages that are proclaimed so we will be ready to receive him when he comes.

The youth group once more has served the community well in bringing Santa Claus to collect toys for the St. Vincent de Paul Society to distribute to the children. Their enthusiasm in providing entertainment to our families brought joy and the Christmas Spirit to help us celebrate. Thank you all who made this day so special.

Tuesday our candidates for First Communion celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Thank you to Vivian Kwok for her leadership and to all of the volunteer teachers and parents who prepared them so well to understand and celebrate this holy sacrament. This holy season lends itself to appreciate the grace and peace that comes to us through this great gift of Christ to the Church. The sacrament is available each Saturday afternoon, and after every mass throughout the week. Please see the bulletin for the time of our annual Advent Reconciliation service and know you are welcome to participate.

Throughout the advent season we will have special events to help us prepare for Christmas. A Welcome Home night will be provided on December 11 for anyone who has been away from the Church and who may want to return. Please invite anyone you know who might wish to participate in this evening of discussion and welcome. The Ecumenical Lessons and Carols will be celebrated next Sunday at 3 PM with our choirs in cooperation with many of the Churches of other Christian denominations to proclaim the Word and Sing God's praises. This is always a beautiful concert and we hope you will plan to attend.

The Advent Season begins the liturgical year of the Church and prepares us to receive the Lord into our hearts. May our hearts be filled with the grace and peace of this season so when he comes again we will be ready.

In the love and joy of Christ our Emmanuel Fr. Dan

Please Pray for:

The Sick: Rose Di Tommaso

The Deceased: Fr. Agostinho Pacheco

RCIA /Bible Study (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Do you or someone you know have questions about the Catholic Church? Are you they interested in becoming Catholic? If you would like to join the RCIA contact the office or drop in on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm.

WELCOME HOME EVENING

As the holiday season approaches we as a parish want to provide an opportunity for everyone who seeks the Lord to Come Home for Christmas. On Thursday December 11, 2014, 7:30 pm, we will have a special night to gather all who seek the Lord. Wherever you are in your faith journey, our "Welcome Home" evening is designed to help you become acquainted with St. Joan of Arc parish and to hope you can feel at home here to worship and serve the Lord with us.

Our hope is that you will find that being Catholic can help you find true peace, happiness, and purpose in life. Our goal is to provide you with the help you might need to return to the life of the Church. Go ahead, we want you to ask us the tough questions. We want you to know God's love for you. We ask you to be part of our global Catholic family. We invite you to join us in worship, prayer, and fellowship at St. Joan of Arc Parish, Our mission is to live and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and to provide welcome to all. The door is open for you. We are one family – welcome home!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

- 1) The cold weather is here! We have had a request for a Man's large size ski jacket! If you have one that about to replace or have already replaced, you may drop it off at the parish office and the St. Vincent de Paul Society will see that this young man receives it right away. Thank you!
- 2. For our toy drive, this year paper angels (indicating gender/age) at the back of the Church, are available, to assist in selecting a specific toy. The need is for new, unwrapped toys and \$20.00 (suggested) gift cards for older children. Gifts will be accepted at the Parish Office during office hours. Please take one and attach it to the toy you are donating. Requests will keep coming in until Christmas. All gifts are appreciated. Thank you for continuing to make someone's Christmas a little merrier!

<u>CWL 2014 Bazaar</u> – Thanks again to everyone who made our Bazaar a grand success! Attached, please see a list of the charities benefiting from our Bazaar and a list of our generous donors! Please patronize these businesses if you have an opportunity, and let them know how appreciative we are to have received their generous donation. Thank you!

2015 SUNDAY MISSALS

The new missals are now available from the parish office, for \$5.00 a copy.

2015 Offertory Envelopes

The new boxes are now ready for pick up in the hall. If your box is missing please let the office know. If you haven't had a box before, and would like one, just go to the office and request one..

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 8

7:00 pm D & P

7:30 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, December 9

4:30 pm Religious Education

Wednesday, December 10

Staff Meeting 6:00 pm SVDP 7:30 pm RCIA

Thursday, December 11

7:00 pm CFS Marriage Prep 7:30 pm Welcome Home Evening

Saturday, December 13

SVDP

Sunday, December 14

3:00 pm Advent Carol Service

A Fair Trade Christmas -

Sunday, December 14th Fair Trade products will be available in the hall next Sunday after all the morning Masses. These make wonderful, meaningful Christmas gifts. Wrapping of baskets and bags will be available for those who wish.

2014 Christmas Pageant

Our annual children's pageant will be held at the 5:30pm mass on Christmas Eve. Children are needed for this wonderful celebration of Christmas! The first rehearsal will take place in the church This afternoon, December 14 at 1:30pm. The second rehearsal will occur the following Sunday, December 21 at the same time. Any child wanting to participate is invited to come to these rehearsals



Second Sunday of Advent

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