

PASTORAL PLAN FOR REOPENING ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, issued by Bishop da Cunha, remains in effect until further notice. Those who are most vulnerable and at a greater risk due to age, preexisting health conditions, or in close proximity to vulnerable people are encouraged to remain home at this time. If you or a close loved one shows any symptoms of illness, please do not come to church.

The weekend Mass schedule here at St. Joan of Arc Church will remain the same throughout the summer months... Saturday at 5:00pm, Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am. We have decided this primarily because adding another Mass on Sunday morning, as we normally do during the summer months, would not allow sufficient time to properly sanitize the church after each Mass. Mass intentions that have already been requested for 9:30am will be included with the 8:00am Mass for that day and the intentions requested for 11:00am will be remembered at the 10:00am Mass of that day unless otherwise requested. **During the week Mass is celebrated Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00am.**

Per state regulations, gatherings cannot exceed 40% of a house of worship's occupancy capacity. Taking into account social distancing of 6 feet between people (or households), means only approximately 3 people in every other pew.

All worshippers will enter the church through the Main Entrance. For safety and order, a person will not be able to choose a specific seat. A specially trained group of greeters will be used to assist people to their seats. Once we reach our occupancy limit, we will not be able to admit others. Charity, cooperation and understanding are asked of all.

Everyone entering the church is required to wear a mask or other face covering. Please provide your own masks. While there is hand sanitizer available at the entrance, please consider providing your own, if you can, as supply is limited.

There will be receptacles at the entrance of the church in which you may place your contribution to the parish as you enter. You may place both 1st and 2nd collections together. On-line giving is encouraged via our parish website. Thank you so much for your support, especially at this extraordinary time.

The offertory procession (bringing up of the bread and wine) and the usual sign of peace will be eliminated. You may offer the sign of peace with a head nod and wave. The holy water fonts at the doors of the church will remain empty. Missals/hymnals have been removed as it would be difficult to sanitize them. Singing will be eliminated from our worship until further notice.

Holy Communion will be distributed at the usual time during the Mass. Those receiving Communion will approach row by row (keeping the 6 feet safe distancing protocol) and section by section. Please remain at your pew until your row is called. The priest will distribute Communion with sanitized hands while wearing a mask. Communicants may lift their mask just prior to receiving Holy Communion.

Following the Final Blessing, please immediately, reverently and quietly leave the church by the door closest to your pew maintaining the 6 feet distancing protocol. Upon exiting the church, please refrain from congregating near the doors of the church. After each Mass, the tops of the benches, door handles and other high traffic areas will be sanitized.

Scheduling for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers will be suspended for the time being. All parish ministries and events will remain suspended until further notice. The church will be closed following each Mass. The Parish Office, Faith Formation Office and Thrift Shop will remain closed.

I encourage all who make the prudent judgement for themselves not to return to church for Mass, to instead participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and view other good quality spiritual programming on Catholic TV, found on your local cable Channel 268 or on EWTN, Channel 56. Mass is televised each Sunday at 11:00am on Channel 6. You can also view daily Mass on-line at <http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass>.

Let us remember one another in prayer especially those most in need of our prayers at this time. Let us commit ourselves to prayer for an end to the COVID-19 coronavirus.

God bless,
Fr. Bill Rodrigues

**MASS INTENTIONS
THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 John & Ann Birmingham
 Sunday 8:00 Joseph Osmanski, Lew Carrington
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Helene Finn
 Monday 8:00 Jeff Kimpel
 Tuesday 8:00 Gerry, Jeanne & John Mullin
 Wed 8:00 Richard Auda
 Fri 8:00 Paul Masterson

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Ozon Family, Bill Dunning
 Sunday 8:00 Lydia Shaughnessey
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 James Zeiss

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

July 5 Regular \$11,942.00
Your generosity to St. Joan of Arc is greatly appreciated.

THIS WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY

The second collection this weekend is the Harvest Sunday Collection, which supports the efforts of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference to help those in need with necessities – food, medicine, rent, utilities.

GABRIEL SYSTEM ON-LINE GIVING

We are so grateful to all who have donated through the envelope system or through Gabriel, our new on-line giving program. **Whether you choose to continue with the envelopes or donate on-line, we encourage everyone to register with Gabriel so we can build an up-to-date parish census including emails and mobile phone numbers to better handle situations like this going forward.** **Directions:** On the left-hand side of the SJA website home page scroll down beneath the photo of the church until you see the Online Giving Icon. Click the icon which gives you two options: one to register and one to donate. Please register BEFORE making an on-line donation so the system will recognize you.

**PLEASE HELP US KEEP
THESE LISTS UP TO DATE**

PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

Martin Coughlin, Loretta Stephens, Harry Marcoux, John Keane, Tris Windle, David Cousins, Lynne Scalia, Alex Podeszwa, Thomas Stone, Nick Bartick, Pam Hedlund, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, Anne Caruso, John M. Pollard, Peter Cruckshank, Bill Hannon, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lencvewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Tyler Benscoter, Agnes Wolfgang, Fr. Paul Smith, Marilyn Drewes, Ray Castriotta, Julianne Sullivan, Robert Grudzina, Marge LaGrassa, Jim Lewis, Joyce Loechner, Frank Salomone, Chad Larivee, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Gerry Csaposs, Addie Priess, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kasczak, Patty Camarra, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Fran McDonagh, Donna Hibbert, Margaret Royce, Beth Nixon, Anne O'Brien, Ben McMahan, Gerry Moynihan, Martha Moynihan, Richard Paskiewicz, Mary Rodrigues, Emily Sparks, Stephen Moreau, Paula Madeiro, Paul Brandon, Rita Folger, Gerri DiCristina, Kathleen Kilmer, Marguerite Forren, Mary Pickard, Deepthi Moola, Steve Novick, Ernie T., Eleanor Symecko, Joseph Wignot, Hector Pelletier, Bob Cunnane, Thomas McSparron

**PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE
MEN AND WOMEN**

Brandy Nelson, Timothy Horigan, Scott Doucette, Michael Wilson, David Lucas, Sean Lucas, Peter Civita Shayne, Peter Cabral, Gregory DeLuca, Joshua Schmitt, Joseph Long, Brad Howard, Thomas Scudder, Jeffrey Stebbins, Phillip McDonough, David Wilcox, John Amick, David McDonald, Lt. Edward J. Maloney, Andrew Kelley, William James Miller, David Orloski, Stephen Tammaro, Michael L. Hamilton, Thomas Crawford, Aaron Charette, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Pruffer, Christian P. Goodman, Trevor Lafontaine, Connor Lafontaine, Colin Bracken, Michael Bracken



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ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL

SPOKEN FROM THE HEART: “The future of the Church is our youth. My goal as a priest would be to work with them, to listen to them. And help lead them into a genuine relationship with Christ and help them notice and appreciate the Lord working in their own lives. I think continuing to develop youth programs will give kids the opportunity to grow, come together as one, and have genuine community, genuine friendships. That will hopefully prepare and equip them for a life of service. A life of faith. And a life of joy.”

— John Garabedian, Immaculate Conception Seminary,
South Orange, NJ

Make your Appeal gift or pledge today by mail, in church, or online at www.givefrdiocese.org/2020. You can hear from some of our seminarians by visiting www.catholicfoundationsema.org/seminarians.

If you are unable to make a financial gift, the gift of your prayers in support of our ministries is greatly appreciated.

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**SHARE THE NEWS**

Please help us share parish news and updates by mentioning to your neighbors and friends that the weekly bulletin and other parish and diocesan news can be found on our parish website, [www.joanarc.org](http://www.joanarc.org).

**FR. BILL'S HOMILIES ON SJA WEBSITE**  
Audio recordings of Fr. Bill's homilies are uploaded to our Parish Website each week. Go to [www.joanarc.org](http://www.joanarc.org) to find the audio link on our home page.

**LOVE IS A WEED**

The following is adapted from “*Believing It All: What My Children Taught Me About Trout Fishing, Jelly Toast, and Life*” by Marc Parent:

*“Don’t let anyone tell you that love is a rose.*

*Love is a weed. It grows wild. It flourishes where it is trampled; it multiplies where it is ripped from the ground. Its roots grow deeper through suffering, stronger through storms.*

*Don’t believe that love is a beautiful flower.*

*Love is a cactus. It thrives in the most barren places. It collects the precious water of the desert and willingly sheds its tough skin to offer a drink to the thirsty traveler.*

*Don’t look for love in the colors of nature, in the freshness of spring, or in sunrises and sunsets.*

*Love is the old tree that gives its wood for warmth and its fruit for food. It welcomes into its branches every bird of the sky; it shelters animals. It gives everything it has – and keeps giving its roots to feed and birth new trees.*

*Love is the unwelcome rain that fills every creek and stream. Love is the dark earth that nurtures every root to harvest. Love is seed that dies to become something greater than itself.*

*Don’t get carried away with romantic notions of love. Love is as real as dirt, as generous as water, as giving as seed.”*

Jesus challenges us to be both the sower and the seed. We are to be the *seed* that necessarily breaks open and “*dies*” to its small form that it may become something much greater than itself – giving life and love to the world.

We are also the *sower* – sowing seeds of encouragement, kindness, and reconciliation regardless of the “ground” on which it is scattered. Even the best of gardeners sometimes has trouble discerning the wheat from the weeds. May we not be ‘discouraged sowers’, but rather continue to plant our small acts of generosity, patience, and peace – trusting that they will bear fruit in God’s own time.

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