

**The Parish of
St. Joan of Arc - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

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**MASS
SCHEDULE**

St. Joan of Arc Church
Saturday Vigil 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 11:15 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
8:00 a.m.

Advent Reconciliation Monday

To Be Announced

Thoughts for the Week of November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Today we embark on the journey that is called the Season of Advent, a journey that leads us to the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, as He started His life on earth, a journey of His own that would lead to Mt. Calvary, passion, death, resurrection and the ultimate victory over death.

If you look closely at the bulletin cover for the first Sunday of Advent, you will notice that the word “Hope” is prominent. Today starts our journey to the Hope of Redemption personified by Jesus, Himself. On the Advent Wreath a single, purple candle is lit. This candle signifies our desire to free ourselves from the care and distraction of the world by concentrating on the world of the spirit.

Over the next three weeks, three other candles will be lit, with the third being pink, a symbol of the approaching feast of the Nativity. The bulletin covers will also change. Week two will highlight “Preparation.” “Make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:23)”, our personal efforts to worthily welcome the Christ Child.

The week three cover mirrors the sentiment of the third Sunday of Advent, Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday and the key word on that cover is “Joy,” the joy we feel knowing that our Redeemer is near. This is reflected in the color of the Advent Wreath candle — Pink. Still in the family of purple, but lightened to tell us our redemption is near.

Week four says it all, and sums up the meaning of Advent and Christmas so very well: “God sent His only Son to earth to save us, because He LOVES us (John 3:16-17).”

We can all do something to prepare ourselves for Christmas and I submit that a good way is to prepare an Advent Wreath in our homes and light the appropriate candle each evening before dinner saying Grace before Meals as we do, and leaving it lit through our evening meal. A simple gesture that can mean so much.

May God bless us on our trek to holiness.

Rev. Joseph A. Emmanuel

MASS INTENIONS

St. Joan of Arc Church

Saturday, November 28	5:15 p.m.	Mary Gleassey	req. by Dave Gleassey
Sunday, November 29	11:15 a.m.	Phyllis Caputi	req. by Lely & Ralph Pagan
Monday, November 30	9:00 a.m.	Eileen & John Barry	req. by The Family
Wednesday, December 2	9:00 a.m.	Marie Dodrill (Healing)	req. by Ray & Pat Rioux
Friday, December 4	9:00 a.m.	James Yantos	req. by The Bush Family
Saturday, December 5	5:15 p.m.	Thomas Jones	req. by Ray & Pat Rioux
Sunday, December 6	11:15 a.m.	Romoaldo Cogliano	req. by Jenny & Mo Giusto

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Saturday, November 28	4:00 p.m.	Mary Lynch	req. by The Fennel Family
Sunday, November 29	10:00 a.m.	Mary Mullaghy	req. by Pat & Ed Brennan
Monday, November 30	8:00 a.m.	AVAILABLE	
Tuesday, December 1	8:00 a.m.	AVAILABLE	
Thursday, December 3	8:00 a.m.	AVAILABLE	
Saturday, December 5	4:00 p.m.	Edison Bastinck	req. by Thelma Smith
Sunday, December 6	10:00 a.m.	Maureen Mulligan	req. by The Fennell & Capozzi Family

Missals

Missals are available from the ushers if you would like to have one. We ask that you take the missal home and bring it back each week for mass. Any that are left in the church must be discarded. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

1. For now there is still no requirement for you to come back to Mass . Those who are at a greater risk of COVID-19 (those older than 65 or who have underlying health conditions) are cautioned not to come to church for Mass. They may join us only when they feel safe and comfortable to do so. His Eminence has dispensed us from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass at this time. As an alternative, Mass may be viewed on line or on TV, and the act of spiritual communion may be used instead of receiving the Eucharist.
2. In accord with current state policy, the faithful (over 2 years old) must wear a mask.
3. Attendees should sanitize their hands at the entrance of the church via sanitizer stations.
4. All present at Mass should sit 6 feet or more away from others. Families may sit together.
5. Maintain 6ft. from the person beside you unless a family member.
6. When receiving communion please keep your mask on, extend your hands to receive then step to the side and lift your mask to place the Body of Christ in your mouth. You may not receive communion if you are wearing gloves and communion will not be distributed on the tongue.

Renew and Rebuild 2018

Goal: **\$267,500.00** - Pledged: **\$198,105.00** Paid: **\$73,370.00** Average Gift: **\$5,472.36** - **38** Families

Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal 2020

Goal: **\$29,000.00** - Pledged: **\$24,975.00** Paid: **\$24,875.00** Average Gift: **\$580.81** - **43** Families

Mass Collections

November 14 - November 15

Sunday Collection SJA: \$ 1,618.00	Number of envelopes: 30
Sunday Collection OLMC: \$1,306.00	Number of envelopes:35

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Parish News



Prayer Requests

At this time we ask that you include the following people in your prayers:

Maria Thys, T.J. Petry, Nick Gelles, Alan Bythewood, Guido & Laura Rotella, Chris Rotella, Liz Schwartz Guaglianone, Chet & Doris Kretowski, John & Michael Dolan, Patty Picco, Rita Gannon, Bob Manez, Chris Manez, and Rose Nattini.

We pray for these people at mass even though their names are not announced.

If you would like someone to be included in these prayers please have a family member call the rectory (845-753-5239).

Names will only be left on this list for 1 month
Names will be removed after the November 29th bulletin

After that we ask that you will please contact us to make sure that they are placed on the list again for another month. It is the only way we know if someone has recovered. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Adoration Chapel Memorial Lamp

November 2020 - Harry Sullivan
Req. by Barbara Sullivan
2020 All Taken
Please contact the rectory for details-845-753-5239
Donation is \$25.00

Bread and Wine for St. Joan of Arc

November 2020 - The Lynch Family
Req. by The Lynch Family
2020- All Taken
Please contact the rectory for details-845-753-5239
Donation is \$25.00

THURSDAY ADORATION

St. Joan of Arc Adoration Chapel
Every Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

We need additional adorers in order to maintain our commitment of two adorers on the hour and one on the half-hour to ensure that the Lord will not be left unattended. Almost all hours are available. Please contact Bob Albert at 845-753-8213 if you wish to spend some quality time in adoration of Our Lord.

We ask that you maintain social distancing and wear a mask as per the state requirement.
If you are not feeling well please stay home.

200 Club

The 200 Club half-year Membership is \$26 per half year (July - December). \$52.00 for the entire year (January - December). Checks are payable to St. Joan of Arc-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Place in designated box in the rear of St. Joan of Arc Church or send to rectory on an envelope labeled 200 Club Attention Fran Albert

Please Consider joining us.
Thank you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

St. Joan of Arc's annual Giving Tree is now up in back of St. Joan of Arc Church. All gifts will be going to Birth Right of Rockland. Please take a star from the tree and return the item in a gift bag. Gifts should be returned by December 24.



Friends of St. Joan
Christmas Poinsettia Sale
at
St. Joan of Arc Church

Saturday
and
Sunday
December
6th & 7th
After all Masses.



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Be watchful! Be alert! The core message of Advent cannot be more direct or simple. As those who are postured in a spirit of readiness and anticipation, we must always be attentive and vigilant. We have to be ready not only for the anticipated arrival of our Lord, but watchful and attentive to the unexpected visit as well. While we know that the Christ is coming, we also do not know the exact time. Cultivating this expectant attitude is the purpose of this season. It is easy to grow slack, inattentive, and too self-assured. We can easily deaden ourselves to the wonder and surprise of God's presence. We get so absorbed in so many other distractions that it can seem like Christ's second coming, and even Christ's coming in time are of lesser importance. When it finally dawns on us that we have wandered far away from where we need to be, and lost our attentiveness and focus, we will wonder how this all happened. We may even try to put the onus on God and blame God for a lack of involvement or presence. We are the ones, who through our own choice, put the distance in our relationship and lost touch. Now it's time to come back and perk ourselves up a bit!

Need help caring for yourself or someone else, but not sure where to turn? Have questions about: Housing for seniors and disabled persons, Access to healthcare, Health-related legal and financial issues, Dementia care, Transportation options, Caregiver support groups, Food and nutrition, Volunteer opportunities. Call ArchCare. We'll Answer. ArchCare Care Navigation Center 855-951CARE. 8am - 8pm, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. Help from a Care Navigator is totally free.



Laughter is the Best Medicine

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area and went to the lost luggage office and reported the loss. The woman there smiled and told me not to worry Because she was a trained professional and said I was in good hands. 'Now,' she asked me, 'Has your plane arrived yet?'...

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

On-Line Support Group for those struggling with Divorce/Separation. There is a free on-line "Webinar-Like" support/sharing group. Sponsored by the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family and Faith, this group meets every first Tuesday from 8-9pm and is on-going. Prayer, reflection, guidance by Church teachings, and attended by a Mercedarian friar from the Order of Mercy and the Organization's Director, the group allows for listening and sharing guided by an experience facilitator. Visit the website: www.nonnatus.org or call 215-870-9913.

Need A Priest for A Loved-One?

If you have a family member who is homebound, hospitalized or living in an assisted care senior residence, who needs a priest, please call me at 914-439-5089.

Rev. Joseph A. Emmanuel

Attention Sponsors

Anyone interested in being a sponsor for Baptism must meet with Fr. Emmanuel at least one month before the ceremony. This is necessary to avoid any last minute problems if the baptism is to take place in another parish. Call 845-753-5239 for an appointment.

FOOD PANTRY

The Sloatsburg Food Pantry depends upon our community to keep the doors open and shelves stocked. We accept food and monetary donations. Even the smallest donation makes a difference!

Items always needed: *Esp. Hearty soups, Cereal, healthy snacks; granola/breakfast bars, non perishable milk, microwaveable single meals. (We are also in need of shopping bags)*

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE FROZEN OR EXPIRED FOOD

Please consider a **monetary donation** that can be done by going to:

<http://www.sloatsburgfoodpantry.org/>

Items may be left at the doors to either church





Advent is the season when Christians make spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Celebrating with an Advent wreath is a meaningful custom in many Christian traditions. The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On that wreath, four or five candles are typically arranged. During the season of Advent, one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent services. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Set on the branches of the Advent wreath are four candles: three purple candles and one pink candle. A more modern tradition is to place a white candle in the center of the wreath. As a whole, these candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world.

Each week of Advent on Sunday, a particular Advent candle is lit. Catholic tradition states that the four candles, representing the four weeks of Advent, each stand for one thousand years, to total the 4,000 years from the time of Adam and Eve until the birth of the Savior.

Prophecy Candle

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14, NIV)

This first candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Angels Candle

The second purple candle, often called the "Angels Candle," represents peace and preparation and is lit on the second Sunday of Advent.

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:13-14, NIV)

Shepherds Candle

On the third Sunday of Advent the pink, or rose-colored candle is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the "Shepherds Candle," and it represents joy:

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2:8-11, NIV)

Bethlehem Candle

On the fourth and last Sunday of Advent, the fourth purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizing Christ's manger:

"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:12, NIV)

Christ Candle

On Christmas Eve, the white center candle is lit. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. The color white represents purity. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Savior. Those who receive Christ as Savior are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow:

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." (Isaiah 1:18, NIV)

Prayers as you light the Advent candle each week

First Week - Hope

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.



Second Week - Peace & Preparation

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.



Holy Rosary Society

Poinsettia Sale

There will be a Poinsettia Sale after the Masses at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on December 5th and 6th to brighten your Christmas season and support the work of the Holy Rosary Society.



Christmas Preparations



Help us clean OLMC Church

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Starting at 10:45 a.m.

Everyone is invited to help for as long
or as short as you can!
Together, let us prepare for Christmas.

Cleaning will involve dusting, vacuuming, sweeping, sanitizing in the main church. No climbing.

Angel Tree

Don't miss this gift tag event

Gifts under the Angel Tree at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will be donated to the Newburgh Ministry. The families they serve all year long are able to register to receive one new toy and one new article of clothing for each of their children, infants through the age of 12. They serve over 360 children. Please return gifts by December 13th so they can be delivered in time for Christmas.



Christmas Decorations



Parishioners are invited to help decorate Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Sunday, December 20th following the 10 a.m. mass.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Continue to monitor this page for updates on coming Holy Rosary Society events.

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