

A PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find the courage and perseverance to balance work, family, and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers who have supported and challenged us; May they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.

We remember fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memories and nourish us with their love. Amen.

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. The public celebration of weekday Masses resumes on Monday, June 22. **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 judgment 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



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**ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL
SPOKEN FROM THE HEART:**

“I was a psychotherapist before coming to seminary. I worked with combat veterans doing group and individual counseling for men and women returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan, and also with Vietnam veterans. And I don’t think I realized it at the time, but just like many things in life, you can kind of look back and learn that those experiences did play a role in who I am today. When you’re working in the field of mental health, you encounter human suffering in a way that you may not be able to in any other professional discipline. I think that naturally oriented me to the importance of God, the way He works in people’s lives in a particular way.”

-Gregory Quenneville, St. John's Seminary
Ordination Class of 2022

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

MINISTRY OF DEACON

Mr. Philip “Skip” Koch, a fellow parishioner of St. Joan of Arc Parish, is applying to be a permanent deacon in our Diocese. As his candidacy is to be formalized, it is customary that members of the community at large be given the opportunity to speak in this regard. Therefore, if anyone is aware of any reason why Mr. Koch should not be a deacon in the Roman Catholic Church, please contact the pastor, Father William M. Rodrigues. You may also contact Father Robert A. Oliveira or Deacon Frank Lucca at the Permanent Diaconate Office at 508-990-0341 and ask to speak with one of them personally. In a special way let us remember Skip, his wife, Sue, and their family at this momentous time.

FOOD 4 KIDS

Sponsored by Church of the Holy Spirit, and supported by local faith communities, Food 4 Kids will hand out Grab & Go meals to over 1,000 children and teens in eight Lower Cape towns this summer. We are looking for two volunteers for each site to hand out meals to families as they drive up. To volunteer go to www.food4kidscapecod.org and click on *Volunteers* to choose the location and days you would like to serve. If the slot you want is full, we hope you will try another one. Each central location will be overseen by a trained Site Supervisor. Masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies provided, and all necessary precautions will be strictly adhered to.

Saint Rocco Prayer for Healing and Protection

*During your travels on earth,
God worked His miraculous healing
through your intercession.*

*Many were cured of the plague
from your prayers and the sign of the cross.*

*We implore you Saint Rocco
to intercede before the throne of God.*

*Send forth a blessing of protection from
Contagious diseases and the Coronavirus.*

Bless us Heavenly Father with your healing grace.

We ask this in the name of your Divine Son, Jesus.

Amen

THE BOWL OF LIGHT

In their book *The Tales from the Night Rainbow*, Pali Jae Lee and Koko Willis recount this parable from Hawaiian folklore:

“Each child, it is believed, is born with a bowl of perfect light. If the child tends the light, it will grow in strength and girl or boy can swim with the sharks, fly with the birds, and know and understand all things. But if the child, along the path of his or her life, becomes envious jealous, fearful, or angry, each of these emotions becomes like a stone that the child places in their bowl of light.

As a result, some of the light goes out because the stone and light cannot hold the same space. If the child continues on this path, the child becomes heavy like a stone – a stone that cannot move – a stone that cannot grow.

But, if at any time the child tires of being a stone, all she or he needs to do is turn their bowl upside down: the stones will fall away and the child’s light will shine once more.”

In every life there are moments when we are overwhelmed by “stones” of grief, disappointment, despair, hopelessness, anger, fear...But in the message of today’s Gospel Jesus promises that the: the light of God is always in our “bowl”. If we are wise and humble enough to turn our bowl upside down and let the stones fall away – *the light will return.*

Turning over a life full of “stones” is not easy and often requires the help of others. Sometimes *we* are called to be the ones to help others – to offer our understanding, patience and generosity to assist other souls to cast their stones aside.

Jesus calls us to embrace a vision of hope that is the opposite of fear – to a hope that matches our uncertainty of the unknown with the certainty of the love of God. This is a hope that can only be found and embraced when we reach beyond our own fears to confront the fears and heal the hurts of others. This is the hope that holds the capacity to transform the Good Friday’s of our lives into Easter completeness – into wholeness and holiness. Let us tip our bowls upside down and fill them again with Light.

**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 Prufer, Christian P. Goodman, Trevor Lafontaine, Connor Lafontaine, Colin Bracken, Michael Bracken

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 to find the audio link on our home page.

Please keep these deceased loved ones in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Carolyn & Tom Ressa
Sunday 8:00 Patricia Gilgun, Daniel Goodman
Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
10:00 Libby Griffin
Monday 8:00 Maggie Gulley
Tuesday 8:00 Bob Timoteo
Wed 8:00 Elizabeth Conte
Fri 8:00 William Broadwell

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Anna & Edward Majewski
Sunday 8:00 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
10:00 Alex Tinant

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Robert Engelmann

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

June 14 Regular	\$6,601.00
Harvest Sunday	\$1,437.00

Your generosity to St. Joan of Arc is greatly appreciated.

June 28 2nd Collection — Latin America

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.

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