

## 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 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS  
THIS WEEK**

Saturday	5:00	Casey-Sahner-Phillips Family
Sunday	8:00	Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Nathan & Mary Anthony
Monday	8:00	Deacon Jerry Blood
Tuesday	8:00	Maureen McEnaney
Wed	8:00	Eugene S. McLean, III
Fri	8:00	Richard Auda

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday	5:00	Ray Newman
Sunday	8:00	Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
	10:00	Joan Wehrell

**COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!**

August 16 Regular	\$ 4,176.00
Assumption	\$ 443.00
Diocesan Appeal	\$58,545.00

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

**GABRIEL SYSTEM ON-LINE GIVING**

Thanks 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.

Before making your initial on-line donation, it is necessary to register so the system will recognize you. You need only register once.

**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 Bencoter, 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 Kascsak, 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

**PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED**

## STREAMING MASS

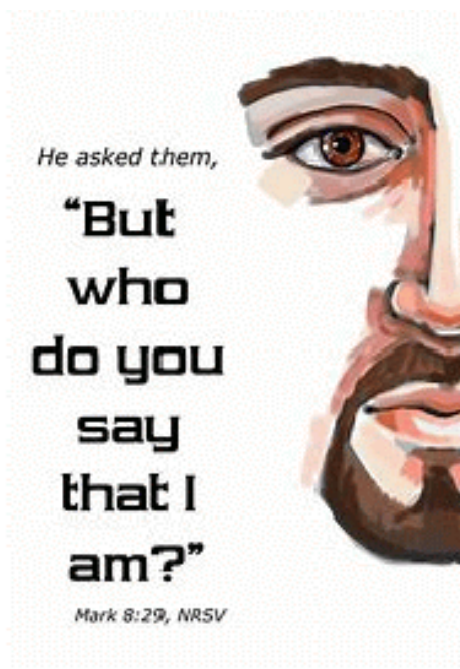
The 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass will now be streamed to Facebook each week. To view the Mass, go to the parish website at [www.joanarc.org](http://www.joanarc.org) and press the Facebook icon. This will launch the St. Joan of Arc Parish Facebook page. The Mass will be at the top of the postings. Audio recordings of the weekend homily are posted on our parish website, as well.

## LOCAL RE-OPENS

LOCAL volunteers are providing lunches and other grocery items for TAKE-OUT from the Parish Center each Tuesday. Pick up time is from 11:30 to 12:30 only. Those picking up items must wear face masks and bring their own bags. Social distancing must be maintained and only one person at a time will be allowed into the center where volunteers will distribute meals and some groceries immediately inside the doors. We are happy to be able to provide this once-a-week service.

## 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).



## Weekly Reflection by Judy Burt Walker, Director of Faith Formation

### THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SOUND

A story is told of an old man who visited the city for the first time – he had never been to school, and had never before left his remote mountain village. His children had been schooled and one-by-one – had moved to the city.

While walking through the city, the old man heard a sound that stung his ears. He followed the grating sound to a small house where he found a boy practicing the violin – and badly! The man had never experienced a violin before and decided immediately that this was a horrible instrument.

The next day, the man was exploring another part of the city when he heard the most enchanting melody. Again, he followed the sound to its source and discovered a woman who was playing a sonata – on a violin. The man immediately realized his mistake – the sound of the instrument depended on who was playing it.

The third day, while walking around the city, the old man heard a sound more beautiful than *‘the cascade of the mountain streams in spring, the autumn wind in the mountain groves, the silence in the mountain hollows on a still winter’s night.’* The man’s heart had never been so moved. Again he followed the music to a large hall – an orchestra was playing a symphony. The wise old man understood:

*The true gift was first, to learn to become a master of one’s own instrument – and then, to put those skills at the service of other players to create the most beautiful sounds. This was the ‘key’ to bringing to the ears a sound that enlivens and transforms*

The Gospel suggests that the beauty and truth of Jesus’ message is conveyed by each individual’s willingness to practice one’s faith, however haltingly. Along the way, we risk playing some “sour notes”, but as we continue to practice, we also become more attuned to our own particular gifts and how we can manifest them in our daily life. The beauty of our particular vibration begins to resonate with the beauty and love of the whole community – culminating in a magnificent symphony far surpassing any of our individual skills.

Jesus has *“handed us the keys”* to create a kingdom of peace and justice; compassion and mercy. When, work to master our own ‘instrument’; surrender to God’s grace; and put our gifts at the service of one another, the most beautiful sounds of harmony and transformation will reverberate and change our world.

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