

SAINT JOAN OF ARC CHURCH



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Father Kofi Ntsiful-Amissah, Pastor

Black Apostolate Mass – Sunday, 10:15am

St. Joan of Arc Masses: Saturday, 4:00pm, Sunday, 9:00am

Daily Mass, Monday-Friday, 8:00am

THE BLACK CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE



TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 31, 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD - August 31, 2025

First Reading Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

“God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.”

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

LITURGY OF THE WORD - September 7, 2025

Wisdom 9:13-18b Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17

Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Gospel Luke 14:25-33

Collections 8/23, 8/24



Thank you for your support



WHY DO WE LIGHT PRAYER CANDLES?

The main function of the small votive candles in glass containers that are often displayed in racks or stands is to maintain the intention of prayers, usually for a specific issue or person. Those who light them usually say a prayer over one candle at a time, and by keeping these individual candles lit for extended periods of time, that prayer is believed to be prolonged and amplified along with the intentions of other believers' prayers. This creates a collective spirit of prayer for the entire church that is comforting and empowering. There are racks of votive candles in the small chapel behind the main sanctuary here at SJOA Church. Candles last for 7 days. **The cost is \$5.00 per candle, and there is a money box at the church entrance.** Light a candle for that special person you promised to pray for! (Anonymous)

SJOA/BCA

MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

☞ FREE ESTATE PLANNING TOOL

Did you know 70% of American adults do not have a legal will? As Catholics we are called to be a steward for everything God has entrusted to our care. Free Will is providing an online will-writing tool to members of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany parishes. It's easy to use and takes 20 minutes or less to complete - and it's 100% free. Go to FreeWill.com/Diocese of Albany to get started.

☞ Tee-Shirt, Sweat-Shirt are available.

Contact church office:
518-463-0378

☞ FUTURE EVENTS 2025

- Sept.6-7: Mission cooperative appeal.
- Religious Education resumes on Oct.4th.

☞ Magnificat retreat

Theme: “Mary, our life, our sweetness, our hope”

Day of reflection with Fr. Rendell Torres on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at sisters of the Resurrection Provincial House.

Cost: free donation





Saturday, August 30

4:00pm

Sunday, August 31

9:00am

10:15am Mabatho Matima (Birthday)

Malick Diomande (Birthday)

Monday, August 1

8:00am:

Tuesday, August 2

8:00am

Wednesday, August 3

8:00am

Thursday, August 4

8:00am

Friday, August 5

8:00am

Saturday, August 6

4:00pm

Sunday, August 7

9:00am

10:15am

+ deceased

**A crushed spirit is a
sacrifice to God.
A contrite and humble
heart, you will not spurn.**

THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent,

for this is the House of the Lord.

BEFORE Mass, speak to the Lord.

DURING Mass, let the Lord speak to you.

AFTER Mass, speak to each other.



Faith Formation



Faith formation/religious education classes are held every other Saturday from 9:30am-11:00am for children in grades 1-12.

Next class is on October 4, 2025

BCA Faith Formation is always looking for volunteers to assist in our program. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Dawn Hewitt** for additional information.

Call 518-463-0378 or sjoabcashfaith@gmail.com

IS SOMEONE IN NEED OF PRAYER?



Light a candle for that special person you promised to pray for. Candles are \$5.00 each and are in the small Chapel behind the main Sanctuary. Please put your payment in the marked box by the church entrance.

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MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:00pm

SUNDAY MASSES: 9:00am

10:15am (Black Apostolate)

DAILY MASS: 8:00am (Monday-Friday)

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:30pm

BAPTISM: Every first Saturday of the month.
Please call for an appointment.

MATRIMONY: ARRANGEMENTS should be made 6-8 months
in advance and prior to scheduling a reception.

FUNERAL MASSES: Will be scheduled at **9:00am**.

In the event of the death of a parishioner, please call the Funeral Home. The funeral director will notify the parish office and arrangements will be made for a funeral Mass and burial.

STAFF

Fr. Kofi Amissah, Pastor

Lucie Diomande, Parish Secretary

Dawn Hewitt, Religious Education Coordinator

Martin Amissah, Music Director

