

SAINT JOAN OF ARC CHURCH



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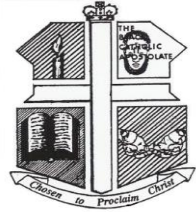
Black Apostolate Mass – Sunday, 10:15am

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

Daily Mass, Monday-Friday, 8:00am

THE BLACK CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE

website



106.3 FM

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD - November 23, 2025

First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.”

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

Second Reading

Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

First Sunday of Advent - November 30, 2025

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

Collections 11/15, 11/16



Thank you for your support.



NOVEMBER... REMEMBER...

Light a candle

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. We give thanks for those who have gone before us and we look with prayer and hope to their new life in heaven and our desire to join them there one day.

We rejoice with them for their new life in heaven. It is our desire to join them one day in the company of the Saints.

One way to honor your loved ones who have entered their new life is by lighting a candle of remembrance. 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.

SJOA/BCA

MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



☞ CHRISTMAS PARTY: SATURDAY, DEC. 27th

The BCA Christmas party will be held Saturday, December 27th 2025 at Wolferts Roost Country Club from 6pm-10pm. **This party is open to all BCA and SJOA parishioners, families and friends.**

Adults:\$60, children (4-12) \$25, 0 - 4 years old free. Tickets will be sold after all SJOA and BCA weekend masses.

☞ Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday November 27 at 9AM.

☞ Advent Penance Service Tuesday December 9th 2025, 7pm at St. Pius X in Loudonville.

☞ Advent Retreat for all on December 13th 2025 from 10am to 1pm at SJOA.

☞ **Tee-Shirts, Sweat-Shirts** are available.

Contact church office:

518-463-0378





Saturday, November 22

4:00pm - Sonia Bouda / **Thanksgiving**

Sunday, November 23

9:00am: - Mary Solini

10:15am: - Donna Barnett + req. Althea Solomon
- Permaul & Kippins families / **Thanksgiving**
- Bernadine Givens, Theresa Allen, Lydia Katabazi / **Healing** req. Bennita Givens

Monday, November 24

8:00am: - Yvonne Nelson, Beverly Gray and family

Tuesday, November 25

8:00am: - For all the deceased students of class 83 of Sainte-Marie High School of Abidjan (C.I.) req. Lucie Diomande

Wednesday, November 26

8:00am: - Mary Solini

Thursday, November 27

8:00am: - Beverly Gray

Friday, November 28

8:00am: - Cheryl Regal

Saturday, November 29

4:00pm: - David Potter + req. Ed & Peg Deugmejian

Sunday, November 30

9:00am: - Eleonore Solini +

10:15am: - Harlyn Botchey / Birthday
- Ronald Patrick Prescott +

+ deceased

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

BEN ELAD
Req. Judith Elad

DR. CHRIS ADIGWE
Req. Nkechi Adigwe

RONALD PATRICK PRESCOTT
Req. Prescott Family

LYDIA NOKOANE
Req. Mabatho Matima

DECEASED FAMILY OF Mrs. Joan Richard & Dawn Hewitt

Molla Alula
Req. Tejitu Molla

MUJINGA MULABI
TSHIBWAYA MADELEINE
NGALULA CLAUDINE
REGINE TSHITUKA
Req. Mbuyi Magui Mukendi

JEAN-PAUL BOUDA
GEORGETTE BOUDA
DECEASED FAMILY OF MRS. BOUDA
Req. Sonia & Mrs. Bouda

Martine Aya Bosson
Kofi Augustin
Jules Larosse
Req. Lucie Diomande

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 December 6th, 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 Ntsiful Amissah, Pastor

Lucie Diomande, Parish Secretary

Dawn Hewitt, Religious Education Coordinator

Martin Amissah, Music Director

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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Req. Judith Elad

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Req. Nkechi Adigwe

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Req. Prescott Family

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BRUNO K. YOMOAH

Req. Catherine Yomoah

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Autumn Reflection

The Light in the Darkness of Autumn

There is a stillness that settles over the world in autumn. Trees release their leaves in golden surrender. Days shorten. Shadows stretch. For many, this season signals fading light and warmth. But for me, autumn whispers something deeper: even in the dimming, God is near.

There is a quiet holiness to this season. I walk with open hands, sometimes with my camera—not just to capture beauty, but to bear witness. Each fallen leaf, each golden beam, each misty trail reminds me: even in decline, there is glory. Nature does not mourn change, it reveals it. Through my lens, I learn to do the same.

Photography has become my prayer. A way of seeing, listening, and honoring the sacred in the ordinary. I believe God speaks in textures and shadows, in rustling branches and dew-lit light. Autumn teaches that faith is not always loud, it can be soft and slow, like a drifting leaf. Sometimes it is simply choosing to believe spring will return.

This season mirrors my own life. There are chapters I have had to release—dreams that did not unfold, plans that unraveled, relationships that changed shape or quietly ended. And yet, like the trees, I have learned that shedding is not the end. It is preparation. For rest. For renewal. For resurrection.

In autumn's quiet, I see more clearly—not just the golden light, but the light of Christ: steady, present, unwavering. As the world darkens, His light shines brighter—in kindness, in love, in prayer. It glows with the promise that something holy is unfolding.

So, I walk. I photograph. I pray. I light a candle in the early dusk and give thanks—for beauty, for loss, for the light that never leaves. Autumn may descend, but it also reveals. And in its quiet, I find hope.

BY JOAN P. ABRAMS

