



St. Joan of Arc Parish

Pastor

Rev. Fr. Christopher R. Heanue

Parochial Vicars

Rev. Johnson Chamassery

Rev. Paul K. Choi-Fosu

Rev. Javier Rodriguez, SCh. B.

Deacons

Deacon Paulo Salazar

Deacon Michael McCarthy

Deacon Jorge Castillo

February 15, 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HORARIO DE OFICINA

Lunes a Viernes:

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, y de 3:00 PM

5:00 PM

Sabado y Domingo: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Días Feriados: no hay horario de oficina

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday:

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, & 3:00 PM -

5:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 AM - 2:00

PM

Holy Days and Holidays: No Office

Hours

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening:

6:00PM (English) ; 7:30 PM (Spanish)

Upper Church: 7:30, 9:00,

10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon;

1:30 PM (Spanish), 6:00 PM

Lower Church: 10:00, 11:30 AM ;

Tagalog: 1:30 PM, every 3rd Sunday of the month

MISAS EN DOMINGO

Sábado en la noche:

6:00 PM (Inglés); 7:30 PM (Español)

Iglesia arriba: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

(Inglés); 1:30 PM (Español),

6:00 PM (Inglés)

Iglesia abajo: Español - 10:00, 11:30 AM;

Filipino - 1:30PM, Cada tercer Domingo

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 7:30, 9:00,

12:00 Noon

Thursday: 6:30 PM (Spanish)

Saturday: 9:00 AM, 12:00

Noon

MISAS ENTRE SEMANA

Lunes a Viernes: 7:30, 9:00,

12:00 Noon

Jueves: 6:30 PM (Español)

Sabado: 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

Ash Wednesday
February 18

7:30am, 9:00am, 12:00nn
Regular english Masses, Upper Church
Misas regulares en ingles, iglesia arriba

6:00pm, English, Upper Church
7:30pm, Español, iglesia arriba

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Let this day be a moment of reflection, renewal, and humility.
Acuérdate que eres polvo, y al polvo volverás.

High School
FAITH & FELLOWSHIP
Youth Night

Gathered with friends, united in prayer

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
7:00 PM - 8:45 PM

What to expect

- + Ice Breakers & Games
- + Food
- + Worship & fellowship

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Principal

"No, No, No, No!"

Often I hear the Church described by young people as a Church of "no": you can't do this, you can't do that. Yet as a people of faith, we recognize that the commandments and the law of God are not obstacles to happiness, but essential guides that help us grow in a healthy, life-giving relationship with the Lord.

Rules are not meant to restrict us; they are meant to liberate us. Just as guardrails on a bridge do not limit our freedom but protect us from harm, God's law keeps us rooted in what leads to true life. As Saint Augustine famously wrote, "Love God, and do what you will," reminding us that when love of God is at the center, our choices naturally lead us toward what is good, true, and holy.

The Responsorial Psalm reminds us that those who follow the law of the Lord are blessed. The readings speak clearly about trusting in God, walking according to His commandments, and being led to salvation. In doing so, we discover that God's law is not a burden, but a source of life.

In the Gospel, Jesus offers us a new way of understanding the commandments. In the ancient Jewish tradition, there were 613 commandments in the Torah. As one can imagine, this could feel like a heavy burden for the people. Jesus teaches us that the heart of the law is love—love of God and love of neighbor. When the commandments are rooted in love, they become a path to freedom rather than a weight to be carried.

Our moral life is built upon recognizing God's divinity and the dignity of every human person. This includes honoring life (not only by avoiding violence, but also by rejecting hatred and indifference; remaining faithful) not only in action, but also in the intentions of our hearts; and maintaining a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

Ours is not a Church that exists to tell people what they cannot do. Rather, it is a Church that helps direct us toward our ultimate goal: heaven.

As we approach the season of Lent, we are invited to deepen that relationship through the practices of prayer, penance, and almsgiving. These acts of sacrifice and self-denial are not ends in themselves, but means by which we grow closer to Christ.

I encourage you, once again, to make this Lent a fruitful season for you and your family by finding concrete, prayerful ways to grow in the love of God. We will be offering a series of Wednesday evening programs for your benefit, and I strongly encourage your participation.

May you have a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Christopher R Heanue
Pastor



Stations of the Cross

All Fridays during the Season
of Lent

11-15am, Upper Church

El Via Crucis

Todos los viernes del tiempo de
Cuaresma

7:00pm, Iglesia Abajo



Los Grupos Hispánicos De La Parroquia
Los Invitan Al Retiro De Cuaresma
"PECADO, PENITENCIA, PERDON"

DIRIJIDO POR EL PADRE VICENTE VILLAMIL

Ministerio De Musica Venancio Paz
Auditorio De La Escuela

82-00 35th Avenida Jackson Heights, NY 11372

SABADO 21 DE FEBRERO 2026

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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¡No, no, no, no!

A menudo oigo a los jóvenes describir la Iglesia como una Iglesia del "no": no puedes hacer esto, no puedes hacer aquello. Sin embargo, como pueblo de fe, reconocemos que los mandamientos y la ley de Dios no son obstáculos para la felicidad, sino guías esenciales que nos ayudan a crecer en una relación sana y vivificante con el Señor.

Las reglas no están hechas para restringirnos, sino para liberarnos. Así como las barandillas de un puente no limitan nuestra libertad, sino que nos protegen del daño, la ley de Dios nos mantiene arraigados en lo que conduce a la vida verdadera. Como escribió San Agustín: "Ama a Dios y haz lo que quieras", recordándonos que cuando el amor de Dios está en el centro, nuestras decisiones nos conducen naturalmente hacia lo bueno, lo verdadero y lo santo.

El Salmo Responsorial nos recuerda que quienes siguen la ley del Señor son bienaventurados. Las lecturas hablan claramente sobre confiar en Dios, seguir sus mandamientos y ser guiados hacia la salvación. Al hacerlo, descubrimos que la ley de Dios no es una carga, sino una fuente de vida.

En el Evangelio, Jesús nos ofrece una nueva forma de entender los mandamientos. En la antigua tradición judía, la Torá contenía 613 mandamientos. Como es de suponer, esto podía parecer una pesada carga para el pueblo. Jesús nos enseña que el corazón de la ley es el amor: amor a Dios y amor al prójimo. Cuando los mandamientos se basan en el amor, se convierten en un camino hacia la libertad, en lugar de una carga.

Nuestra vida moral se basa en el reconocimiento de la divinidad de Dios y la dignidad de cada persona humana. Esto incluye honrar la vida (no solo evitando la violencia, sino también rechazando el odio y la indiferencia; permaneciendo fieles) no solo con acciones, sino también con las intenciones de nuestro corazón; y mantener una relación viva con Jesucristo.

La nuestra no es una iglesia que existe para decirte a la gente lo que no puede hacer. Es una Iglesia que nos ayuda a alcanzar nuestra meta final: el cielo.

Al acercarnos a la Cuaresma, se nos invita a profundizar esa relación mediante la oración, la penitencia y la limosna. Estos actos de sacrificio y abnegación no son fines en sí mismos, sino medios para acercarnos a Cristo.

Los animo, una vez más, a hacer de esta Cuaresma un tiempo fructífero para ustedes y sus familias, buscando maneras concretas y orantes de crecer en el amor de Dios. Ofreceremos una serie de programas los miércoles por la noche para su beneficio, y los animo a participar.

Padre Christopher R Heanue

Párroco

Wednesday Lenten Programs

6:30 to 8:30pm

Join us at St. Joan of Arc Parish every Wednesday during the Season of Lent as we come together in a spirit of fellowship and reflection.

**February 25
Film Showing**

We will present a showing of one of the episodes of The Chosen series. The film will be followed by sharing, prayer, music, worship and reflection.
Lower Church

6:30pm - Introduction and Opening Prayer
6:45 to 7:45pm - Film Showing
7:45 to 8:10pm - Invited Sharer
8:10pm - prayer, music, worship and reflection
Coffee/Tea and bread will be served afterwards.

**March 4
Lenten Soup Supper**

Lenten Soup Supper Fellowship followed by sharing, prayer, music, worship and reflection.
School Gym

6:30pm - Introduction and Opening Prayer
6:45 to 7:30pm - Soup is served; Fellowship
7:30pm - prayer, music, worship & reflection

**March 11
A Talk on Spiritual Growth**

A Talk to be followed by sharing, prayer, music, worship and reflection.
Upper and Lower Church

6:30pm - Introduction and Opening Prayer
6:45 to 7:45pm - Talk
7:45 to 8:10pm - Group Sharing
8:10pm - prayer, music, worship and reflection
Coffee/Tea and bread will be served afterwards.

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March 18

Parents and Youth Night
(CYO, SJA School and Faith Formation Students)

Group Activity, Worship and Holy Hour
Lower Church

6:30pm - Introduction and Opening Prayer
6:45 to 8:10pm - Group Activity
8:10pm - prayer, music, worship and reflection.

March 25

Holy Hour and Healing Mass

Fr. Justin Connell
Celebrant
Upper Church

6:30 to 7:00pm - Holy Hour
7:00 to 8:00pm - Healing Mass

2026 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage February 26

9:00 AM: Mass (English) with
school kids

9:30 - 9:40 AM: Rosary

10:30 AM: Stations of the Cross

12:00 PM: Mass / Angelus followed
by Eucharistic Adoration

3:00 PM: Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:30 PM: Confession

6:15 PM: Benediction

6:30 PM: Mass (Spanish)

7:00 PM: Closing



Season for Spiritual Growth Season of Transformation

Lenten Retreat
Saturday, March 7

Speakers:
Joshua Rosa
Fernando Torres

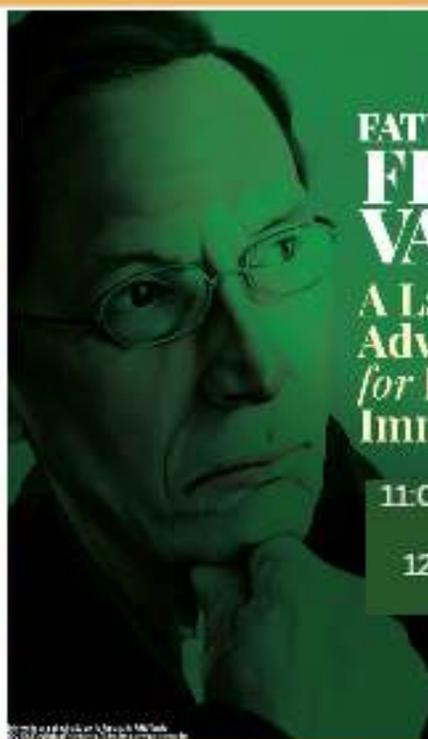
9:00am - Holy Mass, UC

9:40am Coffee/Tea,
Lower Sacristy

10:00am - 1:00pm,
Lower Church

Registration Donation:
\$10/person

For questions, you may
call the parish office



FATHER
**FELIX
VARELA**

A Latino
Advocate
for European
Immigrants.

11:00am to 12:00nn -
in English

12:30 to 1:30pm -
en Español

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SPEAKER



Juan Montoro

Writer and editor, he holds a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from the University of Havana and a Master's degree in Theology from St. John's University.

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Sunday, March 8
St. Joan of Arc Parish
School Gym



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Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Dear SJA Families,

We are writing to acknowledge the sad news many of us have learned about the closure of several schools in the Diocese of Brooklyn, including our neighbor St. Bartholomew's Catholic Academy, at the end of this school year. Our hearts are with all faculty, staff, and families impacted during this painful time of unexpected transition.

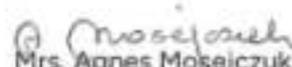
For all Catholic school families, news of a school closure can be unsettling. **We want to assure you that St. Joan of Arc Catholic School remains healthy and strong, and we will continue to move into preparations for the 2026-2027 year with great focus and care.** We are so grateful for your trust in us as we continue our admissions and re-enrollment season.

Catholic school communities are families, and when one experiences loss, it affects us all. **Should members of any Catholic school community seek support or guidance, at SJA we will work hard to find a home for them and respond with care and compassion,** reflecting the values we strive to teach and live by every day.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We will continue to communicate openly as we plan for the coming school year. Most importantly, **we will continue to walk forward together as a community of faith, striving to become Jesus' disciples here in Jackson Heights.**

In Christ,


Fr. Christopher R. Heanue
Pastor


Mrs. Agnes Mosejczuk
Principal

Lenten Regulations 2026

Abstinence: All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions during the day. Coffee, tea and juice are permitted at any time.

BAPTISM / BAUTIZOS

In English 3rd Sunday of the month at 3:00 PM. Arrangements must be made in the Rectory six weeks in advance. Instructions are on the same day at 2:30PM.

Parents and godparents must attend. Godparents must be fully initiated. Catholics who practice their faith. Call parish office for questions.

En español el 4to domingo del mes a las 3:00PM. Los preparativos han de hacerse en la rectoría con seis semanas de anticipación. La instrucción es el mismo día a las 2:30PM, los padres y padrinos deben asistir. Los padrinos tienen que haber recibido los sacramentos de iniciación y ser católicos practicantes. Llame a la rectoría para mas información.

OICA (Order for Christian Initiation for Adults)

Program is for adults who wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Contact the parish office for information

OICA (Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos)

Programa para adultos que deseen recibir sus sacramentos de Bautismo, Eucaristía y/o Confirmación. Coméntese con la oficina parroquial para obtener información.

MARRIAGE / MATRIMONIO Arrangements should be made six months in advance. Call parish office for more information.

Arreglos deben hacerse con seis meses de anticipación. Llame a la oficina parroquial para obtener más información.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has supported our **Annual Catholic Appeal**. We have reached and gone beyond our goal. Thank you for being a blessing to our parish.

*Estamos profundamente agradecidas a todos los que han apoyado nuestra **Campaña Anual Católica**. Hemos alcanzado y superado nuestra meta. Gracias por ser una bendición para nuestra parroquia.*



Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday February 16	7:30am 8:00am 12:00pm	Soul - Deldre Luddy Special intentions - Nicola Chen & Family Soul - Michael Smith
Tuesday February 17	7:30am 8:00am 12:00pm	Members of the Taormina & Amadio Familie Soul - Marianne Jaspen Soul - Michael Fontanez
Wednesday February 18	7:30am 8:00am 12:00pm	Soul - Fnith Parra Soul - Deldre Luddy Soul - Alfredo Malibran
Thursday February 19	7:30am 8:00am 12:00pm 6:30pm	Souls - Mrs. Manuela P. Gaerlan and Armando Rodriguez
Friday February 20	7:30am 8:00am 12:00pm	
Saturday February 21	8:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Members of the Swinner Family Souls - Edelmira and Julio Hernandez Community Mass Soul - Luis Eduardo Gomez
Sunday February 22	7:30am 8:00am 10:00am 10:30am 11:30am 12:00pm 1:30pm 6:00pm	For the people of the Parish Soul - Iossef Ricevuto Souls - Joseph Ricevuto & Joey Carcoran Souls - Noel McCormack & Timothy Kennedy Misa Comunitaria Community Mass

The Altar Candles for the week of February 16th is offered for:

Jennifer Tema.



The Sanctuary Light for the week of February 16th is offered for:

in thanksgiving to the Blessed Sacrament by Maribel Leon.

The Wine for the week of February 16th is offered for:

William Tema.

