

Epiphany of the LORD

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JANUARY 2, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

7:30 am

9:30 am (livestreamed)

11:30 am

5:00 pm (1525 Sand Hill Rd.

Hummelstown, PA)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday

6:45 am & 9:00 am (livestreamed)

Saturday

9:00 am (livestreamed)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday

5:00-5:30 pm

Saturday

4:00-4:45 pm

We saw his
star at its
rising and
have come
to do him
homage.

Matthew 2:2

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Eucharistic Community of St. Joan of Arc Parish, by the grace of God and through our participation in His Word, the Church's sacraments, and prayer, seek our eternal salvation.

We live out the doctrines and traditions of our Faith in communion with the holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, established by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

With courage, we follow the example of our patron saint and invoke her intercession as we strive to know God, love God, and serve God which moves us to actively promote and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the midst of our every day life.

FROM THE PASTOR

All the Priests
at the rectory
wish you a
holy, happy and
healthy New Year.

Thank you for all
the cards, food and
goodies!

We are truly
grateful!

God Bless,

*Father Al
Father Josh
Father Paul
Father Christopher*



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Renee Metzinger & Martin Johnson** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to their family and friends on their loss.

☪ Parish - Parishioner Milestones - Eternal Life

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: **Tony Mayan, Kathy Lewis, Emma Lopez, Erina Bernardo, Linda Mysel, Joseph Wagner, Geneen Valentine, John Polto, Ken Schaffer, Abram Brandt, Mort Kayser, Barbara Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan and Jeff & Lori Sotack.**



Upcoming Special Collection

January 9, 2022

Aid to the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa

This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries, so that people may grow closer to Christ. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in these areas. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/ccce.

Thank you for your generosity!

*Please join us for
First Friday Adoration
on January 7 from 9:30am-7:00pm
in the St. Lucy Chapel.
All are welcome!*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

January 1-3
Closed

We will re-open at 8:00 AM
on Tuesday, January 4, 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 3:

MONDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

1 Jn 3: 22-4: 6/ Mt 4: 12-17. 23-25

6:45 AM The Intentions of Leslie Moyer

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Mk 6: 34-44

6:45 AM Elizabeth Borek

9:00 AM Richard Straw

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

1 Jn 4: 11-18/ Mk 6: 45-52

6:45 AM Manfred Steffen

9:00 AM Special Intentions for Joseph Wagner

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6:

1 Jn 4: 19-5: 4/ Lk 4: 14-22

6:45 AM In Gratitude for the Priests of St. Joan of Arc

9:00 AM George Novatnak

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7:

1 Jn 5: 5-13/ Lk 5: 12-16

6:45 AM Deceased Members of the Santeusanio Family

9:00 AM Antonio Felice

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8:

1 Jn 5: 14-21/ / Jn 3: 22-30

9:00 AM Melvin Royer

5:00 PM Maryann Briotte

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9:

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the light of the nations and Lord of all creation. To him be all glory and praise!

Is 40: 1-5. 9-11/ Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7/

Lk 3: 15-16. 21-22

7:30 AM John Charles Moser, Jr.

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Nathalie Brown

5:00 PM Joan Zerbe

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This Week: No Life Teen this week. Happy New Year! Life Teen returns on January 9th with a movie night in the youth room.

Next Week: "Life Teen Movie Night"-Next week we get back together with a movie night in the Youth Room. I'll bring the movie and the food.

2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

- Jan 9 Life Teen Movie Night-Let's relax and watch a movie. I'll bring the popcorn.
- Jan 16 No Life Teen-Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Weekend.
- Jan 23 "Just keep smiling"-We learn how to deal with stress and place our trust in Jesus.
- Jan 30 "You're Overreacting"-Jesus brings compassion and peace to the drama in our lives.

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EDGE (Middle School)

EDGE is for all 6-8th graders and meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm. EDGE will be on January 5 & 19. Masks are required.

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Donations Needed

Life Teen and EDGE are looking for donations of water, juice, soda, and snacks for our youth ministry gatherings. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office.

Summer Mission Trip

The 2022 Catholic Heart Workcamp is gearing up for next summer. We are heading to Richmond from June 19-24 for our Summer Mission Trip. The cost of the trip is \$500 with \$100 due at registration.

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ADULT FAITH

Young Adults (21-39)

Calling all young adults between the ages of 21-39, married or single! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Youth Room. Young Adults will gather on January 12 & 26 as we study the "Book of Wisdom".

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✠ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

"From earliest times, Christians sharply distinguished themselves from surrounding pagan cultures by rejecting abortion and infanticide. The earliest widely used documents of Christian teaching and practice after the New Testament in the 1st and 2nd centuries, the *Didache*, (Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) and *Letter of Barnabas*, condemned both practices, as did early regional and particular Church councils."

-Fact sheet by the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Pray & Play Group for Moms and Young Children

Interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to pray, chat, and share snacks while the kids play? Please join us! **For location and any questions, please email sarah.bonavia@gmail.com.**

Areba Club

The Areba Club's first meeting of 2022 will be held on Tuesday, January 18 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall. There will be bingo with cash prizes and light refreshments. **Contact Yvonne Martin at (717) 838-1535.**

Caelorum

We look forward to seeing everyone at Caelorum on Wednesday, January 5 at 7:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc Church. Start your new year with your Brothers and Sisters in Christ as we come together to adore, praise and worship our Lord and Savior. Feel the power of his presence and never-failing love as he attends to your needs and strengthens and blesses you with his abundant mercy. God Bless.

For more information, call Lou Felice at (717) 215-4175.

Little Rock Scripture Study

On Tuesday, January 11 at 9:30 am we are starting a new study on The Gospel of Matthew. We will meet in the parish activity building room 317. If you are interested in joining our friendly class for study and good discussions, please contact **Jeanie Vey at (717) 599-9805 or (717) 533-2246 for additional information.**

Faith Enrichment

The program will continue on Tuesday, February 1 at 6:30 pm and Thursday, February 3 at 10:00am. We will be presenting the "Epic Journey Through Church History (Early Church)" program. The cost of the materials is \$30.00. Sessions will be in the Adult Education Rm #321 on the Areba Campus (Old School). Come and explore the early foundations of the Catholic Church.

For more information please contact Earl Tropp at etropp@stjoanhershey.org or (717) 533-7168 Ext.122.

Road to Kindness

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas! Thank you for sharing your kindness during the 25 days of December.

We heard some wonderful kindness stories from our students and our parish members!

We wish you the very best for the New Year. As the New Year begins, many of us will be thinking about our resolutions – what will we do in the upcoming year? What will we change and what impact will we have? Let's make one of our resolutions for 2022 to "continue to spread our Kindness!" When we started our Kindness journey over five years ago, we said Kindness starts with you – you have the ability to impact someone's life today. Thank you for your wonderful support over the past five year of our Kindness program!

As we look to 2022, we want to share with you the words from Ralph Marston's, "Focus on Goodness and Kindness!"

"Choose words today that encourage. Choose actions today that assist, empower, unify.

Live today with generosity, gratitude, wonder and enthusiasm. Be slow to anger, quick to forgive, understanding and have patience with yourself and others. Offer your smile, offer your Kindness. Give your respect and your positive presence.

This is the world you live in, the day you have to work with. Make it your intention to make it a good, supportive time and place.

Many good people are going to do many good things today. Take the opportunity to add your own beneficial actions to the mix.

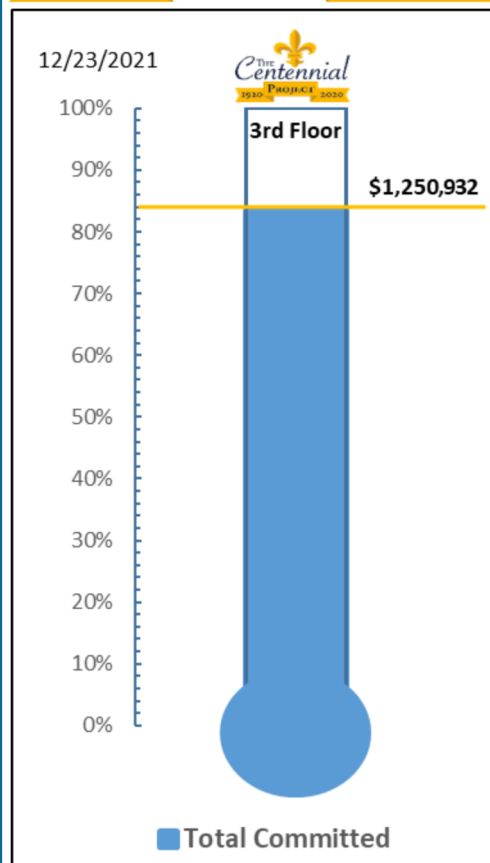
What you focus on gains power and influence in your life, in your world.

So, focus on the goodness and watch as that goodness and kindness spread!"

You ARE making a difference! Let's keep spreading our Kindness in 2022 and continue to demonstrate our goodness through God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!"



THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT



This week marks the Epiphany of Our Lord, the revelation of Christ to the entirety of the world. His message is quite simple. If we approach every aspect of our daily lives with faith and joy, we can't help but reflect that inner serenity to others around us. Make the most of each and every day, by recognizing that chaos and infirmity are part of the human condition, and most likely not within our control. Remember that it is the way we respond to our particular set of circumstances that can make the difference between a life well lived or a life of anxiety and regret. May 2022 be a blessed new year for you and your families!

The early success of the renovation campaign has been made possible with the prayer and the generous support of our parishioners and benefactors. As of December 23rd, we have reached \$1,250,000 in pledges and gifts- Thank you so much!

Our donors recognize that it is our religious duty to nurture and develop the faith of future generations. A gift represents a cooperative effort with the the church's mission of education, worship, and service. You, too, can help secure their future with your support of a Catholic education. This includes the Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs, which provide religious instruction to over 700 of our parish children. Our Catholic heritage has been safeguarded for over a century by generations of our forefathers. Now it's our turn to step up and do our part.

Lastly, don't forget to pray for the success of our campaign. Make it a part of your family's daily routine. Prayer can accomplish amazing things!

Our most gracious heavenly Father, as You bless us continually with the knowledge of Your abundant gifts, grant us especially with the gift of a grateful heart. Help us to respond sacrificially to the challenge before us, so that our Church family may move forward in its Ministry of worship, education, and service. Give us the faith, courage, and the desire to support this Centennial Project in our Church as we grow for tomorrow.
In Jesus' Name. Amen

For more information on how you can help, please visit our website:
<https://www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html>

Epiphany of the Lord

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek epiphaino, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).

"WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR AT ITS RISING
 AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE."



HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

Adult Indoor Soccer

We are currently looking for adults to play in an informal soccer game one night a week. You must be a parishioner. Please contact John Wetherhold at wetherhold@gmail.com for more information.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families

Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families (a Catholic charities residential program in suburban Harrisburg) is in need of the following donations: laundry detergent, disposable masks, body/hand lotion, conditioner, and copy paper. Donations can be taken to the Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road) or to the shelter (120 Willow Road) in Harrisburg. Please call in advance if bringing items to the shelter (717) 652-8740. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen located at 1459 Zarker St., Harrisburg is in need of a new van and a new oven to provide meals to the homeless. To make a donation please visit <https://bit.ly/3sa4RDA> For details, contact George Holobetz at (917) 346-8157. Thank you for your generosity!

With Much Gratitude...

We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin:

LISA'S CAFE



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VOCATIONS CORNER

“Opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts.”

Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?

Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki
frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org
 (717) 657-4804 ext. 282



STEWARDSHIP

We Are A Tithing Parish Following God's Plan For Giving

Weekly Tithing: \$41,142
Weekly Budget: \$26,923
Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$3,237

Week of December 19, 2021

Looking for ways to simplify a busy schedule? Try Online Giving! It's a secure and easy way to tithe and make other contributions. You can even set up automatic payments that will occur periodically so you don't have to worry about remembering when to give. It works just like online banking with 24/7 access to your account.

📧 **Michelle:** mgutshall@stjoanhershey.org

🔗 **Stewardship - About Online Giving**

Christmas at the Barn



Thank you to all who attended our Christmas at the Barn event...The St. Joan of Arc choir sounded angelic, it was wonderful to have the crafters, and the hot chocolate was delicious!

