

*Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*

Matthew 2:2

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

JANUARY 5, 2020

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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.



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses:

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Daily Mass:

Monday - Friday: 6:45 am, 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Monday - Friday: 6:00 pm

Sunday: after 9:30 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday: 5:00 - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Sacrament of the Sick: Call the office.

Sacrament of Baptism: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. Parents are required to attend one class. Call the office to register.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the office 9 to 12 months prior to the proposed wedding date.



FROM THE PASTOR

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Years celebration. The Christmas Season continues this week and ends next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. May the reverent celebration of our Lord's birth bring us many graces and blessings in the new year.

A reminder that today (Sunday), we will have an Open House to celebrate the Christmas Season from 12:30 to 3:30 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

The following is a letter given to us by the Lancaster Mennonite School at the time of the acquisition of the property on Sandhill Road. We are grateful for their good wishes and prayers for our future:

Dear Saint Joan of Arc,

On behalf of the Lancaster School's board of directors, I extend well wishes to you and the future of St. Joan at the Hershey campus. We are grateful that the campus is transitioning into use by another Christian school that will continue to expose students and families to the life and teachings of Jesus. It has been our prayer that the campus would continue to be used as a ministry in the community and we are grateful for answered prayer.

May St. Joan of Arc be richly blessed as you begin a new journey on the Hershey campus!

Kind regards,

Dr. Pam Tieszen

LM Superintendent

Please join us on January 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for an Open House of our new property.

Father Al



PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: **Annalise, Joan Spandra, Rose Marie Smith, Geraldine Ingaglio, Drew Fischer, and Clara Hissick.**



With Much Gratitude...

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

HERSHEY PEDIATRIC CENTER



ALTAR FLOWERS

AVAILABLE DATES

	January	February
Main Altar Vase 1	26	2, 9
Main Altar Vase 2	26	2, 9
Blessed Mother	12	2
Saint Joseph	12, 19	2, 16
Respect Life Rose 1	26	16
Respect Life Rose 2	12, 19, 26	2, 9, 16

Call the Parish Office at (717) 533-7168 Ext. 100 to request.
Updated 12/18/2019

**NEW YEAR
NEW ME**

STARTING THE YEAR OFF RIGHT

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

THEREFORE,
IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THE NEW
CREATION HAS COME: THE OLD HAS
GONE, THE NEW IS HERE!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 6: SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

6:45 AM Veronica McDonald

9:00 AM Yolanda, Antonini, and Justina Boccabello

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7: SAINT RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, PRIEST

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

6:45 AM Heart of the Parish and Church Memorials

9:00 AM Frank & Otilie Daniels

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

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

6:45 AM Hank Appel

9:00 AM Nathalie Brown

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

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

6:45 AM Theresa Vrona

9:00 AM Rita Cole

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

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

6:45 AM Vincent Pasquini

9:00 AM Dino & Madeline Niccolini

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

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

9:00 AM David Kitrosser

5:00 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

7:30 AM Matthew Pritchett and Elsie Marcucci

9:30 AM David Pegher

11:30 AM Special Intention for Shane Nooney

5:00 PM Carl Robinson

This Week In Our Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	-
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

9:30 AM	Little Rock Scripture Study	SJC
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9:45 AM	Legion of Mary	SJC
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6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	-
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:15 AM	Wednesday Morning Coffee	SJC
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7:45 AM	Gospel Reflection	SJC
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3:00 PM	Girl Scouts	SJC
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4:15 PM	REP (K-6 th)	-
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7:00 PM	Respect Life	SJC
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7:00 PM	Young Adults	MRC
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00 PM	Adult Choir	CHR
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

3:30 PM	Jr. Legion of Mary	SJC
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

10:30 AM	REP (K-6 th)	-
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6:00 PM	Life Teen	MRC
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6:30 PM	Confirmation REP (7 th & 8 th)	-
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LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: JANUARY 12, 2020

	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
Lector	N. Ott	M. Spaeder	S. Petrina	F. Ruggiero	Me. Waning
EMHC	Sr. Salvatoris	M. Wetherhold	S. Cordaro	D. Bogrette	K. Harbaugh
	G. Bixler	K. Willey	M. DeAngelis	E. Frauenhoffer	R. Barry
	J. Frola	N. Chandler	T. DeAngelis	G. Holobetz	V. Felice
Ministers of the Cup	J. Larkin	P. Mooney	L. Kayser	T. Mayan	J. Gusherowski
	J. Larkin	R. Plebani	T. Kilcoyne	W. Lutz	R. Meinert
Altar Servers	L. Hamilton	C. Chardo	E. Kopp	St. Michael's Guard	D. Stinson
	L. Hamilton	S. Chardo	S. Loser		B. Harbaugh
	T. McInerney	J. Katzenmoyer	M. Pegher		G. Harbaugh
MC	J. McInerney	J.P. Katzenmoyer	J. Pegher		J. Gusherowski

Money Counters: B. Moglia, V. Gunnells, K. Willey, C. Yakstis, T. Santeusanio, K. Severs



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:** Ext. 103 | mgutshall@stjoanhershey.org

🔗 **Stewardship - About Online Giving**

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH)

This Week: God or Unicorn—How do we know God exists? Posing questions in regard to faith is healthy, necessary, and encouraged as long as we strive to grow in our faith and knowledge of Jesus and Church teaching.

Next Week: Religion or Freedom—We will look at the human need for structure and religious practice and, how through Jesus, the Church guides us and gives us strength and an abundant life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Mission Trip: The 2020 Catholic Heart Workcamp is an amazing week of service. We will head to Richmond, VA on June 21-26.

Steubenville Youth Conference: Join us for a weekend of prayer, fun, and spiritual growth on July 17-19 at Franciscan University.

📞 **John:** Ext. 128 | stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com



EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH)

EDGE is for 6th-8th graders and meets at 7:00-8:15 pm in Meeting Room C on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. Invite your friends!

EDGE Nights: Jan 15, Feb 5 & 19

📞 **John:** Ext. 128 | jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org



REP (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM)

Beginning on January 8, 2020, Wednesday night REP class will dismiss at 5:15 pm.

📞 **REP:** Ext. 306 | etropp@stjoanhershey.org



Vocations Cross

Jan. 6-13: Barbara Giuglianotti

Jan. 13-20: Mr. & Mrs. J. Dezagottis

The Vocations Cross is taken into the home of a parish member each week to pray for religious vocations. If you would like to join this rotation, please contact the parish office.



VOCATIONS CORNER

For an increased understanding among our young people that they are uniquely chosen by God to be holy through their specific vocation to their state in life in Christ, we pray to the Lord.



2020 is here. Happy New Year! As of this writing, we are diligently working on a building permit to begin renovations on the newly acquired St. Joan of Arc Campus. Much needs to be done to begin classes in August, as we are doubling the student enrollment that had previously occupied the building. In the coming months there will be many ways to lend assistance to make the transition. Right now we need your financial support.

There are a lot of irons in the fire. We are already renting gym space in the new building over the winter months. We are looking at renting our existing school facilities in the summer to meet the needs of senior citizens. Our social hall has already hosted a wedding reception and several special events. The classrooms in the existing school will provide ample meeting rooms for our many ministries who now compete for space. We are thrilled that we are advancing our mission of worship, service, and education.

Please make one of your 2020 resolutions a sacrificial investment in our parish. Come visit the new school at the Open House later this week. (Friday, January 10 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm) Stop by the school cafeteria after mass to see the beautiful enhancements.

St. Joan of Arc Parish has flourished for 100 years, due to the hard work and sacrifice of our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. The growth over the years required each generation to come together and meet the challenge of the time. From the original church on West Chocolate Avenue, to the school, to the rectory, convent, new church, and the school expansion, there is a rich history of giving. Your gifts now will shape the future of our parish for decades to come.

The Centennial Project 2020 gifts and pledges over the holidays will be updated in next week's bulletin. For more information on giving, please visit our website.

www.stjoanhershey.org/TheCentennialProject

SAVE THE DATE

MASS OF ST. JOAN OF ARC

Centennial Celebration

Bishop Gainer Presiding

August 9, 2020

11:30 AM

Followed by a reception at The Hershey Lodge



✠ ADULT FAITH FORMATION

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 21 - 39)

Calling all young adults of the parish between the ages of 21-39, married or single!!! Young Adults meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm in Meeting Room C. We will gather next on **January 8 & 22** as we start a series on the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament.

☎ **John: Ext. 128 | jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org**

☪ **Parish Ministries - Young Adults**

FAITH ENRICHMENT

Faith Enrichment resumes on **Tuesday, January 28** at 7:00 pm and **Thursday, January 30** at 10:00 am. We will be featuring the new episodes of Bishop Baron's "Pivotal Players," starting with Fulton Sheen.

✠ MINISTRY NEWS

NEW MEMBER WELCOME MINSITRY

Do you enjoy connecting with parishioners and sharing information about our parish? The New Member Welcome Committee is looking for individuals to contact newly registered parishioners. If interested, please contact Diane.

☎ **Diane: (717) 599-9063 | dasheehan2@aol.com**

✠ MINISTRY NEWS

CAELORUM

The next Caelorum will be held on **Wednesday, January 8** at 7:00 pm in the church. Start the New Year building your relationship with our Lord, Savior, and Redeemer, where heaven meets earth in adoration, song, meditation, and praise! 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. A reception will be held immediately following in the cafeteria. All are welcome, bring a friend.

☎ **Lou Felice: (717) 583-0240**

ROAD TO KINDNESS

We want highlight excerpts from The Chopra Center:

- Start each day with a kind intention.
- Perform random acts of kindness.
- Smile.
- Express compassion on social media.
- Volunteer.
- Coordinate dinners for a friend or neighbor in need.
- Give someone a compliment.
- Include yourself in your kindness practice.

The Blessing of Homes Is A Wonderful Slovak Faith Tradition

20 + C + M + B + 20—While not distinctly Slovak tradition, the blessing of homes in January recalls the Epiphany of the Lord. This tradition, common among the peoples of central and eastern Europe, was previously very popular among our Slovak parishes. Some continue this beautiful faith tradition. If a priest or deacon is not available to visit and bless an individual home, blessed chalk may be used by the residents to mark the doorways. Bring some white chalk to church and ask your priest or deacon to bless it. The numerals consecrate the New Year 2020. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the Three Kings or Magi—Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthasar—and also stands for the Latin motto *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (may Christ bless this house).

The following prayer may be said to bless your home. Mark in your bible: Matthew 2:1-12. Pause for a moment to remember that God is near. Read the scripture slowly. Then say this prayer.

Let us pray

The Epiphany of the Lord God of Bethlehem and Cana, God of Jordan's leaping waters, in baptism you bring us into this place with kindness to one another, with hospitality to guests, and with abundant care for every stranger. By the gentle light of a star, guide home all who seek you on paths of faith, hope, and love. Then we will join the angles in proclaiming your praise: Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen.

Then, inscribe your doorway with a piece of the blessed chalk. Write: 20 + C + M + B + 20.