

# Baptism of the Lord

## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### JANUARY 9, 2022

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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 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

# FROM THE PASTOR

As we begin this New Year, there are a number of things (some new and some old) that we will be taking part in these first few months. They are:

- Our Centennial Project Capital Campaign
- The Diocesan Lenten Appeal
- The Parish Component of Pope Francis's "Synodal Process"

The Capital Campaign is going well and I am so grateful for all of you who have made a donation or a pledge toward completing the 3rd Floor of our school. I will reach out in a special way to our new school families and to those who have not participated in our campaign as of yet. Be part of this campaign. What a legacy we leave for our children for years to come.

The Diocesan Lenten Appeal (DAC) will take place once again starting later this month. I do not know what our assessment toward the ministry of the bishop and the diocese is yet. I am thinking of new ways to energize our parish in regards to the DAC. Any ideas are greatly appreciated!

Pope Francis has begun a synodal process that will culminate in 2023 with a "Synod on the Synod". We on the parish level are called to be open to the Holy Spirit in being aware of the "signs of the times" in the Church and the world. I will begin this process by having discussions with our parish staff, our advisory groups and then to the greater parish community. Watch the bulletin (and my column) for more information.

Lots ahead in this new year. May the Holy Spirit lead us every step of the way!

*Father Al*



## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of those 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: **Rosemarie Marone, Neda Longenecker, Joanne Kayser, 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.**



## ALTAR FLOWERS

### Main Altar Vase 1 & 2

Remembering the life and praying for the soul of Colleen Filanowski from Michael Filanowski.



Please help us to keep our census records updated.  
**Contact the parish office at (717) 533-7168 Ext. 100 or [office@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:office@stjoanhershey.org)**  
 with any updated address, phone number or new email information so we can be sure to keep in touch with you.

*Thank you for your consideration!*



## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 10:

**1 Sm 1: 1-8/ Mk 1: 14-20**

6:45 AM Joe Cassantini

9:00 AM Ozzie & Helen Morelli

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 11:

**1 Sm 1: 9-20/ 1 Sm 2: 1,4-8abcd/ Mk1:21-28**

6:45 AM Religious Sisters of St. Joan of Arc

9:00 AM Josephine Valeri

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12:

**1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20/ Mk 1: 29-39**

6:45 AM Patricia Koester

9:00 AM Andy Hricak

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 13:

**1 Sm 4: 1-11/Mk 1: 40-45**

6:45 AM For the Intentions of all our Parish  
Volunteers

9:00 AM Andrew Gaydos

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 14:

**1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a/ Mk 2: 1-12**

6:45 AM Nguyen Family

9:00 AM Lois Deiling

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 15:

**1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1/ Mk 2: 13-17**

9:00 AM Sister Mary Gebhart

5:00 PM William G. Schmitz

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16:

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of his signs, revealing his glory to his disciples, and later to the nations. He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as he chooses.*

**Is 62: 1-5/ 1 Cor 12: 4-11/ Jn 2: 1-11**

7:30 AM John Atella

9:30 AM Emidio Testa, Anthony Testa Sr. and Jr.

11:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Joseph Bruno

## YOUTH NEWS

### Life Teen (High School)

**This Week:** “Life Teen Movie Night”-We get back together with a movie night in the Youth Room. I’ll bring the movie and the food. Invite your friends.

**Next Week:** No Life Teen-Martin Luther King Jr. weekend.

#### 2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

- Jan 16 No Life Teen-Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Weekend.
- Jan 23 “Sanctity of All Life”-We begin our series on pro-life issues and that all life is sacred.
- Jan 30 “Racism is a Pro-Life Issue”-Respecting and honoring others is a pro-life issue.
- Feb 6 “Climate Change is a Pro-Life Issue-God gives us the earth and we should care for it.

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### EDGE (Middle School)

EDGE is for all 6-8th graders and meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm. EDGE will be on January 19, February 2 & 16. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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****Palmyra March for Life:**

St. Joan of Arc Parish will be joining Holy Spirit Parish in a Rally and March for Life in Palmyra on Friday, January 21. Speakers from the Washington, D.C. March for Life will be livestreamed in Agape Hall at Holy Spirit (300 West Pine St., Palmyra) at noon, followed by a one-mile march to the square in Palmyra at 1:30 pm, the recitation of the Rosary, and light refreshments. St. Joan of Arc parishioners are encouraged to attend this important event.

More information to follow. **Please Contact:**

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**or Art Bond: (717) 383-8583, [abond702@comcast.net](mailto:abond702@comcast.net).**

**Diocesan March for Life Bus Information:**

Buses to the Washington, D. C. March for Life will be leaving from the following parishes. **For more info, go to [www.hbgdiocese.org/march-for-life-bus-information](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/march-for-life-bus-information).**

**Sacred Heart Basilica, Hanover,**  
**Grace Elser (717) 451-5927**

**Good Shepherd Parish, Camp Hill,**  
**Deb Salldin (717) 761-1167 Ext. 3613**

**St. Catherine Laboure Parish, Harrisburg,**  
**Laura Pyne (717) 350-4295**

**St. Leo the Great Parish, Lancaster,**  
**Rosie Gross (717) 397-6966**

**St. Catherine of Sienna Parish, Quarryville,**  
**Darlene Graver (717) 687-0971**

**St. Joseph Parish Danville,**  
**Melissa Willoughby (570) 275-2512**

**MONTHLY MEETING:** SJA Respect Life will have their monthly meeting on January 12 – the second Wednesday of the month – at 7:00 pm in room 320 in the old school. All are welcome. Please join us in this important ministry.

**Council Of Catholic Women**

Attention all soup makers and eaters! The CCW will be selling homemade soup after Masses on *SOUPER* Bowl weekend, Saturday, February 12 and Sunday, February 13 to benefit the Catholic Charities- Homes for Healing.

We will be collecting soup at the SJA kitchen on Friday, February 11 from 5:00-6:00 pm or at the Diocesan Center on Saturday, February 12 from 9:00 am to Noon.

Anyone interested in making soup, please contact [karencwilley@gmail.com](mailto:karencwilley@gmail.com) with types and number of quarts you can provide. Containers are provided and can be picked up at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!!

**Road to Kindness**

To start the year off, we again want to bring back an article from last year on how to weave kindness into our daily activities, so we continue to elevate our Kindness Program in 2022. Our Kindness and Goodness need to shine through in these challenging times.

- **Start Each Day with a Kind Intention** – put Kindness on your To Do List!
- **Perform Random Acts of Kindness** – imagine the ripple effect from a small act of kindness!
- **Smile** – a simple smile can be the “lift” that someone needs to have a wonderful day. Smile and smile often! (Now, we know this may be difficult wearing a mask, however, your smile and sincerity will still come through even with a mask on)
- **Express Compassion on Social Media** – this is really important - if you are angry stay away from writing it on a social media site. Take a deep breath! Did you know that your positive comments and social media interactions can counteract cyber-bullying? Stay as positive as you can and offer words of kindness and appreciation.
- **Volunteer or Donate Food and Other Necessities** – You can make a difference!
- **Coordinate Dinners for a Friend or Neighbor in Need** – showing that you care can be a tremendous boost for someone who may be sick, depressed or heartbroken!
- **Give Someone a Compliment!**
- **Include You in Your Kindness Practice** – notice your inner voice and see if you can change it to be more caring and less critical. Stay positive and know that you have so many wonderful qualities!

Let’s continue our mission of making a difference in our parish and community by following God’s Way–“The Road to Kindness” in 2022! May God bless you and inspire you to share your Kindness with those that need it most!

**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.

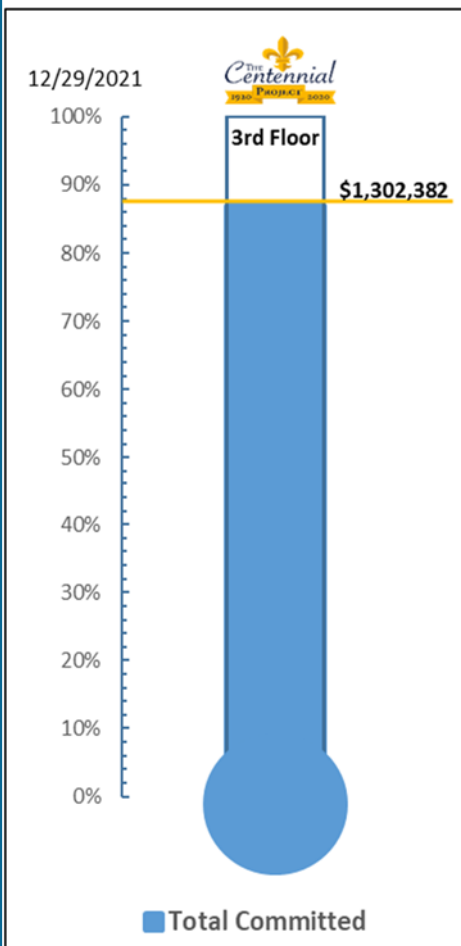
**For more information please contact Earl Tropp at [etropp@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:etropp@stjoanhershey.org) or (717) 533-7168 Ext.122.**

**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.**

## THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Let us pray for our leaders in state and local government, education, and the allied health services to make prudent judgements and take measured steps in the emerging battle against the newest coronavirus variant- Omicron. We learned in the past eighteen months that in person learning is by far the most effective method of teaching our children, St. Joan of Arc School was blessed to successfully implement protocols that enabled our school to stay open the entire year, even as school districts all around us closed their doors. We cannot ignore the possibility that the new variant could be very disruptive due to its high transmissibility rate and we pray that it remains a rapidly dissipating, less virulent form.



**The initiative to renovate the 3rd Floor of the new school is going well. As with everyone's pocketbook, inflationary pressures are already impacting material and labor costs. Please consider a sacrificial gift/ pledge to help us achieve the needed funding to begin.**

FAQs regarding Pledges:

### How is my pledge used?

All gifts to the Centennial Project 2020 are deposited in a restricted savings account that can only be used for the renovations of the St. Joan of Arc School or the Parish Social Hall improvements.

### How much should I give?

Making a pledge is a prudent, practical, and responsible form of stewardship. Nearly everyone believes in a commitment when planning personal financial affairs. We need to use this same kind of reasoning to care for our combined interests as a parish community. A sacrificial gift to the Centennial Project is an investment in the ministerial and educational infrastructure needed to address the growth and expansion of the next few decades, including the changing demographic of our parish.

It would be very difficult to raise enough money through cash donations alone. We must rely on everyone that is able, to develop a personal goal of generosity and then accomplish it, one step at a time. It is our hope, through fervent prayer, that we contemplate a pledge in the spirit of shared sacrifice in our commitment to the values of our faith.

### How do I pay for my pledge?

Gifts and checks can be made payable to St. Joan of Arc Parish. On the check memo line, or on the envelope, please note "Centennial Project" and the payment number (examples: 1 of 3, or 1 of 24, or whatever frequency you have chosen). You are welcome to place gifts in the offertory basket, or drop them off at the parish office. Pledge envelopes are available in the Parish Office. Additionally, a monthly envelope is included in the parish mailer.

On Line Giving instructions are available on the SJA Parish website stewardship menu. You can use credit or debit, and automatic payments can be planned. Please make sure to select the Centennial Project Fund.

**For any questions regarding electronic giving options, please contact Michelle at (717) 533-7168, Ext. 103 or [mgutshall@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:mgutshall@stjoanhershey.org).**

**To learn more, please visit the website at: <https://www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html>**

## FATHER BEITING APPALACHIAN MISSION CENTER Thank You

Dear Parishioners of St. Joan of Arc:

Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center would like to thank each parishioner at St. Joan of Arc for the most generous donation recently received.

This contribution will allow the mission center to expand the scope of our home repair efforts as we continue to serve those most in need. Your efforts will also allow us to extend our Christmas distributions to more children in Louisa and the surrounding communities of Eastern Kentucky.

Thanks again for your parish's continued support in carrying on Father Beiting's legacy of helping the impoverished and most needy folks in our area.

God Bless You All!  
The Staff at FBAMC

## St. Vincent de Paul Society Thank You

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joan of Arc would like to thank all our parishioners who so generously gave this Christmas to the 2021 Giving Tree Program. Through your generous donations we were able to give gift cards to Catholic Charities organizations, Shalom House, Morningstar and to the children of Hershey Food Bank clients. Catholic Charities donations included blankets to Interfaith Shelter and essential items for men at Catholic Worker House. We were also able to send a donation to our twinning St. Vincent de Paul parish in Jamaica. Donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Joan will also allow us to help families in need during the coming year.

The Catholic Charities organizations that received donations were Lourdes House (mothers and infants), Evergreen House (shelter for recovering addicts), Interfaith Shelter (homeless families), the Foster Child and Adoption Program and the Behavioral Health Foster Families.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity during this difficult year. Thank you from the St. Vincent de Paul Society members: Odette Bergloff, Mary Bolduc, Keith Burkhart, Ann Everest, Liz Frauenhoffer, Julie Fogarty, Mary Ann & Steve King, Ann McInerney, Pat Mooney, Nancy Montgomery, Patti Slabonik, and Irene Youngman.

## DONATIONS NEEDED

### 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!



## STEWARDSHIP

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

**Weekly Tithing: \$24,824**  
**Weekly Budget: \$26,923**  
**Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$2,295**

*Week of December 26, 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.

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🔗 **Stewardship - About Online Giving**

## Today's 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](http://www.usccb.org/ccce).**

Thank you for your generosity!

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Seeking afterschool care assistants, 3:00-6:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Days and hours may be negotiated. Duties include supervising students as they participate in activities such as snacks, arts and crafts, outdoor recess, homework, socializing, etc., responding to basic emergencies, and looking out for the welfare of the students. Clearances are required.

**Interested applicants should contact Sister Eileen at [sreileen@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:sreileen@stjoanhershey.org) or (717) 533-2854 x118.**

*With Much Gratitude...*

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