

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 6, 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

"Do not be afraid;
from now on
you will be
catching men."

Luke 5:10





Synod Townhall Meeting

Please join Father Al on
 Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 pm or
 Saturday, February 12 at 10:00 am
 in the Parish Social Hall.

Diocese of Harrisburg The Synodal Way



A synodal Church “journeys together” as we announce the Gospel.

How is this “journeying together” happening today in your parish and in our diocese? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take to grow in “journeying together”?

While we journey together with one another as the People of God, we also journey together with the entire human family. These two perspectives enrich one another and are helpful for our common discernment towards deeper communion and more fruitful mission.

Some Questions for Our Shared Reflection

- **Companions on the Journey** – *How are we called to grow as companions? What groups or individuals might be left on the margins?*
- **Listening** – *How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore? How well do we listen to those on the fringes?*
- **Speaking Out** – *What enables or hinders speaking up courageously, candidly, and responsibly in our local Church and in society?*
- **Celebration** – *How do liturgical celebrations inspire our common life, mission in our community, and most important decisions? How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful?*
- **Sharing Responsibility for Our Common Mission** – *What hinders the baptized from being active in the mission of the Church? What areas of mission need more attention?*
- **Dialogue in Church and Society** – *To what extent do diverse peoples in our community come together for dialogue? What are the means of dialogue within our local Church?*
- **Ecumenism** – *How do we journey together with members of other Christian traditions and denominations? What are the fruits and difficulties of journeying together?*
- **Authority and Participation** – *How does our Church community identify the goals to be pursued, the way to reach them, and the steps to be taken? How are teamwork and co-responsibility put into practice?*
- **Discerning and Deciding** – *How does our Church community use consultation or discernment in decision-making processes? How can we grow in communal spiritual discernment?*
- **Forming Ourselves in Synodality** – *How does our Church community form people for journeying together, listening to one another, and participating in mission?*



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/ Mk 6:53-56

6:45 AM Frances Rozman

9:00 AM Helen Woltman Brown

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8:

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/ Mk 7:1-13

6:45 AM Martha Cassady

9:00 AM Martin & Marian Lang

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9:

1 Kgs 10: 1-10/ Mk 7:14-23

6:45 AM Genevieve Stamilio

9:00 AM Rosdon Hendrix

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10:

MEMORIAL OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

1 Kgs 11:4 -13/ Mk 7:24-30

6:45 AM Elaine Wickersham

9:00 AM Jennie A. Fratti

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/ Mk 7:31-37

6:45 AM Donald E. Hennigan

9:00 AM John Rizzo

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12:

1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34/ Mk 8:1-10

9:00 AM Salvatore Roberto, Jr.

5:00 PM Harry F. Devine

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13:

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Blest are they who trust in the Lord. Blest are they who are poor and who endure insult, for their reward shall be great: eternal life.

Jer 17:5-8/ 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Grandparents of
Matthew & Jessica Schnupp

11:30 AM Carol Williams

5:00 PM Richard Gusherowski

SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **John Polto** and **John Miller**, brother of parishioner Cathy Scott, 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: **Shirley Triscik, Jennifer Hazelbaker, John Sceski, Rosemarie Marone, Joanne Kayser, Lisa Kayser, Tony Mayan, Abram Brandt, Mort Kayser, Barbara Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan and Jeff & Lori Sotack.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Main Altar Vase 1 & 2

In Loving Memory of
Joan M. Varano
from Mike & Terri Davis



YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This Week: "Laudato Si"- as we continue our series on "The Sanctity of Life", we will look at how climate change is a pro-life issue. Pope Francis gives us a beautiful encyclical on how to care for our environment.

Next Week: "Bingo and Chipotle"-It's finally here! This week we will have a little bit of fun and continue a Life Teen tradition with some bingo and Chipotle as we watch the Super Bowl. We will meet in the Youth Room from 6:15-8:00 pm. Feel free to invite your friends.

📧 **John Triscik:** jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org
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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 meet on February 16 and March 16. We will not have EDGE on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Masks are required.

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. **We will meet via Zoom for the months of January & February.** Young Adults will gather on February 9 & 23 as we finish our study of the "Book of Sirach".

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✠ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

“Our defense of the innocent unborn . . . needs to be clear, firm, and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development.”

-Pope Francis, April 2018 (USCCB Respect Life)

MONTHLY MEETING: SJA Respect Life will have their monthly meeting on February 9 – the second Wednesday of the month – at 7:00 pm, in room 320 of the parish activity building. All are welcome. Please join us in this important ministry.

**Knights of Columbus
Super Bowl Sub Sale**

The Knights of Columbus will be taking orders for R&K Subs after all Masses this weekend. Subs are \$7 and the pretzel sandwiches are \$6. Plan to pick up your order on Sunday, February 13 in the parish social hall from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Order forms are available in the parish office. Thank you!

**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 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!!

**Tuesday Prayer**

The ladies of the CCW will gather on Tuesdays at 3:00 pm in the St. Lucy Chapel to pray the Prayer of the Faithful, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, as well as private prayers for all our parishioners. We invite other ministries to join us as we gather weekly to pray.

Areba Club

The Areba Club's first meeting of 2022 will be held on Tuesday, February 15 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.

Road to Kindness

January has flown by and we are all feeling the cold bite of winter. The winter months sometimes have a way of making our life challenging especially when it is coupled with a pandemic and its new variants. Instead of enjoying life, we have a great deal of stress and tension. This week and during this time, it is so important that we take a moment to think about our Love for Life! Your Love for Life! We know that it may be difficult.

February brings many special holidays to celebrate life—Valentine's Day (February 14) and Random Acts of Kindness week (February 13 – 19) and Random Acts of Kindness Day (February 17). Please take some time to think about and prepare for these special days. When we share our Kindness and caring with those in need, we also benefit our life in so many ways!

This week, take a moment and meditate on these selected words from Ralph Marston's "*Love for Life*" article and every morning as you wake up, be grateful for all you have and think about how you can share your Kindness and blessing with others!

“Imagine today that you can simply let go of the tensions, of the pretensions, and love your life. That you can love others without needing to control their actions or influence their thoughts.

Look at the world, and approach each moment, with a love for life. Let go of whatever engenders conflict and make space for new goodness to flourish.”

Let's continue our mission of making a difference in our parish and community by following God's Way – “The Road to Kindness!” Bring Kindness to every encounter and your life and the lives you touch will flourish with goodness!

Faith Enrichment

We will meet Tuesday at 6:30 pm and Thursday at 10:00 am from now through April 5. 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. 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.

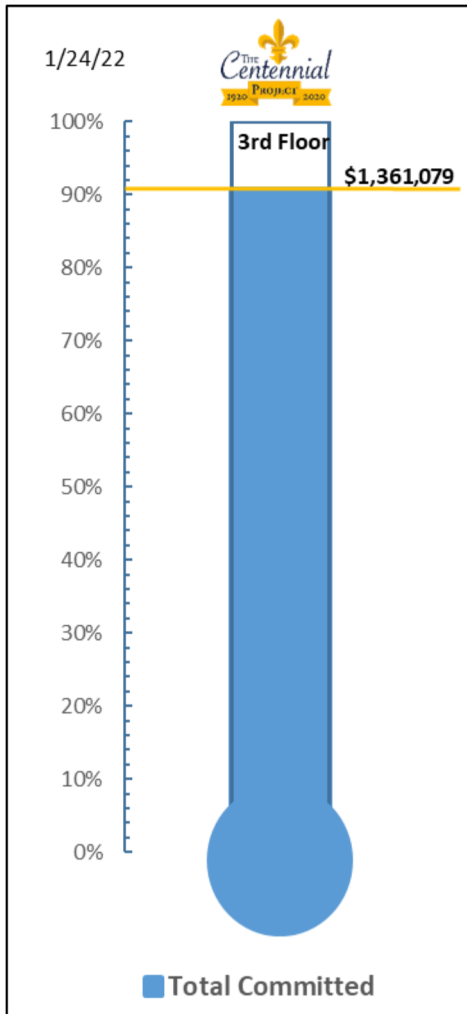
**Pray & Play Group for
Moms and Young Children**

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.



THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Please continue to pray for an end to the pandemic. There are strong indicators that we may finally awaken from this two year long nightmare. Hospitalization statistics on the Omicron variant are rapidly trending downward. There is, for the first time, genuine optimism that the worst of it is in our rear view mirror.



Some of the lessons learned from this crisis are epidemiological and quite obvious:

- Our health cannot be taken for granted.
- This tiny, non-living entity can inflict devastation on the scale of a world war.
- Robust surveillance and early recognition systems are necessary.
- Neglecting to be vigilant and underestimating the potential lethality of viral mutations is done at our own peril. How many of us recall the first SARS outbreak and deemed it some other nation's problem?

Some of the lessons we have learned are spiritual or not so obvious:

- Sometimes the best efforts of mankind are not enough.
- There is a Higher Power in control.
- Live every day as if it is your last.
- Tell your loved one's how much you love them-often.

As we approach the feast of St. Valentine, let us remember that beneath the sometimes effusive sentiments of the day, there needs to be a solid foundation that places others first. Moreover, it must expand beyond our inner circle and unconsciously apply to all of our daily human encounters.

Our mission as a parish is to worship, to educate and to serve our community. Our children are our future leaders. Providing them with the opportunity to grow in faith, love, and charity is one of our prime responsibilities as members of Christ's Church. The success of our children is the most important goal we have as parents. At St. Joan, children receive a rigorous academic education in the loving and nurturing environment of Christ-centered values.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to support this investment in our children.

For more on how you can help, please visit our website:

<https://www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html>

Today's Special Collection

*Society for the Propagation of the Faith
Membership Appeal*

Upcoming Special Collection

February 13, 2022

Black and Indian/Poor Missions

Society for the Propagation of the Faith Membership Sunday

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the means by which the Holy Father supports more than 1,100 mission dioceses throughout the world. It assists with faith formation, selection of native bishops, and the formation of seminarians, religious sisters and brothers and lay catechists. Your participation helps to spread the hope-filled, saving message of Jesus to the billions of people who do not know Christ, and supports the priests, religious and lay catechists who offer them the Good News. Thank you for answering the call to missionary spirit through your support of this holy work of the Church.

2022 Parish Festival News!

We had an amazing Festival in 2021 and raised nearly \$70k for our parish ministries! Come join us in the planning of another successful Festival! We need your ideas and energy! We will meet on the third Wednesday of the month in Feb., Mar., Apr., and May at 6 pm in the Sr. Rossello Room in the Parish Office. For more information, contact karencwilley@gmail.com.



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$20,927
Weekly Budget: \$26,923
Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$3,307

Week of January 23, 2022

HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

Harrisburg Diocese CCW Scholarship

High school senior girls are invited to apply for a \$1000 scholarship to be used for post-secondary education. Applicants must be sponsored by a relative who is a member of a parish CCW, and both applicants and sponsors must reside in the Harrisburg Diocese. The deadline to submit a completed application is March 31. Contact Joyce Scott at (717) 737-0927 or hdcwsscholarship@gmail.com for more information.

Sacred Heart Perpetual Adoration

The Sacred Heart Perpetual Adoration Chapel is the adoration chapel for the Dauphin Deanery. Adorers are needed from all the parishes in the deanery. Sacred Heart Chapel is under the guardianship of St. Margaret Mary Parish and you can find the chapel at 2836 Herr St., Harrisburg across from School. Are you looking for peace and inner joy? Come and spend time with Christ in His chapel. You can stop in for a few minutes, become a committed adorer for a weekly hour, join an adorer as a prayer partner, or offer to be a substitute adorer. Whatever your availability there is a place for you at the chapel. For more information, contact Betsy Schaedler at (717) 756-4897 or theway46@hotmail.com.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend

The Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend scheduled for February 26-27 is a group experience designed to give couples private time to plan their future together. The weekend gives couples who are planning to marry the opportunity to communicate with each other—individually, honestly, and intensively—about their prospective lives together: their strengths and weaknesses; desires, ambitions, and goals; their attitudes about money, sex, children, and family; and their roles in the Church and in society.

With Much Gratitude...

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

NESTICO & DRUBY P.C.

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**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Joan of Arc School
Forming hearts. Informing minds. Transforming lives.

Afterschool Care Assistants

Help needed from 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.

Classroom Aide for Kindergarten Class

Help needed from 8:00-3:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Assist teacher in working with 19 students.

Cafeteria Help

Help needed from 11:00-1:00 pm, Monday-Friday to serve and clean up afterwards.

Clearance are required for each position. Interested applicants should contact Sister Eileen at sreileen@stjoanhershey.org or (717) 533-2854 Ext. 118.

SJA SCHOOL

Saint Joan of Arc Track and Field will begin in March. Practices will be Monday and Thursday in the evening. Children in grades 3-8 are welcome. Track meets will be some Saturdays or Sundays. For more information contact amydewittstoffel@yahoo.com



BULLETIN REQUESTS

Requests MUST be received by 9:00 am the Monday prior to that weekend's bulletin, submitted as they are to appear in print, made through the designated electronic form.