

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.

MR 1:30-31

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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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



MASS SCHEDULE

MORNING MASSES

359 W Areba Ave, Hershey PA

SUNDAY

7:30 am, 9:30 am (live), 11:30 am

MONDAY - FRIDAY

6:45 am, 9:00 am (live)

SATURDAY

9:00 am (live)

EVENING MASSES

1525 Sand Hill Road, Hummelstown PA

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

359 W Areba Ave, Hershey PA

Wednesdays: 5:00-5:30 pm

Saturdays: 3:00-4:00 pm

FROM THE PASTOR



On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis announced that the following year would be dedicated to Saint Joseph. It will go until December 8, 2021. I thought that we would celebrate this beginning on Ash Wednesday. Our daily prayer before Mass will be directed to Saint Joseph and will ask for his intercession for the end of the coronavirus pandemic. Pope Francis wishes for all Christians to come to know Saint Joseph so that “every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God’s will.” Saint Joseph is the Patron Saint of:

- ✠ Husbands and fathers
- ✠ Families
- ✠ The Universal Church
- ✠ A Happy Death

Deacon Joe Gusherowski will be doing a video presentation on Saint Joseph during the Season of Lent. More information about how to find it on our website will be coming soon. We thank a parishioner for the beautiful banner for The Year of Saint Joseph which will grace our sanctuary throughout this year. May Good Saint Joseph bless and protect us and our families this year. From Saint Joseph may we find what a strong yet gentle faith is truly all about.

Father Al



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Clara Covage, and Camille Tancredi** 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: **Susan Peters, Mort Kayser, Joseph Grecia, Mary Beth Sheehan, Abe Brandt, Barbara Mandes, Barbara Kayser, Irene Parodi, Jim Hackman, Jeff & Lori Sotack, Rose Zaccagnini, Richard "Larry" & Catharine "Kitty" Wright and members of the Wright family, and Carol Merlo-Knackstedt.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Main Altar Vases: In loving memory of Pietro Rossi from his daughters

Blessed Mother: In loving memory of Mary Coffman from Daughter, Yvonne Martin

Saint Joseph: In loving memory of Robert A. Martin from Wife, Yvonne Martin



“Prayer is the best weapon we possess. It is the key that opens the heart of God.”

- San Pio De Pietrelcina

Do you or someone you know need prayer? Call the Parish Office to submit a prayer request.

Reminder: Names will remain on this list for six weeks. Submit another request to have them placed back on the list.

☎ **Submit a name: (717) 533-7168 Ext. 100**



With Much Gratitude...

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

KARNS FOODS



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8: SAINT JEROME EMILIANI; SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN

Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

6:45 AM Joseph McCarthy

9:00 AM For the Intentions of All Our Parish Volunteers

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Gn 1:20-2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

6:45 AM Special Intention for Maia Abel

9:00 AM Vito Amato

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10: MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

6:45 AM Anthony Blaskiewicz

9:00 AM Tom Kennedy

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11: OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

6:45 AM Jeanne Gallagher

9:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

6:45 AM Carol Williams

9:00 AM Alex Hourl

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

9:00 AM Tony Ercole

5:00 PM Donald Hennigam

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus manifests the powerful, healing love for God by curing the leper who was forced to live under severe restrictions by Jewish legislation. He turned to Jesus in his need and was filled with joy. We are called to imitate the healing and compassionate Jesus.

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

7:30 AM Deceased Plebani Family

9:30 AM Deceased Members of Ryan and Udovich Families

11:30 AM Jim Grap

5:00 PM People of the Parish

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL)

Life Teen will meet in the parish social hall. Everyone will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. If you have been around anyone with Covid-19 or if you have any symptoms, stay home and check in with your family physician. If you have recently traveled outside of the Hershey area, please stay home for at least a two week quarantine period.

This Week: "Bingo and Chipotle" It's finally here! We will have a little bit of fun and start a new Life Teen tradition with some bingo and Chipotle. We'll be in the social hall from 6:15-7:30 pm. Invite your friends!

Next Week: No Life Teen. Have a blessed President's Day Weekend.

📧 **John Triscik:** jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org



EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Edge is for grades 6-8 and meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom. Edge meets next on March 3, as we begin our Lenten series on "Prayer."

We will not have Edge on February 17 due to Ash Wednesday.

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 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom.

We meet next on February 10 as we continue our study of the Catholic Letters with 1st John.

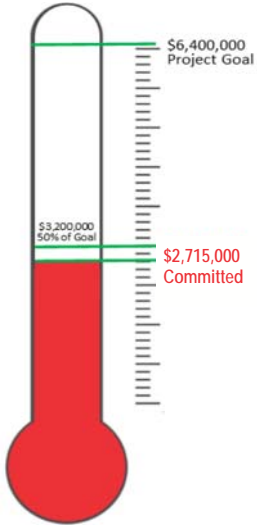
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Winter has left its mark this week (Catholic Schools Week) on the new St. Joan of Arc Campus. Last year’s snow is a distant memory. You may or may not recall that it was likely fewer than five inches of snow for the entire season. We are enjoying its beauty, but we certainly hope this winter weather doesn’t change into a snowmaking machine that cycles every week.

A big advantage we have this year is that even if the brick and mortar building has to close for inclement weather, the remote learning capabilities continue without interruption. How many of us knew what “Zoom” was two years ago? The pandemic forced us to adapt, and we did so quickly and effectively. However, we can’t be sure that everyone is happy. How many of our children do cartwheels when they hear the words “school never closes?” Fortunately, there’s room for both. Students can focus intently on their school work, and still leave time to race down the hills of white.

The surrounding nature reminds us that we are blessed to have a modern school on a beautiful thirty- five-acre campus high on a hill above Hershey. We look forward to the day when we can complete the third floor renovations and provide even more children the opportunity to achieve academic success in an environment of the love of Christ. Please make a pledge to the Centennial Project 2020 and help make these plans a reality in the very near future.

For more information on how you can help, please visit www.stjoanhershey.org/TheCentennialProject

HOW TO WEAR YOUR MASK



**HELP US KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS SAFE
SAFE AND HEALTHY!**

With the recent rise in Coronavirus cases related to cooler weather and more indoor activities, we thought it would be a good time to remind you of our mask wearing obligation. All in attendance are required to wear a mask, except for those with a medical condition that prohibit it and children too young to understand. Those who may be particularly vulnerable are encouraged to view our livestream Mass at home in place of in-person participation.

We have also received some feedback of masks being worn improperly. Masks should cover both the nose and the mouth. Masks should be worn at all times during the service, including processing to and from Holy Communion. Masks should only be lowered when consuming the Host.

Thank you for your cooperation.



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$19,448

Weekly Budget: \$26,442

Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,494

Week of January 24, 2021

VOCATIONS CORNER

“Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!” Could God be calling you to spread his Word and his love as a priest or consecrated religious?

Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki

frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org | (717) 657-4804 ext. 282

✝ MINISTRY NEWS

MORNING STAR

Morning Star Clinics is seeking a part-time instructor to teach in the greater Harrisburg area. Teaching experience is required and the ability to constructively and enthusiastically engage teens is essential. For questions or to submit a cover letter and resume, contact Leslie Moyer, Program Director.

✉ [Email Resume: lmoyer@unfiltered-truth.com](mailto:lmoyer@unfiltered-truth.com)

✉ [Learn More: www.Unfiltered-Truth.com](http://www.Unfiltered-Truth.com)

THE HAITI COMMITTEE

Our Sister Parish in Haiti needs your help. Ash Wednesday, **February 17**, offers a great opportunity to make a difference. One hundred percent of the collection will benefit our Sister Parish in Haiti.

Donations can also be made at the parish office or online. For more information about our Sister Parish or to join the Haiti Committee please visit our website.

Our sister parish (Our Lady of Lourdes) and school (Sainte Jeanne De Arc) are located in Tarasse, Haiti. We've been connected since 1983 and sister parishes since 2016. We annually fund teacher salaries and 4 student meals per week. The school has about 300 students preschool through 6th grade. Our parish is the primary source of funding for the school.

Contact Us:

✉ haiti-ministry@stjoanhershey.org

Donate Here:

✉ www.stjoanhershey.org/store/p68/donations-haiti

Learn More About Our Sister Parish:

✉ www.stjoanhershey.org/haiti-sister-parish

✝ MINISTRY NEWS

RESPECT LIFE

“I must point out that our new President has pledged to pursue certain policies that would advance moral evils and threaten human life and dignity, most seriously in the areas of abortion, contraception, marriage, and gender. Of deep concern is the liberty of the Church and the freedom of believers to live according to their consciences . . . For the nation's bishops, the continued injustice of abortion remains the ‘preeminent priority.’”

—USCCB President's Statement on the Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., as 46th President of the United States of America, January 20, 2021

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. 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. In this month of February and with the Lenten Season soon to begin, please take some time to think about all the special times, time spent with your family and friends. The times when someone helped you or did something just because they cared.

Take a moment and meditate on these selected words from Ralph Marston's “Love for Life” article and every morning as you wake up, say - thank you for all that you have!

“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!



St. Joan of Arc School
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Would you like Your PA state tax dollars to go directly to St. Joan of Arc School?

Did you know that if you pay more than \$3500 (Line 12 of your PA income Tax Return) in PA taxes you may be eligible to receive a 90% tax credit for a contribution to the Pennsylvania State EITC scholarship fund program that helps students afford tuition at a St. Joan of Arc. Families who join the Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund will receive a tax credit for 90% of the amount pledged, all of which will be given to the school in the form of a donation. (For example if you owe \$3500 in PA taxes, and you make a contribution with the attached agreement to St. Joan of Arc for \$3500, 90% or \$3150 will go to St. Joan of Arc, while your PA tax liability is reduced to \$350)

Your contributions could provide assistance to our school in the following ways:

- Enable the school to offer increased financial aid to more families.
- As participation in the program is for 2 years at a time it will allow us better planning.
- By increasing our funding for financial aid this may help us to keep our tuition costs as low as possible for all students and their families.
- Once a contributor joins the program they are able to continue renewing every two years indefinitely – so the donation could potentially become a long-term blessing to our school and its students.

To learn more you can visit www.pennsylvaniaeitc.org & fill out the attached joinder agreement.

If you have additional questions contact Deb Rizzotto, Director of Development, St. Joan of Arc School at 717 533-2854.

You may drop off or mail your completed application at St. Joan of Arc School (Attn: Tax Credits / Deb Rizzotto)

Please Note: The school is not able to offer professional tax advice. Please consult with your own tax professional to determine whether this program is right for you.

**TO FILL OUT THE JOINDER AGREEMENT, GO TO OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AND
 CLICK ON THE "DONATE YOUR PA TAX DOLLARS" BUTTON ON THE HOME PAGE.**

SCHOOL.STJOANHERSHEY.ORG