

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

FEBRUARY 13, 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

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours."

Luke 6:20





FROM THE PASTOR

Diocese of Harrisburg The Synodal Way

Pope Francis has called for a Church ‘which listens, which realizes that listening is more than simply hearing.’ ‘It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth (*Evangelii Gaudium*, §171).’

The Holy Spirit speaks through the Scriptures . . .

As we reflect on our task of mutual listening, we open our hearts to listen to where the Holy Spirit is leading the Church today in our parishes and in our diocese. Take some time to listen prayerfully to the Holy Spirit’s voice resounding through the Sacred Scriptures and echoing in your heart.

- **The mission of the Twelve:** Matthew 6:7-12
- **On the way to Emmaus:** Luke 24:13-35
- **Jesus’ Prayer for the Church:** John 17:1-26
- **The Coming of the Spirit:** Acts 2:1-13
- **Peter and Cornelius:** Acts 10:1-49
- **The Council of Jerusalem:** Acts 15:1-35
- **Unity and Diversity:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- **We Are One Body:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-26
- **The Good News:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- **Victory in Christ:** 1 John 5:1-5

... to “journey together,” we need to let ourselves be educated by the Spirit to a truly synodal mentality, entering with courage and freedom of heart into a conversion process ...

We are called to share and listen to one another . . .

Our reflection leads us to insights under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. These insights are unique to each one of us and are shaped by our experience of the Church. You are invited to share the fruit of your prayer and reflection through one of the ways listed below:

- Begin a conversation with other members of the Church about your experience
- Share your experience at a parish or deanery consultation session
- Contribute your thoughts through the “Virtual Auditorium” on the Diocesan Synod websites: www.hbgdiocese.org/synod-2021-2023/
- Send a letter to the Diocesan Synod Ambassadors at the Diocesan Center (address below)
- Use the US Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website: www.usccb.org/synod
- Go to the Vatican! www.synod.va/en.html
- Submit poetry, artwork, photographs, and other creative expressions of your experience of the Church through the “Virtual Auditorium” or to the Synod Ambassadors through the mail

**Diocese of Harrisburg—Synod Ambassadors 4800
Union Deposit Road
Harrisburg, PA 17111**



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **David Bernitsky, Gloria DeVine** and **Barbara L. Myers** 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: **Steve Vargo, 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.**





MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14: MEMORIAL OF SAINTS CYRIL, MONK AND METHODIUS, BISHOP

Jas 1:1-11/ Mk 8:11-13

6:45 AM Sylvia Spirk

9:00 AM Jim Grap

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

Jas 1:12-18/ / Mk 8:14-21

6:45 AM Debbie Blascovich

9:00 AM Agnes Hulbert

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16:

Jas 1:12-18/ / Mk 8:14-21

6:45 AM Mark Mooney

9:00 AM Gloria Luongo

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17:

Jas 2:1-9/ / Mk 8:27-33

6:45 AM Georgine Cialdella

9:00 AM Mark Pence

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18:

Jas 2:14-24, 26 / Mk 8:34-9:1

6:45 AM Edward Bonacci

9:00 AM Irene Petrina

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19:

Jas 3:1-10/ / Mk 9:2-13

9:00 AM Edward Miller

5:00 PM Angelo F. Paoletti

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In baptism we are called to mirror and image the mercy and forgiveness the Lord has won for us. As David would not harm Saul his enemy, so we are challenged to love and pardon those who wrong us.

**1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/ 1Cor 15:45-49/
Lk 6:27-38**

7:30 AM Evelyn Gamble

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Colin Tucker

5:00 PM Alice Faneye

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This 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.

Next Week: No Life Teen. Enjoy your President’s Day Weekend.

2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

Feb 20 No Life Teen-President’s Day Weekend

Feb 27 Life Teen Movie Night

Mar 2 Ash Wednesday-Lent begins!

Mar 6 “The Evidence”-We begin our Lenten series on the reality of Jesus being the Messiah

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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. We will practice social distance and masks are required.

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Harrisburg Young Adult Catholics Mass and Brunch

Young Adult Catholics (20s-30s) from the Diocese of Harrisburg will attend the 11:30am Mass at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church on February 20 and go out for brunch as a group afterwards. Brunch location will be the Cocoa Diner. Anyone interested should meet in the church narthex at 11:15am on Sunday February 20. **For additional information or any questions contact Mike Rentschler at (717) 421-8696.**

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 in the Youth Room. **We will meet via Zoom for the months of January & February.** Young Adults will gather on February 23 as we finish our study of the “Book of Sirach”.

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✠ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

“Now, if someone takes an innocent person’s life after he or she is born, it’s against the law; just minutes before birth, it’s legal in most states and called abortion. The only real difference is a declaration by the United States Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade (1973).”

-USCCB Respect Life, “Another Look at Abortion”

For help with an unexpected pregnancy, contact:
Morning Star Pregnancy Clinics
www.morningstarclinics.com
 (717) 901-2799

Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Sub Sale

Just a **reminder to pick up your sub order today**, Sunday, February 13 in the parish social hall from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Knights of Columbus

The Food and Money Collection for the Hershey Food Bank will begin monthly at all masses on the **first weekend of the month, starting March 5 & 6**. The parish has always been very supportive, and we know you will be again. Thank you in advance for your support of this event. God Bless!

Council Of Catholic Women

Just a **reminder**, the CCW will be selling homemade soup after Masses this weekend, or until sold out Saturday, February 12 and Sunday, February 13 to benefit the Catholic Charities-Homes for Healing.

Any questions, please contact karencwilley@gmail.com



CCW 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.

Catholic Creative Writer’s Group

Interested in creative writing? We are looking for parishioners to join in creative writing from beginner to published author. The group will meet beginning Tuesday, March 8 at 5:30 in Room 320 for 8 weeks. **If interested or for more information, contact Karen Kier at kier.karen@gmail.com**

Road to Kindness

We have several special holidays to celebrate this week. Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) week starts on February 13 until February 19, with RAK day on February 17. You also know the other special holiday during this week... Valentine’s Day! We hope that you thought about how to make these days special and meaningful to both your family, friends, and those in need.



Sharing an excerpt from National Kindness Today – “The idea behind Random Act of Kindness Day is to cultivate feelings of kindness and brighten up someone’s day. Every small act of kindness is significant. It may seem like it doesn’t accomplish much but, just like the domino effect, one act of kindness can lead to more positive outcomes. Don’t hold back from uplifting others with compliments and compassion on this day.”

Here are examples of ways to make RAK week special:

- Parents, hug your children and children, hug your mom and dad!
- Help a neighbor with their groceries!
- Donate clothing to a local drive or to the Salvation Army!
- Make dinner for a family that is in need!
- Pay for someone’s lunch!
- Smile and hold a door open!
- Be Kind to everyone during the week!

Practicing Kindness and treating people the way that you want to be treated will make our world a better place for everyone. This week, let’s make our Kindness mission come alive in our parish and in our community by following God’s Way – “The Road to Kindness!” God Bless you for sharing your Kindness!

Areba Club

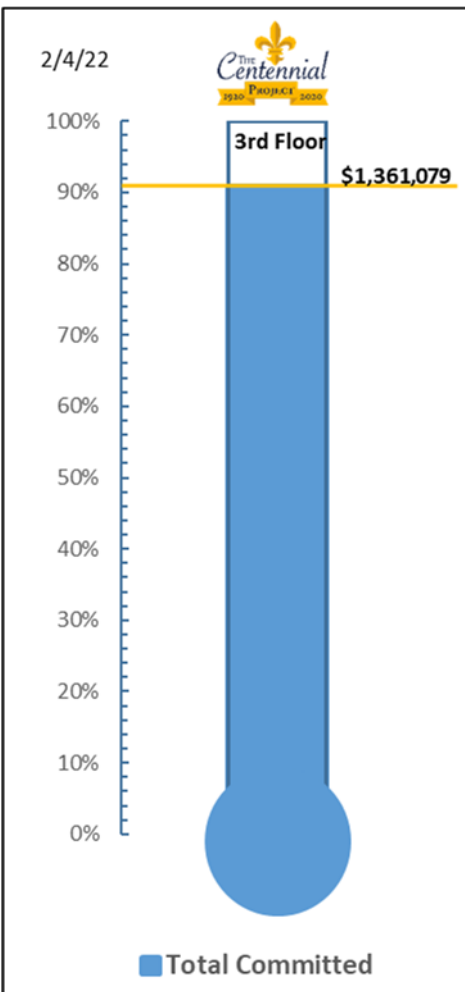
The Areba Club’s first meeting of 2022 will be held on Tuesday, February 15 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall. There will be bingo with cash prizes and light refreshments. **Contact Yvonne Martin at (717) 838-1535.**

Caelorum

We look forward to seeing everyone at Caelorum on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc Church. Kickstart your Lenten season 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. We look forward to seeing everyone!
For more information, call Lou Felice at (717) 215-4175.

THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Don't forget that Monday, February 14th is Valentine's Day. This year in a special way, please consider a gift to the Centennial Campaign. It's an investment in the infrastructure needed to assure that future generations are educated in the traditions of our faith and that they become active and responsible citizens of our great nation. Whether it's our Religious Education Program (REP), or our parochial school, our children develop the internal compass required to navigate the secular culture. If we are to safeguard the integrity of the family as the core fabric of our society, it is our solemn duty as parents to provide them with the spiritual, moral, and academic tools for their success.



Saint Joan of Arc School is a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School with S.T.E.M. certification. The success of our new facility would not be possible without your financial support. The demand for a St. Joan's education has quickly overtaken our classroom capacity, so it is essential that we raise the funds needed to complete the third floor. It is our hope, through fervent prayer, that your pledge or gift is contemplated in the spirit of shared sacrifice. Every dollar is important and very much appreciated. If you haven't yet considered a gift, there are several creative approaches to contributions that may match your current situation:

- Stock prices have appreciated very significantly over the past few years (The Dow Jones Index has increased 75% in five years). If your nest egg permits, a gift of stock directly to charity is exempt from capital gains tax.
- A gift of all or part of a required minimum distribution (RMD) would not be considered taxable income
- Gifts of real estate are deductible at appraised value.
- In planning a budget, on-line giving enables recurring monthly debits that automatically end when the pledge is completed. Pledges over time generally result in a larger total gift.
- Use the Centennial envelope in your monthly mailer for your convenience, and your donations will be recorded.

All gifts and proceeds 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. It is very difficult to raise enough money through cash donations alone. We also must rely on everyone that is able, to develop a personal goal of generosity and then accomplish it, whether through a one-time gift, or a pledge one step at a time.

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

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

HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

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.

Matthew 25 Funding Available

Applications from organizations seeking funding from the Matthew 25 collection are now being accepted. Community and parish-based organizations who are working to alleviate hunger, provide suitable housing for the homeless and clothing for those in need are encouraged to submit an application for funding.

Please visit: www.hbgdiocese.org/giving/matthew25/ for more information. Deadline to submit applications is February 28.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
THANK YOU**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG, PA. INC
ADOPTION SERVICES AND SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE:
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January 28, 2022

St. Joan of Arc
329 West Areba Ave. Hershey, PA 17033

On behalf of the staff, foster parents, and the foster children of Catholic Charities Specialized Foster Care, I would like to thank you for remembering our kids during this Christmas season.

Established in 1979, by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, a not-for-profit organization, the Catholic Charities Specialized Foster Care Program remains dedicated to providing temporary homes to children and youth who have been separated from their families. Through the tireless efforts of our foster parents, disadvantaged children are given the opportunity to learn and grow in a stable and nurturing environment, while we work to establish a positive relationship between the child and his or her family. Our foster parents provide and communicate safety to children who have not experienced that before. It can be a difficult job but our parents are committed to making a difference in the lives of each child for which they provide.

From your generous contributions, we were not only able to make sure that our children's Christmas wishes were granted, but we will also be able to mark other special occasions for them throughout the year.

We recognize and appreciate the great love you have shown to children in our community. May God bless you and may you enjoy a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Gwen Pfeifer, MSW, LSW Program Director
Catholic Charities Adoption Services and Specialized Foster Care

Today's Special Collection
February 13, 2022
Black and Indian/Poor Missions
Thank you for your support

With Much Gratitude...
We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin:
Pet Stop of Central PA

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

Weekly Tithing: \$23,473
Weekly Budget: \$26,923
Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,496

Week of January 30, 2022

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.**



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES 

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.

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

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VOCATIONS CORNER

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD..."

Are you considering a vocation to the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki
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