

# 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said,  
"If you wish, you can make me clean."

Mk 1:40

## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
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Michael Davis, Director of Music	Ext. 109
Earl Tropp, Director of Religious Education	Ext. 122
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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

### 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 Rd, 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

This week we begin the great Season of Lent. Just a few reminders:

- Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on Ash Wednesday. We will be sprinkling the blessed ashes on the top of the head rather than the forehead this year because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.
- Our collection on Ash Wednesday will once again be for our Sister Parish in Haiti. You have been so generous in the past with this collection that I know you will be even more generous this year! The money we collect on Ash Wednesday does so much good for the people of Haiti.
- Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday night in Lent at 7 PM. We will not have our regular "Soup and Stations" this year because of the pandemic but Deacon Joe will be doing a series on Saint Joseph during this Year of Saint Joseph. A video presentation will be available on our website each Friday during the Season of Lent. Please take time to view these reflections as part of your Lenten prayer.
- In case you have forgotten, a reminder of fasting rules for Lent from the USCCB:

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.**

**For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.**

**If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.**

Have a good and holy Lent!




## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Denise Anderson-Valente, John McGill**, Brother of Bert Curran, **Kathryn Peterson, Judy Ann Accorsi Hulett** 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, Maryann O'Connell, and Carol Merlo-Knackstedt.**



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](mailto:mgutshall@stjoanhershey.org)

🕊️ [Stewardship - About Online Giving](#)

*With Much Gratitude...*

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

**LEBANON VALLEY FAMILY MEDICINE**







## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13**

6:45 AM Deceased Santeusonio Family

9:00 AM Ugo Passalacqua

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21**

6:45 AM Special Intention of Lorraine Sorrentini

9:00 AM Clifford Muthard

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17:

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

**Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18**

6:45 AM In Gratitude for the Priests at  
St. Joan of Arc

9:00 AM Philip & Jennie Fratti, Sr.

7:00 PM Anthony Bosak

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

**Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25**

6:45 AM Special Intention for Lorraine Welsh

9:00 AM Irene Petrina

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15**

6:45 AM Regina Pronio and Pete Bowman

9:00 AM Donald DiClemente

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32**

9:00 AM Rita & Jack Laukaitis

5:00 PM Rev. Louis P. Ogden

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21:

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*Mindful of his covenant, the Lord promises never to destroy creation again by flood waters. The waters of baptism bring salvation and forgiveness through the death of Christ. After fasting forty days and being put to the test, Jesus begins his public ministry.*

**Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15**

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM John Waverka

11:30 AM Josephine Stivale

5:00 PM Josephine Curley

# 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:* No Life Teen. Have a blessed President's Day Weekend.

*Next Week:* We begin our Lenten Series on "Jesus, Our Savior." First up is "Shattered" which will help us reflect on our need for Jesus and His ability to transform our lives and world. We will meet via Zoom.

📧 **John Triscik:** [jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org)

## EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Edge is for grades 6-8 and meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

📧 **John Triscik:** [jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org)

**Donations Needed** Life Teen and EDGE are looking for donations of water, juice, soda, and snacks for our youth ministry gatherings. Anything would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office.

**Summer Mission Trip** The 2021 Catholic Heart Workcamp is now cancelled. Our hope is to try and do a service week over the Summer. Stay tuned for further details. I apologize for the inconvenience and we look forward to the trip in 2022.

# ADULT FAITH

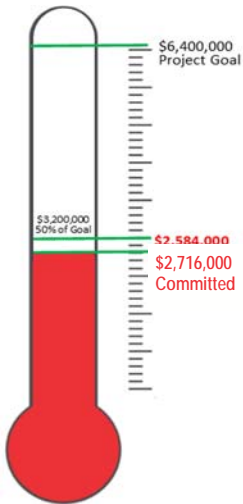
## YOUNG ADULTS (21-39)

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 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom. Young Adults will gather next on February 24 as we begin our study of the "Gospel of St. Mark."

📧 **John Triscik:** [jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org)

# † THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Happy Valentine’s Day! Don’t forget to tell your loved ones how much they are loved. This pandemic has forced us to come to grips with our own mortality, so don’t be hesitant to show your love each day. Now, more than ever, we realize that our future can change in an instant. It reminds us to keep all of our loved ones in prayer- both living and deceased.



St. Joan of Arc School is a joyful place, an environment of love that surrounds the desire for learning. With common sense mitigation efforts in place, we have been blessed that our school remains open. We pray that it continues, as it is well established that in-school education is where children thrive best. We are committed to this fact, and more and more families are recognizing our success. Enrollment is growing rapidly. We already have thirty new students committed for the fall semester and before too long there will be a space problem. As soon as is financially feasible, we need to commence our third floor renovations and create more classrooms.

Please continue to pray for the success of the Centennial Project 2020, which funds the Phase II (third floor) renovations. Asking for God’s advocacy is important, so we pray our campaign prayer:

*Our most gracious heavenly Father, as You bless us continually with the knowledge of Your abundant gifts, grant us especially with the gift of a grateful heart. Help us to respond sacrificially to the challenge before us, so that our Church family may move forward in its Ministry of worship, education, and service. Give us the faith, courage, and the desire to support this Centennial Project in our Church as we grow for tomorrow. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.*

Please consider a gift or pledge to the Centennial Project 2020 as an investment in our children’s future

For more information on how you can help, please visit [www.stjoanhershey.org/TheCentennialProject](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/TheCentennialProject)



## St. Joan of Arc Summer Camps

### ONE GREAT ORGANIZATION TWO LOCATIONS

Register today at [school.stjoanhershey.org](http://school.stjoanhershey.org)

**\$200/week**



**STEM CAMP**  
SAND HILL ROAD | HUMMELSTOWN

**June 7 - August 13**  
Monday - Friday  
8 am - 5 pm  
Week to Week Registration

**\$2,000**

**June 7 to August 13**  
Monday - Friday  
7 am - 6 pm  
Full Term Registration



**SUMMER CAMP**  
AREBA AVENUE | HERSHEY



## STEWARDSHIP

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

**Weekly Tithing:** \$19,921

**Weekly Budget:** \$26,442

**Weekly Heart of the Parish:** \$1,881

*Week of January 31, 2021*

## ✝ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Morning Star

Morning Star 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)

### Diocesan CYO Director Position

The Secretariat for Catholic Life and Evangelization of the Diocese of Harrisburg is seeking an individual to fill the part-time position of Diocesan Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Director.

✉ **Email Resume and Cover Letter:** [employment@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:employment@hbgdiocese.org)

✉ **Learn More:** Diocese of Harrisburg Office of Evangelization and Catechesis [jgontis@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:jgontis@hbgdiocese.org)



## VOCATIONS CORNER

“Do everything for the glory of God.”  
Your vocation is to give glory to God through your very being. Is He choosing you to be a priest or consecrated religious?

**Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki**  
[frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org)  
(717) 657-4804 ext. 282

## ✝ MINISTRY NEWS

### Respect Life

“As Pope Francis teaches, we cannot stay silent when nearly a million unborn lives are being cast aside in our country year after year through abortion. Abortion is a direct attack on life that also wounds the woman and undermines the family. . . It is also a matter of social justice. We cannot ignore the reality that abortion rates are much higher among poor and minorities, and that the procedure is regularly used to eliminate children who would be born with disabilities.”

--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

This Week kicks off with Valentine's Day. Happy Valentine's Day to everyone in our parish community and to all those visiting our parish! Valentine's Day is a special time to tell those in your life just how much you care about them! Let's remember this special verse from Corinthians:

*The Three Most Important Things to Have are:  
Faith, Love and Hope!  
But the greatest of them is LOVE!*

The Lenten Season, starting this week with Ash Wednesday on February 17, is the perfect time to reflect on God's love for us and to pass that love on!

At the same time the Lenten Season starts, February 11 -17 is “Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Week and with RAK Day on February 17!” This seven-day celebration demonstrates how Kindness starts with one – one act, one smile, one coffee for a stranger, one favor for a friend!

How perfect it is to have RAK Week happen right as our beautiful Lenten Season begins. To share one more special quote from Mother Teresa:

*“God has created us so we do small things with great LOVE. I believe that in great LOVE, that comes, or should come from the heart, should start at home; with my family, my neighbors across the street, those right next door.  
And this LOVE should then reach everyone.”*

Enjoy this week and the beauty of the Lenten Season by following God's Way.



## ✠ MINISTRY NEWS

### The Haiti Committee: Upcoming Special Collection

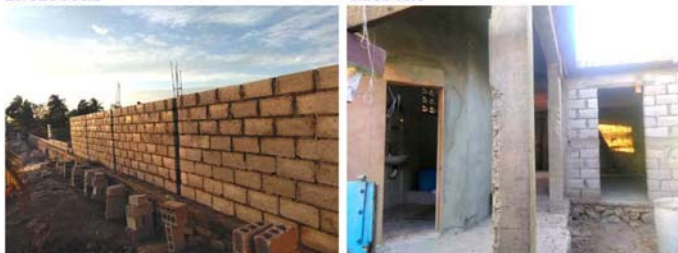
Our Sister Parish in Haiti needs your help. Ash Wednesday, **February 17**, offers a great opportunity to make a difference. One hundred percent of the collection will benefit our Sister Parish in Haiti. Donations can also be made at the parish office or online.

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.



ENCLOSURE

RECTORY



In 2020, two major construction projects were started because of your generous donations: an enclosure around the school and church grounds, and a rectory!

#### Contact Us:

✉ [haiti-ministry@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:haiti-ministry@stjoanhershey.org)

#### Donate Here:

🌐 [www.stjoanhershey.org/store/p68/donations-haiti](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/store/p68/donations-haiti)

#### Learn More About Our Sister Parish:

🌐 [www.stjoanhershey.org/haiti-sister-parish](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/haiti-sister-parish)

## ✠ 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. Please be brief due to space limitation.
- made through the designated electronic form to ensure all necessary information is received prior to the deadline.

🔗 **Contact Us—Request: Bulletin Content**

## ✠ HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

### World Marriage Day

February 14th is Valentine's Day but it is also World Marriage Day. The Catholic Church in the United States views the sacrament of marriage so important that it is dedicating an entire week, February 7th to February 14th, to focus on "building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family".

The U.S. Bishops Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth provides the following prayer as a resource:

*"Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

### Virtual Engaged Encounter Weekends

This intense 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. Cost is \$155 per couple. Registration closes two weeks prior to the weekend course. Reservations are limited to 10 couples per weekend.

**Contact Us:** 🌐 [familyministries@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:familyministries@hbgdiocese.org)

☎ (717) 657-4804 ext. 317

**Learn More:** 🌐 <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/cee>

### Retrouvaille Weekend: April 9-11

Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope. Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced.

**Contact Us:** ☎ (717) 356-2185

**Learn More:** 🌐 [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)