

LENT

40 DAYS

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

MARCH 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

Prayer

Fasting

Almsgiving



FROM THE Parochial Vicar

Well, it looks like we are full speed ahead in the season of Lent! You may have seen that we included the instructions on how to fast and abstain from meat during this Lenten season. Well, not only do we fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; not only do we abstain from meat on Fridays: but...we also adopt our own personal penances. This may take the form of giving up chocolate or social media or some sort of activity...all of which are praiseworthy things to do. But why do we do them? Why do we give so many things up during Lent? Well...I'm glad that you asked!

There are many spiritual benefits to fasting (and by fasting, I not only mean abstaining from food, but abstaining from other things or activities as well), but one of its benefits is that fasting strengthens us against temptation. How so? Well, think of it this way. When we fast, we are intentionally denying ourselves something that we want. We say "no" to something that we want. When we are tempted, we are left with a decision: do we say "yes" or "no" to the temptation? The temptation is desirable in some way (it wouldn't be called a temptation if part of us didn't want to do it). When fasting, we both show ourselves that it is possible to say "no" to something we want, and we practice developing that habit (aka. virtue) of saying "no" to something that we want to do, but in reality, is spiritually harmful. Therefore, when we are tempted to sin and want to act on it, our fasting strengthens us and reminds us that we are not destined to give into temptation, but in fact, can say "no" to temptation and "yes" to God.

So therefore, let us truly commit to whatever penances we have adopted this Lenten season. Let us not fast because "we do it every year" but do it with the intended purpose of being strengthened against sin. Yes, it will make this Lent more difficult, but also much more fruitful.

Have a Blessed Lent!

Fr. Josh



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Francis O'Rourke** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to his 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: **Larry Enders, Fred Bender, George Ambrose, Sharon Veet, Rosemary Connolly, Fran McCarthy, Shirley Triscik, Jennifer Hazelbaker, John Sceski, Rosemarie Marone, Lisa Kayser, Abram Brandt, Mort Kayser, Barbara Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan and Jeff & Lori Sotack.**



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 Wednesday, March 16, April 20 and May 18 at 6:00 pm in the Sr. Rossello Room in the Parish Office. **For more information, contact karencwilley@gmail.com.**



SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for Soup and Stations of the Cross:

- Soup every Friday through April 8 at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall
- Stations at 7:00 pm in the Church



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VOCATIONS CORNER

“The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God.”

Are you considering a call from the Holy Spirit to become a priest in front of the altar of the LORD?

Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki
frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org
 (717) 657-4804 Ext. 282



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 7:

MEMORIAL OF SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

6:45 AM Anna Regina Yurko

9:00 AM John Polto

TUESDAY, MARCH 8:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

6:45 AM Nace & Phillips Families

9:00 AM Col. Roberts V. Lewis

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

6:45 AM John & Bessie Devine and Frank & Flora McGuigan

9:00 AM Simona Aranda Alcalde

THURSDAY, MARCH 10:

Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

6:45 AM Keith Smith

9:00 AM Kevin Bucks

FRIDAY, MARCH 11:

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

6:45 AM John Miller

9:00 AM Deceased & Living Members of the Deaven and Meyers Families

SATURDAY, MARCH 12:

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

9:00 AM John Miller

5:00 PM Dawn Rapchinski

SUNDAY, MARCH 13:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Abram's faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, our light and our salvation. The transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery-the dying and rising of Jesus.

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Plebani Family

9:30 AM Larry Demers III

11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Ed Smith Family

5:00 PM Richard Moffitt

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This Week: "The Evidence"-Next week we begin our Lenten series on the life of Jesus and the reality of the Resurrection. The story of Jesus is not a myth or false hope that we hold onto but, rather, a historical, verified event.

Next Week: No Life Teen. Daylight Savings Time.

2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

Mar 13 No Life Teen-Turn your clocks forward for Daylight Savings Time

Mar 20 "Credible Witness"-During Lent, we prepare to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection

Mar 27 "Firsthand"-The reality of the Resurrection promises new life, even in our despair

April 3 Reconciliation Service- Life Teen joins the parish for our Lenten Penance Service

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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 March 16, April 6 & 20. We will not have EDGE on Ash Wednesday, March 2. We will practice social distance and 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.

Volunteers Needed

Please pray about volunteering with the High School or Middle School Youth Ministries. We are always in need of some help from Core Members to Food Preparation.

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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 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Youth Room. Young Adults will gather next on March 9 and 23 as we begin our Lenten/Easter series on "Fratelli Tutti," an encyclical by Pope Francis.

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✠ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

Choosing Life: A man named Ken recently called in to a Washington, DC radio talk show discussing the question of abortion after rape. Ken explained that he was adopted as an infant, and at age 30, located his birth mother and learned the circumstances of his conception. . .

Ken talked about growing up in a loving adoptive home. . . He expressed gratitude for his birth mother's going through so much to give him life. . .

He urged listeners to see that children conceived in rape are just as human, just as "real", as everyone else. "It's an emotional topic because I just get tired of people treating these unborn children like they're, like they're nothing. And they can be born, and they can grow up, and they can have a great life."

As a teen, Ken promised himself and God that he would return the favor of adoption, a promise that he and his wife fulfilled four years ago when they adopted a special needs premature baby girl from foster care. "I have an adopted child now because I was so grateful for having the opportunity to have my parents who took care of me. . . She's our, she's my daughter, and [voice breaks] I love her."

-USCCB, "Ken's Story: Conceived in Rape, Born for Love"

Special Needs Ministry

Can you help? A SJA parishioner is in need of transportation to/from doctor's appointments in the Camp Hill area. **If you are able to help and/or become involved in the Special Needs ministry, please email lisakronmuller@gmail.com or call (717) 443-8523.**

Catholic Creative Writer's Group

Interested in creative writing? Share your faith through creative writing. Open to parishioners of all skill levels. The group will meet beginning Tuesday, March 8 at 5:30 pm in Room 320 for 8 weeks.

If interested or for more information, contact Karen Kier at kier.karen@gmail.com

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.

Road to Kindness

This past week started the beautiful Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday! The Lenten Season is the perfect time to reflect on God's love for us and to pass that love on by following God's Way - "The Road to Kindness!"

We are excited to kick off our fifth annual Lenten Kindness Program with our children and teens in our School, REP, The Edge and Life Teen classes and also our parish community.

This year, we are providing a Lenten Kindness Activity Guide for the 40 Days of Lent! This Guide started on Ash Wednesday and will take us through to Easter Sunday. The Guide is filled with Kindness Activities that you can do individually or as a family. The Guide will be provided to each student and included on the St. Joan of Arc website.

Parents, please talk to your children about the Kindness Guide for these 40 Days of Lent. This discussion is so important. Please feel free to join them as they perform the daily Kindness Act.

These Acts of Kindness can impact someone's life. Let's all show our caring heart and make it the most beautiful Lenten Season. Let's all get inspired and share your Kindness with someone.

Additionally, we will have available Kindness Cards at the back of the church. You can pass on your Kindness by sharing one of these cards.

Continue to make a difference in our parish and community during this Lenten Season by following God's Way - "The Road to Kindness!" Thank you!

**GIRL SCOUT Cookie Sales**

Girl Scouts from the parish will be selling cookies before and after all morning masses on March 13. **Please contact Stacey Kosters at 717girlscouts@gmail.com with any questions.**

CCW THANK YOU!

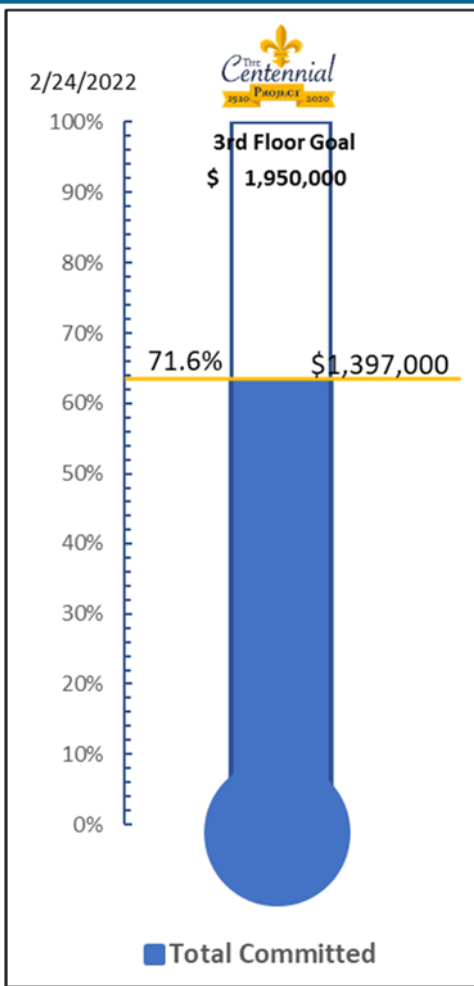
CCW and Catholic Charities Homes for Healing thanks everyone who donated soup and/or cash, sold soup, purchased soup!

At St. Joan, we earned \$2,245. Collectively, almost \$20,000 was earned in one day from soup sales and donations! THANK YOU again!

Areba Club

The Areba Club will meet on Tuesday, March 15 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall. Entertainment will be provided by Jimmy Jett and the Sky Pilots, "a trio of musicians who feature the kind of music that Seniors love to hear." Light refreshments will be served. **Any questions, contact Yvonne Martin at (717) 838-1535.**

THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT



This week, the nuts and bolts of the 3rd floor approval process begins in earnest. Construction documents, specifications, and costs will be submitted for review to the Diocesan Building Commission. We will meet with the board on Wednesday, March 15th to offer rationale and to answer any questions. If we satisfactorily complete this step and receive the Commission’s recommendation, we will then meet with Bishop Gainer and the College of Consultors at the end of March to present the project for final approval.

Simultaneously, we need to petition Derry Township for building code review of the blueprints as well as completing the detailed application for obtaining the building permit. Please keep the entire process in your prayers as any hiccup could delay equipment procurement, which already has “supply chain” backlogs. We are on a tight schedule to complete renovations for the start of the new school year and ideally the equipment should be ordered by the end of March.

Please also continue to pray for the Centennial Project Campaign which is financing the construction. Supply and labor shortages caused by the accelerating economy have inflated costs by 20% to 30% in the last ten months (reflected in the new goal on the thermometer). St. Joan of Arc families have been very generous in supporting Father Al’s vision for the Parish Social Hall and Catholic instruction for all the children of the parish- whether parochial, public, or home- schooled students. For those who have contributed we are very grateful. Thank you. We also want to acknowledge a debt of gratitude to the very high percentage of parishioners who have been making additional sacrifices!

For those who are still on the fence or have not yet considered a gift, we invite you to visit our facilities, especially our school, to experience the loving and nurturing environment. You will witness firsthand the fruits of your generosity. Now more than ever, our world needs to seek and model the love of Christ for all, and pass it on to our children.

For more info... please visit our website: <https://www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html>

View informative video and virtual walkthrough: <https://www.stjoanhershey.org/centennial1.html>

Easter Flower Sale

Benefits St. Joan of Arc Girl Scout Troops #10049 & #11111
 All plants \$11.00 Each Order and payment due by Monday, March 14

Place orders in decorated boxes in Parish Office, School Office or in the collection basket. *Make check out to Troop10049*

Pick up at SJA Parish Social Hall on Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 am –Noon

Any questions, please contact Betty Rokсандic at (717) 648-8631 or b.roksandic@yahoo.com



Name: _____ Phone _____

		Qty/Color
6" Hyacinth (3 Bulbs)	Pink, White or Blue	____ P ____ W ____ B
6" Tulip (6 Bulbs)	Assorted colors	____ Assort.
6" Potted Chrysanthemum	Yellow, Pink or White	____ Y ____ P ____ W
6" Azalea (florist's non-hardy)	Assorted colors	____ Assort.
6" Daffodil	Yellow	____ Y
6" Easter Lily (5-6 Blooms)	White	____ Y

\$11.00 ea xTotal _____ plants = \$ _____



HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

Lenten Day of Reflection

The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and St. Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania invite all Catholic physicians, lawyers, judges, healthcare workers, mental health professionals, medical students and law students to a Lenten Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 19 from 8:30 am-12:00 pm at the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg. The morning includes a Penance Service with Confession, fellowship, reflection and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Guest Speaker and Celebrant is the Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L.

For planning purposes, RSVP by March 11 to KNeri@hbgiocese.org

Perohi & Fish Wednesdays in Lent

At St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Parish, 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg. There will be hot fish dinners, frozen perohi and kielbasa for sale. The takeout only dinners will be available from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The fish dinners will be \$12 and includes baked haddock, 2 perohi's, haluski and green beans. The perohi is sold frozen by the package for \$6, fillings available are potato & cheese, cabbage, sauerkraut, prune and farmer cheese. Smoked kielbasa will be available in rings for \$6 each. These will be available March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6. St. Ann Knights of Columbus are hosting the dinners. For more information please visit www.stannbyz.org or call (717) 652-1415.

Diocese of Harrisburg's Men's Conference ~ Save the Date

Becoming Champions for Christ, on April 2 at the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg. Keynote speaker Adam Janke headlines a panel of excellent speakers that will focus on standing firm as men of faith among the challenges of today's faith-less society. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, Confession, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Ronald Gainer are also part of this annual event. Registration is \$35 for in-person (includes light breakfast fare and lunch) and \$20 for virtual. Register today or learn more at www.hbgiocese.org/men.

TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES

EARLY!

REMINDER:

Please take note of the Lent and Easter bulletin deadlines.

Bulletin	Article Deadline	
April 10	Monday	April 4
April 17	Thursday	April 7
April 24	Wednesday	April 13



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$24,216

Weekly Budget: \$26,923

Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,582

Week of February 20, 2022

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



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.

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.

With Much Gratitude...

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

RICK YAZINSKI, DMD

