

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then from the cloud
came a voice that said,
"This is my chosen Son;
listen to him."

Lk 9:35

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

MARCH 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



FROM THE PASTOR

Recently, some parishioners shared with me a prayer card that they got at Saint Margaret Mary Church in Harrisburg. It was a prayer for the Return of Non-Practicing Catholics. I know that many of us (if not all of us), have loved ones in our family and circle of friends who have left the Catholic Church for a variety of reasons. I also know that for devout Catholics it brings sadness and heartache to us. I am going to have these prayer cards made up for our parish and will hand them out later this Lenten Season but I wanted to include the prayer in my column so that we can begin praying for our loved ones. Let us pray that they may return to the Church for Easter.

Prayer for the Return of Non-Practicing Catholics

O good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask you to bring (names) back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, flowing sacramentally through the heart of your holy Church.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angel, and our parish patron St. Joan of Arc, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come home. For you, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen

Prayers for the return of a non-practicing Catholic also should be accompanied by sacrificial and private acts of fasting, and almsgiving in their name.

Father Al



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Bernard Ganse and Madeline Thomas** 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: **Karly Majzlik, Fred Sontheimer, 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.**



LENTEN PARISH PENANCE SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 3 @ 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

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




HERSHEYPARK TICKETS

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of our parish at a significant savings. One-day park tickets are 48% off gate price; pre-paid meal tickets are available at a savings of up to 30% off retail prices, snack vouchers are exclusive for \$4.50 each and prepaid parking passes are 20% off. Order forms are available at the back of the church, from the parish website or at the parish office.

Orders and payment MUST be received in the parish office by Monday, April 25.

Please make checks payable to: St. Joan of Arc.



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 14:

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

6:45 AM Dr. Samuel Barrera

9:00 AM Thomas Lavin

TUESDAY, MARCH 15:

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

6:45 AM Tim & Justine Matas & Family

9:00 AM Josefina Bigalli & America Rodriguez

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16:

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

6:45 AM Fred & Irene Czarny

9:00 AM Josephine Mingione Testa & Deceased
Members of the Testa & Mingione Families

THURSDAY, MARCH 17:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT PATRICK, BISHOP

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

6:45 AM Mason Brady

9:00 AM Donat & Claire Brosseau

FRIDAY, MARCH 18:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

6:45 AM Rev. Louis P. Ogden and Josephine Ogden

9:00 AM Steven J. Vargo

SATURDAY, MARCH 19:

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

9:00 AM Joseph, Margaret & Martin Stahl

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Borroni and
Weir Families

SUNDAY, MARCH 20:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

From the burning bush, Moses is called by God to lead his people out of slavery into freedom. The parable of the fig tree speaks, on the one hand, of God's patience, but, on the other, of the urgency of the call to conversion. Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed God's call, thinking ourselves to be self-righteous.

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

7:30 AM John Polto

9:30 AM Maria Solitto

11:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM For the Intentions of All Our Parish
Volunteers

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This Week: No Life Teen. Enjoy the extra daylight.

Next Week: "Credible Witness"-Next week we continue our Lenten series as we look at how our faith in Jesus leads us to have hope in His promise that we will live an abundant and eternal life.

2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

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

April 10 "Palm Sunday Movie Night"-May we prepare our hearts for Holy Week

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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. Please bring \$1 and food items to support the Hershey Food Bank. 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 for 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 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: “When my pregnancy was confirmed, Tim’s non-committal response to my distress and his move to Chicago, 400 miles away, left me despondent and convinced that abortion was the ‘easy way out.’

“As the doctor was examining me prior to the abortion, he suddenly stopped and said to the nurse, ‘Get her out of here! She’s too far along!’ Relief instantly washed over me. I decided to muster every ounce of courage to deal with my pregnancy . . . my two daughters inspired me to do great things. I finished my degree; then went on to get my Master’s and Ph.D.

“I cannot promise that it will be easy. I can only promise that the anguish will pass and that there are people who will help you through this trying time. One day you will look back on the birth of your child and know that you did the right thing.”

-Dr. Angela Woodhull (“...And Justice for All,” Human Life Alliance)

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.**

Knights of Columbus

The next Food and Money Collection for the Hershey Food Bank will be on **April 2 & 3** at all masses. The parish has always been very supportive, and we know you will be again. Thank you in advance for your support.

**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.**

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 karenwilley@gmail.com.

**CCW Communion Breakfast**

The CCW considers all ladies of St Joan of Arc Church as members of our Council of Catholic Women. We are holding our Communion breakfast Sunday, May 1 after the 9:30 am Mass in the parish social hall. The cost is \$12. Please buy your tickets early so we may plan accordingly. Reserve a table for your family and friends. Tickets available after all Masses April 2 & 3 or you can pick up at the Parish Office.

Road to Kindness

The Lenten Season is underway and as we said in our last article, this is the perfect time to reflect on God’s love for us and to pass that love on. Kindness activities are happening all around us and the true benefits of being Kind can be felt in our parish! Thank you!



This week, we want to share a wonderful story of how Kindness can impact the lives of so many people. Time magazine, March 7, 2022, edition highlights the “Kid of the Year” and the “Ambassador of KINDNESS”, Orion Jean, 11-years of age. You can read the complete article and there is additional commentary on the internet surrounding the Kid of Year and the 19 Kids that are changing the world! Orion sees himself as “a vessel to spread Kindness!” This 11-year-old has done some remarkable acts of Kindness and he has jumped in wherever he sees a need: he organized the donation and delivery of 100,000 meals to feed families across the country; he got 500,000 books to kids in their homes; and he brought communities together to help their neediest members!”

To demonstrate the way that he views Kindness, his quote really speaks to what we all can do and truly supports our Kindness mission:

**“While we can’t force others to be Kind,
we can be Kind ourselves and
hope to inspire other people!”**

Every act of Kindness, no matter how small, can make a difference! Let’s make our Kindness Mission and our 40 Days of Lenten Activities come alive by following God’s Way - “The Road to Kindness!” We wish the best to everyone and may you have a week filled with Kindness!

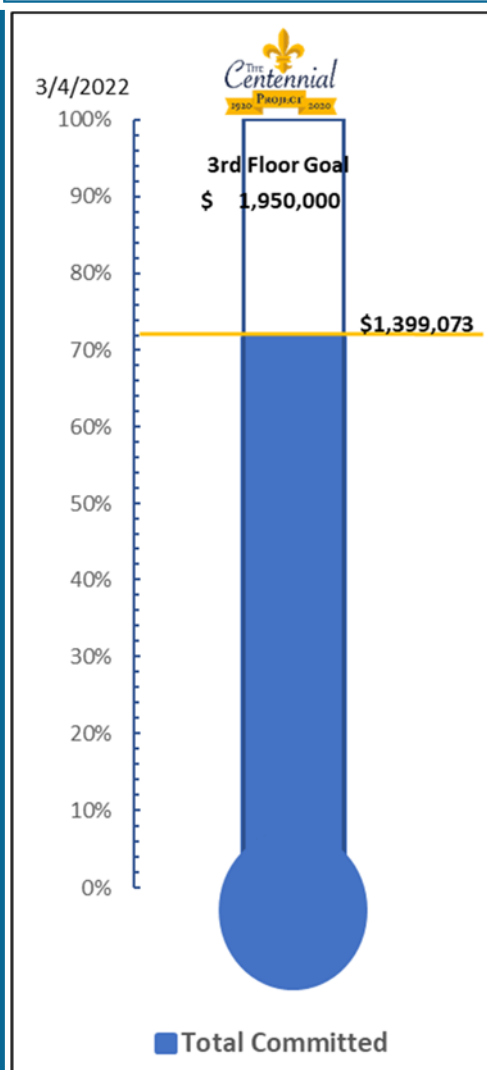
With Much Gratitude...

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

ROCKSTAR HOME SERVICES



THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT



Don't forget your clocks! Early this morning we shifted to daylight savings time. If you didn't remember to reset the time one hour ahead, your Sunday morning schedule may have been in for a surprise. Coinciding with the time zone change is the astronomical calendar. Next Sunday is the vernal equinox- one of only two days a year when the sun is located directly over the earth's equator, resulting in exactly twelve hours of daylight and darkness.

Vernal can mean fresh, or youthful, and is derived from the Latin word for Spring. Spring is synonymous with hope and renewal. Nature reawakens, beautiful flowers bloom, and new life once again flows in the dormant deciduous trees, enabling them to produce buds, color, leaves, and fruit.

The source for nature's renewal is the warmth of the sun. It is fitting that in today's Gospel of the Transfiguration, Luke uses the imagery of dazzling sunlight to herald Christ's Messianic purpose. Appearing with Moses and Elijah, Christ's destiny in Jerusalem is foreshadowed. He is the Paschal Lamb whose sacrifice will renew and perfect the original covenant between God and His chosen people (Passover or "Pesach" in Hebrew.) Elijah's presence prefigures Christ's divinity and His triumph over death.

Spring is a perfect time to learn how Saint Joan of Arc Parish can support your family in the spiritual development of your children and their relationship with Christ. Whether through parochial education, our Religious Education Program (REP), or our Youth Ministries, the fidelity of two thousand year- old principles flow from the unconditional love of Christ, our Savior. We celebrate His presence. His love permeates our daily activities, and our worship. You are welcome to come and visit. It's a joyful place.

The success of our religious and academic programs would not be possible without your financial assistance. Your contributions are invested in the infrastructure needed to develop essential reading, writing, critical thinking, communication, and mathematical, skills. They sustain and preserve the propagation of our Catholic heritage and teachings for future generations. Your donations are much appreciated and very much needed. If you haven't already, please prayerfully consider a gift to maintain the growth and vitality of our parish.

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 Roksandic 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 x Total _____ plants = \$ _____



HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

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.hbgdiocese.org/men.**

Saint Katherine Drexel Lenten Mission

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish will be welcoming Fr. Chris Alar to lead a two-day Lenten Mission. His topics will be "The Mass" which will be presented on Sunday March 27, and a deeper understanding of "The Real Presence of The Eucharist" presented on Monday, March 28. Both nights Fr. Alar will begin his presentations at 6:00pm and will end by 8:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen YOUR Lenten journey. All are welcome. **If you have questions please call Bill Benning at (717) 571-8808 or Saint Katharine Drexel's Parish office (717) 697-8716.**

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend

The Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend, April 2 & 3, 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. **Visit www.diocese.org/cee for more information.**

Catholic Charities Adoption Services and Specialized Foster Care

A caring adult can make a lasting difference in a child's life forever. If you can provide a loving home, we will provide the support that you need. **For more information, please contact Catholic Charities Specialized Foster Care at (717) 564-7115 or gpfeifer@cchbg.org.**

50th Wedding Anniversary

Were you married in 1972? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 10 at 2:00 pm at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. **To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office at (717) 533-7168 Ext. 100.**



STEWARDSHIP

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Weekly Budget: \$26,923

Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,990

Week of February 27, 2022

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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.