

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Your brother was dead
and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.

Lk 15:32

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

MARCH 27, 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

Congratulations are in order for our Saint Joan of Arc School principal, Sister Eileen McGowan! Sister Eileen has recently been chosen to receive the highly acclaimed **Lead.Learn.Proclaim Award** from the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA).



This award is quite prestigious in that only 13 persons involved with Catholic education receive the award each year. Sister Eileen has been a powerful influence in the life of our school. Principal for 35 years, Sister Eileen has been at the helm during 1/3 of our school's history and has been actively engaged in every aspect of the school

from administration, teaching the 8th Grade Religion classes, forming a generation of teachers, to being the spiritual "heart" of our fast-growing school. As many of you know, Saint Joan of Arc is the largest school in the Diocese of Harrisburg and we will be even bigger next year. As of this week, we have 510 students enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year! So much of our success is because of Sister Eileen's commitment to Catholic education. Sister will receive this award at the NCEA National Convention in New Orleans the week after Easter. When you see Sister Eileen, give her your congratulations.

Special Collection for Ukraine

Bishop Gainer invites the Faithful to make a donation to ease the suffering in Ukraine. Donations can be made at any time to the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine through the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

Saint Joan of Arc will take a special collection on April 10, Palm Sunday or to donate directly to this fund:

Send your check, payable to the "Diocese of Harrisburg," to the Diocese of Harrisburg, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

Please write on check "Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine"; or

Visit the Philadelphia Archeparchy website, www.ukarcheparchy.us, and click on **Donate through PayPal** and select **"War Victims and Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine"**



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of those who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to their families 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: **Christopher Jordan, Fred Sanders, Karly Majzlik, Larry Enders, Fred Bender, George Ambrose, Sharon Veet, Rosemary Connolly, Fran McCarthy, Rosemarie Marone, Abram Brandt, Mort Kayser, Barbara Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan and Jeff & Lori Sotack.**

Please join us for
First Friday Adoration
*On April 1 following the 9:00 am Mass
 with Benediction at 5:00pm in the St. Lucy Chapel.*



**Easter Raffle tickets MUST
 be returned by
 Wednesday, April 14.
 Thank you!**

**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. 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 28:

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

6:45 AM Marilyn Cole

9:00 AM Barry Boyer

TUESDAY, MARCH 29:

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

6:45 AM Suzan Decker

9:00 AM Rachel Plebani

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30:

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

6:45 AM Anthony Kucan

9:00 AM George & Barbara Ambrose

THURSDAY, MARCH 31:

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

6:45 AM Bill & Sarah Lutz

9:00 AM Jacqueline Salus

FRIDAY, APRIL 1:

Wis 2:1a,12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

6:45 AM Kolvich & General Families

9:00 AM Pietro Rossi & Deceased Members of the Rossi Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 2:

MEMORIAL SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

9:00 AM Paul & Margaret Kucan

5:00 PM Kevin Bucks

SUNDAY, APRIL 3:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

To the exiles in Babylon, Isaiah foretells a new exodus, when the Lord will lead his people from captivity to freedom. True freedom is rooted in the person of Jesus, not in observance of the Law. It is he who challenges us to examine our own hearts before self-righteously judging others.

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

7:30 AM John Polto

9:30 AM Matthew Pritchett

11:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Lisa Capitani

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This Week: "Firsthand"-As we continue our pilgrimage through Lent, we will try to understand that even when we fail to recognize Jesus and His presence, he continues to reveal His love and promises to us.

Next Week: "Confession"-Life Teen will join the parish in our Lenten reconciliation Service. Lent is a great time to go to Confession before we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

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

April 17 No Life Teen-Happy Easter!

April 24 "See for yourself"-Authentic belief in the Resurrection fills us with hope.

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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 April 6 & 20. We will practice social distance and masks are required.

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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 April 27 as we begin our Lenten/Easter series on "Fratelli Tutti," an encyclical by Pope Francis.

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Vocations Cross

Pray for Vocations

The Vocation Cross is taken into the homes of parishioners each week to pray for religious vocations. **If you would like to join this rotation, please contact the parish office at (717) 533-7168 or visit the website.**

✠ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

March 26 & 27, the Respect Life Ministry is collecting donations for Lourdeshouse Maternity Services. We've provided a basket with a number of baby items on display in the sanctuary, to inspire all to donate funds to help Lourdeshouse provide much needed services to expectant mothers and their babies. Donations may be placed in the basket next to the baby items, given to the volunteers at the church doors, or placed in the parish office lockbox. Please help us to support this holy ministry!

Vocations Ministry

The Vocations Ministry is restarting the Vocations Cross Rotation. Families and individuals are invited to take the Vocations Cross into their home for one week to pray for vocations. The rotation schedule will begin Palm Sunday, April 10. Please contact the parish office or visit the website if you would like to participate. Past participants who have agreed to continue are already on the schedule. **Please contact mmrupert@verizon.net with any questions.**

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 them up at the Parish Office.

CCW New Board Members

The Council of Catholic Women here at St. Joan of Arc will be selecting new members this May. We have an opening for the Vice President and possible commissions. Is God calling you to serve in our church ministry? We support our church and school. Our ministry is open to all the ladies of the parish. **Please contact Ruth Zemba at sjaccwpres@gmail.com**


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.

**Caelorum**

We look forward to seeing everyone at Caelorum on Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc Church. Join 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. Please join us! **For more information, call Lou Felice at (717) 215-4175.**

2022 Parish Festival News!

Join us in the planning of another successful festival scheduled for **June 9,10,11**. We need your ideas and energy! We will meet on  Wednesday, April 20 and May 18 at 6:00 pm in the Sr. Rossello Room in the Parish Office.

For more information contact karenewilley@gmail.com.

Please return any festival yard signs that you may have to the parish office ASAP so they can be updated with this years festival dates. They will be available for pickup on the Volunteer Recruitment weekend May 14, 15 and May 21, 22. Thank you!

Festival Jewelry

Festival jewelry committee is happily accepting any jewelry you are willing to part with-old, new, broken, classic or trendy. Bring your treasure to the parish office. Interested in working with the jewelry committee?
Contact Aura at (717) 533-6317.

Road to Kindness

Our Lenten 40 Days of Kindness Program continues, and we are excited to see Kindness throughout our church and school community. The Lenten Season brings a sense of peace to our homes and community. What is really wonderful is that each year and day, we see new signs that people are taking "Be Kind" seriously!

In past articles, we have mentioned some wonderful examples that demonstrate the world is getting the message...that we can make a difference when we act with Kindness. TIME Magazine continues to bring publications that talk about Kindness and the "Power of Kindness – Creating a Better Life and a Better World!" We also see articles on "The Power of Kindness in the Workplace!"

Recent videos, movies and books that tell the story of how Kindness can make an impact on a family and a community. Our Kindness Mission will soon celebrate its 5th year and we thank you for making our program come alive by bringing the voice of Kindness through God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!" The message of Kindness is coming to you in so many ways. Watch and listen to these special acts of Kindness and they will warm your heart!

This Lenten Season and throughout the year, you can make a difference! Bring your Kindness to someone in need.

Remember: "Even a small act of Kindness can make a big difference in someone's world!"

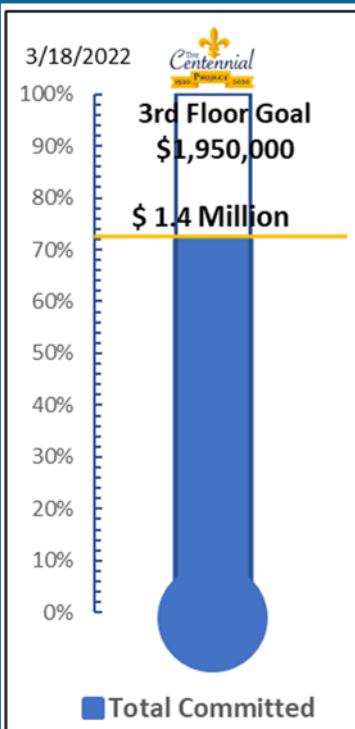
With Much Gratitude...

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

THE MORRISON ASSOCIATES



THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT



Registrations for St. Joan of Arc School continue to increase for the 2022- 2023 school year and we haven't even begun our busiest enrollment period. There are currently over 500 students signed up with many more anticipated. In the new school year there will be three classrooms of Pre-K4, Kindergarten, First and Second Grade. Third through Fifth Grade will expand to three classes each over the next three years.

Construction this summer (2022) is on a very tight schedule:

- It adds six classrooms to accommodate relocation of the middle school.
- It consolidates the lower grades on the first two floors.

Construction in the summer of 2023:

- Provides dedicated classrooms that currently operate from a mobile cart.
- Affords the time to put the finishing touches on the highly anticipated chapel and the study/conference area.

Beautiful promotional video and virtual walkthrough:

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

How you can help:

- **Be an ambassador- communicate our strengths at work and in your social circles.**

Word of mouth and testimonials are very effective:

- St. Joan is a nurturing environment that develops the spiritual and the social well- being of the individual in concert with academic excellence.
- St. Joan has and continues to make in person learning its top priority. In school education has been demonstrated as the optimal environment for scholastic performance.

- St. Joan is a Nationally Recognized Blue-Ribbon School with S.T.E.M. Certification.
- St. Joan has the most comprehensive extended day programs in the area.

• **Share our vision:**

- Our school is thriving as other schools struggle to remain open.
- St. Joan is the largest elementary school in the Diocese of Harrisburg.

• **Advocate financial support:**

- A tax-deductible gift is an investment in our children's future, providing them with a rigorous, balanced education.
- Business owners can offset certain tax liabilities by donating scholarships to St. Joan of Arc through participation in programs such as PA Educational Improvement Tax Credits or Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credits.
- Encourage contributions directly to the Centennial Project 2020 and highlight recognition programs such as our naming opportunities.
- Pledging over time in manageable installments enables a larger gift.
- Encourage those who have the ability to make an impact on our campaign.

Thank you for supporting St. Joan of Arc School. For more information please visit our website:

<https://www.stjoanhershey.org/centennial1.html>

Easter Flower Request Forms



If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one on Easter, please fill out a form and **return it to the parish office by April 1.** Forms can be found on the home page of the church website, on the tables

in the back of the church or at the parish office. No phone calls please.

In gratitude for the prayers offered at
St. Joan of Arc.

Brothers Jim, Tim, Tyler Grudi, Colin &
Daniel OFM (Order of Friars Minor)



Peace and Love
from
the Friars
in
Negril, Jamaica

HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

Men's Conference

Becoming Champions for Christ, on April 2 at the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg. Keynote speaker Adam Janke 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.**

Spring Musical Bishop McDevitt

Come "be our guest" and join the Crusader Players as they present their spring musical, Beauty and the Beast! Show dates are Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, April 3 at 3:00 pm. **Tickets are available online at www.showtix4u.com/events/mcdmusical.** Ticket prices are \$12 for adults online / \$15 at the door, \$10 for students and senior citizens.

First Saturday Devotion for the conversion of Russia

Please join us, at Saint Joan of Arc, this coming First Saturday, April 2, after the 9:00 am Mass.

During Mary's third apparition to the three children at Fatima on July 13, 1917, she told them that she would return to ask for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart and the Rosary of Reparation on First Saturdays.

"To prevent this, [God's punishment for sin] I shall come to ask for the Consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated. . . ."

On December 10, 1925, Mary did return to then-Sister Lucia with the request for the First Saturday Devotion. These Communions of Reparation are something that every one of us can do.

On the First Saturday of the month, over 5 consecutive months, the devotion consists of:

1. Going to Confession*
 2. Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion
 3. Saying five decades of the Rosary
 4. Meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary
- All this is offered in REPARATION for the sins of blasphemy and ingratitude committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

*If Confession cannot be done on that Saturday, it may be done within a reasonable amount of time, before or after, as long as you are in a state of grace when receiving Holy Communion.



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$17,422
Weekly Budget: \$26,923
Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,514

Week of March 13, 2022

Propagation of the Faith: \$4,116
Aid to the Catholic Church: \$3,004
Poor Missions: \$3,318
Ash Wednesday Collection for Sister Parish: \$18,933

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Special Collection: April 3

Catholic Relief Services

Learn more about the collection at
www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY –April 10

Regular Weekend Schedule
 (Procession with Palms at 11:30 am Mass)

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Morning Masses-6:45 & 9:00 am

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK-April 12

Tenebrae-8 pm

HOLY THURSDAY –April 14

Morning Prayer-8 am
 Mass Of The Lord's Supper-7 pm
 Adoration in the Church-until 10 pm
 (Confessions)
 Night Prayer-9:45 pm

GOOD FRIDAY –April 15

Morning Prayer-8 am
 Office of Readings-Noon
 Outdoor Stations of the Cross-12:30 pm
 Good Friday Liturgy-2 pm
 Stations of the Cross-7 pm

HOLY SATURDAY-April 16

Morning Prayer-8 am
 Blessing of Easter Food-10 am
 Easter Vigil-8 pm

EASTER SUNDAY –April 17

Masses in Church 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am
 Mass at School on Sandhill 9:30 am
 (There will be no 5 pm Mass on Easter Sunday)