

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

This illness is not  
to end in death,  
but is for the glory of God,  
that the Son of God may  
be glorified through it.

John 11:4

## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### MARCH 29, 2020

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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

We are live streaming Mass on  
Facebook and YouTube.

**SUNDAY MASS: 9:30 AM**

**DAILY MASS: 9:00 AM**

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CATHOLIC CHURCH**



# FROM THE PASTOR

Could any of us, just a few weeks ago, have imagined that we would be where we are right now? A worldwide pandemic? The closing of schools and businesses? The suspension of Masses and the normal activities of the Church and our parish? Most of us would say: "Never in a million years!" Let me update you on what is happening in the parish:

- ✦ Thank you so much for the wonderful feedback and helpful suggestions that we have received since we began livestreaming on the parish website via Facebook and YouTube. In just a short period of time, we have been able to stay connected to you through the internet. Even though we are not physically together, there is a bond that is happening between parishioners because of this that I truly believe is blessed by God! Keep tuning in and tell your friends!
- ✦ Unfortunately, we received word from Bishop Gainer that the service of Holy Week will not be open to the public this year. Father Roth and I will do all that we can to bring Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday as creatively and reverently as possible.
- ✦ The palms will be blessed on Palm Sunday but will not be distributed until a later date after the possibility of spreading Covid-19 is lessened.
- ✦ Thank you for all those who have donated toward our Easter Flowers this year. While we had to cancel our large order, the amount that was given so far will cover Easter flowers for our chapels in the parish convent and rectory. We truly appreciate your generosity!
- ✦ As Holy Week draws near, we will give you more information about how to participate in the sacred liturgies at home (sharing a meal together on Holy Thursday, venerating the Cross on Good Friday, etc.)
- ✦ A special thank-you to all of you who have continued giving to the parish online or have sent your donation through the mail or dropped them off at the parish this past weekend. As things get tough economically, your remembering the parish with your financial contribution is such a sign of your faith and loving support of the parish! God bless you! We are looking into getting a secure drop-box where you can place your contributions (and we can use it in the future for other things as well!).
- ✦ As you know, the governor shut down many non-essential businesses and one of those was construction companies. Renovations on our new school on Sand Hill have come to a halt and we don't know when they will start up again. But our Centennial Project is still in full swing. We are hoping that we will be able to get back on schedule soon. If not, we will cross that fence when we get to it!
- ✦ The parish office will be open from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Monday through Friday and our school will be open from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Most of our staff will be in and out but you can always contact us via email and phone. We are asking that you do as much parish business as you can through phone and email so as to not have too many people in the office at one time!
- ✦ I will be giving another "video update" again this week so watch for it! Father Roth and I will also be presenting some classes this week along with the Mass and Stations of the Cross. These will also be available as podcasts so you can listen to them as you take a run or a walk or just want to listen to them quietly in your homes.
- ✦ Speaking of video presentations, I am probably going to do one showing you how to make "Paska" or "Easter Bread." When I worked in the bakery of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, I literally made thousands of these egg-rich breads for sale. I could do it in my sleep! I taught a group of people in my last parish how to make them and we sold them as a fundraiser! So tune in some time to catch my version of "The Barefoot Confessor!" And just like on TV, if it doesn't come out perfect, I will "swap" it out!
- ✦ Do any of you remember the 1980s TV show called "Hill Street Blues?" The sergeant used to say to all the cops as they went out on the streets, "Let's be careful out there." That is my prayer to you but, as your pastor, I have to add, "And know that God is with you every step of the way!"

*Father Al*



## WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

Father Al and Father Roth will each fulfill a Mass intention each day. On Sundays, Father Modestus and Father Paul will fulfill the two additional intentions during a private Mass.

### MONDAY, MARCH 30:

**Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11**

9:00 AM Deceased Santeusanio Family  
Pete Ortenzi

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31:

**Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30**

9:00 AM Richard Deiling  
Lydia Ocamb and Joan Bennett

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1:

**Dn 3:14-20, 91-92. 95; Jn 8:31-42**

9:00 AM Cliff Modesto Padiar  
Effie Butch

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2: SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT

**Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59**

9:00 AM Annarose Albanese  
Pietro Rossi

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3:

**Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42**

9:00 AM Miles Schaeffer  
Chris Cusatis

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4: SAINT ISIDORE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56**

9:00 AM Anthony R. Bellezza  
Tony Nestico

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54**

*Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on this Father's love.*

9:30 AM Pete Bowman  
Leona Berzinski  
People of the Parish  
Rich Cappelli



## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Geraldine Ingaglio, Mother of Fran Shiffler** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to her 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: **Annalise, Rose Marie Smith, Cathy Malloy, Drew Fischer, William David Mintz Chuss, Beth and Jerry Frola, Joan Spandra, and Clara Hissick.**



*With Much Gratitude...*

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

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We continue to pray to Our Father to help us adapt to this new world. Change has happened literally overnight. It's almost as if we are turning the clock back 100 years to a time when people were struggling with a similar health crisis. Those people, our grandparents and great grandparents, may not have recognized the automated and connected world we live in, but they would have clearly understood the danger that pandemic viruses have posed to society going back thousands of years.

In times such as these, we turn to community and to our common purpose - to help each other to weather the storm and rebuild what needs to be repaired. At St. Joan of Arc, we are here for you if you need us.

To weather the storm, we must heed the advice of our medical professionals. Practice social distancing, follow hygienic practices, recognize symptoms, and use caution when interacting with others. Be especially cognizant of the clinically vulnerable among us. If at all possible, stay home.

St. Joan of Arc Parish is first and foremost a faith community, dedicated to worship, education, and service. Faith is the foundation of a strong community. Christ is the center of our faith. Our Church's mission thrives:

- Join us for daily and Sunday Mass livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. (You'll find links on our Parish homepage: [www.stjoanhershey.org](http://www.stjoanhershey.org)).
- Teachers and staff continue to create and provide online educational content to our students in order to assure continuity of learning. When this challenging time finally passes, we will appreciate our new school even more.
- The many ministries of St. Joan of Arc are at the ready to assist anyone in need.

Regarding the project, Governor Wolf's directive this past week has put a pause on construction activities. Fortunately, a lot of progress (see photos) has been made at the new school in the interim, giving us a good start on the necessary renovations.

We are indebted to those who have supported the Centennial Project. If you are able to help, we are grateful.

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



### Try Online Giving!

With our churches in the Diocese being closed to the public, we know that it makes it harder for parishioners to give their tithes and offerings each week. For those who are able to continue to give to the church during this hard time that has fallen upon us, we are working on finding ways to make your giving easier. Have you ever considered donating online? We can help you set up your account or even manage it for you!

Online giving is a secure and easy way to tithe and make other contributions. You can 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 <sup>24</sup>/<sub>7</sub> access to your account.

📞 **Michelle:** Ext. 103 | [mgutshall@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:mgutshall@stjoanhershey.org)  
 📄 **Stewardship - About Online Giving**

## CALLING ALL COUPLES 30-55 YEARS OLD

There is a new program we are looking to start in our parish. It's called Missionaries to the Family, and is run by Paradisus Dei in partnership with the University of Notre Dame. Missionaries to the Family is a calling to married couples to go deeper into the faith and learn to lead others into a deeper relationship with God. You will genuinely become missionaries to our world, as Pope Francis puts it, to have "a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything."

This program is a year-long online course with professors from the Notre Dame Theology Department. It consists of 52 weeks of lessons (about 1 hour of video lecture and 1 hour of classwork per week) and 3 guided retreat weekends. After the year of classes, the couples will work together to help the ministries around the parish. We are hoping to find 4 couples willing to make this commitment!

Find more information online at  
[www.paradisusdei.org/missionaries-to-the-family](http://www.paradisusdei.org/missionaries-to-the-family)

## VOCATIONS CORNER

For all those thirsting to know their vocations in Christ, that they will be open to the waters of prayer and drink fully of the Holy Spirit who leads them, we pray to the Lord.

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Starting on Monday, March 23,  
until further notice the

**Parish Office will be open**

**8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Monday through Friday**

## LIVE STREAM MASS



We are live streaming a private Mass via Facebook Live because we know how important attending Mass is to our parishioners. Tune in to Facebook for a daily Mass at 9:00 am and a Sunday Mass at 9:30 am. We will be broadcasting from our beautiful St. Lucy Chapel in the parish center.

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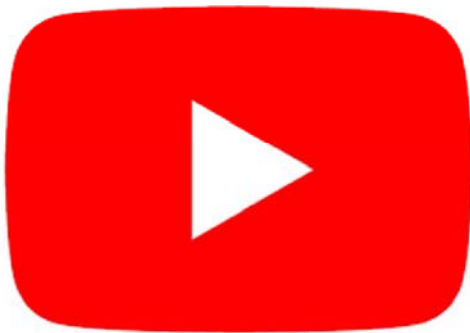
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