

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Let the one among you
who is without sin
be the first to throw
a stone at her.

Jn 8:7

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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APRIL 3, 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



It is hard to believe that this weekend is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. It has (to me at least) gone by so quickly! This Fifth Sunday of Lent is the beginning of what is known as Passiontide. This week and next (Holy Week), we focus on the suffering and

death of Jesus Christ. In the Church, we shroud the statues so all our focus can be on Jesus. We see those who were against him are now conspiring together to put him to death. It is always a sad thing to hear of the religious leaders of Jesus' time close their hearts and actively work together for his arrest and crucifixion. Of course, even the crowds that were enthusiastic about him (at one point wanting to make him their king) by Good Friday they are crying out, "Away with him! Crucify him!" And Jesus accepts this all with a courage and a sense of resignation that shatters those who watch him. He is single-minded in his following of his Father's will in all things—even to the point of death. As we come toward the last weeks of Lent, let us recognize our need for a Savior. Let us remember that we need Christ as our Divine Physician who can heal all of our wounds, especially the wounds of sin and division. Please take a look at the schedule for Holy Week. From Passion/Palm Sunday through the celebrations of the Sacred Triduum, we are called to walk with Jesus as he saves the world. Let us look upon the face of him who saves and heals us. May these last days of Lent be a time of great spiritual growth in our lives.



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, Rosemarie Marone, Abram Brandt, Mort Kayser, Barbara Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan and Jeff & Lori Sotack.**



Easter Raffle tickets MUST be returned by Wednesday, April 14.

**LENTEN PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
THIS EVENING, 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



Vocations Ministry

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.**



*The Vocation Cross will be in the home of:
April 10-17: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Wolf
April 17-24: The Harbaugh Family*

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VOCATIONS CORNER

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Are you called to bring the joy of Christ to His people?

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



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 4:

MEMORIAL SAINT ISIDORE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Dn 13:1-9, 15-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn8:12-20

6:45 AM Miles Schaeffer

9:00 AM Alvesta "Vae" Tancredi

TUESDAY, APRIL 5:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST

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

6:45 AM Diego Ingaglio

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

6:45 AM John & Ana Spaeder

9:00 AM John Miller

THURSDAY, APRIL 7:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, PRIEST

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

6:45 AM Charles Devine & Patricia Neuroth

9:00 AM Albert Rossi

FRIDAY, APRIL 8:

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

6:45 AM Vincent Chaverini

9:00 AM Andrew Hricak

SATURDAY, APRIL 9:

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

9:00 AM Special Intentions for Rev. Philip Burger

5:00 PM Veronica Metro

SUNDAY, APRIL 10:

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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 his Father's love.

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23: 1-49

7:30 AM Dick Donovan

9:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of T.J. Murphy Family

11:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Lyn & Cassie Devine

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This 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.

Next Week: "Palm Sunday Q & A"-Next week we will change things up. We will spend a night allowing teens to ask questions regarding the Church and do our best to answer them according to Church teaching.

2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

April 10 "Palm Sunday Q & A"-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.

May 1 "Senior Night"-Let's celebrate the Class of 2022

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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 optional but do bring one in case someone is immunocompromised.

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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. Thank you!

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.

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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✠ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

“The family has a special role to play throughout the life of its members, from birth to death. It is truly ‘the sanctuary of life: the place in which life – the gift of God – can be properly welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed, and can develop in accordance with what constitutes authentic human growth.’ Consequently the role of the family in building a culture of life is *decisive and irreplaceable.*”

-Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life) no. 92

CCW Communion Breakfast

The CCW Communion breakfast is Sunday, May 1, after the 9:30 am Mass. Cost is \$12.00 per ticket. Buy your tickets now!!! Reserve a table for moms and daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters, sisters, aunts and nieces, good friends. Come and enjoy breakfast together, fellowship with our parish ladies. Our speaker is Father Josh Weaver, Women of the Bible; Pillars of Faith. **Contact Ruth Zemba at (717) 533-3501 or sjaccwpres@gmail.com.**

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 Food and Money Collection for the Hershey Food Bank is this weekend, **April 2 & 3** at all masses. The parish has always been very supportive. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

K of C Hanging Basket Flower Sale

The Knights of Columbus are selling hanging baskets for Mothers Day in support of the charitable works of the council. We are offering eight (8) different varieties, choose from these types: Begonia (tuberous), Geranium, Boston Fern, Calibrachoa, Fuschia, Ivy Geranium, New Guinea Impatiens, and Petunia. They are beautiful, healthy, very full 10” baskets that can last all summer when properly maintained. Order by April 24 and pick up the weekend of May 8. **To reserve your baskets, contact a Knight of the Parish, visit www.kofc6693.org or call (717) 645-4358.**

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. God Bless. Please join us! **For more information, call Lou Felice at (717) 215-4175.**

2022 Parish Festival June 9,10,11

Join us for the 48th Annual Parish Festival. **We will meet on Wednesday, April 20 in the social hall to stuff envelopes. We need many hands to help! Our final meeting before the festival will be held on May 18 at 6:00 pm in the Sr. Rossello Room in the Parish Office.**



For more information contact karencwilley@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

“I just cleaned out my jewelry box.” Now it is your turn! Drop off at the parish office. SJA Festival Jewelry committee will pick it up and will get it ready for sale. If you want to help with set-up, preparations or the sale, contact Aura at (717) 533-6317.

Road to Kindness-5th Anniversary

This Lenten Season we are filling our parish and community with Kindness. What is really terrific is that we are celebrating the **5th Anniversary** of our Kindness Program, God’s Way – “The Road to Kindness!”

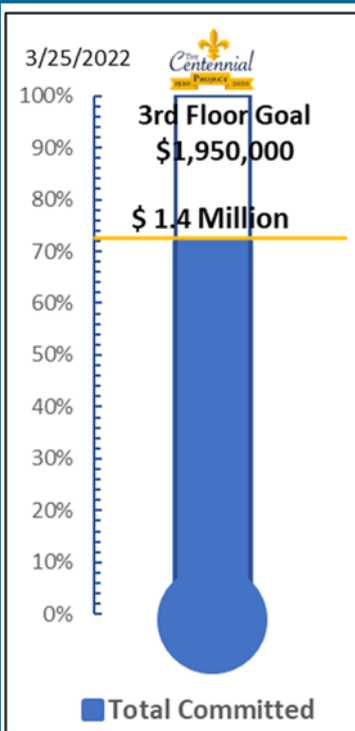
You may remember that when we kicked off our Kindness Program, we referred to a wonderful quote from Pope Francis. He said, *“How Marvelous it would be if at the end of the day, each of us could say: Today I have performed an act of charity towards others!”*



We thank you for spreading your Kindness during this Lenten Season. We still have two weeks left of Lent, please continue to do the Kindness Acts we have outlined in our 40 Days of Lenten Kindness Program. **Be Inspired - you are touching so many lives!** Your kindness will always be remembered! Together, we are making a difference by following **God’s Way – “The Road to Kindness!”**

(In Loving Memory of Anthony R. Bellezza, because Anthony’s way of sharing love and kindness should continue. Spread your Kindness today! God Bless You!)

THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT



Today is the 5th Sunday of Lent. Prior to 1969, it was called Passion Sunday, the beginning of a two-week period of intense prayer and spiritual immersion leading up to the passion and death of Christ. It is a time on the liturgical calendar known as "Passiontide." Palm Sunday, which is the start of Holy Week, was also referred to back then as the Second Sunday of the Passion. I can vividly recall the atmosphere of desolation and despair as all of the statues and the crucifix were shrouded in black or violet. It culminated in a suffocating feeling of death and loss that accompanied the stripping and abandonment of the altar on Good Friday. That extra somber week made Easter Sunday seem like a month away. Pope Paul VI discontinued the liturgical identity of "Passiontide" from the Church's calendar in 1969, but it is still recognized in the traditional Latin rite as well as in some Anglican and Lutheran denominations.

Often, it is in the depths of sorrow and anguish that we are able to discern what is truly important in life. The promise of Christ's Resurrection is that He makes all things new. There has been much suffering in the past couple years and it is an understandably human response to find any positive meaning in the overwhelming pain. Take Ukraine, for example. In a matter of weeks, many of its beautiful cities have been reduced to rubble and middle-class families have become refugees with only the shirt on their back. We share that humanity with them. We can envision a scenario where it could be our families instead. (Please remember them in the special Palm Sunday collection.) That is exactly why Jesus showed us the path. His rising forged a covenant with us that there is life beyond the grave. We certainly understand

that His Divinity enabled Him to overcome mortality, but He is also telling us that in spite of the limitations of our human existence, an eternal life awaits us.

We all work for, pray for, and hope for the safety, stability, character, and success of our children. It's our job as parents and guardians. If you have ever considered St Joan of Arc School, now is a great time to take a closer look. It will give your children a great start spiritually, emotionally, and academically. Providing a holistic education requires the tireless efforts of many and your financial support. Thank you to all who have been so generous in helping us achieve our mission, now celebrating its 95th year in Hershey.

For more information on how you can help, please visit our website:

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

Take a moment and view a beautiful promotional video (3^{1/2} min) and a virtual walkthrough (6 min) at:

<https://www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennial1.html>

TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES **EARLY!**

Bulletin deadline by 9:00 am on the following dates:
please contact bbrickley@stjoanhershey.org
with any questions.

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

HERSHEYPARK TICKETS

Discount tickets to HERSHEY PARK 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.

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)

BOX OF JOY THANK YOU

A record-breaking number of children received a Box of Joy® this season — and that blessing would not have been possible without you!

Because of your generosity, **106,276 children** in Haiti, Guatemala and five other developing countries opened toys, treats, school supplies, hygiene items and The Story of Jesus. Many of these boys and girls had never received a Christmas present before... **so you can imagine their delight at receiving these lovingly packaged gifts!**

Thank you for making this such a special year and for helping so many children to lift the lid on joy!

Yours,



James J. Cavnar
President
Cross Catholic Outreach



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$33,748

Weekly Budget: \$26,923

Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,763

Week of March 20, 2022

Today's Special Collection: April 3 *Catholic Relief Services*

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

Upcoming Special Collection: April 10 *Aid for Ukraine*

Visit: www.stjoanhershey.org click on Ukraine Aid

HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

Charismatic Mass at St. Theresa Church

On Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm there will be a Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing at St. Theresa Church, 1300 Bridge St., New Cumberland. The Very Reverend William C. Forrey, Pastor at Holy Infant Church, Secretary for Clergy, will be the Celebrant. All are welcome. **For more information call Mary Ann at (717) 512-3628 or Vicki at (717) 364-6260.**

Women's Bible Study

Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived is an immensely practical women's Bible study that will help you put the most important things first. We'll begin by paying attention to the One who made us, because He can best tell us what we need for our lives to run well. This 8-week study will meet on Wednesdays, from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm at Holy Name of Jesus School, Room 208, beginning April 13. **If you have any questions, please contact hjww@gmail.com.**

Harrisburg Diocese CCW Convention

All women of the Diocese are invited to attend the 96th Annual Convention. Our theme this year is "Be God's Hands on Earth." The convention will take place Saturday, April 23, at the Roman Catholic Diocesan Center, Harrisburg PA. **More details are available on our website: <https://hdccw.webs.com/hdccw-convention>**

With Much Gratitude...

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

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