

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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APRIL 10, 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

Today we begin Holy Week. I encourage you to attend as many of the services this week as possible. We walk with Jesus from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday and celebrate during this week the Last Supper, Christ's death on the cross, and his burial in the tomb. The moving Masses and services bring us close to our Savior who suffered and died for us so as to open the gates of heaven. Make this week special for you and your families!

A few updates:

- ♦ The renovation of the 3rd Floor of our school will begin the day school lets out in early June. Because of the amazing growth of our school (515 students for the 2022-2023 school year!), we will be doing a partial occupancy so that we can get the Middle School up on the third floor for the upcoming school year. It is essential that we get classrooms (two sixth, two seventh and two eighth grades) finished so that we can have room for the expanding lower grades! A good problem to have but time is of the essence. Next year we will have three pre-4 classes, three kindergartens and three 1st Grades. Our pre-3 program will be full-day next year and will be at our school on Sandhill (a half-day pre-3 program is presently in the old classrooms under our Parish Center on Areba Avenue.) In connection with our Centennial Project, we will have been given two extra years on our Capital Campaign because of the lull created by the pandemic. We are always grateful for any donation to The Centennial Project and, once again, make a plea for those who have not contributed yet to make a donation. Even the smallest gift counts!
- ♦ Our Sunday evening 5 PM Mass at the School on Sandhill will return to the Church on May 1st. This was a provision made for the Covid-19 Pandemic and it is time to return to our beautiful Church. We will be announcing this all through the month of April. I know that some of you enjoyed the Masses outside and in the gym but we need to get back to pre-Covid ways of being a parish. Thanks for understanding. God bless you all!

Father Al



PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: **Tom Searer, Christopher Jordan, Fred Sanders, Karly Majzlik, Larry Enders, Fred Bender, George Ambrose, Sharon Veet, Rosemary Connolly, Rosemarie Marone, Abram Brandt, Mort Kayser, Barbara Kayser, Lisa Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan and Jeff & Lori Sotack.**



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

Stations of the Cross
Friday, April 15
at 7:00 pm in the Church



Today's Special Collection: April 10



Visit: www.stjoanhershey.org click on Ukraine Aid

Upcoming Special Collections:

April 14, Holy Thursday
Benefits St. Vincent de Paul Society

April 15, Good Friday
Holy Land

PARISH OFFICE HOURS FOR HOLY WEEK

Thursday, April 14: Close at 12:00
Friday, April 15: Closed
Monday, April 18: Closed
We will open Tuesday, April 19 at 8:00 am.



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 11:

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

6:45 AM Gary C. Rhodes

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Soukup Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 12:

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

6:45 AM Phyllis Doherty

9:00 AM Christopher Rogers

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13:

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

6:45 AM Peggy Frank

9:00 AM Anthony & Frances Cottonaro

THURSDAY, APRIL 14: HOLY THURSDAY

Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11: 23-26; Jn 13: 1-15

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Jeffrey Lewis

FRIDAY, APRIL 15:

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

2:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

SATURDAY, APRIL 16: HOLY SATURDAY

Gn 1:1-2:2 or Gn 1:1,26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15-15:1;

Ex 15:1-2,3-4,5-6,17-18; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11;

Is 12:2-3,4,5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4;

Ez 36:16-17a,18-28; or Is 12:2-3,4 bcd,5-6 or ;

Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

SUNDAY, APRIL 17:

EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8a; Jn 20:1-9

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Celebrant's Intention

9:30 AM (Sand Hill) Celebrant's Intention

11:30 AM Celebrant's Intention

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This 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. Have a great Holy Week!

Next Week: No Life Teen or 5:00 pm Sunday Mass. Happy Easter!

2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

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

May 8 No Life Teen-Happy Mother's Day

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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 20 (The Road to Emmaus). 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.

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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 finish our Lenten/Easter series on "Fratelli Tutti," an encyclical by Pope Francis.

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✠ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

Many thanks to all who donated to the Lourdeshouse collection. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give \$2,484.03 to Lourdeshouse, along with a large basket of baby items and an array of hand-knitted baby clothes. Lourdeshouse is profoundly grateful for our help. On behalf of the moms and babies – thank you!

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.

Knights of Columbus

The K of C wants to thank everyone for their April Hershey Foodbank monetary and food donations! Through your generosity we received \$1242 and over 600lbs. of food. Great Almsgiving for Lent! Our next monthly collection is **May 7 and 8**. We thank you in advance.

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.

Areba Club

The Areba Club will meet on Tuesday, April 19 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall. Bingo with cash prizes will be played. Light refreshments will be served. **Any questions, contact Yvonne Martin at (717) 838-1535.**

With Much Gratitude...

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

TRADITIONS OF HERSHEY

Parish Festival June 9,10,11

Join us for the 48th Annual Parish Festival. We will meet on Wednesday, April 20 at 5:00 pm 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 year’s 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

As we reflect on the beautiful meaning of Palm Sunday and Jesus’s journey during Holy Week, let us ask a question: **What have you done this Lenten Season to demonstrate your Kindness, your caring and your love?**

If you have been following and performing our 40 Days of Lenten Kindness Program, you have had many opportunities to demonstrate your Kindness, caring and your love. In Pope Francis’s Message for Lent, he said:

“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10)

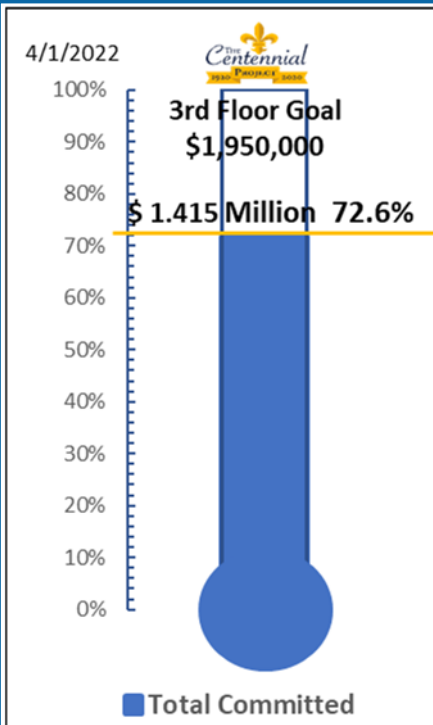
Let us begin Holy Week by doing good and by thinking about what Kindness offering we can bring to someone in need or to someone that needs reassurance. Our Lenten Kindness Program had five acts of prayer - let’s intensify our prayers and let’s share our Kindness and love with anyone that needs it. We have seven days until Easter Sunday, let’s make each one special and show your Kindness each day. During this Holy Week, let’s all get inspired and follow God’s Way – “The Road to Kindness!”

Pray & Play Group for Moms and Young Children

Interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to pray, chat, and share snacks while the kids play? Please join us! For location and any questions, please email sarah.bonavia@gmail.com.



THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT



This past Wednesday we received approval from the Bishop to proceed with the 3rd floor renovations at St. Joan of Arc School. With God's grace, our parish has been blessed with generous benefactors and pastoral leadership that made this project possible, especially considering the severe economic downturn. It is heartwarming to know that across generations of St. Joan of Arc faithful, support for the long-term vision for the parish is unmistakable, whether the times are plentiful or whether they are lean. For that unselfish commitment we are humbled and appreciative. May we persevere in prayer for the health and well-being of all of our community, and for the economic recovery of those negatively impacted by the pandemic.

This month our Centennial Project 2020 Campaign is completing its third year. Over 92% of the original commitments of \$2.85 million have been received. Since October 2021, we have tailored our fundraising efforts to address the exploding enrollment. Our 3rd floor renovation initiative has realized another \$1.4 million in commitments, of which 65% has been received. We would be remiss if we didn't take a moment to extend our gratitude to all those who have made this good work possible:

- Thank you to all the families who faithfully keep up with their Centennial pledge installments.
- Thank you for sharing your gifts of stock, your retirement funds, and your real estate.
- Thank you to those who use the monthly envelopes.
- Thank you to those who give on line.
- Thank you to the major sponsors underwriting the donor match program.
- Thank you to non-parishioners and non-Catholics alike for your generous support.

It has truly been a community effort. Thank you! Much work remains. The thermometer highlights our progress. If you are able to help, your gift would be very much welcomed.

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

Please take a moment and view a beautiful video of our 35-acre campus (3^{1/2} min) and a virtual tour of the planned expansion (6 min) at: <https://www.stjoanhershey.org/centennial1.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 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.

