

Alleluia!

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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**ST. JOAN OF ARC
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



HAPPY EASTER!

At the heart of our Faith is the dying and rising of Jesus Christ. This Holy Week was a special time—a more intense time—for us to reflect on this central mystery of Christianity. As we continue to stay at home because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, we are reminded of many things: the frailty of our mortal lives; the absolute blessing of family and friends; and the fact that “God loves us so much that he sent his Only Son to be our Savior”! We will not forget this Lent and Easter because of the darkness and uncertainty all around us. But hopefully we will not forget that after darkness comes light; after Good Friday comes Easter Sunday; after death comes Resurrection! While we have not been able to be with one another as we have in the past during these past weeks, remember that the bonds that tie us together spiritually are firmly in place. It is the Holy Spirit that unites us in ways of which we are scarcely aware! But it is through our baptism that we form the Body of Christ, the People of God, brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Risen Lord is alive and in our hearts and in our Church and in our world. It is that same Risen Lord who has conquered sin and death! As you gather this Easter—most likely with fewer family and friends—know that the Lord in his goodness blesses you and loves you and gathers all of us together in spirit! On this Easter day, let us recall the greeting of Christians of old: “Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!”

Father Al



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Vae Tancredi** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to their families and friends on their loss.

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, Bill Whalen Jr, and Clara Hissick.**



With Much Gratitude...

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

RE/MAX JOE GALLO

ATTENTION SECURE LOCK BOX

We now have a secure lock box at the top of the ramp going into the Parish Center. You can drop off envelopes and it will be secure!



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; add-on meal tickets and snack vouchers are available at a savings of up to 30% off retail prices and prepaid parking passes are 50% off. Download a form from the parish website or call the office and we will mail a form to you.

Orders and payment must be received in the parish office by Thursday, April 23, 2020. Please make checks payable to: St. Joan of Arc.



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, APRIL 13

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

9:00 AM John Luke Nantz
For the Intentions of all our Parish
Volunteers

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

9:00 AM George Giordanetti
Pauline Pisco Benedict

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

9:00 AM Thomas L. Carney
Sharon McQuate

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

9:00 AM Francena Murphy Arnold
Hubert & Ruth Bernard

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Soucha Family
Joseph Kunetz

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Act 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

9:00 AM John & Mildred Tapparo
Daniel McCarthy

SUNDAY, APRIL 19: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe in him. We give thanks to the Lord for this gift of faith, especially when we gather for the breaking of the bread and the prayers.

9:30 AM People of the Parish
Meyers and Deaven Families
Leo & Madalene Miller
Chris Rogers



The coronavirus pandemic has cast a pall over our world, leaving in its wake sickness, suffering, and devastating loss of life. To those affected, the darkness can be overwhelming. We are struggling through a difficult time. May the Light of Christ's Resurrection calm our fears, and guide our steps day by day, and if need be, hour by hour, as we navigate these uncharted waters.

Although our focus is on what is right in front of us, let us remain hopeful about the future. Better days are ahead, though our vision may be a little cloudy at this time. Amidst all the anxiety and pain, there are many stories of generosity and acts of kindness that confirm our faith in the human spirit. Close to home, the St. Joan of Arc School Family is sponsoring a meal donation program to support the tireless effort of the staff at the Medical Center. It has quickly raised over \$10,000 in two weeks.

We look forward to the day when some semblance of normalcy returns. At that time, we will complete construction of the new school and transition our students into their new home. The children will have a fresh start, but will hopefully bring with them some important life lessons such as resilience in the face of duress, charity in the face of need, and encouragement in the face of despair. These are some of the qualities that will help strengthen them for the rest of their lives. At St. Joan of Arc School, we nurture our children to love one another, and we are guided by the love of Christ.

May you and your family have a Blessed Easter!

For more information on how you can help, please visit
www.stjoanhershey.org/TheCentennialProject



EASTER FLOWERS



FLOWER DECORATIONS ARE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

- ✠ Ellen Jane Stamilio, my wife and friend from LTC Michael E. Stamilio (RET)
- ✠ Deceased members of the Roy E. Hovis and Peter J. McCarthy Family from Fran & Barb McCarthy
- ✠ George & Rita Ribik; McGowan and Ribik Families from Christine Ribik
- ✠ Joseph and Anthony Nestico from the Nestico Family
- ✠ Carolyn & Joseph Mastrosati from Carol Mastrosati
- ✠ Marie & Andrew Sakse, Bartolo Bruno and Albert Lashuk from their Family
- ✠ Deceased Members of the Dezagottis and Vitiello Families from Jim & Judy Dezagottis
- ✠ Donald Fox; Fox and Carden Families from Fox Family
- ✠ Albert & Rosalba Weir; Deceased Borroni and Weir Families from Matt, Kevin, Terrance, Denise and Stephanie
- ✠ Deceased Members of Spagnolo and Nikolaus Families from Mr. & Mrs. Philip J. Spagnolo
- ✠ Irene & Rudy Petrina; Mary Petrina Smith from Susan Petrina
- ✠ Charles Sheller; Vivian Sheller; Betty and Joseph Polinitz; Gloria Rush; James Hume from Gina Sheller
- ✠ James Saxton from wife, Estelle
- ✠ Stephen Butsko; Geary Butsko from Caroline Butsko and Family
- ✠ William, Jane and Tina DeLuce; Philomena Castelli; Vincent & Dorothy Garvey; Mary Anne Yurista from the DeLuce Family
- ✠ Joseph Yashinsky; Yashinsky, Oakum and Milewski Families from Helen Yashinsky
- ✠ Louis & Mary Stahl from Helen Yashinsky and Mary McCarthy
- ✠ Mark, Barbara, Sharon and David McQuate; Steve & Nancy Schneider from Don & Susan Robison
- ✠ Monsignor Bierster; Monsignor Kumontis; Fr. Ogden; Emma Castelli; Lydia Ocamb; Millie Tapparo; Edie Buglia; Guy and Louis Masciocchi from Susan and Mary
- ✠ James & Rose Marie East; Deceased Cassesi Family; Deceased Coffey Family; Bill & Lois Reagle; Deceased Cooper Family from David & Cecelia Reagle
- ✠ Effie, Joseph Sr., James and William Butch; Angelo & Katie Croci and Deceased Members of the Butch, Croci and Mintz Families from the Butch Family
- ✠ James Rafferty; Rafferty and Miller Families from Marie Rafferty
- ✠ Rich Cappelli from Sandy and Family
- ✠ Daniel McCarthy from Wife Mary and Family
- ✠ Sylvester & Eleanor McCarthy from Mary McCarthy and Family
- ✠ Joseph, Margaret and Martin Stahl from Mary McCarthy and Helen Yashinsky

✠ John A. McElhinney, Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Cantore, Lillian & Edward McElhinney, Marion Arrell, Patricia & Frank Wunschel from the Cantore Family





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 24/7 access to your account.

📞 **Michelle:** Ext. 103 | 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

VOCATIONS CORNER

That more men and women will joyfully answer the call of the Lord to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

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In observance of the Easter holiday, the Parish Office has modified hours.

The Parish Office is closed from
Thursday, April 9 to Monday, April 13

The office will re-open on
Tuesday, April 14

OFFICE HOURS

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The Parish Office is now closed to the public.

All business must be conducted via phone, mail, or email.

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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Don't have time to watch?

We have a new podcast channel! Tune in to listen to our daily Masses and other spiritual talks that the priests are conducting. What a great way to grow in our faith!

ST. JOAN OF ARC HERSHEY

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed. Alleluia!

Each year we sing these ancient words, praising the Lord for doing the mightiest of deeds: sacrificing His only-begotten Son as the unblemished Lamb to set us free from sin and death.

Yet, as Easter draws near, our unusual and anxious Lenten journey might not leave us ready to sing “Alleluia!” Never could we have anticipated this Lent would be one of suspended Masses, closed church buildings, and social distancing. Never could we have anticipated this Lent would seem to remove us from physical contact with our faith practices. It is hard to sing “Alleluia” in the midst of all this loss. Yet, this is precisely what our faith draws forth from us.

For, on the darkest of nights, the light of Christ pierces the darkness with a flame of hope that lifts up our sullen spirits and points our hearts to the Risen One. Loss gives birth to gain, death rises to life, and the sealed tomb opens up to let in the bright promise of a brand new day. And, indeed we sing, “Alleluia!”

As Christ’s disciples, we are renewed once more with the knowledge that with the Risen Lord by our side, neither darkness nor despair, not even the devastation of the coronavirus, can overcome us. Christ assures and reassures us time and again that all His suffering, our suffering, will lead to glory. Because of His sacrifice on Good Friday, not even death can defeat us.

This year, our Easter celebrations will most certainly be unusual. Although we cannot gather together in person, Christ will still be with us. He will embrace us and hold us fast during these uncertain times. And, we will be knit together by the power of the Holy Spirit gathering us into the Church across the face of our Diocese.

I am reminded of our Lord’s words in the Gospel of Mark when He says, “Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid.” With these words our Lord calmed his terrified disciples and then, getting into their storm-tossed boat, calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee. You and I need to remember our Lord’s words and let them keep us from anxiety and fear during our current storm. Jesus is in our boat. Do not be afraid and know the peace of Easter.

Wherever we find ourselves this Easter on our life’s journey, may Christ’s Paschal Mystery be our joy and hope. And may we never stop singing, “Alleluia!” for the mighty things the Father has done and is doing even now for us in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer