



4th Sunday of Easter

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MAY 3, 2020

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Sunday: Closed

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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**



FROM THE PASTOR

◆ Lots of updates for you:

- ◇ With all the uncertainty of when we will be able to gather again for Mass, a number of events in the parish need to be postponed:
 - ◇ First Holy Communion would have been celebrated on May 2. If we are restricted in the number of people who can come together at one time (I think it will be 25), we are coming up with some plans to possibly celebrate our children's First Holy Communion in small groups at different Masses throughout the summer. We will keep you informed.
 - ◇ Our May Crowning will have to be postponed. Maybe we can honor our Mother in Mary's "other" month, October.
 - ◇ Eighth Grade Graduation and our Pre-K and Kindergarten Promotion ceremonies will not be able to take place as scheduled. There are a lot of good ideas being circulated in the school as to how to celebrate these milestones in our parish.
 - ◇ As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, the Parish Festival will not take place in June as planned. We are hoping to have the festival in July or August but, once again, that really depends on where we are with opening the churches.
 - ◇ The Centennial Committee has decided to make some changes regarding our 100th Anniversary Year. Mass with Bishop Gainer followed by a banquet at the Hershey Lodge will take place at the END of our centennial year on August 15, 2021. We will have some kind of kick-off of our centennial sometime in the Fall of 2020.
 - ◇ Memorial Masses for those who have died during this pandemic will be celebrated at a later date. Since these will probably not be published in the newspaper, we will communicate with you via bulletin, website, and word-of-mouth when these will take place.
 - ◇ The renovations on the new school were postponed for a month but they are starting again this week. We are confident that we will be able to start school on time this year—even if we are pounding in the last nail the day before the students arrive!
- ◆ Just a word of thanks for all your patience, your understanding, and your goodness during this difficult time. Keep your parish family in your daily prayers and let us pray for the day when we can interact with one another again. Absence DOES make the heart grow fonder! God bless and stay healthy and holy!

Father Al



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Phillip Tomko** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to his family 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: **Rose Marie Smith, Cathy Malloy, Drew Fischer, William David Mintz Chuss, Jerry Frola, Joan Spandra, Mary Beth Sheehan, Bill Whalen Jr, and Clara Hissick.**

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!

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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, MAY 4

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

9:00 AM Donald Fox
Thomas Carney

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

9:00 AM Anne Marie Dever
Vae Tancredi

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

9:00 AM Special Intention for the Most Reverend
Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L.
Deceased Gangl Family

THURSDAY, MAY 7

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

9:00 AM Heart of the Parish and Church Memorials
Judy Williams

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

9:00 AM Joyce Palmer
Geraldine Ingaglio

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

9:00 AM Risko and Nantz Families
Maria & Claudio Rossi

SUNDAY, MAY 10: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

We are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood" called to place our faith and trust in the Spirit of Jesus who guides the community of faith.

9:30 AM People of the Parish
Ida Feeney and Vincenza Buatti
Deceased Fetrow and Balutis Families
Richard & Lois Deiling

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL)

Life Teen is continuing to meet via Zoom on **Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 pm and on Sundays from 1:30-2:30 pm**. Thursdays are just a check in to see how everyone is doing and to just be present for one another. Sunday is a Bible Study with some additional time to pray for one another.

📞 [John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org)



EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

EDGE is continuing to meet via Zoom on the **1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm**. The nights are filled with plenty of laughter and joy as we spend time studying Sacred Scripture.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Registration is now open. Take advantage of our discounted tuition. If currently registered in the program, no new form is needed. Tuition can be paid by mail, online, or in the parish lock box. **If you need a New Registration form see Religious Ed Forms on the parish website.**

📞 **REP:** Ext. 306 | etropp@stjoanhershey.org

ADULT FAITH

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults is meeting via Zoom on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm. We meet next on May 13, as we study the "Book of Habakkuk."

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NEW!! PARENT BIBLE STUDY

We have started a parent bible study that meets on **Thursdays** at 1:00 pm via Zoom. If you need a break and would be interested in spending some time studying the bible with us, join us.

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FAITH FORMATION

Join us for a discussion titled "Truth: Objective vs Subjective the Christian perspective" via Zoom on **Tuesday, May 5** at 7:00 pm.

📞 **Email Earl to register:** etropp@stjoanhershey.org



As we enter the month of May, and prepare to celebrate Mother's Day next weekend, let us petition our Holy Mother Mary to intercede for us to restore the health of the sick and bring wisdom to those who lead the effort to end the global pandemic.

Good news! As of this writing, renovations to the new school have restarted as Governor Wolf has moved up the construction project resumption date to May 1. The schedule is tight, but we are cautiously optimistic that we will occupy the new school by the end of August. The new school has also helped to stimulate enrollment. When the 2020-2021 school year finally begins, at a minimum, 390 students will be attending classes. This is 35 more than our current enrollment of 355 or an 10% increase. St. Joan of Arc School is a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School with STEM certification.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in a rigorous Catholic elementary education for their children, please direct them to Sister Eileen McGowan sreileen@stjoanhershey.org or Deb Rizzotto drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org or call them at the school at 717-533-2854.

Last week, new gifts and pledges amounted to \$8,000. Thank you so much!

This August we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Hershey. Our parish has flourished for a century because of the hard work and sacrifice of our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. The growth over the years required each generation to come together and meet the challenge of the time. From the original church on West Chocolate Avenue, to the school, to the rectory, convent, new church, and the school expansion, there is a rich history of giving. Your gift now will shape the future of our parish for decades to come.

If you are able to help, please accept our gratitude for your recognition that the mission of our church needs to be taught to our children and grandchildren. We are called to be a loving example of our faith, and the way we manifest that faith is through worship, service, and the education of future generations.

For more information on how you can help, please visit
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!

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📞 **Michelle:** Ext. 103 | mgutshall@stjoanhershey.org

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✝️ MINISTRY NEWS

LIVE, VIRTUAL CAELORUM

Please join us **Wednesday, May 6** at 7:00 pm for a live Caelorum virtual praise and worship event on Facebook. Our talented musicians Peter and Sara Lee will lead us in praise, worship, and scripture. A link to the live event will be available at the Caelorum Facebook page.

📞 **Lou:** 717-215-4175

THE ROAD TO KINDNESS

It has been a challenging time for our country and while you might think that our kindness program has been quiet – God's Way – "The Road to Kindness" has been seen and heard in all parts of our community and world. Every minute of every hour of every day, we can see all the good and caring that is being done by our neighbors with some of them being on the front line and as Father Al said in last week's bulletin – "keep praying, keep hoping, and keep loving!" Prayers, kindness, and love are powerful tools. In every moment there is some action that you can do to make it a little better. Please continue to say special prayers for our doctors, nurses, care givers, and for those working so hard to find a cure! And, remember – we can always send "long distance hugs" to our family and friends. God bless you and keep following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!"

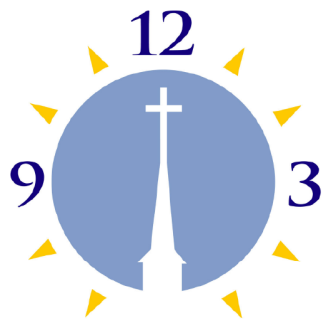
VOCATIONS CORNER

"How can we know the way?" Jesus shows us the way. Believe and he will do great works in you.

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ATTENTION

The Parish Office is now closed to the public.

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8:00 am to 12:00 pm | Monday through Friday

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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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