



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

MAY 9, 2021

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Monday - Friday: 8:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-4:00 pm
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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

MORNING MASSES

359 W Areba Ave, Hershey PA

SUNDAY

7:30 am, 9:30 am (livestream),
11:30 am

MONDAY - FRIDAY

6:45 am, 9:00 am (livestream)

SATURDAY

9:00 am (livestream)

EVENING MASSES

1525 Sand Hill Rd, Hummelstown PA

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

359 W Areba Ave, Hershey PA

Wednesdays: 5:00-5:30 pm

Saturdays: 3:00-4:00 pm

FROM THE PASTOR

Susan Robison has been working for Saint Joan of Arc Parish for almost 39 years. She has been a valued part of the parish staff as secretary and receptionist since day one! A life-long member of the parish, having been born and raised here in Hershey, Susan has not only brought many skills as parish secretary but is a treasure of knowledge of the history of the parish and its many members throughout the years. Quite literally, she knows everybody! I can always turn to her to give me information about what took place in the parish before I arrived and also to know the connections between families. I am always amazed when Susan can tell me a phone number or the address of parishioners from memory!



Over the years, the role of parish secretary has changed drastically, especially in a large, quick-growing parish like Saint Joan of Arc. The use of technology and the coordination of ever-growing ministries and organizations in a parish like ours is never easy. Susan has managed to weather these many changes with great grace and resolve. She has seen the coming and going of new pastors, new parochial vicars, new staff members (both parish and school), and new parishioners in numbers that are hard to calculate. She has always shown kindness and goodness to me and to the people with whom she comes into contact every day. One of the things that I truly appreciate about Susan has been her confidentiality regarding often sensitive topics in the life of the parish. That is essential in a good parish secretary and Susan has taken that very seriously. Her warm demeanor and good sense of humor has been a blessing to me and to the parish.

In June, Susan will retire. We wish her the best of luck and all God's blessings as she approaches retirement. We are truly appreciative for the years of service-yes, service because this was more than just a "job" for Susan-and will miss her. I know that I will probably reach out to her in the future to ask her about the things that only she can know because of her many years in the parish! Her ministry as parish secretary is coming to an end. More information about filling Susan's position and a date for a Mass and reception to acknowledge her many years of service will follow in the weeks to come. For now, let me say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Father Al



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Fr. John Schmalhoffer, Natalie Marlena Lynch, Paul Leonard, brother of Jeannie Schiavo, and Anita Pfeffer** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to his 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: **Mort Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan, Barbara Kayser, Jeff & Lori Sotack, Rose Zaccagnini, Bill Lutz, Pat Nestico, Audrey J Devine, Kathleen Wertz, and the Grubb, Kokenzie, Schindler, and Demore Families.**

✠ 2021 PENTECOST COLLECTION: MAY 23

The 2021 Pentecost collection will take place the weekend of May 23rd in all parishes in the Diocese of Harrisburg. This annual collection supports the educational costs for seminarian formation. The Diocese is blessed to have 23 men in formation at this time. The cost of one year of seminarian education exceeds \$40,000. Donors can make their gift online at www.hbgdiocese.org/Pentecost-collection. Checks can be made payable to the Diocese of Harrisburg.

✠ ALTAR FLOWERS

AVAILABLE DATES

Dates are available in May and June to memorialize or dedicate for a loved one. Please call the parish office (717) 533-7168.



With Much Gratitude...

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

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MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, MAY 10:

SAINT DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, PRIEST

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

6:45 AM Maureen Naumovitz

9:00 AM Joseph Kunetz and Attilio & Maddalena Nucci

TUESDAY, MAY 11

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

6:45 AM Rev. Louis P. Ogden

9:00 AM John McGill

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12:

**SAINTS NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS;
SAINT PANCRAS, MARTYR**

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

6:45 AM Thomas Burke

9:00 AM Thomas Lawrence Carney

6:00 PM People of the Parish

THURSDAY, MAY 13: OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

6:45 AM Special Intention for Bill Lutz

9:00 AM Harold Fogarty

7:00 PM Georgiana Ulseth

FRIDAY, MAY 14:

FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

6:45 AM Deceased Members of the Souchak Family

9:00 AM William Anselmi

SATURDAY, MAY 15: SAINT ISIDORE

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

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

5:00 PM Betty Charowsky

SUNDAY, MAY 16:

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As a witness of Jesus' resurrection, Matthias is chosen to replace him "who was destined to be lost." Let us bless the Lord who has so loved us and in whom we are called to love one another.

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

7:30 AM Donald Eline

9:30 AM Living and Deceased of the T. J. Murphy Family

11:30 AM Donald Hennigan

5:00 PM People of the Parish

✠ YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

Life Teen will meet in person (in the parish social hall or outside depending on the weather). Everyone will be required to wear a mask and practice a safe physical distance. We ask that teens who have been around anyone with COVID-19 or have any symptoms to stay home and check in with their family physician. Also, if you have recently traveled outside of the Hershey area, we ask you to stay home for at least a two week quarantine period. While we want to continue to minister to the teens, we also most importantly want to keep everyone safe. Thank you for understanding.

This Week: No Life Teen. Happy Mother's Day to all moms and moms to be.

Next Week: "Life Teen Picnic"—We close out our school year with a picnic in the back field, outside of the youth room. Bring your friends, bring a lawn chair, and wear a mask. I'll have food and drinks for us to celebrate another year of Life Teen.

2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

May 16	Life Teen Picnic Bring a lawn chair and your friends
May 23	Life Teen Service Project
May 30	No Life Teen-Memorial Day Weekend
June 6	No Life Teen
June 13	No Life Teen (Will return July 11th)

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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. We had a great year of EDGE and we will return in September. Have a great summer!

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Summer Mission Trip

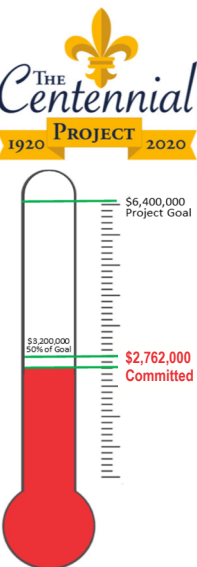
The 2021 Catholic Heart Workcamp is now cancelled. Our hope is to try and do a service week over the Summer. Stay tuned for further details. I apologize for the inconvenience and we look forward to the trip in 2022.

✠ THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, Grandmothers, Great-Grandmothers, Godmothers, Mothers-in-Law, Stepmothers, Foster Mothers, and Mother Superiors! Here are a few pearls of wisdom to live by from our saintly Mother Teresa of Calcutta. St. Teresa taught us to focus on what is right in front of us:

- "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family."
- "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."
- "I don't do great things. I do small things with great love."
- "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."
- "People are generally irrational, unreasonable and selfish. They deserve to be loved, anyway."
- "There is no key to happiness; the door is always open."

Not as well-known about her life was that Mother Teresa suffered what St. John of the Cross described as "the dark night of the soul." She felt as if she had been spiritually abandoned, longing for the presence of God. Despite this ongoing suffering, her instinctive response was to begin each day at 4:30 am with prayer, and continue God's work amongst the poorest of the poor. This daily, unrelenting assault of self-doubt reveals the magnitude of her extraordinary faith.



Mothers today, in this frenetically paced world, also suffer anxieties in meeting the demands of a busy schedule. Mothers are predisposed to seek what is best for her children. At the top of that list is the suitability of their childcare and education. St. Joan of Arc School addresses both of these needs with capable before and after school programs augmenting a rigorous daily curriculum. Please come visit and experience firsthand our nurturing and supportive environment. St Joan is blessed to have caring faculty and staff. As we expand, we will continue to recruit only the finest. Be a part of our growth. Your gift will help us develop and maintain exceptional facilities and skilled educators.

May all of our mothers have a very blessed day.

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

✠ CCW

Mother's Day Message

Happy Mother's Day to all our special ladies: Mothers of our sons and daughters; Grandmothers; Moms who adopted; Foster Moms; Single Moms; as well as Aunts and Sisters raising children. We pray for all expectant Mothers for a safe birth. We acknowledge working Moms during the pandemic and Moms staying home to teach their children. We remember and pray for all the Mothers and Grandmothers who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.



O Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
 Mother of the Church,
 Pray for us.
 Our Mother and most Holy
 Mother of Jesus,
 Pray for us.
 Mary, Mother of Mercy,
 Pray for us.

On this most special day, we pray that God will grant all our Mothers His greatest blessings.

Tuesday Prayer

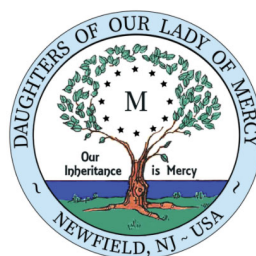
The ladies of the CCW will gather Tuesdays at 3:00 pm in the church to pray the Prayer of the Faithful, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, as well as private prayers for all our parishioners. We invite other ministries to join us as we gather weekly to pray for those touched by COVID-19, as well as other illnesses. Feel free to join us.



✠ DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

Raffle Tickets

Purchase your ticket for the 2021 20-week raffle benefitting the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy. Starting on June 6 and ending October 17, over \$10,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish and School offices for a \$20 donation. For more details, contact the Convent by calling (717) 533-2864.





STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$23,814
Weekly Budget: \$26,442
Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,240

Week of April 25, 2021

✚ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Hanging Basket Flower Pick-up

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank those who purchased Mother's Day hanging baskets in support of our charitable works. Flowers can be picked up in the social hall on May 9 from 7:00 am-1:00 pm. We may have extra flowers available for purchase.

✚ VOCATIONS

Profession: Lisa Beth Kayser O.F.S.

Thanks and Praise to Almighty God. On Saturday, March 13, 2021, along with two other candidates, Lisa Beth Kayser O.F.S., made her Profession with the St. Thomas More Franciscan Fraternity, Order of Secular Franciscans.

Diaconate: Thomas Meinert

Our parish has prayed over the past few years for Thomas Meinert who will be ordained a Deacon at St. Patrick Cathedral on May 15. He will preach, for the first time, at the 9:30 am Mass, May 16 at St. Joan of Arc. Please join us for a reception in the Social Hall immediately following the Mass to congratulate our newest member of the Diaconate.



VOCATIONS CORNER

"God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him."

Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious, that others might live in Christ?

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

✚ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

"The experience of motherhood makes you acutely aware of the other person and, at the same time, confers on you a particular task: 'Motherhood involves a special communion with the mystery of life, as it develops in the womb. . . This unique contact with the new human being developing within her gives rise to an attitude towards human beings not only towards her own child, but every human being, which profoundly marks the woman's personality.'"



-Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life), # 99

Road to Kindness

We want to congratulate all of the children who are receiving First Holy Communion. Our special prayers are always with them.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms! Let's make today special for our Mothers. Give your Mom an especially long HUG today and tell her "THANK YOU" for all that she does to make your life special! Let's remember those Moms that have passed away and those dear Moms that have lost a child. Our hearts and our prayers surround you today and always! We also thank those special women that have stepped in and been "like a Mom"-your caring means so much to our children.



A Mother's Day Prayer and Blessing:

Loving God, You wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting love in the same way a mother loves her children. We are grateful for the love you have taught us through the mothers in our lives: our own mother who brought us into this world; the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families, our grandmothers, who took time for us; and the mothers who have helped us even though we were not their children. Bless all the mothers of this world today. May they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every day of their lives. AMEN!

Be inspired to Be Kind and show that you care by following "God's Way - "The Road to Kindness!" May God's loving care always be with you!

✦ THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

The Catholic Witness recently unveiled its first-ever website, in a new and exciting effort to deliver more up-to-date news, photos and videos to its readers. The site, www.catholicwitness.org, includes the latest features, all in a user-friendly, mobile and dynamic layout. Through the website, parishioners can register to receive The Witness' free bi-weekly digital edition directly to their inbox. The digital edition includes links to the most recent news features, as well as a printable PDF file. Visit www.catholicwitness.org and sign up today!

✦ FOSTER CARE

May is National Foster Care Month. A caring adult can make a lasting difference in a child's life forever. If you can provide a loving home, we will provide the support that you need. To find out how to become a foster parent, please contact Catholic Charities Adoption & Specialized Foster Care at (717) 564-7115 or gpfeifer@cchbg.org.





St. Joan of Arc Summer Camps
ONE GREAT ORGANIZATION
TWO LOCATIONS

Register today at school.stjoanhershey.org

\$200/week



STEM CAMP
SAND HILL ROAD | HUMMELSTOWN

June 7 - August 13
Monday - Friday
8 am - 5 pm

\$200/week



summer camp
AREBA AVENUE | HERSHEY

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7 am - 6 pm

✦ HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

Young Adult Day of Reflection: June 12

The Young Adult Day of Reflection is June 12 at St. John Neumann Parish, Lancaster. If you are a Catholic Young Adult, or a non-Catholic who has some interest in the Catholic Church, and are 18-39 years old, this day is for you! The theme is: *To Jesus through Mary*. Father Benjamin Dunkelberger, Pastor of Our Lady of the Visitation Church, Shippensburg, and the Catholic Center Chaplain at Shippensburg University will be the Retreat Leader. There will be two spiritual talks by Fr. Dunkelberger, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, recitation of the Rosary, opportunity for Confession, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There will also be some time for solitude and quiet reflection. Light breakfast fare and a catered lunch are included in the registration cost, which is \$15 per person. To register, visit https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/young_adult_day_of_reflection. Registration Deadline is June 8 at 4 pm.

Quo Vadis Days: June 27-July 1

Mark your calendar! The annual Quo Vadis Days retreat for young men, ages 15-25, will be held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, from Sunday, June 27-Thursday, July 1. The cost is \$75.00 per participant. Pandemic precautions are in place, and to participate the retreatant must show either proof of full vaccination or have taken a Covid-19 test with a negative diagnosis within three days of the start of the retreat.

Contact: ☎ Fr. Jonathan P. Sawicki
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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 7:00-8:15 pm via Zoom. Young Adults will gather next on May 26 as we gather in person for a picnic outside of the youth room. We do not have Young Adults May 12 due to the Ascension Thursday Vigil Mass.

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