

In Honor of Our Mothers

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.

God took the fragrance
of a flower...

The majesty of a tree...

The gentleness of
morning dew...

The calm of a quiet sea...

The beauty
of the twilight hour...

The soul
of a starry night...

The laughter of a
rippling brook...

The grace of a bird
in flight...

Then God fashioned
from these things

A creation like no other,
And when his
masterpiece was through

He called it simply -
Mother.

~Herbert Farnham



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

It was with great sadness that I heard with all of you about the closing of Lebanon Catholic. I know that many parishioners are alumni of Lebanon Catholic and that you are rightly proud to call yourselves alumni of this great high school. For 161 years, the Catholic Faith and a fine education was handed on to its many graduates. We can be grateful to God for that. But I am sensitive to the fact that when a beloved institution closes there is grieving and great sadness and I pray that God will help you in your sorrow. As a former feeder school for the high school, St. Joan of Arc has had a long history with Lebanon Catholic. Even though our parish is not a part of the Lebanon Deanery any longer, we do not have any students at Lebanon Catholic, and our assessment goes to Bishop McDevitt where all of our high school students attend, we are committed to welcoming any—and as many—families and students from Lebanon Catholic as wish to come. As a way to welcome new families and to ease any financial burdens, St. Joan of Arc School will do the following:

- ◆ Accept the tuition rate of Lebanon Catholic for all students transferring to St. Joan of Arc School.
- ◆ Allow students to retain their Lebanon Catholic School uniform as a source of “Beaver” pride as well as to save money.
- ◆ Help with available scholarships and tuition assistance.
- ◆ Look into bussing options (a good part of Lebanon County already gets free bussing to St. Joan of Arc).
- ◆ Offer a “Blue-Ribbon” education that is Christ-centered and family-oriented.
- ◆ Invite you to be part of a diverse student body in which learning, fun and a deepening of the Catholic Faith is essential to who we are.

I promise to remember in my prayers and my Masses the faculty, parents, students and alumni of Lebanon Catholic (Sister Eileen being one of our most special alumna!). May God bless you as you grieve the closing of Lebanon Catholic.

Father Al



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Filomena Cramer; Charles Ohrnberger, father of Marge Sweeney and Erma Anne Perri, a former parishioner** 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: **Rose Marie Smith, Cathy Malloy, Drew Fischer, William David Mintz Chuss, 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 11

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

9:00 AM Father Louis P. Ogden
Jeane C. Nowicki

TUESDAY, MAY 12: SAINTS NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS; SAINT PANCRAS, MARTYR

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

9:00 AM Mary Kolat
Ronald Gramigni

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13: OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

9:00 AM Mabel, Bill and Daniel Hahn
Harold Fogarty

THURSDAY, MAY 14: FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

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

9:00 AM Anna Collura
William Anselmi

FRIDAY, MAY 15: MEMORIAL OF SAINT ISIDORE

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

9:00 AM Sharon McQuate
Donald Eline and Eugene & Bernie Eline

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

9:00 AM Connor Keogh
James Rafferty

SUNDAY, MAY 17: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

The people of Samaria come to worship the Lord and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is this same Spirit that leads us into the truth. In the body, Jesus was put to death; in the Spirit, he was raised to life. We are called to this same glory.

9:30 AM Bill and Brian Bratina
Maurice Cusatis
Herman & Irene Rossi
People of the Parish

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](mailto: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 *Heaven Help Us: the role of the saints in our lives* will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, May 12** at 7:00 pm and **Thursday, May 14** at 10:00 am.

📞 [Email Earl to register: etropp@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:etropp@stjoanhershey.org)



THE
Centennial
PROJECT
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It's great to see the contractors back in action at the new school. Inside and out, the place is buzzing with activity. It is a blessing. It is generating optimism for staff and students alike, as we anticipate the new school year. A bright future awaits us, and it helps us see past the difficulties of the present time.

Your support of this effort will enable us to complete the necessary renovations. School opens in late August and much needs to be done. It also will fund the completion of the entire 3rd floor. In the past week we learned the heartbreaking news that Lebanon Catholic will close its doors after a one hundred sixty-one year legacy. Imagine 1859 — a year before Abraham Lincoln became President. It creates a sense of urgency and a greater need for quality Catholic education.

With the closing of Lebanon Catholic, we have had dozens of inquiries. The families of sixteen students have already made a commitment to St. Joan of Arc School, bringing our enrollment to 405. An immediate impact of the increase is that it requires the formation of a second 7th grade class. This is a good problem to have and is already a part of our plan. Looking ahead to 2022 and beyond, we need that third floor finished in order to accommodate the rapid growth in demand. Your contribution will make that possible. Our children, and their religious and academic development, are relying on your generosity now more than ever.

Thank you to all of our donors! Through the generosity of 540 families, we have raised \$2,565,000, or 40% of our original goal. Our short term goal is \$3,400,000.

If your family is in a position to contribute, we invite you to consider a sacrificial gift or pledge to the Centennial Project 2020. For others who cannot, please pray for the success of our campaign.



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



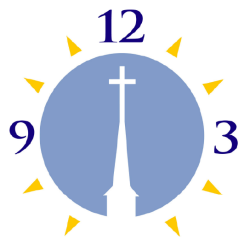
Try Online Giving!

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!

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](#)



CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS

ATTENTION

The Parish Office is now closed to the public.

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

OFFICE HOURS
8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Monday through Friday

✝ MINISTRY NEWS

THE ROAD TO KINDNESS

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!

RESPECT LIFE

Did you see our Mother's Day Tribute in the Sun? We know that our country can never be whole again until we solve the problem of abortion. How can a nation thrive when it kills more than a million of its children every year? It cannot. This ad is our effort to save babies. We want to give people who are frustrated by the current situation but do not know what to do an avenue to take a stand against abortion while, hopefully, changing some minds and hearts and adding them to the fold.

Looking ahead, we'd like to continue with a Father's Day Tribute. Our goal would be to have as many contributors as possible (everyone) so that the ads could be larger with minimal financial burden to each person. Having a continued growing of our list of donors and thus lessening of individual cost, we should be able to continue spreading the message of life through more ads perhaps at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

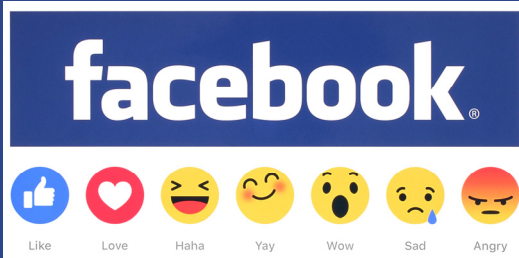
Please consider giving \$10-20 for this purpose. Every penny entrusted to us will be directed to the ads with any overage going to groups working to end abortion, such as Morning Star. Please consider helping out for Father's Day. Checks can be made out to St. Joan of Arc, with Father's Day Tribute in the memo.

How to Contribute

Please submit cash or check (with your name as you want it to appear). You can mail your contribution to St. Joan of Arc, 305 W. Areba Ave., Hershey, PA 17033 or drop it off in the lockbox by the handicapped entrance of the office.

📞 **More info:** (717) 319-1668 | (717) 533-4846

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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