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HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS OF THE FAITHFUL

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

MAY 23, 2021

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

MORNING MASSES

359 West 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 West Areba Ave, Hershey PA

Wednesdays: 5:00-5:30 pm

Saturdays: 3:00-4:00 pm



FROM THE PASTOR

Mary Butch has been a 30-year employee of Saint Joan of Arc Parish. Despite being part-time all these years, Mary has been a valuable part of the parish staff. Over the years, she has done various jobs from helping with the bills, coordinating Mentor Couples for wedding preparation, updating the census and many other detailed work involving data entry. Mary will be leaving on June 30th along with Susan, our parish secretary. We thank Mary for all of her hard work and pray that God will bless her for all the time and effort she gave to the parish. God bless you, Mary!

Once again, it is important to remind you that our last Saturday evening Vigil Mass at the school on Sandhill will be May 29. Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 pm will return to the church on June 5, 2021. Because of the return of this Mass to the Church, we will revert to the former Confession times of Saturdays between 4:00 and 4:45 pm. Sunday evening Mass at Sandhill will continue through the Fall.

To clarify the new policy from Bishop Gainer regarding the rescinding of COVID-19 restrictions:

- If you are fully vaccinated, you do not have to wear masks at Mass.

- If you are not fully vaccinated, please continue to wear masks at Mass.
- We will move to full capacity in the Church Memorial Day Weekend, May 29 and 30. The ropes will be removed from every other pew. We will continue livestreaming the 9:30 am Mass in the Parish Social Hall until further notice.
- The Distribution of Holy Communion at 1:00 pm at the front of the old school on Areba Avenue will continue until further notice.
- Until notice from the Bishop's Office, we will not offer the Sign of Peace nor distribute the Precious Blood at Mass.
- The hymnals will be placed back into the pews and the cushions returned in the next few weeks. An Order of Worship will be available for your use. Please take this home to be recycled.
- Livestreaming of the 9:00 am weekday Mass and the 9:30 am Sunday Mass will continue in your homes as long as I am pastor!

Thank you to all of you who have been patient with these restrictions during this pandemic. I have always seen these restrictions as a symbol of our love of neighbor. Although a burden, I believe it was a necessary one and I am grateful to all who have tried their best to take up this cross for the sake of others! God bless!




SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Roger Burns** 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, Kathleen Wertz, and the Grubb, Kokenzie, Schindler, and Demore Families.**

✠ ALTAR FLOWERS

AVAILABLE DATES

Dates are available in May, June, and July 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:

TAILORED FOR YOU





MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, MAY 24:

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34

6:45 AM Mary Hegedus

9:00 AM Anthony & Lucille Sutor

TUESDAY, MAY 25:

SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH SAINT GREGORY VII, POPE SAINT MARY MAGDALENE DE 'PAZZI, VIRGIN

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

6:45 AM Charles Forrester

9:00 AM Ronald Niera

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45

6:45 AM Natalie Shovlin

9:00 AM Richard P. Spagnolo

THURSDAY, MAY 27:

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52

6:45 AM Phyllis Burkhart

9:00 AM Carol Williams

FRIDAY, MAY 28

Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26

6:45 AM Fr. George Heyman

9:00 AM Sandra Goodling

SATURDAY, MAY 29:

SAINT PAUL VI, POPE

Sir 51:12cd-20; Mk 11:27-33

9:00 AM Alvaro Bianchini

5:00 PM Frances Verocca

SUNDAY, MAY 30:

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The Lord God is one, there is no other. We have been chosen as his own, and, through the Spirit, are able to call God Abba. Through baptism all nations are called to share in the life of the Son and acknowledge the triune God.

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-22

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM James Youngman

11:30 AM Thomas Pritchard

5:00 PM Aldo & Charlotte Testa

✠ 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: "Life Teen Service Project"-Since we haven't been able to be in the youth room this year, we will spend next week cleaning up the space and getting it ready for next year. We'll meet in the youth room from 6:15-7:45 pm. Remember to bring your masks.

Next Week: No Life Teen-Memorial Day Weekend

📧 **John Triscik:** jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org
☎ (717) 533-7168 Ext.128

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 will return in September. Have a great summer!

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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 via Zoom. Young Adults will gather next on May 26 for a picnic outside of the youth room.

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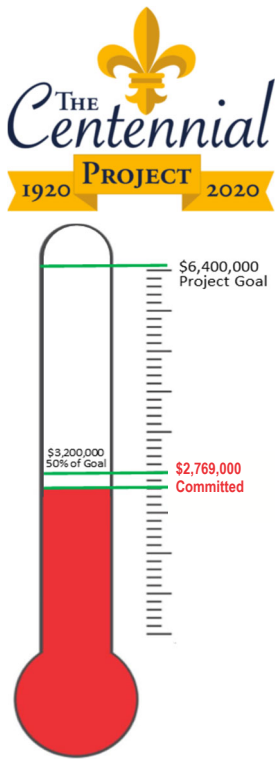
✠ LIVESTREAMING

Find us on Facebook @stjoanhershey

Find us on YouTube St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

✠ THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

As Memorial Day approaches, let us take a moment and give thanks for the great improvement in the public health status of our communities. The pandemic appears to be on the wane. Immunizations are up. Hospitalizations and deaths are down dramatically, signaling a lower risk to those most vulnerable. Mask-wearing, social distancing, and capacity mandates are all easing with the latest recommendations from the CDC. Memorial Day honors those who have served and given the ultimate sacrifice for our country. This year we should also remember all those who served and sacrificed battling the virus, including the 585,000 who lost their lives.



It was about this time last year when renovations on the new school kicked into high gear. They had been on pause since March, due to the Governor’s shutdown orders. Looking back, it is amazing how much got done in three short months, enabling the school to open in late August. For that we continue to be grateful.

Looking forward, over 480 students will start the fall semester. That is an 18% increase in enrollment over this year. Additional classroom space will be created by renovating the preschool office area. There are numerous families on a waiting list. St. Joan of Arc is now the largest parochial elementary

school in the Diocese. A faith-based, academically challenging education that develops the mind and spirit of our children is in great demand. Here at St. Joan, the environment for learning is loving, nurturing, and competitive. Expectations of student performance are high, with the support provided to help them succeed. As a result, there is a need to expand the school and finish the third floor. With your help that can be accomplished.

If you have not yet considered a sacrificial gift, there are several creative ways that may be of interest:

- Many stock indices have nearly doubled over the past five years. Much of the gain has occurred in the past twelve months. A gift of stock is exempt from capital gains tax.
- Gifts of real estate are deductible at appraised value.
- Participate in the car donation program.
- Pledges over time permit a larger total gift.
- In planning a budget, our online giving program enables recurring monthly debits that automatically end when the pledge is completed.
- Use the Centennial envelope in your monthly mailer for your convenience, and your donations will be recorded.

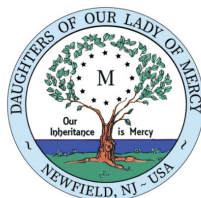
All gifts and proceeds are deposited in a restricted savings account that can only be used for the renovations of the St. Joan of Arc School or the Parish Social Hall improvements. Every dollar is important and very much appreciated. We must rely on everyone that is able, to develop a budget to contribute, whether through a one-time gift, or a pledge over time. Thank you!

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

✠ 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.



✠ CUB SCOUTS

2021-Pack 108 Camp Card Sale

Help support SJA's very own Pack 108 and our Cub Scouts as they earn their way to summer Cub Scout camp. Camp cards are \$5 and have a variety of discounts at local business and online. Buy them for yourself, friends, or as small gifts. Scouts earn a commission for each card they sell. Please give the Scout's name or Pack 108 in your email order. Contact Rich Burdette at pack108hershey@gmail.com to order your card(s).

✠ FINANCIAL CORNER

Average "Sunday" Collection & Attendance

This Year vs. Last Year (44 Weeks)

Fiscal Year	Average "Sunday"	Average Weekly	Average Weekly
YTD 5/3/20	\$26,302.29	\$29,038.00	1,320
YTD 5/2/21	\$25,308.92	\$25,962.00	670
+ or -	-\$993.37	-\$3,076.00	-650

Our weekly collection has taken a significant hit over the past 15 months. Thank you for your continued faithful support during this difficult time. In the next year we hope to get back on track with our 2019 weekly budget of \$30,384.

Online Giving for the "Sunday" Collection averaged \$8,172 per week (31%) in 2020. It increased to \$10,156 (40%) in 2021. More and more families are recognizing the convenience of Online Giving.

Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC)

This Year vs. Last Year

DAC Goal	As of April	Gifts + Pledges	Receipts	Pledge Balance	Amount Needed To Meet Goal
\$281,000	2021	\$165,127	\$143,502	\$21,625	\$115,873
\$281,000	2020	\$113,087	\$73,152	\$39,935	\$167,913

Our DAC goal is a fixed assessment by the Diocese. We have had an excellent start. With your generosity, may we continue on that path. Last year, we had to use \$79,000 out of our savings account to meet the goal.


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VOCATIONS CORNER

*"When the Spirit of truth comes,
He will guide you into all the truth."*

Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you to your true vocation in the Risen Lord... perhaps as a priest or consecrated religious?

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



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$22,638
Weekly Budget: \$26,442
Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,564

Week of May 9, 2021

✠ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

"Faced with so many opposing points of view, and a widespread rejection of sound doctrine concerning human life, we can feel that Paul's entreaty to Timothy is also addressed to us: 'Preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching' (2Tim 4:2). This exhortation should resound with special force in the hearts of those members of the Church who directly share, in different ways, in her mission as 'teacher' of the truth."

-Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life), #82

Road to Kindness

In 2019, Governor Wolf declared the 143rd day of the year as "1-4-3 Day in Pennsylvania" while giving tribute to Mister Fred Rogers. This year, May 21-23 is set aside as an entire weekend to spread kindness, love, and generosity. Rogers used 1-4-3 as a way to say "I LOVE YOU," with 1-4-3 representing the number of letters found in each word.

Acts of Kindness don't need to be grand; they can include:

- Volunteering at a local charitable organization.
- Complimenting someone.
- Paying for the person behind you in the drive-thru.
- Bringing coffee to your co-workers.
- Donating blood.
- Sending someone a handwritten card or note,
- Getting outside for a Kindness Walk (1.43 miles),
- Donating clothes/toys to those in need.
- Preparing a meal for someone

By doing something special during these three days of kindness, we are following the Mission of our Kindness Program and following God's Way—"The Road to Kindness!"

✠ PARISH JOB OPENINGS

Due to pending retirements and the restructuring of job duties, St. Joan of Arc Parish is interviewing for the following positions at the Parish Office:

PT Receptionists (2)

St. Joan of Arc Parish is currently searching for two (2) Part Time Receptionists at the Parish Office for the following work schedules:

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

Monday through Friday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Duties include:

- Greeting visitors; preparing Mass cards and scheduling Mass intentions; altar flower scheduling.
- Answering general phone inquiries, directing calls and taking messages when appropriate.
- Staying current with and routing Diocesan communications.
- Scheduling appointments and facility/room assignments and cleanup requirements.
- Scheduling weddings, baptisms, funerals and maintaining the registries.
- Opening and directing incoming mail; process outgoing mail including mail merge events.
- Manage inventory and purchases of office and religious supplies and print media.
- Assist pastor and office staff with filing system, scanning, or other requests.
- Other related tasks as assigned.

Requirements include:

- Courteous, clear, & friendly communication skills and demeanor.
- At least two years of experience in a similar position.
- Proficiency in MS Office suite.

If your schedule fits and your abilities are a good match for the positions listed above, please forward your resume and cover letter to: communications@stjoanhershey.org

✠ EMPLOYMENT

Catholic Patient Care Coordinator

The Diocese of Harrisburg is looking for a confident individual with superior organizational and administrative skills. This position is responsible for coordinating pastoral care to patients at the Hershey Medical Center. View the full job description at: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/careers/>. Send resume & cover letter to the Chaplain, Rev. Modestus Ngwu at FrMNgwu@Hbgdiocese.org.

PT Administrative Assistant

St. Joan of Arc Parish is in need of a Part Time Administrative Assistant at the Parish Office for 20-25 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Work hours may have some degree of flexibility including some tasks that can be completed remotely.

Duties include:

- Publication of the weekly bulletin.
- Web page design and maintenance; Keep website current and relevant.
- Monitor and coordinate the receptionists' daily tasks with capability to perform their job duties in their absence.
- Develop digital and printed marketing materials for effective web and direct mail campaigns.
- Coordinate the special mass schedules, liturgies, and events associated with the liturgical calendar.
- Data entry: Parish database, census reporting, attendance, tithing/appeal records.
- Manage the parish databases and digital and paper filing systems.
- Other tasks as assigned.

Requirements include:

- At least three years of experience in a similar position.
- Courteous, clear, & friendly communication skills and demeanor.
- Proficiency in data entry, MS Office suite including desktop publishing, and database management.
- Web page design and maintenance.

✠ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Food Collection

The Knights of Columbus monthly food/money collection will take place on the last full weekend of each month at the Saturday evening and Sunday masses effective March through November 2021. All proceeds benefit the Hershey Food Bank. We have had great success in the past and appreciate your kind food and money donations.

