

MEMORIAL DAY

★ IN MEMORY OF OUR HEROES ★

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

MAY 24, 2020



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Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 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

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 has become a tradition here in Hershey that we celebrate the Feast of Saint Joan of Arc on Memorial Day. (I find it strange that her feast day is not on the Universal Calendar of the Church, meaning that she is not celebrated each year by the whole Church throughout the world. But I guess I am biased!) Here is a beautiful prayer to our patron saint. It is especially appropriate in this time of difficulty.

In the face of your enemies,
in the face of harassment, ridicule, and doubt,
you held firm in your faith.
Even in your abandonment,
alone and without friends,
you held firm in your faith.
Even as you faced your own mortality,
you held firm in your faith.
I pray that I may be as bold in my beliefs as
you, St. Joan.
I ask that you ride alongside me in my own
battles.
Help me be mindful that what is worthwhile
can be won when I persist.
Help me hold firm in my faith.
Help me believe in my ability to act well and
wisely. Amen.

Father Al

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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SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of Natalie Shovlin and Richarl Lynn Rothan, father of Rev. Michael Rothan 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, Kayla Mintz, Vladimir R. Lugo and family, and Clara Hissick.**



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 25: FEAST OF SAINT JOAN OF ARC

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

9:00 AM Beth Frola

TUESDAY, MAY 26: MEMORIAL OF SAINT PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

9:00 AM Gordon Fenicle
Richard Spagnolo

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27: SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

9:00 AM Carol Williams
Donna Viglione

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

9:00 AM Marie Chimel
Vincent Pronio

FRIDAY, MAY 29: SAINT PAUL VI, POPE

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

9:00 AM Irene Case
Tony Nestico

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

9:00 AM Thomas Pritchard
James Youngman

SUNDAY, MAY 31: SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocated, was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth."

9:30 AM Hal Hoffman
Richard & Jean DeAngelis
In Thanksgiving and Celebration of the 20th Wedding Anniversary of Steve & Amanda Unger
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



EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

EDGE is continuing to meet via Zoom on the **1st and 3rd 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

HELP WANTED

Do you want to enrich your own faith experience while helping our youth learn and grow in the faith?

The REP program is looking for teachers and aides for grades 6 (Sunday morning) and 1, 4 & 5 (Wednesday afternoon). If interested please contact Earl Tropp.

📞 **Earl:** etropp@stjoanhershey.org | Ext. 122

ADULT FAITH

YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adults group is meeting via Zoom on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm.**

We meet next on May 27, as we study the "Book of Zephaniah."

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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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St. Joan of Arc is a National Blue Ribbon and a STEM certified school, on par with the finest of programs in the area. With the opening of our new campus, and a dramatic increase in enrollment, it is fast becoming one of the largest and best equipped elementary schools in the Diocese. St. Joan of Arc also offers religious education programs and ministry to our youth in a safe environment. Our mission as a parish is to worship, to educate, and to serve our community. Our children are our future leaders. Providing them with a sound education, and the opportunity to grow in faith, love, and charity is one of our prime responsibilities as members of Christ's Church.

Thank you to all of the families who continue to keep up with their Centennial pledge installment payments. To date we have received 70% of the total gifts committed. With the vast majority of renovations taking place this summer, having the necessary funding available reduces our need to borrow and therefore reduces the interest payments that go along with it.

To date we have raised \$2.57 million through the generosity of 542 families, both parishioners and non-parishioners. With over 2,500 registered families in the parish, we are optimistic that more will participate. If 2,000 families averaged a \$1,000 pledge, we would raise over two million dollars. Right now our average gift is about \$4,700. Of course, not all are able to give, and certainly we recognize the economic stress many families are currently enduring. If you cannot contribute, you still can pray. Pray for a solution to the pandemic. Pray for our leaders. Pray for the success of the Centennial Project and for the opening of the new school. Most of all, pray for our children and their future. May we teach our children well.

If you do have the means to give, please be generous. We are asking for your help. Our children are worth it.

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

SCHOLASTIC VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

MAY 11 – SEPT 4

St. Joan of Arc School's Scholastic Virtual Book Fair is on! Now is a great time to stock up on summer reading books while helping our school library at the same time! There is no obligation to buy and it will run now through September 4. Scholastic will give back 25% in rewards to our school!

Thank you in advance for your support.

FREE shipping for orders over \$25.00 & Many books are discounted at 30% off

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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

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ATTENTION

At this time, the Parish Office is 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

Memorial day is the perfect day of the year to remember all of those near and dear to us, those who have passed away, our neighbors, and our veterans! Let's continue our kind acts as we look to this Memorial Day holiday!

A recent article provides this insight into Memorial Day – “as a national holiday, Memorial Day offers the perfect time to appreciate what people can do together and for each other. After all, the history of Memorial Day shows that it is—and has always been—a day borne of kindness, care toward others, and unity in the aftermath of great, shared loss.

The original spirit of Memorial Day can be seen in countless kind gestures of remembrance—whether at Arlington, where the first national observance took place, or in small-town gatherings; in European countries where local residents have adopted the graves of US Military service members, or in the simple symbolism of a flag flying at half-staff in the morning sun.”

Let's all do a kind act over the Memorial Day weekend. Some suggestions include: bringing a care package to a local veteran's hospital or doing some kind act for a veteran's family that has lost their loved one, etc.

Your kindness will be recognized and will mean so much to our veterans! After all, you are fulfilling God's Way – The Road to Kindness! God bless our veterans!

RCIA

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Do you know someone looking for a church home? If so, the RCIA could be what you are looking for. The Fall sessions of the RCIA are now forming. If you are interested please contact Earl Tropp.

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VOCATIONS CORNER

Jesus summons us to spread the faith through the grace of baptism. Where are you being called to share your gifts?

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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!

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