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ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MAY 31, 2020

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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

Directions for Re-Opening Our Parish

Thank you for being so patient these past two months as we have had to stay away from Mass and the sacraments and normal parish life for the sake of protecting one another from the Coronavirus. This pandemic has taken its toll on all of us. I want to thank the many of you who have reached out and thanked us—Father Roth, the Sisters, Mike Davis, myself—for livestreaming our Masses and devotions and classes and making them available online. So many of you have told us it brought you comfort during this time.

I want you to know that as we move from our Saint Lucy Chapel to the church, we will continue to livestream our 9:00 am daily Mass and 9:30 am Sunday Mass from the church. I truly believe that is a new evangelization tool and also a way to bring the parish to the sick and shut-in.

We will be moving back into the church the weekend of June 6 & 7. This is the Feast of the Holy Trinity. What better way to celebrate our return than to give praise and worship to God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Just a reminder that we are in Level Yellow of our re-opening and there are restrictions as we move forward. We are depending on individuals to self-monitor to make sure that they are able to attend Mass. That means **you should not come to Mass if:**

- **You have tested positive for Covid-19.**
- **You have symptoms of Covid-19 or are feeling unwell.**
- **You have been in contact with someone who has Covid-19.**
- **You have a suppressed immune system.**
- **You are more susceptible to Covid-19 because of underlying conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, high blood pressure, etc. Please discuss with your personal physician if you have questions.**
- **If you think you should not be coming to Mass, please remember that Bishop Gainer has dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice. Make the best decision for yourself and for others!**

Let's begin with the Mass Schedule.

Once again, public Mass will begin on the weekend of June 6 & 7. We will keep the **Sunday Mass** schedule. We will continue to have Mass at 5:00 pm on Saturday evening; Sunday morning Masses at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am; and Sunday evening Mass at 5:00 pm. The Sunday morning masses will be celebrated in the church, as usual.

But please note: The 5:00 pm Masses on Saturday and Sunday evening will be celebrated at our new school on 1531 Sandhill Road. These Masses will be celebrated **OUTSIDE** when the weather is nice. Otherwise, these Masses will be celebrated in the gymnasium. If we anticipate celebrating Mass in the gym because of inclement weather, we will post a sign at the entrance of the school by 4:30 pm.

We encourage as many people as possible to attend the evening Masses because we have much more space available outside. **During the Yellow Phase, we must maintain social distancing (at least six feet) and wear masks.**

The directions from the Bishop's Office is that we only allow 1/3 capacity of our churches for Masses to be filled and that we maintain the social distancing required by the state. We have measured off **the church** and we can allow **approximately 135 parishioners at each Mass**. The **gymnasium** at the new school can hold **approximately 300 parishioners standing**. Outdoors we can accommodate many more!

We want as many of our parishioners as possible to come to Mass for worship. In order to avoid large crowds at the church on Sunday morning, please consider coming to the outdoor Mass on Sandhill Road.

Now let's talk about what will happen at Mass.

1. **Masks must be worn and social distancing must be observed at all Masses.** Please provide your own masks. **Gloves should not be worn!**
2. Mass will have music only at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday morning. This Mass will be livestreamed. Mike Davis will play and cantor that Mass. There will be no choir at this time. At the other Masses, we will recite the Mass parts or they may be sung "acapella" as we have been doing at daily Mass.
3. As you enter the church, you will be directed to designated seats marked with blue tape. At the outdoor Masses, we ask that you find an area for yourself and/or for your family that maintains social distancing.
4. **Distribution of Holy Communion will take place after Mass is finished.** This is to avoid everyone gathering at the doors of the church as they leave. If you are not receiving Holy Communion, you may leave. If you are receiving Holy Communion, you will **maintain social distancing** as you come forward. In the church, there will be **decals on the floor** to tell you where to stand. **Hand sanitizers** will be in the aisles for you to use before you come up to receive. Please maintain social distancing as you leave the church/gymnasium/outdoors.
5. During these first few weeks, we will monitor the number of people coming for Mass. **If we see that there is a need for overflow seating/standing**, we will use the Parish **cafeteria/social hall**. Mass will be **livestreamed** there and **Holy Communion will be distributed in the social hall**.
6. Baskets will be provided at the entrances for your Sunday offering.
7. At outdoor Masses, you are welcome to bring chairs, umbrellas for the heat or blankets to sit on. Of course, since Mass will be shorter without music and Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass, you are welcome to stand. (By the way, for the first 1,500 years of Mass there were no pews!)
8. **Daily Mass** will be celebrated Monday through Saturday at 9:00 am. At this time there will **no 6:45 am Mass**. The reason for this is that we need to disinfect the church before and after each Mass. We need at least a half hour to disinfect the church. Our maintenance staff will disinfect at 8:00 am and again after Mass between 9:30 am and 10:00 am. Plan on coming to daily Mass after 8:30 am.
9. For daily Mass Monday through Friday at 9:00 am, you may enter through the doors on Glen Avenue or the side entrance on Areba Avenue. Sit in the pews that are marked. Mass will proceed as on Sunday.
10. **We will not at this time begin to schedule liturgical ministers for Mass.** The **clergy, sisters, music minister and seminarian** will serve in this capacity.
11. Finally, we will distribute Holy Communion in your cars to those who have participated at Mass via livestreaming from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm each Sunday under the covering in front of the Areba Avenue school (not across from the Blessed Mother Shrine but where the buses drop off the kids for school). Simply drive through from Valley Road and exit onto Areba Avenue. I encourage you to park your car in a safe place somewhere for time of private prayer and thanksgiving.

Okay, let's move onto making private visits to the Blessed Sacrament in the church.

If you choose to come to the church and pray during the week, please use the Glen and Areba Avenue entrances. There will be sections of the church which will be available for your use. Please restrict yourself to these areas. **We will provide disinfectant wipes for you to clean the area where you have been praying.** We cannot monitor all the visits to the church and our maintenance staff will not be available to clean after each visit. Thanks for your cooperation.

Now for confessions.

It is preferable that air is circulating in areas where parishioners will gather as a parish. (Speaking of which, we will be leaving the doors to the church open during the day to keep air flowing.) Confessions will be heard under the arcade in front of the school. The priests will be seated with a screen between him and the penitent. In order to avoid disinfecting after each confession, we ask that you stand. No chairs or kneelers will be provided. Stand at the proper distance and confess your sins. This sacrament is not the place for prolonged spiritual counseling but especially at this time, please simply confess your sins and celebrate the Sacrament as devoutly as possible in this situation. Cloth-covered partitions will be set up to absorb sound so that your confession is not heard.

Our parish office will open at its regular hours starting on Monday, June 8. Please use the ramp entrance in order to **maintain social distancing. Masks must be worn while doing office business.**

We will evaluate the resumption of using parish meeting spaces for our ministries and organizations in the next few weeks. We will communicate those decisions at that time.

Thanks so much for listening. I know if we all work together this will be a smooth transition. Looking forward to seeing all of you again soon! God bless!

Father Al

Introducing Our New



S E M I N A R I A N



Hello all, I am sorry that I have not been able to meet so many of you in person yet. But, I have been praying for God's blessing on the people of the parish these last few weeks as I prepared for my arrival. My name is Kevin Key; I am a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Harrisburg. I was born in Carlisle, where I was raised with my older brother and sister and two younger brothers. We were all homeschooled by our Mother, with help from our Dad, a professor at Dickinson College. I studied Philosophy at the University of Dallas, an incredible Catholic college, where my older siblings also studied. The youngest two hope to attend there as well.

I am now going to be a second theologian this Fall at St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. During my time in the seminary and ministering throughout our diocese, I have grown to love my brother seminarians and the priests of our diocese I have met. I am constantly humbled by the faith and charity of the people of our diocese. I am, along with so many of you, certainly struggling right now and have many questions and challenges in my faith. But I have seen and been reassured over and over by God that His guiding hand is in all of this leading and loving us. I am so blessed to be here this summer and am glad to serve in whatever ways possible.



Saturday May 30 is the Feast Day of St. Joan of Arc. It has been one hundred years since Pope Benedict XV canonized her. A fledgling St. John the Evangelist Parish in Hershey was renamed in her honor, the third parish in the nation to have taken the name St. Joan of Arc. Ground was broken for the new church on West Chocolate Avenue on August 15, 1920.

This year we observe the Centennial of St. Joan of Arc Parish. In 1918, 102 members of the mission church attended the first Mass at the Hershey Theater. Today, the Parish has grown to over 2,500 families. Growth over the years has necessitated building. As we mark this milestone, we are thrilled that our school will be relocating to the thirty-five-acre campus up on Sand Hill Road.

Next week, we will be resuming our Mass Schedule under the “Yellow Phase” of Governor Wolf’s executive orders. Plans include celebration of Mass outdoors at the new school. Outdoor Mass will enable everyone to socially distance while taking in the beautiful views of our new home for St. Joan of Arc’s parochial and religious education students.

Work is continuing at a rapid pace as we make all the necessary renovations for the opening of school in August. The ground floor changes are expected to be completed by the end of the first week of June. There is still much to do on the second floor. We are optimistic that our plans will fall into place. Everyone is looking forward to moving day.

You can help support the Centennial Project 2020 with your gift or pledge. It is a long term investment in the education of our children for the next century. Thank you to all who have given to the campaign.

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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Link also available at school.stjoanhershey.org



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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✝ MINISTRY NEWS

LIVE, VIRTUAL CAELORUM

Please join us **Wednesday, June 3** at 7:00 pm for a virtual Caelorum Facebook event with live praise, worship, and scripture reflection. A link to the live event will be available at the Caelorum Facebook page.

☎ **Lou Felice:** (717) 215-4175

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.

☎ etropp@stjoanhershey.org | Ext. 122

VOCATIONS CORNER

Come, Holy Spirit, with your seven-fold gifts. Inspire, enlighten, energize, and encourage me to be a witness for the gospel.

If God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit our website at www.hbgdiocese.org, call Father Jonathan Sawicki at (717) 657-4804, or write: frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

MAY 30 & 31



Pentecost Collection

for the Education of Seminarians

**SUPPORTING TOMORROW'S PRIESTS
TODAY**

GIVE USING PARISH ENVELOPE OR ONLINE:

www.hbgdiocese.org/giving/pentecost-collection

**CHECK PAGE 8 TO SEE HOW YOUR
CONTRIBUTION CAN HELP THE SEMINARIANS.**



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Rev. John C. Kemper, PSS** 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, Joan Spandra, Mary Beth Sheehan, Bill Whalen Jr, Kayla Mintz, Vladimir R. Lugo and family, Neil Ott, and Clara Hissick.**

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 - Friday

Pentecost Collection

for the Education of Seminarians



“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’”
- John 20:21

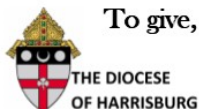
Your support makes an impact on the lives of our future priests.

Will you partner with us through the Pentecost Collection in supporting their vocation?

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| \$15 - Discernment book | \$600 - Retreat before ordination |
| \$25 - Lunch with a prospective candidate | \$1,400 - Seminarian summer internship |
| \$40 - One class hour | \$2,250 - Psychological evaluation for an applicant |
| \$75 - Seminary application fee | \$10,000 - Summer spiritual program and Spanish immersion |
| \$200 - Per person Quo Vadis Days retreat cost | \$38,000 - Yearly tuition, room and board for one seminarian |
| \$250 - Semester book stipend | |
| \$300 - Meals during Holy Week, orientation, or school visits | |

The **Pentecost Collection**, which supports the education of future priests in the Diocese of Harrisburg, will be taken the **weekend of May 30th and 31st**.

To give, please use your parish envelope or visit www.hbgdiocese.org/giving/pentecost-collection.



**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**In re Diocese of Harrisburg
Case No. 1:20-bk-00599 (HWV)**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 19, 2020 the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg (“Diocese”) filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”).

The Bankruptcy Court has established November 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the “bar date”).

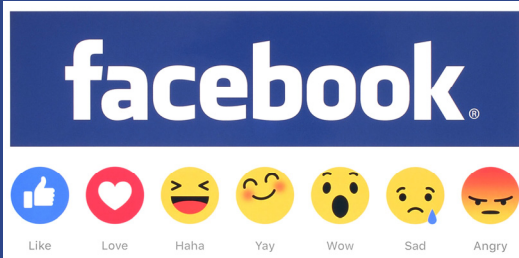
If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://dm.epiq11.com/RCDH> or call (866) 977-0992 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS MADE TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEBTOR’S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

To file a claim, visit <https://dm.epiq11.com/RCDH>

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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ST. JOAN OF ARC
CATHOLIC CHURCH



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!

ST. JOAN OF ARC HERSHEY

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