

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

JULY 11, 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

SATURDAY VIGIL
5:00 pm

SUNDAY MASS
7:30 am
9:30 am (livestreamed)
11:30 am
5:00 pm (1525 Sand Hill Rd.
Hummelstown, PA)

DAILY MASS
Monday - Friday
6:45 am & 9:00 am (livestreamed)
Saturday
9:00 am (livestreamed)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Wednesday
5:00-5:30 pm
Saturday
4:00-4:45 pm

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ORDINARY
TIME



FROM THE PASTOR

Early this year, I had an experience in confession that rattled my soul. I, of course, have heard the sin of abortion confessed over my thirty years of priesthood. I have only ever witnessed deep regret, sorrow and sadness from the many women (and men) who have come to me asking for God’s mercy through the amazing Sacrament of Reconciliation. Most of the penitents have confessed this sin in a variety of ways: some confessing simply and directly; others struggling to say the words; some with a profusion of tears; others with barely a whisper. I have always tried to show compassion and gentleness with these persons so much in need of God’s care and forgiveness. In most cases, the abortion took place many years ago and it was only after a long time that they were able to process what was done and that a life truly was taken. I was astonished to learn that most women who have gone to “Rachel’s Vineyard”, the post-abortion retreat for women who have aborted their babies, are almost always in their 60s and 70s (and even older). A simple reminder that it is difficult, if not impossible, to just push away the actions of our earlier years and the consequences of those actions.

But this confession during Lent was different. It was from a woman not from our parish who called around to different parishes to find a priest to whom she could go to confession. (To our credit, when I

asked her why she chose Saint Joan of Arc, she simply said, “You were the one church who picked up the phone. I didn’t get an answering machine!”) I heard her confession in my office in the Parish Center in the evening when no one was there. I am glad of that because the deep, gut-wrenching sobs and wailing that came from her traveled throughout the whole building! It was as if years of grief and denial and pain and sorrow came welling up from deep inside of her and it was physical, emotional and deeply spiritual. I have never in all my years seen such pain except in those cases where parents have lost a young child in some horrific tragedy or as a result of an awful disease.

Abortion is a grave sin—this much we know to be true. It is the taking of a life, not a “potential” human life but a human life with so much potential! It is one of my greatest privileges as a priest to hear the cry of sinners calling out to God for mercy in the confessional. I do not even know the woman’s name. There are many issues surrounding life that we Catholics must be aware, especially the enacting of laws that protect the child within the womb. But we can never forget the mercy and love that the Lord has for those who have sinned—and sinned greatly! The Church is here for all who have been involved with the sin of abortion. I assure you, as your pastor and as a priest, I will always welcome you with that same kind of love and compassion and mercy that Jesus offers to all his wayward sons and daughters.

Father Al



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Barbara Savini** and **John Shank** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to their families 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: **Jacarusso Family, Mort Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan, Barbara Kayser, Jeff & Lori Sotack, Rose Zaccagnini, Pat Nestico, Kathleen Wertz, the Grubb, Kokenzie, Schindler, and Demore Families and Tom Searer.**

✠ LIVESTREAMING

Find us on Facebook [@stjoanhershey](#)

Find us on YouTube [St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church](#)

With Much Gratitude...

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

WICKER EAST





MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, JULY 12

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34—11:1

6:45 AM Henry Piccinini

9:00 AM Barbara Jolley

TUESDAY, JULY 13:

SAINT HENRY

Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

6:45 AM Jack Arnold

9:00 AM Rudy Petrina

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

6:45 AM For the intentions of all our Parish Volunteers

9:00 AM Joanne & Nick Spaziani

THURSDAY, JULY 15:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT BONAVENTURE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

6:45 AM Donald Fox

9:00 AM Margaret Welsh

FRIDAY, JULY 16:

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Ex 11:10—12:14; Mt 12:1-8

6:45 AM Deceased Members of the Pugliese Family

9:00 AM Jimmy Warfield

SATURDAY, JULY 17

Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

9:00 AM John Muhall

5:00 PM Daniel McCarthy

SUNDAY, JULY 18:

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus, our shepherd, nourishes and strengthens us, guiding us in right paths. He is the righteous shoot of David, the peace between Jews and Gentiles, between God and all humanity.

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

7:30 AM Bud & Katie Schroeder

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Bergloff and Saragosa Families

11:30 AM James Francis Vargo

5:00 PM Alex Camasta

✠ YOUTH NEWS



Life Teen (High School)

This Week: Life Teen returns this week as we welcome Fr. Josh to St. Joan of Arc. We will meet outside the youth room in the back field. Remember to bring a lawn chair and a mask if you are not vaccinated.

Next Week: “Cocoa Packs”-Life Teen will volunteer at Cocoa Packs from 6-8 pm to assemble food bags for kids in need. If you or your teen is interested, please email John at jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org to RSVP.

2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

July 18 Life Teen Service Project at Cocoa Packs

July 25 No Life Teen

August 1 Bring your Bibles, we'll bring the pizza.

August 8 Life Teen-Who's ready for the festival?

Aug 12-14 Parish Festival

Aug 15 No Life Teen-Thanks for everyone's help and support with the parish festival.

📞 **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 July 14th as we begin our series of the Deuterocanonical books with “Baruch.”

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✠ THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

As the summer shifts into high gear and vacation is on everyone's mind, it appears that we can finally relax and enjoy a well-deserved rest. We need to give a special thanks to the allied health and medical communities for their tireless efforts that have successfully reined in COVID-19. Please pray for all who have suffered and lost loved ones in the pandemic. Hopefully it remains in our rear view mirror. Please also continue to pray for the success of the Centennial Project 2020.



The first day of school is just eight weeks away-August 30. An education at St. Joan is both academically rigorous and grounded in our Catholic faith. The success of our new school would not be possible without your financial support. Your dollars are an investment in the mission of our Parish, that is, passing on our Catholic heritage to the next generation through education and worship. If you haven't yet considered a gift, please prayerfully consider a donation.

How can you help?

- Be an ambassador-communicate our strengths at work and in your social circles:
 - St. Joan is a loving, caring environment that

develops the spiritual and the social well-being of the individual in concert with academic excellence.

- St. Joan was blessed to maintain in person learning the entire year with the focus of teachers and staff on daily mitigation procedures. In school education has been demonstrated as the optimal environment for scholastic performance.
- St. Joan is a Nationally Recognized Blue-Ribbon School with S.T.E.M. Certification.
- Share our vision:
 - Our school is thriving as other schools struggle to remain open.
 - St. Joan is now the largest Pre-K to 8 Diocesan school with plenty of room to grow.
- Advocate financial support:
 - A tax-deductible gift is an investment in our children's future, providing them with a rigorous, balanced education.
 - Business owners can offset certain tax liabilities by donating scholarships to St. Joan of Arc through participation in programs such as PA Educational Improvement Tax Credits or Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credits.
 - Encourage contributions directly to the Centennial Project 2020 and highlight recognition programs such as our naming opportunities.
 - Pledging over time in manageable installments enables a larger gift.

Thank you for supporting St. Joan of Arc School.
For more information, please visit our website:

✠ ALTAR FLOWERS

MAIN ALTAR: Vases 1

In Loving Memory of Joseph Kunetz by his family.

MAIN ALTAR: Vases 2

In Loving Memory of Emidio & Josephine Testa by their daughter.

RESPECT LIFE ROSE 1

In Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of our grandson, Jacob, as he celebrates his 11th birthday.



AVAILABLE DATES


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

✠ PARISH FESTIVAL
AUGUST 12-14

Save the Dates for the 47th Annual Parish Festival: August 12, 13, 14. *Do you have a vacation home or timeshare you would be willing to donate for a week?* Please visit www.SJAFestival.com to see everything we have planned and how you can help!

Volunteers Needed

As you can imagine, it takes a lot of volunteers to run our Parish Festival. We need your help!! Volunteer spots are available at Sign Up Genius. You can access it either by going to our Festival website: SJAFestival.com and search for Volunteer, or by going to this link directly: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a45aeaa2ba6fb6-stjoan> Any questions can be directed to Karen Willey at karencwilley@gmail.com.



STEWARDSHIP

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

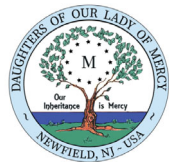
Weekly Tithing: \$20,345
Weekly Budget: \$26,442
Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,263

Week of June 27, 2021

✚ DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

Raffle Tickets

- 5th Week Drawing Winners:
1. \$100.00 – Reginald Breede, Englewood, FL
 2. \$ 50.00 – Kerry Lively, Annville, PA
 3. \$ 50.00 – Grace Petrillo, Newfield, NJ
 4. \$ 50.00 – Debbie Gentile, Mays Landing, NJ
 5. \$ 50.00 – Helen Remington, Palmyra, PA



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. Purchase tickets at the

Parish and School offices for a \$20 donation. For more details, contact the Convent (717) 533-2864.

✚ BULLETIN REQUESTS

Requests **MUST** be received by 9:00 am the Monday prior to that weekend's bulletin, submitted as they are to appear in print, made through the designated electronic form.

📞 **Contact Us—Request: Bulletin Content**

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VOCATIONS CORNER

*"Before the foundation of the world
God chose us in Christ."*

Are you discerning the vocation that God has chosen for you in Christ? Might it be to serve the Church in the consecrated life or priesthood?

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

✚ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

"In the proclamation of this Gospel [of life], we must not fear hostility or unpopularity, and we must refuse any compromise or ambiguity which might conform us to the world's way of thinking (cf. Rom 12:2). We must be in the world but not of the world..., drawing our strength from Christ, who by his Death and Resurrection has overcome the world."

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

Road to Kindness

This week we heard so many wonderful stories of the kind acts that our parish community did over the 4th of July holiday.

We heard of how one family bought the breakfast for another family as they were leaving the restaurant.

You shared with us how you took time to go grocery shopping for a neighbor and that you got them a special surprise of flowers to celebrate the holiday. Another shared with us how they helped someone who had a flat tire. They helped change the tire and then followed them to a nearby tire center and waited until they got a new tire put on their car!



Your caring way brings smiles and it does make a difference. One **KIND** act can impact a life! We thank you for following God's Way—"The Road to Kindness!" Have a wonderful week filled with Kindness!

✚ ST. MICHAEL'S GUARD

The St. Michael's Guard at St. Joan of Arc is seeking new members. St. Michael's Guard is a diocese-wide brotherhood of adult men serving at the altar of the Lord during mass and other liturgies.

St. Michael's Guard at St. Joan of Arc assists with events like Sunday masses, Confirmation, 40 hours, Christmas, and Easter. Guardsmen can also serve for larger diocesan events, such as solemn vespers and the Unite Pennsylvania mass and eucharistic procession last year at the cathedral. No prior altar serving experience is necessary. For more information, please contact John Shiffler by calling (717) 395-8004 or emailing john@stmichaelsguard.com

✦ EMPLOYMENT

Catholic Charities Exec. Director

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, PA, has an immediate opening for a full time Executive Director. Catholic Charities is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization and provides social services to the residents of the 15 counties that comprise the Diocese of Harrisburg. The Agency has a \$7 million budget and has approximately 160 full time equivalent employees. The Executive Director reports to the Bishop of Harrisburg and is guided by the Catholic Charities Board of Directors. Responsibilities include Leadership, Administration, Program Review, Budgeting, Fundraising, Contract Administration and Community Outreach. Candidate must be a Catholic in good standing. Additionally, ChildLine, State Police and FBI clearances are required. Catholic Charities provides a competitive salary, excellent benefits and a company matching 401(k) program. For more information visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/job/executive-director-position/> Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter indicating salary requirements to CCEDsearch@hbgdiocese.org.

Bishop McDevitt HS Food Service

Bishop McDevitt High School is accepting applications for Food Service employment. Hours are from 9am to 1:45pm. Duties include: food prep, serving students, and kitchen clean-up. This position is ideal for a stay-at-home parent of school-age children or an energetic retiree. Please contact Colleen Kruger via email at: ckruger@bishopmcdevitt.org.

✦ CCW

**Save the Date: Sept. 17-18
Flea Market/Rummage Sale**

The CCW Flea Market/Rummage Sale will be held in the St. Joan of Arc Parish Social Hall on Friday, September 17 from 8 am to 3 pm and Saturday, September 18 from 8 am-11 am.



Donations will be accepted at the shed on the parking lot of the former school through September 8 from 8 am-5 pm. Please observe the following exceptions that cannot be accepted: No textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, furniture, baby equipment, large appliances, VCR tapes, or sheets.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Assistant Principal

Applicant must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church and meet the following four requirements: 1. Hold a valid and active Pennsylvania Instructional II Teaching Certificate. 2. Hold a valid and active Pa. Admin. Certificate (or in process) 3. Catechetical Certification (or in process) 4. Five Years Teaching Experience. Clearances required.

Teachers

Middle School Language Arts teacher, Middle School Religion Teacher, Kindergarten Teacher. Candidates must possess academic excellence and a dedication to educating the whole child. Teachers in our school work cooperatively to meet the needs of our students through differentiated instruction in a Christ-centered environment. Clearances required.

Director, After-School Program

Seeking an after-school program director, 3:00-6:00 pm, Monday-Friday responsible for supervising assistant directors as well as students, providing snacks for students, planning and supervising afternoon activities that include outdoor recess, homework time, arts and crafts, socializing, etc., for students. Duties also include responding to basic emergencies and looking out for the welfare of the students, taking attendance of students present, and having parents sign out their children as they leave. The position will ensure student-adult ratio is appropriate, tuition is paid in a timely manner, and be apprised of state laws on child safety procedures and create a safe environment for the students. Clearances required.

After-School Care Assistants

Seeking afterschool care assistants, 3:00-6:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Days and hours may be negotiated. Duties include supervising students as they participate in activities such as snacks, arts and crafts, outdoor recess, homework, socializing, etc., responding to basic emergencies, and looking out for the welfare of the students. Clearances are required.

Cafeteria Assistant

9:00 am-1:00 pm to help in food preparation, serving, and clean up.

Interested applicants should contact Sister Eileen at sreileen@stjoanhershey.org or (717) 533-2854 x118.