

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

JULY 12, 2020

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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

INDOOR MASS

SUNDAY

7:30 am, 9:30 am (live), 11:30 am

MONDAY - SATURDAY

9:00 am (live)

LOCATION

359 W Areba Ave, Hershey PA

OUTDOOR MASS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

5:00 pm

LOCATION

1525 Sandhill Road, Hummelstown PA



FROM THE PASTOR

A few updates from the parish:

- Thank you so much to all of you who are taking seriously the precautions necessary to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. I know wearing masks at Mass and social distancing is not easy but as Christians we make these little sacrifices out of love for one another.
- As a reminder: if you are making a visit to the church during the day, please remember to wipe down the pew where you have been praying. There are disinfectant wipes at the entrances to the church for this purpose.
- A special thanks to our maintenance staff for doing such a good job in keeping our buildings clean and sanitized.
- The Centennial Committee for our parish will be selling wooden Christmas ornaments with the image of our church on it as a way to kick off our centennial year as a parish. More information will be coming next weekend. Please consider buying one to adorn your Christmas tree this year (we only have 500 ordered). They are so nice that you could display them not just at Christmas but all through the year.
- I had mentioned a few weeks ago that we were doing fairly well financially during this pandemic. One of the areas where we are falling behind is with the Diocesan Annual Campaign. Thankfully, we had applied for the Small Business Administration loan that the U.S. government was offering to cover the cost of payroll during this pandemic and received the loan. None of our employees were laid off or furloughed. Without this loan we would have had a large deficit at the end of this fiscal year. I am so grateful that our employees could be compensated during this difficult time. Of course, the teachers kept teaching, the parish staff kept in touch with the different ministries via livestreaming, Zoom meetings, and other creative ways, and our maintenance staff kept doing their jobs. Through it all we have been working all along!
- Finally, the new school on Sandhill is really coming together. The renovations are going well and we plan to open on August 24. Even with missing roughly 6 weeks of work because of the shutdown, we are back on schedule and looking forward to a great school year with (so far) 430 students registered to begin. God is good!

Father Al



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Henry J. Piccinini** 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: **David Lynch, Barbara Kayser, Ruben Lugo Acosta, Mary Beth Sheehan, Kayla Mintz, Vladimir R. Lugo and family, Neil Ott, Abram Brandt, and Margaret Brandt.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Main Altar Vase 1: In loving memory of Josephine Testa from her daughter

Respect Life Rose 1: In celebration of our daughter and son-in-law's 22nd Wedding Anniversary from Susan & Don

Respect Life Rose 2: In celebration of our grandson, Jacob's 10th birthday from Susan & Don

ATTENTION

Please note that Joseph M. Gusherowski, a candidate for Diaconate Formation of the Diocese of Harrisburg, is being considered for the Order of Deacon.

This announcement is made in accordance with the law of the Church. If anyone knows of any reason why this person should not be ordained they have an obligation in conscience to contact Father Al or Father Paul C.B. Schenck, Director of the Formation Program for the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Harrisburg as soon as possible.



OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



With Much Gratitude...

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

THE MORRISON ASSOCIATES



WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 13: SAINT HENRY

Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1

9:00 AM Rudy Petrina
Lou & Barbara Shields

TUESDAY, JULY 14: MEMORIAL OF SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN

Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

9:00 AM For the Intentions of All Our Parish
Volunteers
Special Intentions for Maureen Ryan

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15: MEMORIAL OF SAINT BONAVENTURE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

9:00 AM Dick Deiling
Special Intention for David Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 16: MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

9:00 AM Bishop Joseph Galante
Jimmy Warfield

FRIDAY, JULY 17:

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

9:00 AM Selina Leoni
J. Ward Donovan

SATURDAY, JULY 18: SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST

Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

9:00 AM Robert Damiani
5:00 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 19: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

In his patience, the Lord allows both weeds and wheat to grow together, both saints and sinners to respond to salvation in the Kingdom. This Lord is good and forgiving, lenient to all, desiring repentance for our sins. May the Spirit assist us in our weakness.

7:30 AM Margaret & John Welsh
9:30 AM Alex Camasta
11:30 AM William & Eleanor Lawler
5:00 PM Marcy Haney

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL)

This Week: "Chicken and Colossians" We will have a picnic in the back field outside the youth room from 6:15-7:30 pm. I'll bring the chicken, you bring a bible.

Next Week: "Pizza and 1st Peter" We will have a picnic in the back field outside the youth room from 6:15-7:30 pm. I'll bring the pizza, you bring a bible, a lawn chair, and a mask.

If you don't have a bible, let me know and I'll get you one.

John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org



STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Join teens from all over for a weekend of prayer, fun, and spiritual growth. Franciscan University is hosting a virtual conference on July 17-18.

Register: steubenvilleconferences.com/live



EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Edge meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm. Edge will return in September.

John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org



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

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 August 12, as we study 1st Timothy.

John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org

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



During these past two weeks, summer has really turned up the heat. With so many consecutive days of 90+ degrees and high humidity, we may never have fully appreciated the comfort of air conditioning until now. You have probably noticed that some of the church doors are being kept open. Outside fresh air is being introduced into the ventilation of our church in order to reduce the possible impacts of recirculating the same air in a closed space. For many of us, it brings back memories of a time when our church was not climate controlled, but we should recognize this as a small sacrifice in the effort to curtail the spread of the virus.

If we look to our great grandparents, they lived in a time of greater uncertainty in the era of the 1918 Spanish Flu. Their perseverance under duress was a hallmark of their generation. They had just suffered through the Great War. They adjusted to the reality of the pandemic and made it through to the other side, all the while witnessing a tremendous loss of life. Less than a decade later, they would be plunged into an economic depression. They were steely and resilient when they had to be.

This was the backdrop of the psyche of the Catholic community in Hershey during the formation of the St. Joan of Arc Parish one hundred years ago. Faith was strong. Family was everything. Hard work was understood. Let us look to our heritage to forge the path forward. Our predecessors laid the foundation for the parish we have today. Today, it is our turn to shape the future of our children and our grandchildren.

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

Due to increasing enrollment, St. Joan of Arc School is looking to hire for several positions.



Clearances are required.

Send resume or questions to
Sister Eileen
sreileen@stjoanhershey.org
717-533-2854 x 118

Language Arts Teacher—6 th Grade	Full Time
Math Teacher—7 th Grade	Full Time
Preschool Teacher—3 Year Olds	Full Time, 5 days per week
Preschool Teacher—3 Year Olds	Part Time, 3 days per week
Spanish Teacher—3 rd -8 th Grade	Part Time
3 Classroom Aides—3 Year Olds, 4 Year Olds, & Middle School	Full Time
Support Aide—Various Grades	Part Time, As Needed
After School Care Director	Part Time—3:00-6:00 pm
Custodian	Full Time—2:30-10:30 pm
Cafeteria Assistant	Part Time—9:00am-1:00 pm

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📞 **Michelle:** Ext. 103 | mgutshall@stjoanhershey.org

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✝ MINISTRY NEWS

RESPECT LIFE

Abortion and euthanasia is a cancer killing America. Many nations do not die from invasion; they die from internal rotteness. You must remember that some things legally right are not morally right. Abortion on demand is killing America. From the Pro-life Corner

ROAD TO KINDNESS

Today's message is all about goodness and being thankful for all the good that is in your life! It has been a challenging time and it may continue. We have to be grateful for what we have and what God has given to us! As we were thinking about this week's kindness message, we received this wonderful article from Ralph Marston on Vast Goodness and being thankful! It is amazing how when you reach out for inspiration, it comes to you right at that moment. Take time to really read and embrace these words!

Vast Goodness

"The time to be thankful for what you have, is while you still have it. If you wait until after it's gone, what would have been gratitude instead becomes remorse. Are there good things in your life right now, that you'll desperately miss when you no longer have them? Now is the time to appreciate them, make good use of them, protect them from harm. It's natural to focus on what's wrong, on what doesn't work, out of a desire to make improvements. Yet the whole reason you're able to improve whatever doesn't work, is because of all the other things that do work. Yes, problems command your attention, as well they should. But don't let them blind you to the vast goodness that continues to support your life. The most important time to nourish your body, is when you are ill. The most important time to be appreciative of your blessings, is when you're faced with difficult problems. You are living proof that, for the most part, life works very well. You can make it work even better by building on the goodness that's already there."

VOCATIONS CORNER

God is sowing seeds of a vocation to ordained ministry and consecrated life. Are you cultivating good soil in you and your family? May the seek take root in your hearts.

✝ MINISTRY NEWS

A NIGHT OF HOPE

The free, live, virtual Adult Conference, A Night of Hope, will be held on **July 19**. There will be speakers, breakout sessions, and worship music.

🔗 [Register: steubenvilleconferences.com/events/night-of-hope](http://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/night-of-hope)

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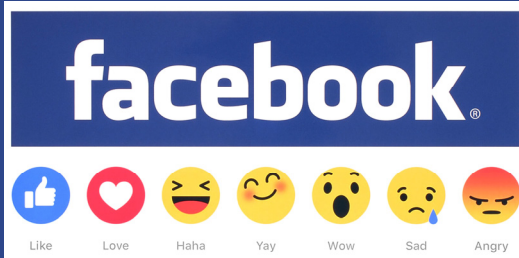
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Nancy Bifulco—Vineland, NJ
June Sieber—Pittsgrove, NJ
Tony & Lewis Mattioli—Landisville, NJ
Renee Campana—Vineland, NJ

LEARN WITH OUR SEMINARIAN

Join Seminarian Kevin Key to learn about the Liturgy of the Hours and learn to pray "Night Prayer!" We will meet **Fridays via Zoom** at 7:30-8:00 pm. Each week, we will learn about the theology of liturgy, public prayer, the paschal mysteries, and pray the Night Prayer. Directed for families, but individuals of all ages are invited!

🔗 [Sign up: www.stjoanhershey.org/join-kevinkey](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/join-kevinkey)

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We are live streaming 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 church on Areba Avenue.

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