



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Take care to guard against all greed,
for though one may be rich,
one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

Luke 12:15



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033



AUGUST 4, 2019

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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 Masses: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,
11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 6:45 am &
9:00 am, Saturday: 9:00 am

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Monday - Friday: 6:00 pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday:
5:00 - 5:30 pm, Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Sacrament of the Sick: Call the office.

Sacrament of Baptism: 1st & 3rd Sunday of
each month. Parents are required to attend
one class. Call the office to register.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the office
9 to 12 months prior to the proposed
wedding date.





FROM THE PASTOR

It was rather disturbing to read a recent Pew Survey on the knowledge that Catholic Americans have on various religious issues. It was revealed that only 50% of Catholics in the United States have a correct understanding on the Eucharist, which is the center of our sacramental lives of us Catholics. Fifty percent correctly stated that the Eucharist is truly the "Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity" of Jesus Christ that we receive each week in Holy Communion. The other 50% thought the Eucharist was merely a symbol! (Seventy one percent of American Catholics knew correctly what Purgatory is and that is not one of those doctrines that we talk about all the time!) I always wonder if when they do these surveys whether they make any distinction between active and inactive Catholics, meaning those who regularly go to Mass and are involved with the life of the Church. To make it clear, this is a brief teaching on what the Church teaches about the Holy Eucharist from the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

- ✠ The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."
- ✠ The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover, that is, of the work of salvation accomplished by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, a work made present by the liturgical action.
- ✠ By the consecration the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is brought about. Under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity (cf. Council of Trent: DS 1640; 1651).
- ✠ Anyone who desires to receive Christ in Eucharistic communion must be in the state of grace. Anyone aware of having sinned mortally must not receive communion without having received absolution in the sacrament of penance.
- ✠ Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ increases the communicant's union with the Lord, forgives his venial sins, and preserves him from grave sins. Since receiving this sacrament strengthens the bonds between the communicant and Christ, it also reinforces the unity of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ.

This is just a short overview of the Church's teaching on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Pick up the Catechism and learn more!

Father Al



PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: **Duane Ryan, Debra Berry, Steve Severs, Clara Hissick, and Patty Payne.**

✠ [Parish - Prayer Intentions](#)

ALTAR FLOWERS

Respect Life Roses: In loving memory of Austin, Nowicki, and Coleman families from Pam Austin

In celebration of my sister Sharon's birthday from Susan and family

✠ [Contact Us—Request: Altar Flowers](#)



"Prayer is the best weapon we possess. It is the key that opens the heart of God."

- San Pio De Pietrelcina

Do you or someone you know need prayer? Request to add a name to the prayer list on our website.

Reminder: Names will remain on this list for six weeks. Submit another request to have them placed back on the list.

MASS ATTENDANCE: July 27/28 TOTAL: 1746

5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
262	247	423	367	447



With Much Gratitude...

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

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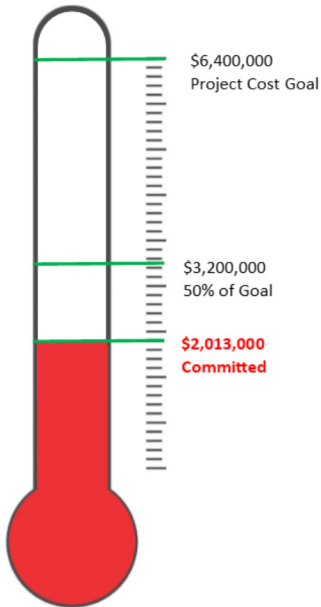
Last weekend, new pledges and gifts amounted to over \$77,000, bringing the total commitment to \$2,013,000. Thank you! Please check out our new Campaign Thermometer in the front lobby of the Church. This will aid us in taking pride in the gains we've realized while "keeping an eye on the prize."

To meet the \$6.4 million goal of the three-year Centennial Project, we are asking all families to prayerfully consider a sacrificial offering that will address the physical needs of our thriving Parish. To date, 318 families have joined together to secure a significant portion of the goal (31%). As a parish of over 2,600 families, we are hopeful that whoever is financially able will generously support the Parish's vision with a gift proportional to the blessings you have received.

If you haven't already, please visit the ongoing transformation of our School cafeteria into a Parish Social Hall. With a new floor, wainscoting, and three beautiful floor to ceiling paintings, the venue is inviting and a perfect setting for family events. Likewise, we need to expand our education center to bring all of our 800 Parochial, Religious Education, Life Teen, and Edge students into one secure, state-of-the-art structure.

To learn more about the project and creative ways to contribute, visit our website or contact Jerry Crawford at (717) 533-7168, ext. 107. For example, we have had several large donations of stock. The stock market is at or near historic highs, with many equities or funds approaching fifty percent return in the past three years. Gifts of stock are generally exempt from capital gains taxes and provide a significant deduction for those who itemize. (Before planning a gift, always consult your financial advisor).

Lastly, please remember that prayer is vital to our success. Thank you for the time you give to keep our Parish and the Centennial Project in your prayers.



AVAILABLE DATES FOR ALTAR FLOWERS



	August	September	October
Main Altar Vase 1	11, 18, 25	1, 8, 15, 22	13, 20
Main Altar Vase 2	11, 18, 25	1, 8, 15, 22	13, 20
Blessed Mother	11, 18	8, 15, 22	6, 13, 20
Saint Joseph	11, 18, 25	8, 15, 22	13, 20
Respect Life Rose 1	11, 18	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	6, 20
Respect Life Rose 2	11, 18, 25	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	6, 20, 27

Updated on 07/29/2019

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please call the Parish Office to request altar flowers.
(717) 533-7168 ext. 100

5th Annual Caring Cards Collection



The Living Our Faith ministry will conduct the 5th Annual Caring Cards Collection on **October 19 & 20**. New regulations have required some changes to the program: there is a new donation partner, the local Dauphin County Prison; **calendars are no longer accepted**; and cards that indicate a donation has been made in a prisoner's name cannot be accepted.

Please start collecting new and unused cards with envelopes of the same size. **Your cards will be given to inmates so they can maintain contact with family members who also suffer during their separation. They can bring hope and a new commitment of change to those who receive them.** Questions may be directed to Ann Searer at asearer@comcast.net or (717) 533-9636.



WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 5: THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR

Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

6:45 AM Veronica McDonald

9:00 AM Hans Gangl

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6: FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

6:45 AM Thomas Shea

9:00 AM Frances Cottonaro

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7: SAINT SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS; SAINT CAJETAN, PRIEST

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35;

Mt 15:21-28

6:45 AM Marge Tartaglione

9:00 AM Joseph A. Consoli

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8: MEMORIAL OF SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST

Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23

6:45 AM James Gaspari

9:00 AM Special Intention for Sebastian Maleszewski

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9: SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

6:45 AM Flora Jespersen

9:00 AM Larry Atkinson

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10: FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR

2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

9:00 AM Wayne Foust

5:00 PM Helen Kiselica Bosak

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

The author of Wisdom speaks of "that night" of exodus from bondage in Egypt when the Lord delivered his chosen people from death. The Lord will come again, perhaps in the midst of night. Let us be prepared for his return. As we walk in darkness, our journey to our heavenly homeland is illumined by faith.

7:30 AM Pat Carter

9:30 AM For the Intentions of all our Parish
Volunteers

11:30 AM DiClemente, Passalacqua and Acri Families

5:00 PM People of the Parish

This Week In Our Parish

❖ MONDAY, AUGUST 5		
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	PC
❖ TUESDAY, AUGUST 6		
9:45 AM	Legion of Mary	SJC
❖ WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7		
7:15 AM	Wednesday Morning Coffee	SJC
7:45 AM	Gospel Reflection	SJC
7:00 PM	Caelorum	CHR
❖ THURSDAY, AUGUST 8		
<i>No Events Scheduled</i>		
❖ FRIDAY, AUGUST 9		
3:00 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	SJC
❖ SATURDAY, AUGUST 10		
<i>No Events Scheduled</i>		
❖ SUNDAY, AUGUST 11		
2:00 PM	New Altar Server Training	CHR
5:45 PM	Life Teen	PC

3RD ANNUAL STAMPS FOR SEMINARIANS



Why do seminarians need postage stamps? Seminarians occasionally receive cards and small gifts from across the diocese, especially on their birthday and holidays. Seminarians need stamps to send thank you notes and other letters during the school

year. Providing stamps is a small way our parish can help our Harrisburg seminarians cover this expense.

The Vocations Ministry of St. Joan of Arc will partner with the Support Our Seminarians (SOS) Project of Corpus Christi parish to collect books of postage stamps for our Harrisburg Seminarians **after all masses this weekend (August 3 & 4)**. This event supports the SOS project which provides small, practical items each month during the school year, to all Harrisburg seminarians. Information about how you can sponsor a seminarian through the SOS project will be available.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: AUGUST 11, 2019

	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
Lector	Z. Stapleton	S. Petrina	K. Shovlin	J. Gusherowski	N. Silvis
EMHC	R. Plebani	D. Sheehan	D. Morgan	M. Stamilio	L. Rogers
	A. Reeves	M. Spaeder	J. Phillippy	J. Traini	M. Rogers
	K. Robinson	K. Willey	C. Yakstis	M. Wetherhold	Sr. Salvatoris
Altar Servers	M. Coyle	St. Michael Guard	B. Tressler	A. Gusherowski	O. Strader
	D. Matas		M. Tressler	L. Gusherowski	M. Dugan
	J. Matas		E. Roche	J. Wilson	S. Loser
MC	A. Aluquin		C. Roche	E. Gusherowski	

Money Counters: F. McCarthy, J. Frola, H. Devine, B. McCarthy



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Weekly Tithing: \$22,340
 Weekly Budget: \$30,385
 Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,778
 Missionary Cooperative: \$21,353

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH)

This Week: "Pizza, Ice Cream, & the Bible"
 Join us for a bible study with pizza and ice cream. We'll meet in the parish center from 6:15-7:45 pm.

Next Week: "Steubenville Recap" Come to hear the stories from those who went to Franciscan University for the Steubenville Conference a few weeks ago.

Summer Party: Before the school year begins, we will have one last hurrah with a Life Teen Summer Party on **August 25**. Invite your friends and wear good shoes. Running will be involved. You'll also get the new Life Teen shirt.

📞 **John:** Ext. 128 | stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com



EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH)

EDGE is for 6th-8th graders and meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 7:00-8:15 pm in Meeting Room C. **Our first EDGE night of the year is September 4.** Invite your friends!

📞 **John:** Ext. 128 | jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org



SIMPLIFY WITH ONLINE GIVING:

Looking for ways to simplify a busy schedule? Try Online Giving! It's a secure and easy way to tithe and make other contributions. You can even 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
 🗨️ **Stewardship - About Online Giving**



Vocations Cross

Aug 5-12: Mr. & Mrs. Eric Salley
 Aug 12-19: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Yaklowich

The Vocations Cross is taken into the home of a parish member each week to pray for religious vocations. If you would like to join in this rotation, please contact the parish office.

🗨️ **Sacraments - Vocations Cross**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.E.P.)

REP is in need of Catechists for grades 1 & 2 for Sundays this coming year. Contact Earl.

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

📞 **REP Office:** Ext. 306 | rep@stjoanhershey.org

VOCATIONS CORNER

For a deepening conviction that each of us hidden with Christ in God makes His merciful love manifest through every vocation faithfully lived in Christ, to the glory of God and the salvation of His people, we pray to the Lord.

✠ ADULT FAITH FORMATION

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 21 - 39)

Calling all young adults of the parish between the ages of 21-39, married or single!!! Young Adults meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Our Lady of Grace room in the St. Joseph Center. We will gather next on **August 14** as we continue our bible study on the Gospel of St. John.

☎ **John: Ext. 128 | jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org**

🔗 **Parish Ministries - Young Adults**

RCIA

Want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you know someone who is searching for a relationship with Christ...The RCIA program could be what you are looking for.

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

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DAUGHTERS OF MERCY
RAFFLE WINNERS**

Louis Tolotti—Vineland, NJ
 Florence Your—Vineland, NJ
 Art & Lisa Capriotti—Vineland, NJ
 Nicholas Mack—Jackson, NJ
 Bernadette Cervino—Buena, NJ

✠ MINISTRY NEWS

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

Starting on **September 10**, Little Rock Scripture Study will meet every Tuesday at 9:30 am in the parish center. We will start our study on the Book of Jerimiah. Jerimiah's prophetic ministry was misunderstood and his subsequent arrest was the source of personal anguish for this prophet who announced a new covenant written on the hearts of God's people. If you are interested in joining us for this interesting study, please call Jeanie Vey or Bert Curran for additional information.

☎ **Jeanie: (717) 533-2246 | Bert: (302) 228-9735**

RESPECT LIFE

“Precisely in an age when the inviolable rights of the person are solemnly proclaimed and the value of life is publicly affirmed, the very right to life is being denied or trampled upon, especially at the more significant moments of existence: the moment of birth and the moment of death”

—Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* © 1995, *Libreria Editrice Vaticana. (Used with permission)*
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✠ MINISTRY NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

If you are a practicing Catholic male of 18 years or older, you are invited to join the Knights.

🔗 www.kofc6693.org

I THIRST

Our next bible study will be on **Wednesday, August 21** at 7:00 pm in the parish center. Join us as we discuss “Living the Christian Life” and learn about James 2:14-26. Read and research before you come. Bring your bible, pen, paper, and questions and be prepared to grow your knowledge of our faith. Arrive early so we can start promptly and please bring a friend! Guided by Fr. Modestus.

☎ **Lynn: (717) 503-1600**

CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET

Pro-Life Event of the Year—Everyone is invited to see and hear national pro-life sensations **Diamond and Silk** at the 2019 Celebrate Life Banquet to benefit the work of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) charitable force advancing the culture of LIFE. The event will be held from 6:00-8:30 pm on **Tuesday, October 15** at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg. **Seats are \$75.**

☎ **Federation Office: (717) 541-0034**

🔗 www.paprolife.org/state-events

✠ BULLETIN REQUESTS

- 1) Requests **MUST** be received by 9:00 am the Monday prior to that weekend's bulletin. Exceptions cannot be made for late requests.
- 2) Requests must be submitted as they are to appear in print. Please be brief due to space limitations.
- 3) Requests must be made through the designated form (*paper or electronic*) to ensure all necessary information is received prior to the deadline.

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