

# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

AUGUST 8, 2021



## SAINT JOAN OF ARC 47th Annual Festival

**AUGUST - 12 - 13 - 14**  
**Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 5-10 pm**

### **GREAT FOOD**

- Pork BBQ
- Pronio's Italian Sausage Subs
- Homemade Meatball Subs
  - Hand Cut French Fries
  - Burgers • Hot Dogs
  - Pierogies
- Chicken Caesar Salad
- Funnel Cakes • Bake Sale • Ice Cream

### **GREAT FUN**

- Cash Raffles
- Restaurant Tour of Hershey Raffle
- Christian Pulisic Jersey Raffle
- Basket Raffles • Silent Auction
- Kids Games • Games of Skill
- Face Painting • Bounce House
- Crafts • Jewelry Sales • Bingo
- Plants & Bounties from Your Garden

### **HOMEMADE DINNERS in the Cafeteria - 4 pm - 7 pm**

*Take Out Available*

**THURSDAY** – Chicken Cacciatore  
**FRIDAY and SATURDAY** – Italian Lasagna with Meatballs

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 12** – DJ, Dave Willey  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13** – Crossing Abbey Road  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14** – Happy Slovenes

359 W. Areba Ave., Hershey, PA 17033 ♦ 717-533-7168 ♦ [www.sjafestival.com](http://www.sjafestival.com)

**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

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Friday:** 8:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-4:00 pm

**Sunday:** Closed

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**PARISH OFFICE**

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Rev. Paul Oye, O.P., In Residence

Deacon Rodrigue Mortel, M.D.

Deacon Joseph Gusherowski

Deacon Paul Koester

John Triscik, Youth Coordinator Ext. 128

Jerry Crawford, Parish Manager Ext. 107

Michelle Gutshall, Finance Manager Ext. 103

Matt Dunkle, Director of Facilities Ext. 127

Michael Davis, Director of Music Ext. 109

Earl Tropp, Director of Religious Education Ext. 122

Parish Secretary Ext. 100

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REP Program Ext. 306

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**CONVENT**

**(717) 533-2864**

**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.



# FROM THE PASTOR



We congratulate Father Modestus on his election as the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Order of Nigeria and Ghana. Father will be in charge of all of his Dominican confreres throughout the world. We are happy for his community but it is bittersweet for us here at St Joan of Arc. Father Modestus has served as chaplain at the Medical Center and has been a wonderful pastoral presence here in the parish. His spiritual friendship with so many in our community of Hershey will not be forgotten. Father Modestus has been a truly brotherly presence in the rectory with his gentle ways, hearty laugh and great sense of humor. We will miss him. I do not know what the plans are yet regarding Father's move back to Africa but we will certainly celebrate his time here in Hershey when I learn more information. Please keep him in your prayers!

*Father Al*

**Historical Facts About St. Joan of Arc**

In 1913, Mr. Walter Bradley of Philadelphia, was the first person to officially bring to the attention of Bishop Shanahan a need for a church in Hershey because of the 400 Catholic laborers from Italy. At this time, Mass was said at St. Lucy's Chapel in Waltonville.





## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

### MONDAY, AUGUST 9:

**SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR**

**Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27**

6:45 AM Roland & Betty Cyr

9:00 AM Alex Houri

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 10:

**FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR**

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

6:45 AM Patricia Nigro-Beland

9:00 AM Edward M. Carney, Sr.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11:

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN**

**Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20**

6:45 AM Skip Snyder

9:00 AM Rudolph Martucci

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 12:

**SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS**

**Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21—19:1**

6:45 AM Jeanne Mastrocco

9:00 AM Maurice Cusatis

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 13:

**SAINTS PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS**

**Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12**

6:45 AM Crescent Ngwu

9:00 AM Jonas Smith

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14:

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR**

**Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15**

9:00 AM Dan Connolly

5:00 PM James Hurst

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 15:

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY DAY**

*Because she belonged to Christ, Mary, our queen, is raised on high, a great sign for all who believe in her Son.*

**Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Cor 15:20-27;**

**Lk 1:39-56**

7:30 AM Helen Mazziotta

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Fazzini & Polto Families

11:30 AM Natalie Shovlin

5:00 PM People of the Parish



## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Alger Peter Meidunas, Maryann Briotte, Clem Roman & Jean Vargo** 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: **Mort Kayser, Barbara Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan, Abram Brandt, Jeff & Lori Sotack, Rose Zaccagnini, Pat Nestico,** and

## ALTAR FLOWERS

### Respect Life Rose 1

In loving memory of Sharon McQuate from her Family.

## AVAILABLE DATES

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



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)

### REP Registration is Now Open

Classes will be held on Sunday Mornings at 11:00 am and Wednesday afternoons at 4:15 pm for grades 1 thru 6. Classes for 7th and 8th grade are Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm. All class sessions will be held at the Sand Hill Campus. [www.stjoanhershey.org/rep2](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/rep2)

## 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:

**ANDREW D. GOULD, DMD**



## ✠ MINISTRY NEWS

**Respect Life**

**A New Hope: Dobbs v. Jackson  
What Has Changed Since Roe v. Wade?**  
( Fourth in the 10-part series)

**In-Utero Treatments and Surgeries.** The world's first successful open fetal surgery was performed on April 26, 1981 to unblock a preborn baby's urinary tract. Since then, new techniques have allowed fetal heart repair, corrections of spina bifida, removal of tumors in utero, and minimally invasive fetoscopic surgery.

**Fetal Pain.** It is broadly accepted in published medical literature that unborn babies can experience pain at 20 weeks gestation. However, in recent years, studies have shown that a pain response is exhibited by unborn babies at 10 to 12 weeks, or possibly earlier.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup>Fact Sheet: Science of Fetal Pain | Charlotte Lozier Institute

**St. Michael's Guard**

The St. Michael's Guard at St. Joan of Arc is seeking new members. St. Michael's Guard is a Diocesan-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 such as Sunday Mass, Confirmation, Forty Hours Devotion, Christmas, and Easter Mass. Guardsmen can also serve larger Diocesan events, such as Solemn Vespers, the "Unite Pennsylvania" Mass, and the Eucharistic Procession at the Cathedral. No prior altar serving experience is necessary. For more information, please contact John Shiffler by emailing [john@stmichaelsguard.com](mailto:john@stmichaelsguard.com) or calling (717) 395-8004.

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

The CCW Flea Market/Rummage Sale will be held in our Areba Avenue Social Hall Friday, Sept. 17 from 8 am until 3 pm and Saturday, September 18 from 8 am to 11 am. We are accepting items at our shed located on the parking lot by the loading dock. The shed will be open from 8 am to 5 pm until August 7. Please do NOT bring any donations from August 7 until August 16 as this will interfere with our Festival set-up. Do not let items outside the shed during this time. We will begin collections again August 17.

We regret we cannot accept textbook, dictionaries, encyclopedias, baby equipment, large appliances, furniture, VCR tapes or sheets. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Vocations Ministry**

The Vocations Ministry will partner with the Support Our Seminarians Project of Corpus Christi Parish to collect books of postage stamps for our Harrisburg Seminarians after all masses the weekend of August 14 & 15. 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 all during the school year. Providing stamps is a small way our parish can help our Harrisburg seminarians cover this expense.

**Pray & Play Group for  
Moms and Young Children**


Interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to pray, chat, and share snacks while the kids play? Please join us for play dates on the first and third Mondays at 9:30 am. For location and any questions, please email [sarah.bonavia@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.bonavia@gmail.com).

**Road to Kindness**

Wow! We are one week away from celebrating our 47th Annual Parish Festival! It is so wonderful to see all the kindness coming through in getting ready for our Festival. Some of our parish members may not be able to attend due to illness or they may be away on vacation during this time. Let's think about how we could still bring the fun of the festival to those that may not be able to attend. Here are a few ideas: take a Pronio's Italian Sausage Sub or Homemade Meatball Sub to a parish member that is at home; anonymously enter someone into the cash raffle and leave their raffle ticket at their house; win a prize at one of the games and surprise someone that you know was not able to attend; play a game of bingo and light a candle in church and offer it up for a parish member, etc. There are many ways to show your kindness during the fun Festival activities. Thank you for sharing your Kindness during our Festival and following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!"

**Caelorum**

Caelorum is now LIVE at St. Joan of Arc Church in Hershey on Wednesday, September 1 at 7:00 pm. Join your Brothers and Sisters in Christ as we come together to adore, praise and worship our Lord and Savior. Feel the power of his presence and never-failing love as he attends to your needs and strengthens and blesses you with his abundant Mercy. We look forward to seeing everyone. For more information, call 717-215-4175. We hope to see you there! God Bless.



## STEWARDSHIP

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

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**Weekly Tithing: \$25,318**  
**Weekly Budget: \$20,351**  
**Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1434**

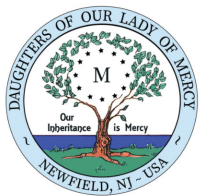
*Week of July 25, 2021*

## DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

### Raffle Tickets

9th Week Drawing Winners:

1. \$100.00 – Bob Marsh, Mt. Joy, PA
2. \$ 50.00 – Ron Rossi, Vineland, NJ
3. \$ 50.00 – Connie Montero, Vineland, NJ
4. \$ 50.00 – Jackie Purvis, Marco Island, FL
5. \$ 50.00 – Debbie Vai, Vineland, NJ



Purchase a 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.

## PARISH FESTIVAL AUGUST 12-14

The 47th Annual Parish Festival will take place August 12, 13, 14. Please visit [www.SJAFestival.com](http://www.SJAFestival.com) to see everything we have planned, how you can help, or to volunteer. Please direct any questions to [karencwilley@gmail.com](mailto:karencwilley@gmail.com).



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## VOCATIONS CORNER

*“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit.”*

Your faithful response to your vocation gives joy to the heart of God. Perhaps priesthood or consecrated life awaits you.

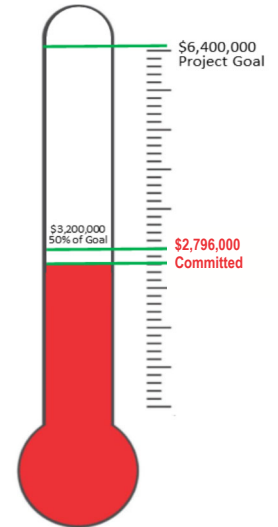
**Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki**  
[fjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:fjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org)  
 (717) 657-4804 ext. 282

## THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Please pray for wisdom and sound decision-making by our government officials as they address the recent increase in coronavirus transmission. There are just three weeks until school begins and it is our fervent hope that children all across this nation will be able to return to in-person education.



In today's first reading, God renews Elijah's strength and spirit at a time when he was hiding and wanted to give up. God still had a mission for Elijah to complete. In John's Gospel, Jesus reacts to the skepticism of those who are familiar with His family and reinvigorates His mission with His core disciples.



There will always be challenges that we face in our daily lives but we must remain resilient to achieve the goals that we set. To many, the last seventeen months feel like a lifetime. Yet when we look at a calendar, time still seems to be flying by. Let us intensify our prayer that our spirit remains strong.

At St. Joan of Arc Parish, our parishioners embody generosity and optimism. Where the need is great, our members rise up to the challenge. As a parish, we have an obligation to the next generation to leave the world a little better place than we found it. By faith and example, we must guide our children to meet the needs of the community they will someday lead. Belief in a value system is determined at a very young age and children look no further than their own family life to form their life long philosophies. St. Joan of Arc's mission is to assist parents in educating their children in an environment of love of God, love of neighbor, and love of self. Your gift is an investment in their future.

For more information on how you can support the Centennial Project 2020, please visit our website.  
[www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html)



## YOUTH NEWS

### Life Teen (High School)

**This Week:** “Life Teen Service Project”-This week Life Teen will help set up for the parish festival. We’ll meet in the youth room. Also, don’t forget to sign up to volunteer for the festival which will be August 12-14. You can do so at [www.sjafestival.com](http://www.sjafestival.com).

**Next Week:** No Life Teen. Life Teen will return August 22 with “Burritos and the Bible.”

#### 2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

Aug 12-14 Parish Festival

Aug 15 No Life Teen

Aug 22 Life Teen-Burritos and the Bible

Aug 29 Back to school prayer service

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### EDGE (Middle School)

EDGE is for all 6-8th graders and meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm. We will return in September. EDGE will return September 15. Have a great summer!

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### Volunteers Needed

EDGE and Life Teen are always in need of some help from Core Members with Food Preparation. Please pray about volunteering with the High School or Middle School Youth Ministries. If you are interested, please call John at (717) 533-7168 ext. 128 or email [jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org).

### Donations Needed

Life Teen and EDGE are looking for donations of water, juice, soda, and snacks for our youth ministry gatherings. Anything would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office.

## ADULT FAITH

### Young Adults (21-39)

Calling all young adults between the ages of 21-39, married or single! We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom. Young Adults will gather next on August 11th as we continue our series of the Deuterocanonical books with “Tobit.”

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



### Middle School Religion 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.

### 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](mailto:sreileen@stjoanhershey.org) or (717) 533-2854 x118.

## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

### Fall Mini Retreat

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Diocese to join us at the Fall Mini Retreat on Saturday, September 25, at Saint Catherine Laboure Church, 4000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111. The theme is “Joined in Our Faith”. The day begins with registration at 8:15 am. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am followed by morning workshops, lunch and an afternoon workshop. The day will end with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and closing prayer. Register by contacting Brenda Wolf at (717) 658-8191 or [brendaangel.musicwithmama@gmail.com](mailto:brendaangel.musicwithmama@gmail.com).

Please make checks payable to: “Seton District Council of Catholic Women”. Registration deadline is September 15. Please bring a Rosary and Bible. See the HDCCW website, [www.hdccw.webs.com](http://www.hdccw.webs.com) for additional details and other Diocesan CCW information.

### Tuesday Prayer

The ladies of the CCW will gather Tuesdays at 3:00 pm in the St. Lucy Chapel to pray the Prayer of the Faithful, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, as well as private prayers for all our parishioners. We invite other ministries to join us as we gather weekly to pray for those touched by COVID-19, as well as other illnesses.