

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior."* Luke 1:46-47

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

AUGUST 15, 2021

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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)

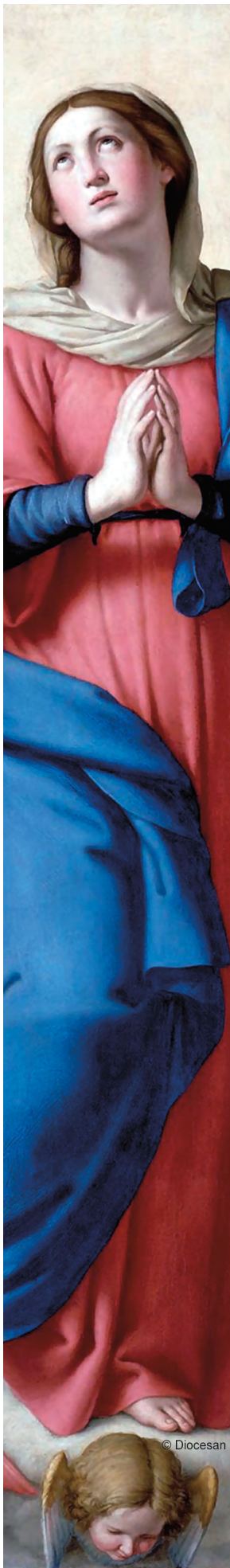
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday

5:00-5:30 pm

Saturday

4:00-4:45 pm





FROM THE PASTOR

Here is a message from Bishop Gainer that I wanted to share with you:

Jesus commanded his followers to care for the sick and to bring physical and spiritual healing to everyone. In that spirit, the Catholic bishops of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have issued this statement:

Caring for the health, safety and spiritual wellbeing of parishioners and their communities is a priority of all the bishops of Pennsylvania. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, dioceses have made every effort to implement best practices in public health for every aspect of parish life. Each diocese is continuously re-evaluating coronavirus mitigation efforts, frequently consulting with state and federal healthcare experts and constantly monitoring data. Diocesan leaders are listening to input from parishioners, including those with medical expertise, as cases of the Delta and other new variants are surging.

It now seems evident that this global health crisis could linger for months or years to come. Our call as shepherds is to provide the Eucharist in a safe environment. To that end, each diocesan bishop will communicate to the faithful, asking them to prioritize their own health and the health of their neighbors and faith communities.

As previously announced, the bishops are reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and holy days beginning on Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021. However, by longstanding Church law, this obligation does not apply to those who are:

- Sick
- Have a serious health risk
- In a household with those at risk
- Primary caregivers to those at risk
- Have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19
- Unable to attend Mass in person

As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants or have been exposed should stay home.

Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ. They are also encouraged to

investigate the numerous options to view broadcasts and streams of Mass, which are continuing across the state.

While masks are not currently mandated, each parishioner is strongly encouraged to make a responsible decision about the use of masks and vaccinations following in the examples of all Pennsylvania Bishops, Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who have all been vaccinated for the common good.

Our coronavirus mitigation efforts will continue to evolve, based on the most up-to-date public health information. Each bishop will continue to communicate with the faithful as changes become necessary.




SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Joseph Butch, Patricia Nestico and Agnes Michael, mother of Father Pius** 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: **Abram Brandt, Mort Kayser, Barbara Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan, Jeff & Lori Sotack, Rose Zaccagnini, Kathleen Wertz and the Grubb Family.**

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

Historical Facts About St. Joan of Arc



On June 23, 1918, at 9:30 am, the Catholic Mission of St. John the Evangelist was opened in Hershey and Fr. Patrick Phelan, an assistant at the Cathedral, offered the first Mass in the Central Theater for 130 persons.



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, AUGUST 16: SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

6:45 AM Zosimo Cadiz

9:00 AM William Klunk Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17:

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

6:45 AM Lena Caltabiano

9:00 AM Betty Stopay

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18:

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

6:45 AM Violet Mesarick

9:00 AM Carl Nye

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19:

SAINT JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

6:45 AM Natalie Shovlin

9:00 AM Edward & Dorothy Lewis

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

6:45 AM Deceased Members of the Santeusanio Family

9:00 AM Norma McManus Dean

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS X, POPE

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

9:00 AM In celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Joseph & Jane Cottonaro

5:00 PM Jennie A. Fratti

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22:

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Joshua confronts the tribes of Israel: will you desert your covenant with Yahweh? The desertion of disciples is a prelude to the paschal mystery. With Peter, however, let us profess our faith in the Lord who gave himself up for us all.

Jos 24:1-2a,15-18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

7:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Bruno Tarsi

9:30 AM Lawrence & Josephine Maloni

11:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Braccini & Barletta Families

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This Week: “No Life Teen this week. Thank you to all who came out, volunteered, and supported the St. Joan of Arc Parish Festival.

Next Week: “Burritos and the Bible”-Next week we return with a bible study in the back field outside of the youth room. Bring a lawn chair/blanket, a bible, and your friends. Also, send me your Chipotle order by 4pm.

2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

Aug 22 Life Teen-Burritos and the Bible

Aug 29 Back to school prayer service

Sept 5 No Life Teen-Labor Day Weekend

Sept 12 “Spiritual Not Religious”-Faith enables us to believe in, follow, and interact with God.

📞 **John Triscik:** jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org

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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. 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.

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 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom. Young Adults will gather next on August 25th as we continue our series of the Deuterocanonical books with “Tobit.”

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✠ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

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

Radical U.S. Abortion Laws. Only seven countries in the world (out of 198) currently allow elective late-term abortions after 20 weeks gestation: U.S., Singapore, Canada, Netherlands, Vietnam, China, and North Korea.⁹ Russia, which under Lenin became the first country in the world to allow unrestricted abortion, now limits most abortions to 12 weeks.¹⁰

⁹ U.S. One Of Only Seven Countries That Allows Elective Abortions After 20 Weeks | Kaiser Health News (khn.org)

¹⁰ Abortion in Russia - Wikipedia

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 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. 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.

Areba Club

The Areba Club will meet on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 1:00 pm in the Areba Avenue Social Hall for our Annual Picnic. Music will be provided by Tony Mayan. This is a catered event and reservations are required.

The Areba Club is planning a ten-day Motorcoach/ Mississippi River Cruise for March 16-25, 2022. Any interested persons should contact Al Casciotti at (717) 533-3275 for registration and detailed information.

Road to Kindness

We want to thank everyone that helped at our 47th Annual Festival and we want to thank everyone that attended! We hope everyone had a wonderful time!

The summer months are moving by quickly. This week let's take some time to spend with our children or with those children that need some extra care. Together, you could do a Kind Act for a relative, neighbor or someone in our community.

This week's Kindness message is: Our children watch our actions! When we demonstrate Kindness, they will learn from us that being KIND and CARING is the right thing to do! We all need to follow God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!" As summer comes to an end, plan out a kindness activity. Also, let's all give our children hugs this week. Our children are so very special!

May God bless you with Kindness and we thank you for following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!"

**Caelorum**

Caelorum is now LIVE to St. Joan of Arc Church in Hershey on Wednesday, September 1@7 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

Weekly Tithing: \$29,193
Weekly Budget: \$26,923
Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$2509

Week of August 1, 2021

DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

Raffle Tickets

- 10th Week Drawing Winners:
1. \$100.00 – Ruth Ann Shenberger, York, PA
 2. \$ 50.00 – Robert Wren, Vineland, NJ
 3. \$ 50.00 – Margarita Pargo, Berwick, PA
 4. \$ 50.00 – Lauren Guenon, Holliston, MA
 5. \$ 50.00 – Violet M. Gliot, Hummelstown, 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.

CALENDAR COLLECTION

2022 Calendar Collection for Spring Creek Nursing Home-calendars and datebooks will be collected in a box at the back of the church for nursing home residents. Any questions, contact Marie Bowman (717) 679-5729 or taffy100@embarqmail.com.

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VOCATIONS CORNER

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; ...”

Are you discerning a vocation to proclaim the greatness of the Lord as a priest or consecrated religious?

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

THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Today is the feast of the Assumption of Mary. The Gospel of Luke recounts her visit with Elizabeth, who filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaims her “Blessed among women and the mother of my Lord.” Mary’s acceptance and unconditional faith in the Lord’s plan for her is so beautifully captured in her response:

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; My spirit rejoices in God my Savior for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and Holy is His Name.”

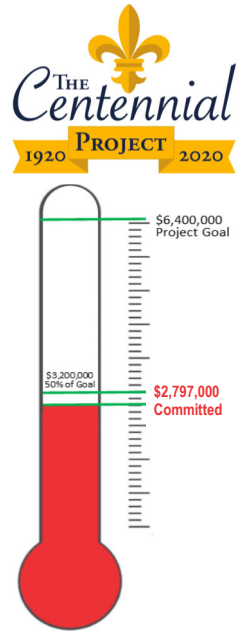
This “Canticle of Mary” embodies her innate humility and grace and serves as a model for our faith journey.

Another “song” that may not be as familiar is the “Canticle of Zechariah”, the father of John the Baptist. He, too, was visited by the Angel Gabriel to announce that Elizabeth would bear a son named John. His response was quite different than Mary’s. It was full of doubt and skepticism because of their advanced age. For his lack of faith, Zechariah lost his ability to speak until his son was born and he had declared his name to be John. His prayer for his son speaks of his mission:

“And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God”.

Fast forward to today’s world. Are we capable of the “blind” faith of Mary or are we “realistic” like Zechariah? Our faith is key to navigating a difficult world order. As Aquinas wrote, “To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.” Faith grounds our lives and gives it stability. For their day to day lives, the most beneficial inheritance we can pass on to our children is a strong foundation in faith. Please pray for our children’s future and please generously support the development of St. Joan of Arc Parish and School.

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



HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

Charismatic Day of Renewal

On Saturday, September 18, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm at the Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. Reverend William Weary is the Keynote Speaker for the Day.

Theme: “Out of Darkness and Into the Light” God’s Power Over the Pandemic.

Preregister for this event. \$20-Pay by check or cash only at the door.

Register by calling Joyce at (717) 308-7245 or Email charismatic.harrisburg@gmail.com

Please do not call Diocese Office.

Slavic Food Festival

A Take Out Slavic Food Fest & More will be held by Saint Ann Byzantine Catholic Church on Saturday, August 21, from 11 am to 5 pm or until we are sold out, whichever occurs first. All food will be available for takeout only. A Slavic Dinner will be available for \$12. Ala cart items will also be available. Perohi, frozen by the dozen with Potato & Cheese, Farmer Cheese, Cabbage, Sauerkraut, Prune or Apple fillings will be sold for \$6. Smoked Kielbasi will be available frozen in rings or sticks for \$7. Dessert offerings will be available. Sorry, Nut Rolls will not be sold at this event. Activities include: Divine Liturgy at 10 am, Vespers at 2 pm, church tours & presentations, a money raffle, a Slavic gift shop and a basket raffle. Food quantities are limited, the sale is on first come first served basis, no pre-orders will be taken. 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA www.StAnnByz.org.

Special Needs Planning Workshop

The Diocesan Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities is hosting a no-cost virtual workshop, Navigating the World of the Family with Special Needs, on Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 10:00 am until noon, via Zoom. This educational workshop is intended to help parents and caregivers address the question “What is the key to special needs planning?” Topics include Financial/Estate Planning, Special Needs Trusts, Guardianship, Wills and Letter of Intent. To register, please email your name and phone number to lkiley@hbgdiocese.org no later than August 25, or call (717) 657-4804 ext.322 with questions.

With Much Gratitude...

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

ANNE F. ADAMS, DDS

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 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, 2021 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.

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, 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.

