



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

AUGUST 22, 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



**21**  
ORDINARY  
TIME



# FROM THE PASTOR

## A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

In the past year or two we have lost many of our faithful volunteers either because of death, old age or simply in need of a good, long rest after many years of service. Every ministry and organization here at the parish is looking for new members: Knights of Columbus, CCW, Respect Life, our various prayer groups and Bible studies, etc. But there is a real need for a few ministries at this time. Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to give some time and talent to our parish by volunteering for one of the following ministries. In all cases, we will train you, show you the ropes, and get you acclimated to the ministry you choose!

## BAPTISM PREPARATION COUPLES

This important ministry helps young parents understand the privileges and responsibilities involved in having their baby baptized in the Catholic Church. This is a joy-filled ministry that helps first-time moms and dads get ready for their child's baptism. Couples are highly encouraged to do this but a single Catholic who loves his or her faith is welcome too!

## ADULT ALTAR SERVERS FOR FUNERALS

I would like to form at least three groups of adult altar servers for our many funerals here at the Saint Joan of Arc. Obviously, flexibility is needed regarding time of funerals and, therefore, retirees, people with flexible work hours, and those bored hanging around the house can sign up! It would be great if a group of three people (men and/or women) could form one group and serve at our funerals. All training will be provided! What a wonderful opportunity to serve some of our families as they bury a loved one!

## CONSOLATION MINISTERS

This important ministry helps families plan the funeral liturgy of loved ones. It entails meeting with families and help them pick readings, music and all the things necessary to make the funeral a hopeful and faith-filled celebration.

Call the parish office if you can serve! We need you and God will reward you!




## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Mark Anthony Brady** 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** and the **Grubb Family**.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

### Main Altar Flower Vase 1

In loving memory of Jean Vargo from the Vargo 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.

## Thank You from the Festival Committee

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Festival in any way - we appreciate our valued volunteers and our patrons, as well as everyone who contributed so generously to our Silent Auction and Basket Raffle, and Festival in general. We are eternally grateful to God who provided us with good weather and protected us in so many ways. Festival raffle winners will be announced and donors will be acknowledged in next week's bulletin. Again, thank you for your support!



## Historical Facts About St. Joan of Arc

In 1920, Milton Hershey gave the Bishop land for the purpose of erecting a church. The site was on Chocolate Avenue and it was decided at the same time to change the name from St. John the Evangelist to St. Joan of Arc. On July 29, 1921, Bishop McDevitt determined the parish lines for the parish and Father Patrick Phelan was appointed first pastor.



## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

### MONDAY, AUGUST 23:

#### SAINT ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

6:45 AM Nancy Santeusanio

9:00 AM Joseph Nocera

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 24:

#### FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

6:45 AM Aaron Vargo

9:00 AM Joseph Yashinsky

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25:

#### SAINT LOUIS; SAINT JOSEPH CALASANZ, PRIEST

1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

6:45 AM Elizabeth Lind Frauenhoffer

9:00 AM Doris Prang

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 26:

1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

6:45 AM In Gratitude for Susan Robison

9:00 AM Hugh & Lois Rogers

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 27:

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT MONICA

1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

6:45 AM Pat DeLong

9:00 AM Andy Hricak

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28:

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

9:00 AM Angelo & Helen Cialone & Theresa Lalli

5:00 PM Enrico Rossi

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 29:

#### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Through observance of the Lord's commands, we shall experience the fullness of life. Living in conformity with God's will frees us from all casuistry about good and evil. We are called to welcome God's word and to let it take root in our hearts.*

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the T.J. Murphy Family

11:30 AM Raymond & Sue Mull

5:00 PM Joseph Mingione Testa and Deceased Members of the Mingione Family

## YOUTH NEWS

### Life Teen (High School)

**This Week:** "Burritos and the Bible"-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.

**Next Week:** "Life Teen Back to School Prayer Service"-It's hard to believe it's that time of year again. We will have a prayer service in the back field outside the youth room. Please remember to bring a lawn chair/blanket. I'll bring the pizza.

### 2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

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.

Sept 19 "Man Made"-We look at the significance of Jesus establishing the Church.

📧 **John Triscik:** [jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org)

☎ (717) 533-7168 Ext.128

### 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. 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.

## 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 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?**  
(Sixth in the 10-part series)

**Defining Political Parties.** In 1972, a year before Roe was decided, the issue of abortion wasn't mentioned at all in either the Democratic or the Republican Party platforms.<sup>11</sup> Today, the issue of abortion has achieved such prominence that both political parties are defined by it, one in support even to the point of embracing infanticide<sup>12</sup> and the other opposed.

<sup>11</sup> Republicans' History on Abortion | National Catholic Register (ncregister.com)

<sup>12</sup> Radical House Democrats Block Bill to End Infanticide - Susan B. Anthony List (sba-list.org)

**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 in the parking lot by the loading dock. We regret we cannot accept textbook, dictionaries, encyclopedias, baby equipment, large appliances, furniture, VCR tapes or sheets. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Knights of Columbus  
Monthly Food Collection**

The monthly food/money collection will take place on the last full weekend of each month at the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses through November 2021. All proceeds benefit the Hershey Food Bank. We have had great success in the past and appreciate your kind food and money donations.

**Road to Kindness**

First, as Father Al mentioned in the August 8 bulletin, we want to congratulate Father Modestus on his election as the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Order of Nigeria and Ghana. We wish Father Modestus the best as he takes on this important role.

There is only one week left until school starts on Monday, August 30. We hope that all the students have had a wonderful summer! This message is for all the students in our parish – this week, what Kind Act can you do for your family? What can you do to make this week special for your family? We have a few suggestions:



- Thank your parents for all they have done for you this summer.
- Bake a cake for all the family.
- Play a game with a younger brother or sister.
- Tell or read a bedtime story to a younger brother or sister.
- Go visit your grandparents and bring some flowers that you picked for them.
- Do your chores without being reminded to do them.
- Suggest that everyone in the family go on a picnic and coordinate all the activities.
- Suggest that you have a family movie night.


We are sure that you can come up with some wonderful way to show your family that you care! Take time and enjoy your family. There are many Kind and fun activities that demonstrate that you are Following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!" We thank everyone in our parish family for your Kind and Caring way! May God bless you this week.

**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.

**Areba Club**

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.



## STEWARDSHIP

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

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**Weekly Tithing: \$27,602**  
**Weekly Budget: \$26,923**  
**Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$2670**

*Week of August 8, 2021*

## DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

### Raffle Tickets

- 11th Week Drawing Winners:
1. \$100.00 – Sharon Rambone, Newfield, NJ
  2. \$ 50.00 – Paul Behrens, Bridgeton, NJ
  3. \$ 50.00 – Kathy Waldron, Galloway, NJ
  4. \$ 50.00 – Donald Myers, Vineland, NJ
  5. \$ 50.00 – Kristin Mareno, National Park, NJ



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.

*With Much Gratitude...*

We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin:  
**COLONIAL ELECTRIC CO.**



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## VOCATIONS CORNER

*“Choose this day whom you will serve.”*

Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord!  
 If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life:

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

## THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

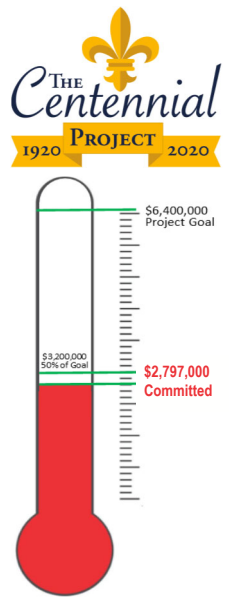
Covid- 19 has once again reared its ugly head and transmission rates are accelerating. Mississippi is one of the worse- case scenarios where the daily number of new cases is 25% higher than last January. Pennsylvania is doing much better at 18% of last January’s highs, but it still represents 1800 individuals per day. There is much to pray about as we ask God’s intercession to end this surge and watch over our children as they return to class.


How quickly things can change. It was June 28th when we were celebrating the end to the mask mandate, and the indoor capacity restrictions. Here we are less than sixty days later and we are holding our breath waiting for another shoe to drop. What can we do to alleviate this daily anxiety?

It is important to recognize that anxiety is a symptom of believing that we can control all of our circumstances, when in reality that is not possible. While our best effort is certainly warranted in a situation, allowing God into our daily plans nurtures a greater sense of peace and confidence. Let Him help you. In the Gospel of John, Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.” We are reminded that all of the well- known saints developed a daily devotion and a personal relationship with the Lord. It enabled them to accomplish the great things for which they were beatified.

In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus said to his disciples, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, Move from here to there, and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” Is it any wonder why the early Church spread so quickly? The example and accomplishments of ordinary people in the face of adversity and even death moved hearts and minds to the call. It was the serenity and self-assurance of the faithful that was so compelling.

Faith is the foundation of a life well- lived, a life fulfilled. It is the cornerstone of St. Joan of Arc Parish’s mission to educate our children. Come and visit our school. You’ll feel the love and warmth of our environment and witness the faith upon which it is built.




 For more information on how you can support the Centennial Project 2020, please visit our website.  
[www.stjoanhershey.orgthecentennialproject.html](http://www.stjoanhershey.orgthecentennialproject.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](mailto:charismatic.harrisburg@gmail.com)

Please do not call Diocese Office.

### 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@hbdiocese.org](mailto:lkiley@hbdiocese.org) no later than August 25, or call (717) 657-4804 ext.322 with questions.

## 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)

### Kindergarten REP Registration

Beginning September 22, the Kindergarten REP class will meet on Wednesday’s, from 4:00-5:30 pm, in the old school building on Areba Ave.

We will be using the Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, which is fully Catholic and Montessori based. Here, children can enjoy the most essential elements of the faith, and experience God’s love through a relationship with the Good Shepherd. Simple scripture passages and specially prepared materials on the life of Jesus Christ, His teachings, and the Liturgy, are all utilized. These presentations help to make the mystery of God, and all that we believe, more concrete for the child.

If interested, please contact Earl Tropp at [etropp@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:etropp@stjoanhershey.org) or (717) 533-7168 ext. 122.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



### 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.

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, 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](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, [hdccw.webs.com](http://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.

### Apple Dumpling Sale

Perfect for football weekends, special dinners, or anytime you want a delicious dessert!

CCW is currently taking orders!

Homemade-with or without sugar!

Freezes beautifully! Only \$4.00

Pick up at rummage sale Sept 17-18.

To order, please contact Jane Cottonaro (717) 608-7251 or Diane Noto (717) 534-1102.