

# 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

### SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (Closed 12:00 - 1:00 pm)

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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**

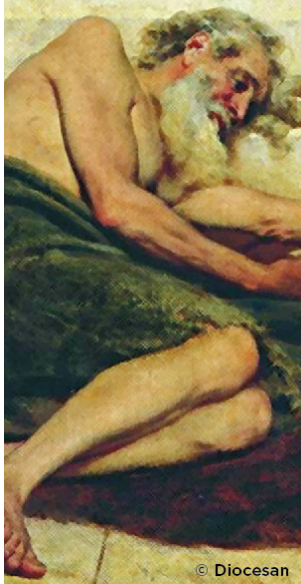
**Sacrament of the Sick: Call the office.**

**Sacrament of Baptism: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."**

**- Luke 16:31**





**FROM OUR  
PASTOR**

**UPDATE ON THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT**

First, I want to thank all of you who have made a pledge or a gift to our Capital Campaign for our Centennial Project. As you know, the Centennial Project will provide much-needed space for both the school and REP with a 26,000 sq. ft. addition to our parish campus and the renovation of our school cafeteria into a parish Social Hall. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Know that God is pleased with the sacrifice you are making. It is a good thing to support this parish project and your kindness is never forgotten.

I know that many of you have heard talk around the parish about the possibility of acquiring the Lancaster Mennonite School on Sandhill Road in lieu of building on our property here on Areba Avenue. Let me explain a little bit of the history behind this.

On March 19 (the Feast of Saint Joseph, the patron saint of real estate!), the Lancaster Mennonite School announced that it would be closing at the end of the school year in June. We were going to have our kick-off for our capital campaign at the end of April but I thought, "It won't hurt to look at the property." So, with Sister Eileen and a few other parishioners, we toured the school and property and were mightily impressed.

The school (LMS) is a 100,000+ sq. ft. building on 36 acres. It already has everything we have in our school now as well as what we are intending on building as part of the Centennial Project (media center, new cafeteria, ample classrooms, etc.). Not only that but it had some wonderful rental opportunities that were already in place. A small Presbyterian Church rents office space and uses the gymnasium for Sunday worship and a small Chinese Christian Church rents space regularly as well. On top of that, the Hershey Soccer Club rents some of the fields behind the school. Initially, the price we were quoted was way past our ability to pay so I asked them to keep us in mind if they were going to be selling desks and chairs and other school equipment. We left that day thinking, "What a wonderful opportunity to expand and grow as a parish and school but it just isn't going to work out."

Late in May, the property went up for sale and the price was significantly lower than what we were told in April. We decided to have another look at it.

A larger group of parishioners (finance council member, parish manager, facilities director, a teacher, etc.) and some people from the diocese went and inspected the building in much greater detail. Afterwards, we had a brainstorming session and Sister Eileen summed up our thoughts: "It is a no-brainer! We could have much more for much less and have it now!" We all agreed.

I brought the idea of purchasing the property to Bishop Gainer and the College of Consultors (his advisory group on financial matters and the purchase of properties in the diocese). They were unanimous in their agreement that we should actively pursue this.

I sent out letters to our Parish Council, Finance Council, Parish Staff, School Board, and Faculty for their advice. I also spoke regularly with parishioners (actually, anybody who would listen!). There was almost unanimous agreement to keep looking into the possibility.

Over the summer, we began talking to LMS about purchasing the property. We made one offer and when that was not accepted, we went to the diocese and asked if we could raise the offer. The Bishop was very agreeable in allowing us to do this because he recognized what a good opportunity this would be as we moved into our next 100 years as a parish.

All this being said, we made our offer (which was the most we can afford as a parish and also what the diocese was willing to lend us) but, unfortunately, LMS did not accept our second offer. While in the end, this would have helped us save money (especially since the Second Phase of our Capital Campaign would go away; the old school would have been used as parish space), I could not allow our parish to bite off more than it can chew and put us in financial straits so that we would not be able to do anything other than pay on a debt! We were disappointed in the outcome but do not regret pursuing it at all!

So, what is the good news?! We still have a wonderful project and great plans to look forward to in our Centennial Project. We move forward and continue with what we originally planned. I just wanted to let you know what has been taking place these past couple of months and encourage everyone to make a pledge. Our goal at this time is for our capital campaign to be a great success! We may not have a brand new school in one fell swoop but maybe God is teaching us patience. We WILL have an addition to our school and a brand new Social Hall but it will just take a few more years! We may have had a little detour on the road but we are moving onward. Keep praying for the success of our Centennial Project!

*Father Al*



**WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50  
 6:45 AM People of the Parish  
 9:00 AM Joseph Yashinsky

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1: MEMORIAL OF SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56  
 6:45 AM Sarah Lutz  
 9:00 AM Effie & Joseph Butch

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2: MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS**

Neh 2:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 6:45 AM Velvia Fischer  
 9:00 AM Mary Koshy

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3:**

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12  
 6:45 AM Pietro & Maria A. Rossi  
 9:00 AM Vincent Olaf and Theresa Luchnick

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4: MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16  
 6:45 AM Harry F. Devine  
 9:00 AM Geraldine Soukup

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5: BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST**

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24  
 9:00 AM Louis Gambello  
 5:00 PM Joseph Kunetz

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14;  
 Lk 17:5-10

*Faith is a gracious gift from God. It can neither be earned nor bought, only responded to with works of love and service. A vibrant faith can make us strong, loving, and wise, confident that God will guard us from all harm. God is the Rock of our salvation.*

7:30 AM People of the Parish  
 9:30 AM Rose Resanovich  
 11:30 AM Rob Hamilton  
 5:00 PM In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Good Remedy

This Week In Our Parish



❖ MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30		
9:35 AM	40 Hours Adoration	CHR
7:00 PM	40 Hours Devotions	CHR
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	CAF
❖ TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1		
9:30 AM	Little Rock Scripture Study	SJC
9:35 AM	40 Hours Adoration	CHR
9:45 AM	Legion of Mary	SJC
7:00 PM	40 Hours Devotions	CHR
❖ WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2		
7:15 AM	Wednesday Morning Coffee	SJC
7:45 AM	Gospel Reflection	SJC
4:15 PM	REP (K-6 <sup>th</sup> )	-
7:00 PM	Caelorum	CHR
❖ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3		
10:00 AM	Faith Enrichment	PC
6:30 PM	Girl Scouts	SJC
7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus	MRC
❖ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4		
3:30 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	SJC
❖ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5		
6:30 AM	That Man Is You	MRC
8:00 AM	Confirmation Retreat	-
9:45 AM	Blessing of Animals	PC
❖ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6		
10:30 AM	REP (K-6 <sup>th</sup> )	-
12:30 PM	Baptisms	CHR
3:30 PM	Holy Hour for Life	PC
6:00 PM	Life Teen	MRC
6:30 PM	Confirmation REP (7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> )	-
❖ MEETING ROOMS & LOCATIONS ❖		
CAF: Cafeteria	CHP: Chapel (PC)	
CHR: Church	LIB: Library	
MRC: Meeting Room C	PC: Parish Center	
REC: Rectory	SJC: Saint Joseph Center	



**SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES**

Please pray for the souls of **Ralph “Barney” Warnimont**, and **Norma, O’Neal**, former parishioner 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: **James Traynor, Duane Ryan, Joan Spandra**, and **Clara Hissick**.



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*Main Altar Vases, Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph:* In loving memory of Pietro & Maria A. Rossi from their daughters

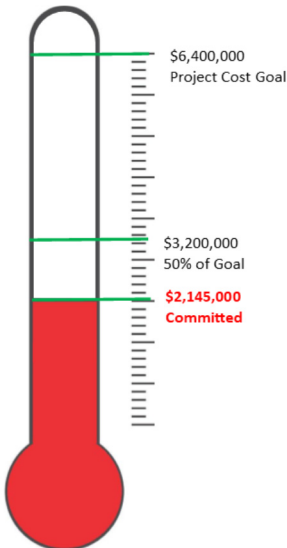
*Respect Life Rose 1:* Blessings and thanksgiving for our parents, Bud & Dorothy Gliot and Don & Mary Young from Ed & Vi Gliot

*Respect Life Rose 2:* In thanksgiving for all of our children and grandchildren from Ed & Vi Gliot

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 6, 2019**

	9:45 AM	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
<b>Lector</b>	S. Petrina	G. Duval	A. Gould	J. Gusherowski	F. Ruggiero	L. Musante
<b>EMHC</b>		J. Nolan J. Pantalone K. Robinson	R. Plebani D. Sheehan M. Spaeder	P. Mooney D. Morgan T. Samson	C. Mortel A. Reeves M. Wetherhold	L. Rogers M. Rogers C. Yakstis
<b>Altar Servers</b>		S. Hanner Mary Coyle R. Abraham	S. O’Hara M. O’Hara B. O’Hara	C. Chardo S. Chardo A. Gusherowski	St. Michael’s Guard	D. Stinson L. Hamilton L. Hamilton
<b>MC</b>		T. Abraham	M. O’Hara	E. Gusherowski		

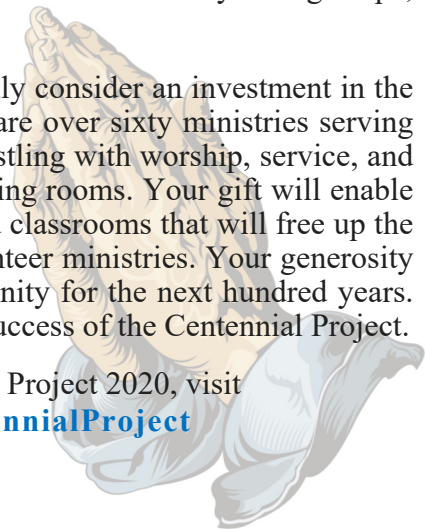
**Money Counters:** C. Frank, T. Santeusanio, V. Peracchia, G. Zemba



Last weekend, new pledges and gifts amounted to \$6,200, bringing the total committed so far to \$2,145,000. Thank you! Three hundred fifty-three families have made a gift in the past five months, enabling us to achieve 33% of our goal of \$6.4 million. We are confident that the remainder of St. Joan of Arc’s 2,600 families will support the completion of our vision. We look forward to a beautiful parish social hall with a modernized kitchen, and a school expansion to bring all of our children, both parochial and REP, under one state of the art, secure roof. The social hall is already taking shape, so come and see the progress we have made.

For those who have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider an investment in the future of our parish mission. You may know that there are over sixty ministries serving our parish. On any given night, the parish complex is bustling with worship, service, and education activities, often with tight constraints for meeting rooms. Your gift will enable the creation of a new library, cafeteria, media center, and classrooms that will free up the much needed space for the good work of all of our volunteer ministries. Your generosity will allow us to continue serving our parish and community for the next hundred years. Visit our website to learn more, and please pray for the success of the Centennial Project.

For more information about The Centennial Project 2020, visit [www.stjoanhershey.org/TheCentennialProject](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/TheCentennialProject)





## VOCATIONS CORNER

That the pursuit of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness will mark the lives of all those discerning our Heavenly Father's will, especially those considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.



### Vocations Cross

Sept 30-Oct 7: Mr. & Mrs. Rich Arnold  
 Oct 7-14: Fran & Barb McCarthy

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 this rotation, please contact the parish office.

<b>MASS ATTENDANCE: Sept 21/22 TOTAL: 1566</b>				
<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>7:30 AM</u>	<u>9:30 AM</u>	<u>11:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
305	202	396	337	326

## YOUTH NEWS

### LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH)

**This Week:** "Another Dimension" We'll look at how active participation in the Mass ultimately means uniting our hearts and minds to the reality before us. May we encounter Christ more deeply during each part of the Mass.

**Next Week:** "Detecting A Signal" Encountering Christ in the Mass transforms the way we encounter Him in the world and see how grace is present in our ordinary encounters throughout the day. We'll see how the more united we are with Christ, the more others will encounter Him through us.

📞 **John:** Ext. 128 | [stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com)



### EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH)

EDGE is for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 7:00-8:15 pm in Meeting Room C.

**EDGE nights: Oct 2 & 16**

📞 **John:** Ext. 128 | [jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org)



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.E.P.)

📞 **REP Office:** Ext. 306 | [rep@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:rep@stjoanhershey.org)



## STEWARDSHIP

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

**Weekly Tithing:** \$25,670  
**Weekly Budget:** \$30,385  
**Weekly Heart of the Parish:** \$1,533  
**Education—Mustard Seed:** \$4,235



### With Much Gratitude...

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

#### BUDGET BLINDS



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

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

## ✚ ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NO FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

There will be no First Friday Eucharistic Adoration on October 4, due to our 40 Hours Devotion this week.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS CHANGE

The parish office hours on Sundays will now be from 9:00-11:30 am.

### DAUGHTERS OF MERCY RAFFLE WINNERS

Robert Buono | Vineland, NJ  
 Joe Mufalli | Vineland, NJ  
 Christine Silcott | Mays Landing, NJ  
 Margaret Durham | Millville, PA  
 Margaret Jadick | Pittsgrove, NJ

### SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for 2020 may be scheduled starting on **Wednesday, October 16** from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm in the parish center. You may schedule up to 3 masses per year.

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Blessing of the animals will take place on **Saturday, October 5** at 9:45 am in front of the parish center. Please bring water and clean-up bags for your pet. In case of inclement weather, the blessing will be held across the street from the church under the walkway at the entrance to the school.

## † SCHOOL NEWS

**DINNER FOR DOLLARS**

On **Wednesday, October 2** from 4:00-8:00 pm, please support St. Joan of Arc School by dining at Subway in the Hershey Tanger Outlets. A percentage of the cost of your meal will be given to the PTO to benefit our students. Must show flyer before payment. Flyers are available in the church, in the school office, or at the school.

## † 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 meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm in Meeting Room C. We will gather next on **October 9** for a social and trivia at the Hershey Biergarten.

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

📍 **Parish Ministries - Young Adults**

## † MINISTRY NEWS

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

The Harrisburg Life Chain will be held on the front property of Holy Name of Jesus Church on Allentown Blvd (Route 22) on **Sunday, October 6** from 2:00-3:00 pm. Bring lawn chairs, your rosary, and water bottles. Signs will be provided. It has been said that 90 Life Chains will be held in Pennsylvania alone this October. Our prayerful witness may be the prompting that a pregnant mother needs in choosing life. The Life Chain will be followed by a Holy Hour for Life in the chapel at our church from 3:30-4:30 pm.

**FOOD COLLECTION**

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting non-perishable foods and personal care items before each Mass **this weekend (September 28-29)** for the Hershey Food Bank. Please remember we also accept monetary donations and all checks should be made payable to the Hershey Food Bank. Donations received by check are tax-deductible.

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

The Diocese of Harrisburg invites all women of our parish to attend its Annual Women's Conference *Women of Light, Sisters in Christ* on **Saturday, October 12** at Bishop McDevitt High School from 8:30 am-4:00 pm. **Early Bird Registration (\$37) ends October 7.** Registration forms are at the entrances to the church. Don't delay; join with other women to enjoy this spiritual day.

## † MINISTRY NEWS

**CAELORUM**

The next Caelorum will be held on **Wednesday, October 2** at 7:00 pm in the church. Spend your evening with our Lord, Savior, and Redeemer where heaven meets earth in adoration, song, meditation, and praise. 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. A reception in the cafeteria will be held immediately following.

☎ **More information: (717) 583-0240**

**I THIRST PRAYER COMMUNITY**

I Thirst Prayer Community invites you to participate in a special retreat of our faith called *A Life in the Spirit Seminar* on **Friday, October 18** from 7:00-9:00 pm; **Saturday, October 19** from 9:00 am - 8:30 pm (includes evening Mass); and **Wednesday, October 23** from 7:00-8:30 pm. Diaconate Chad Reigel of St. Catherine of Siena Parish will host the evening along with some amazing speakers to share their knowledge of God's love, the Catholic faith, how it transformed their lives, and how it can change yours as well. Some meals included. Flyers are in the church.

☎ **Lynn: (717) 503-1600**

**CCW MEETING**

All ladies of the parish are invited to join together for the **Thursday, October 10** meeting of the Council of Catholic Women. We will begin with the recitation of the Rosary in the parish center chapel. This will be followed by refreshments and a short business meeting to organize and plan our Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on Saturday, November 9 in the school cafeteria.

**ROAD TO KINDNESS**

This week we want to focus on the special people in your life! We have some questions we want you to consider as you go through your week: *Have you told the special people in your life how much they mean to you? Have you told those special people in your life that you love them? Have you reflected on those important moments spent with those special people in your life? Have you showed your kindness to the special people in your life?* Now, what if those special people in your life were not there – how would you feel; what would you do; would you pray for them; and would you miss them? Now is the time to tell them and to show them how special they are to you! Don't wait! This is God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!" Blessings to you!