

# 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He has done all things well.  
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Mk 7:37

## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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



## A Prayer for Labor Day

*Heavenly God, bless the work we do. Whether it be working with our hands, using technology, serving others, using artistic skills, or using our intellects, may we be productive in all we do and may the work we do benefit the common good. May we recognize that all good and holy work is pleasing to you and is a sign of our human dignity. May the work we do give you glory and bring your Kingdom into our world.*

*May the weary find rest and the unemployed find meaningful and life-sustaining jobs. On this Labor Day, let us remember that in our work we are co-creators with you in making this world a better place. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Father Al*



## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Lillian Eitel** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to her family 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 "Kathy" Lewis and the Grubb Family.**



## ALTAR FLOWERS

### Main Altar Flower Vase 1

In Thanksgiving from Lisa Balanda.

## AVAILABLE DATES

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



## Haitian Earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace Collection

A special collection will be taken in all parishes of the Diocese of Harrisburg on the weekend of **September 25/26**. Thank you in advance for your generous donation to the special collection for Haitian Earthquake and Tropical Storm Relief. Please pray for the families that have lost loved ones and all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and security. Your prayerful and financial support is urgently needed and appreciated by the people of Haiti.

## Historical Facts About St. Joan of Arc



Reverend Monsignor Charles E. Park, also known as Dr. Park, served St. Joan's from 1927-1937. During his tenure, Milton S. Hershey gave \$20,000 to St. Joan's which was used to cancel the indebtedness. Dr. John A. Maguire (1937-1941) initiated plans for construction of a new and larger church to meet the needs of growing parish.





## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:

Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11

6:45 AM No Mass

9:00 AM Andrew Hricak

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:

Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

6:45 AM Tina DeLuce

9:00 AM Claude & Maggie Harris

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:

#### FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

6:45 AM Intentions of all Parish Volunteers

9:00 AM Agatha Andreani

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9:

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

6:45 AM Pete Foschetti

9:00 AM Rose Griffin

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

6:45 AM Judith Yupcavage

9:00 AM Helen Mazziotta

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:

1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

9:00 AM Hugo Morelli, Addaria and William Cialone

5:00 PM Sr. Marie Julie Shea, CSC

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:

#### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Isaiah would suffer and call upon the Lord for help. Jesus speaks of his own suffering and death and of the demands of discipleship. What is faith, to confess that Jesus is the Christ without works of love?*

Is 50:4c-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

7:30 AM Thomas Joseph Burke

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

11:30 AM Georgiana Ulseth

5:00 PM People of the Parish

## YOUTH NEWS

### Life Teen (High School)

*This Week:* No Life Teen-Labor Day Weekend!

*Next Week:* Next week we begin our series on the “Goodness of Christianity” with “Spiritual Not Religious.” We’ll take a look at how faith enables a person to believe in, follow, and interact with God

#### 2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

- 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.
- Sept 26 “Be a Good Person”-Being a disciple of Jesus can be hard but it’s worth it.
- Oct 3 “Fanatic”-Being a disciple of Jesus compels us to share the Good News.

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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. 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 September 8th as we continue our series of the Deuterocanonical books with “Judith.”

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✠ **MINISTRY NEWS**

**Respect Life**

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

**Crucial Social Infrastructure.** Over the years since Roe, the pro-life movement has built a network of more than 2700 pregnancy centers across the country which offer material, medical, and educational support to women in unexpected pregnancies.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>14</sup> What's Changed Since Roe v. Wade? | Opinion (newsweek.com)

**MONTHLY MEETING:** SJA Respect Life will have their monthly meeting on September 8 – the second Wednesday of the month – at 7:00 pm in room 320 in the old school. All are welcome. Please join us.

**Memorial Service for the Victims of Abortion.** Saturday, September 18 following the 9:00 am Mass by the Main Entrance of Church. Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried as well as at memorial sites dedicated in their honor. Join us for this National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children to ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

**Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest**

will be held by St Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus Council 6693 on Saturday, October 9, from 12-7 pm at the Parish Center parking lot at. Menu will be bratwurst or hot dogs and kraut, fried potato pancakes, soft pretzels, apple strudel and funnel cakes. Barrel Root beer and Sam Adams Oktoberfest beer on draft. Music throughout the day and entertainment by the Happy Slovenes from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Eat in or carry out available.

**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).**

**That Man is You**

The Fall session of That Man Is You begins on Saturday, September 18. This men's group provides spiritual enrichment through videos of guest speakers and personal group discussion. We meet on Saturday mornings from 6:30 am to 8:00 am in the Knights of Columbus room in the old school. **For info or questions contact Jim Mulvey at (717) 503-7542.**

**Road to Kindness**

This weekend, we are recognizing an “icon of goodness, Mother Teresa!” She passed away on September 5, 1997. Mother Teresa’s enduring invitation and challenge to the world was to “Do Something Beautiful for God!” Her mission was to do small acts performed with great love. She would say, “You become an icon of goodness by striving to be good and by consistent doing good!” By being good and Kind, Mother Teresa captured the imagination of the whole world. Her messages are timeless and she challenges all of us to do Acts of Kindness every day! This is our mission as we follow God’s Way – “The Road to Kindness!” May you be blessed on your journey and share your Kindness with everyone you meet.



<p><b>EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES</b></p>	 <p>St. Joan of Arc School <small>Forming hearts. Informing minds. Transforming lives.</small></p>
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**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.**

**FT Maintenance/Custodian 2nd Shift**

This individual is responsible for cleaning and maintaining good order in one or more large facilities. The position requires varying degrees of physical exertion, to include lifting (at least 50 lbs.), stretching, bending, climbing stairs and operating cleaning and gardening equipment. Some light maintenance tasks are required. Organizational skills, adaptability, flexibility, dependability, the ability to follow instructions and work without supervision are essential. Willingness to maintain confidentiality is essential. A valid driver’s license is required.

**If interested please contact Matt Dunkle at (717) 409-4420.**

**LIVESTREAMING**

Find us on Facebook [@stjoanhershey](https://www.facebook.com/stjoanhershey)  
Find us on YouTube [St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church](https://www.youtube.com/StJoanofArcCatholicChurch)



## STEWARDSHIP

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

**Weekly Tithing: \$44727\***

**Weekly Budget: \$26923**

**Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$3718\***

*\*Combined total for Week of August 15&22,2021*

## DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

### Raffle Tickets

13th Week Drawing Winners:

1. \$100.00 – JoAnn Connor-Gibbons, Vineland, NJ
2. \$ 50.00 – James Bassetti, McAllen, TX
3. \$ 50.00 – Connie Vass, Delray Beach, FL
4. \$ 50.00 – Peter Galetto, Millville, NJ
5. \$ 50.00 – Lynne Hipp, Telford, 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.

### Centennial Committee Save the Date

There will be a Centennial Celebration Mass on December 5, at 11:30 am presided by Bishop Ronald Gainer. The Mass will be followed by a luncheon at The Hershey Lodge. Watch bulletin for further details.



## VOCATIONS CORNER

*"Be strong, do not fear!"*

With every true vocation comes the strength and courage of the One who calls. If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact

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

## THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

**YOUR Centennial Project 2020 DOLLARS AT WORK!**



With the mushrooming enrollment it became necessary to create a second seventh grade classroom. All of the demo work and finishing work was done in house by our Facilities Director Matt Dunkle. We thank him for his excellent craftsmanship. Matt's work saved the Parish a considerable sum.

The new classroom will be the homeroom for Mr. Allen Boyer's 7th Grade class. Many of you may recognize the name as he was the IT Instructor for the school for seven years. Welcome back, Mr. Boyer.

St. Joan of Arc School offers a faith-based, academically challenging education that develops the mind and spirit of our children. Here at St. Joan, the environment for learning is loving, nurturing, and competitive. Expectations of student performance are high, with the support provided to help them succeed. As a result, there has been a great increase in registrations and a need to finish the third floor. Relying on your generosity, we are confident that can be accomplished.

Alternatively, your gift can be directed to student scholarships. Scholarships enable an affordable education for those families with limited means. Expansion addresses the growing demand. Both initiatives are in urgent need of funding. Here are a few ways that you can help:

- Designate your gift to the scholarship fund. Contact Deb Rizzotto, Development Director at the School (717-533-2854 ext. 123 or drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org
- Request a tour to get a feel for our environment and our renovation plans. See how your gift would be used.
- Develop a multi-year pledge that fits in your budget.
- Share our vision with others.

Please continue to pray for the success of the Centennial Project 2020.



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)

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 6.

## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

### Fall Favorites

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 [janecottonaro@verizon.net](mailto:janecottonaro@verizon.net) or Diane Noto (717) 534-1102.**

### Box of Joy Returns:

The Box of Joy Ministry, sponsored by St. Joan of Arc's CCW will return the first weekend of October.  
 This annual Christmas Gift Ministry is organized by Catholic parishes and groups across the United States in association with Cross Catholic Outreach. Its mission is to bless the lives of some of the world's poorest children with individual Christmas gifts. Shoe box size Boxes of Joy will be provided after Masses the first 2 weekends of October. Each box will contain directions and gift suggestions. The filled Boxes of Joy will be collected after Masses the last 2 weekends in October.  
 Thanks to all who so generously participated last year, and thanks to all who will join in this year to bless these children at Christmas and to delight their hearts.



Additional information can be found at [boxofjoy.org](http://boxofjoy.org)  
**Any questions, please contact Donna Testa at [dmttesta@gmail.com](mailto:dmttesta@gmail.com) or (717) 533-2298.**

### 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.



### 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.

## ✠ HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

### First Annual Pennsylvania March for Life

At the State Capital, Harrisburg, on Monday, September 27, there will be a Rally at 11:00 am and a March for Life at 12:00 pm.

A morning mass and adoration is scheduled at St. Patrick's Cathedral before the rally. Stay tuned for the exact time and additional information.

For info and registration go to [pamarchforlife.org](http://pamarchforlife.org)

## 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.

### Kindergarten REP Registration

Beginning September 22, the Kindergarten REP class will meet on Wednesdays, 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.

### 2022 Calendar Collection

Calendars & datebooks will be collected at the back of the church for Spring Creek Nursing Home residents. Any questions, contact Marie Bowman (717) 679-5729 or [taffyl100@embarqmail.com](mailto:taffyl100@embarqmail.com).

### *With Much Gratitude...*

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

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