

# 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 12, 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

The Month of September is filled with many wonderful Feasts that are worthy of celebration. These are just a few:

**September 3—Saint Gregory the Great.** Saint Gregory was pope at an extremely difficult time in the life of the Church. The Roman Empire in the West had fallen, barbarians were invading the City of Rome, and the common folk were suffering greatly. Saint Gregory used all of his great talents to provide leadership to the Church and society. He is considered to be the first pope of the Middle Ages.

**September 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Mary's Birthday is celebrated exactly nine months after her Immaculate Conception on December 8. Although we do not know the exact date of her birth, the Church celebrates her nativity as a Feast with great joy.

**September 14—The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.** This feast day celebrates the finding of the true Cross by Saint Helena. We are reminded of our salvation by the death of Jesus on the Cross.

**September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows.** The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows reminds us of the seven sorrows of Mary, especially her standing at the foot of the Cross as her Son died. On this day, the sequence "Stabat Mater" is recited. (We are more familiar with this hymn sung at Stations of the Cross during Lent: "At the Cross her station keeping.")

**September 21—The Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.** The Church celebrates this apostle of Jesus and gives glory for the Gospel he wrote.

**September 27—Saint Vincent de Paul.** This holy priest is remembered for his great works of charity and his education of seminarians on the way to priesthood. Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society is named after him.

**September 29—Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels.** We celebrate these holy archangels who are mentioned in the scriptures. We ask their heavenly intercession against evil, sickness and that we may be open to hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ.




## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Paula Ann Wilusz** 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: **Francis McCarthy, 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 & 2

In celebration of the life and memory of **Rosalie Filanowski**, born and died on September 11th from her loving children and family members.

### Blessed Mother

In Loving Memory of **Dr. David Novatnak**, from his Mother, June and Sister, Donna.

### 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



Father Anthony J. Mayan was appointed Pastor on October 21, 1941, by Bishop Leech. All the buildings comprising St. Joan of Arc Parish in Hershey, as well as the Church of the Holy Spirit in Palmyra, had been constructed under the administration and direction of Father Mayan.



## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:

1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

6:45 AM James C. Snyder

9:00 AM Lois Deiling

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:

#### FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

6:45 AM Elba Eucaris Macias

9:00 AM Bernard A. Ryan, Sr.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:

#### MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

1 Tm 3:14-16; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

6:45 AM Rev. Louis P. Ogden & Theresa Ogden

9:00 AM Patrick Pronio

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINTS CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

1 Tm 3:14-16; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

6:45 AM Jhisella Domingo

9:00 AM Cathy Lalli

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:

#### SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

6:45 AM Phyllis Ann Lepoure

9:00 AM Betty J. Stopay

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:

1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Roy E. Hovis Family

5:00 PM James Youngman

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:

#### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus speaks of his own rejection, torture, and shameful death. True discipleship, he says, is concerned not with status but with service to the poor, with justice and peace.*

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

7:30 AM Carl Robinson

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Jack Markel

5:00 PM Stanley Aros

## YOUTH NEWS

### Life Teen (High School)

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

**Next Week:** Next week we continue our series on the “Goodness of Christianity” with “Man-Made.” We’ll look at how Jesus intentionally created His Church to proclaim the hope of salvation to the world.

#### 2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

- 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.
- Oct 10* No Life teen-Enjoy your holiday weekend.

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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 returns September 15. Masks are required.

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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 7:00-8:15 pm via Zoom. Young Adults will gather next on September 22 as we continue our series of the Deuterocanonical books “Judith.”

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## ✠ MINISTRY NEWS

**Respect Life**

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

**Number of Children Killed.** Despite the 1992 political slogan “safe, legal, and rare,” abortion was not, and is not, rare. Since the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, the lives of more than 62 million unborn babies have been lost,<sup>15, 16</sup> a number roughly equivalent to the combined populations of California, Pennsylvania, and Michigan.

<sup>15</sup> FS01AbortionintheUS.pdf (nrlc.org)

<sup>16</sup> List of U.S. states by population - Simple English Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**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.

**Faith Enrichment**

Faith Enrichment will resume the week of Oct. 10. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm starting on 10/12 and Thursday Mornings 10/14 at 10:00 am. The program is Titled “Mary: A Biblical walk with the Blessed Mother”. The fee for Materials is \$27.00.

**To register or for more information contact Earl Tropp at [etropp@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:etropp@stjoanhershey.org) or (717) 533-7168 x122.**

**Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest**

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. 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.

**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**

Summer has flown by and we hope that you enjoyed the Labor Day holiday!



This is such a special time of the year! School starts and it is really wonderful to see our children light up when they do an Act of Kindness for another classmate. While it continues to be challenging to do certain kindness acts with our social distancing requirements, we can still create a special Kindness Culture that promotes God's Way – “The Road to Kindness!” Parents, please take time to have a daily or weekly “Kindness Conversation” with your children – it is a great way to bond with them and as a family.

**Below are 10 Kindness Acts that we shared before for our students / children to consider while at school:**

1. Hold the door open for another student or teacher
2. Greet a new student in your class
3. Share your lunch time with a new student or with a student that is new to one of your classes
4. Help one of your teachers to clean up the classroom
5. Write a positive and uplifting note to a classmate!
6. Be extra kind to your bus driver – say hello when you get on the bus and say thank you when you get off!
7. Volunteer to be a tutor to someone that may be having a difficult time with a subject!
8. Say a special prayer for someone that is sick, ill or having a difficult time!
9. Say hello to every classmate you see during the day – Happiness is contagious!
10. Take a Kindness Card from church / do a Kindness Act for someone and pass on the card so they can do a Kindness Act!

Blessings to you! Have a wonderful week filled with Kindness!

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES****FT Custodian/Maintenance 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.**



## STEWARDSHIP

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

**Weekly Tithing: \$28,897**

**Weekly Budget: \$26,923**

**Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1972**

*Week of August 29, 2021*

## DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

### Raffle Tickets

14th Week Drawing Winners:

1. \$100.00 – Jessica Ehlenberger, Hershey, PA
2. \$ 50.00 – Angel Paladino, Bridgeton, NJ
3. \$ 50.00 – Nancy Porreca, York, PA
4. \$ 50.00 – Lynn Savela, Vineland, NJ
5. \$ 50.00 – Ken & Stephanie Pustizzi, Milmay, 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.



### *Derry Historical Society La Festa Italiana Centennial Celebration of Hershey's Italian Heritage*

Saturday, October 2, 2021

5:00 pm Italian Mass St Joan of Arc Church

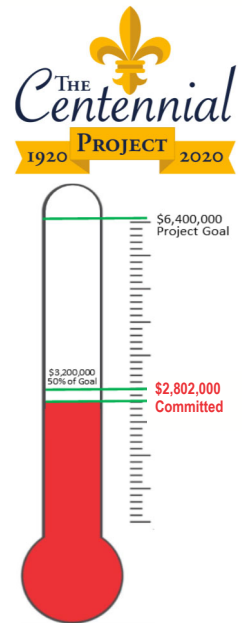
6:00 pm Preservation Gala & Auction:

St. Joan of Arc Areba Social Hall & Parking Lot

**Info & Tickets: [www.hersheyhistory.org/events](http://www.hersheyhistory.org/events)**

## THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

In the second reading today, James cautions us that faith without works can be empty. If we fail to meet the basic physical needs of people, who, through no fault of their own, do not have enough money to feed, clothe, or house their families, words like “God bless you,” or “Have a good day” ring hollow. The recent natural disasters in Haiti, Louisiana, New York City, New Jersey, Philadelphia, and even locally, cry out to us for assistance. They desperately need help, both financial and in person, to support their cleaning and rebuilding efforts. Likewise, we need to meet the emotional needs of those who suffer daily in silence, such as the elderly shut-ins, and the infirmed.



At times it feels that we live in a jaded world where integrity and ethics are novel ideas taught in high school or college. Children are not born with a moral compass. It is developed early in their lives through the teaching and example of their parents and the models of people they admire. It is not a surprise that there has been a growing trend in home schooling. It enables parents to better control the messaging and influences of the vast media milieu and the pressures of undisciplined school settings.

St. Joan of Arc School is here to support families' efforts. Our skyrocketing enrollment is a testament to the trust parents are placing in our program. Two years ago, there were 355 students in our parochial school. Today that number is 500. Going forward it is vital that we make the necessary renovations to the unfinished floor of the school in order to meet the demand for a Catholic education.

Our Religious Education Program and our Life-Teen Ministry are also designed to meet the needs of our parish families. Led by a dedicated staff and volunteer instructors, they provide that supplement to parents who desire to develop the spiritual growth and character of their children.

Please continue to pray for the success of St. Joan of Arc's Education Mission and please also pray for the Centennial Project 2020 Campaign which urgently needs your financial support.

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)



## 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**

### Box of Joy Returns:

The Box of Joy Ministry, sponsored by St. Joan of Arc's CCW will return the first weekend of October. Its mission is to bless the lives of some of the world's poorest children with individual Christmas gifts. Countries served include Haiti, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador Honduras, and Grenada. Let's help to bless even more children for Christmas in 2021!



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 parish Social Hall Friday, Sept. 17 from 8 am until 3 pm and Saturday, September 18 from 8 am to 11 am. We will begin set-up in our parish Social Hall, Sept. 7. Items may be brought inside but due to the abundance of items already received, we cannot accept items after Sept.14. We regret we cannot accept textbook, dictionaries, encyclopedias, baby equipment, large appliances, furniture, VCR tapes or sheets. Thank you for your consideration.



### 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.

## 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)

## 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 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.

## ✠ SJA PTO NEWS



St Joan of Arc School PTO is hosting a BBQ Chicken Drive-Thru Event!

Meal includes: 1/2 Chicken, Baked Potato, Dinner roll w/butter & Applesauce.

Tuesday, 9/28, 3-6 pm in the Church Parking Lot located at 359 West Areba Avenue Hershey. Pre-Sale Tickets HIGHLY RECOMMENDED-\$10/meal available from school office (1525 Sandhill Road, Hummelstown) or Online visit the school Website.

### *With Much Gratitude...*

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

**D.L. LEITZELL & SON**

