

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me;
and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

MR 9:37

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

SEPTEMBER 19, 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

Lots of updates and reminders this week:

- ◆ Our **40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions** will be held on September 26, 27 and 28. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the end of the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday and after the 9:00 am Masses on Monday and Tuesday. Exposition will continue each day through the 7:00 pm Devotions which will conclude with Benediction. We welcome Father Tim Sahd from Seven Sorrows Parish in Middletown as our preacher. A sign-up sheet is in the church. Please take a half hour for adoration if you are able!
- ◆ Thanks to all who worked at and supported the **CCW Rummage Sale!** It is always a big success!
- ◆ We have the final profit from our **Parish Festival:** a whopping **\$70,000!!!** This is by far our biggest profit to date. God bless all who made the Festival possible and all who supported it through volunteering and/or by attending! You are great!
- ◆ On October 2, the **Hershey History Center** will be having their Annual Gala here at our property. Their theme is La Festa Italiana. To accentuate the role of Saint Joan of Arc Parish in the life of the Italian Community here in Hershey, the 5:00 pm Mass will be celebrated in Italian by Father Anthony Dill from Holy Spirit in Palmyra (I will concelebrate). For more information about this event and to purchase tickets, go to the hersheyhistory.org.
- ◆ Our **Blessing of Pets** will take place on October 2 at 9:45 am.
- ◆ The **Blessing of the Saint Michael the Archangel Shrine** on the side of the Church has been changed to Sunday, October 10 after the 11:30 am Mass.
- ◆ Masses will continue at the Sandhill Campus (either outside or inside depending on weather) at 5:00 pm each Sunday evening for the foreseeable future.
- ◆ Since the pandemic has halted our **Centennial Project** for the last 18 months, we will be having a push to finish the 3rd Floor with an outreach this Fall to those who haven't donated yet. Exciting news will be coming soon!

Father Al



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Frances Simmons, Rose Zaccagnini and Sister M. Geraldine DiNicola, Daughter of Mercy**, who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to their 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: **Tom Searer, Francis McCarthy, Abram Brandt, Mort Kayser, Barbara Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan, Jeff & Lori Sotack, Kathleen "Kathy" Lewis and the Grubb Family.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

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.



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.



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



On November 23, 1947, ground breaking for the new school and hall took place. This is the present location of St. Joan of Arc School. The new school opened in 1948 with nine Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy teaching 220 children. In 1953, a new rectory was built on the grounds next to the school.



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

6:45 AM Leona Berzinski

9:00 AM Bob Rita

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:

FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

6:45 AM Jean Mulhall

9:00 AM Dionisio & Julia Castelli

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:

Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

6:45 AM Gary W. Garver, Jr.

9:00 AM Tony Nestico

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

6:45 AM Kim Alcorn

9:00 AM Gabrielle J. Stevenson

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:

Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

6:45 AM Mark Mooney

9:00 AM Repentance for our Ancestors

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:

Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43b-45

9:00 AM Joseph Nestico

5:00 PM In Honor of St. Padre Pio and James & Rose Marie East

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Moses and Jesus both attest to the fact that the work of the Spirit cannot be confined by an institution, and that no one can claim a monopoly of the Spirit's charism, or wisdom. Beware of growing rich while neglecting the rights and needs of others.

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

7:30 AM Roz Hendrix

9:30 AM Wayne Foust

11:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Julia Ann Barletta

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This Week: This 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.

Next Week: Next week we continue our series on the "Goodness of Christianity" with "Be a Good Person."

2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

- 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.
- Oct 16-17** Life Teen Winter Clothing Drive-Clean out those closets for those in need.

📧 **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 be on October 6 and 20. 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.

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 7:00-8:15 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?**
(Tenth in the 10-part series)

Much has changed since Roe v. Wade was decided. And much is unknown about the thinking of the current Supreme Court and the direction it will take in Dobbs. Will the justices address the baby's unique DNA, different from his mother's, which identifies a separate human being, and which never changes throughout all the stages of his life – a continuum from conception to death? Will they reject the strange term “potential life,” invented out of whole cloth by the Roe justices, which is unknown to medicine or law? Will they admit that a right to abortion is nowhere to be found in the Constitution? Will they examine the conundrum that now plagues so many doctors – that a premature baby can be saved in the NICU while another baby of the same age can be legally aborted? Will they ultimately find that the preborn child is a living, growing human being whose life is constitutionally guaranteed by the 14th Amendment?

Let's hope – and pray -- that the current Supreme Court will correct Roe's errors, update its science, and find the courage to protect all human life.

Faith Enrichment

Faith Enrichment will resume the week of October 10. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm starting on October 12 and Thursday Mornings October 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 or (717) 533-7168 x122.

Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest will be held by the St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus Council 6693, on Saturday, October 9, from 12:00-7:00 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 3:30-6:30 pm. Eat in or carry out available.

**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

Today, we want to discuss a sensitive topic – the words we use when we communicate on social media, in emails, on the phone and other correspondence. We want to stress “Kindness in our Communications!”



Today and every day, we want to encourage everyone to communicate first with kindness, empathy and understanding in person, on the phone, via email and on social media. Social media can be an incredible tool when used for good.

The pandemic, the pressure of work, school, financial challenges and so many other issues can push us to be aggressive and use harsh and hurtful words.

In a recent article on the “Road to Kindness in Social Media”, it discusses the art of using Kindness in your communications.

“Next time you're triggered by someone's social media post, STOP. Be thoughtful about your response. It's easy to pop off a witty or mean retort, but are you fueling negativity? That's only going to result in more negativity reflected back at you. Suggestions to help include:

- Take a breath and notice how the post makes you feel.
- Think about the answer you want to dash off.
- Is it something you'll regret later?
- Exercise your ability to take the high road to be KIND, even in a difficult situation.”

We can apply these points to every type of communication. The “Road to Kindness in Social Media” highlights that “sooner or later that kind attitude will seep into your persona in real life too, and you'll find that KINDNESS IS REPAID WITH KINDNESS IN RETURN. Wouldn't that make the world a better place for all of us?” Practicing Kindness in our communications is following God's Way – The Road to Kindness!

Caelorum

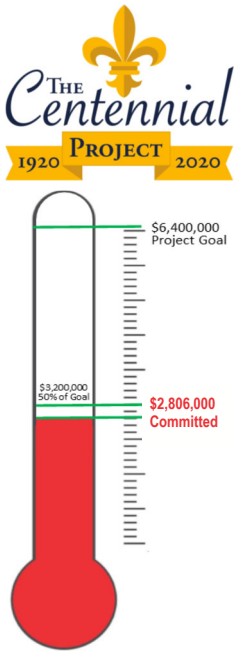
We look forward to seeing everyone at Caelorum on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc Church. Join your Brothers and Sisters in Christ as we come together to adore, praise and worship our Lord and Savior. Feel the power of his presence and never-failing love as he attends to your needs and strengthens and blesses you with his abundant mercy. God Bless.

For more information, call Lou Felice at (717) 215-4175.

Areba Club

The Areba Club will meet on September 21 at 1:00 pm, in the Parish Social Hall. We will play BINGO. Light refreshments will be served. **For more information, contact Yvonne Martin at martiny743@verizon.net**

THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT



Pennsylvania is doing quite well in containing the recent surge in coronavirus. New cases are 30% of what they were during the peak in December 2020 and deaths are 12% of the peak. In Dauphin County cases are also 30% of peak, but thankfully deaths have been near zero.

At St. Joan of Arc School, we continue to take steps to mitigate coronavirus transmission. With the nice weather, classes are being held outside in the newly purchased tents. Last year we rented the tents. This year Father Al was able to locate a sale on line for the same price as renting for a month. They will be put to good use for many events.

So too, the stewardship of the Centennial Project 2020 has enabled the completion of two floors of the school as well as improvements to the Areba Social Hall. Looking forward, there is a pressing need to complete the 3rd floor because of rapidly expanding enrollment. We are in the planning stages of producing a video of the conceptual layout of the classrooms and the chapel. It's an exciting time!

Some answers to frequently asked questions about the Centennial Project 2020 Pledges:

How is my pledge used?

All gifts to the Centennial Project 2020 are deposited in a restricted savings account that can only be used for the renovations of the St. Joan of Arc School or the Parish Social Hall improvements.

How much should I give?

Making a pledge is a prudent, practical, and responsible form of stewardship. Nearly everyone believes in a commitment when planning personal financial affairs. We need to use this same kind of reasoning to care for our combined interests as a parish community. A sacrificial gift to the Centennial Project is an investment in the ministerial and educational infrastructure needed to address the growth and expansion of the next few decades, including the changing demographic of our parish.

It would be very difficult to raise enough money through cash donations alone. We must rely on everyone that is able, to develop a personal goal of generosity and then accomplish it, one step at a time. It is our hope, through fervent prayer, that we contemplate a pledge in the spirit of shared sacrifice in our commitment to the values of our faith.

How do I pay for my pledge?

Gifts and checks can be made payable to St. Joan of Arc Parish. On the check memo line, or on the envelope, please note "Centennial Project" and the payment number (examples: 1 of 3, or 1 of 24, or whatever frequency you have chosen). You are welcome to place gifts in the offertory basket, or drop them off at the parish office. Pledge envelopes are available in the Parish Office. Additionally, a monthly envelope is included in the parish mailer.

On Line Giving instructions are available on the SJA Parish website stewardship menu. You can use credit or debit, and automatic payments can be planned. Please make sure to select the Centennial Project Fund. **For any questions regarding electronic giving options, please contact Michelle at (717) 533-7168, Ext. 103 or mgutshall@stjoanhershey.org.**

CYO Basketball Signup

Registration for the St. Joan of Arc Boys and Girls Basketball season will be held in the SJA School gym on Sand Hill Road for students in grades 3-8 on:

- Tuesday, 9/21, from 5:30-7:00 pm.
- Thursday, 9/23, from 5:30-7:00 pm.
- Saturday, 9/25, from 9:00-11:00 am.

Registration packets are available on the St. Joan of Arc CYO website school.stjoanhershey.org/boys-basketball.

Please do not drop off the registrations at the school or the parish offices. Participation is open to Students who attend St. Joan of Arc or Parishioners of St. Joan of Arc or Holy Spirit who attend religious education classes.

DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

Raffle Tickets

15th Week Drawing Winners:

1. \$100.00 – Carmen Baccile, Vineland, NJ
2. \$ 50.00 – Karen Cliff, Vineland, NJ
3. \$ 50.00 – Carole Killeen, Millville, PA
4. \$ 50.00 – Jeanine Dacierno, Franklinville, NJ
5. \$ 50.00 – Jim Boldebook, Englewood, FL



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.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

CCW Box of Joy

CCW Boxes of Joy will be available beginning October 2 and 3 after Masses. Participation is easy as 1, 2, 3.



1. Pick up a Box

Boxes available for pickup: October 2/3
October 9/10

2. Choose & Shop

Select age range and gender of child, shop for gifts and fill Box. Suggested gift list provided. Include a check for \$9.00 (made out to Cross Catholic Outreach) to cover cost of shipping and contribute support to the Catholic ministries serving the impoverished children and their communities in Central America and the Caribbean.

3. Drop Off Boxes

Collection dates for completed Boxes of Joy will be the last 2 weekends of October after Masses: October 23/24
October 30/31

Thank You to all our generous parishioners who contributed last year and to all who will contribute this year. God Bless You. Additional information can be found at boxofjoy.org
Any questions, please contact Donna Testa at dmttesta@gmail.com or (717) 533-2298.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)

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 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 with butter and applesauce.

Tuesday, September 28, 3:00-6:00 pm in the Church Parking Lot located at 359 West Areba Avenue, Hershey. Pre-Sale Tickets are **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**. \$10/meal available from school office (1525 Sandhill Road, Hummelstown) or Online school.stjoanhershey.org

Altar Servers

“Dear altar boys and altar girls, the closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer; the more you will be nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord, the better able you will be to go out to others, bringing them the gift that you have received, giving in turn with enthusiasm the joy you have received.”

- Pope Francis
August 2015

Those who have received their First Holy Communion or are at least entering the 3rd grade, and who would like to be a part of this important liturgical ministry should **contact the parish office at (717) 533-7168** no later than Friday, October 15. Training for new altar servers will take place from 2:00-4:00 pm on October 24, 31 and November 7. Each participant is required to attend at least 2 of the 3 training sessions.

Blessing of Animals

St. Joan of Arc will hold its annual pet blessing on Saturday, October 2, rain or shine, at 10:00 am in the parking lot located in front of the parish office. St. Francis of Assisi is the patron Saint of animals and the environment. The blessing takes place on the day closest to his feast day of October 4. Everyone, along with their pets, is invited to participate in this blessing. Don't forget to bring water and clean-up bags for your pets.

Any questions, please contact Susan Petrina at sip1@psu.edu.

With Much Gratitude...

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