

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

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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

INDOOR MASS

SUNDAY

7:30 am, 9:30 am (live), 11:30 am

MONDAY - FRIDAY

6:45 am, 9:00 am (live)

SATURDAY

9:00 am (live)

LOCATION

359 W Areba Ave, Hershey PA

OUTDOOR MASS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

5:00 pm

LOCATION

1525 Sandhill Road, Hummelstown PA



FROM THE PASTOR

† Great news! Deacon Joe Gusherowski will be assigned here at Saint Joan of Arc for pastoral ministry. While Joe will continue working full-time in his day job, we can count on Joe to give time to the parish as an ordained deacon. Joe is able to baptize, officiate at weddings outside of Mass, preside at funeral services outside of Mass, as well as preach at Mass and be a part of other parish ministries. Keep Deacon Joe in your prayers along with Deacon Rod Mortel! We are blessed.

† I am so happy about the number of people who are returning to in-person Mass with us each week. Of course, we are still going to be livestreaming the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday morning (and the Monday through Friday Mass at 9:00 AM) and we will continue distributing Holy Communion from 1:00 to 2:00 PM each Sunday afternoon in front of the school on Areba Avenue. But because of **social distancing** we do need to keep the number of parishioners in the church at roughly 200 people especially at the 9:30 AM Mass (where we are pushing at that number!). **Please remember that during the 9:30 AM Mass you are able to go to the cafeteria/social hall across from the Church to attend Mass via livestreaming.** You can receive Holy Communion at the end of that Mass in that space. If you walk into the church and realize that it is crowded (or are asked by an usher to move over there), please go to Mass in the cafeteria/social hall. We really appreciate your cooperation in this matter!

† There is a sign-up sheet for our Eucharistic Devotions next Sunday, September 27 from after the 11:30 AM Mass until devotions at 7:00 PM. Please take a time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Thanks and God bless!

Father Al



MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for Vae Tancredi on **Saturday, September 26** at 10:30 am in St. Joan of Arc Church.

SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Maureen Giger, Mother of Audrey Swanderski; Donald Schaffer, Brother of Kenneth Schaffer** 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: **David Lynch, Drew Fischer, Michael Fleming, Tracy Habacivch, Don Hennigan, Larry & Sharon Shindel, Margaret Brandt, Grubb Family, Kokenvie Family, and Schilnder Family.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Main Altar Vase 1: In celebration of Harper Knighton's 1st Birthday, with love from big sister Riley, Mommy, and Daddy

Respect Life Rose 1: That Catholics will vote to protect unborn life in the coming election

Upcoming Availability


Main Altar: October 4, 25

Blessed Mother: October 18, 25

Saint Joseph: October 18, 25

Respect Life Rose 1: October 4, 11

Respect Life Rose 2: October 4, 11, 18, 25

 <p>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</p>	<h3><u>OFFICE HOURS</u></h3> <p><u>MONDAY - FRIDAY</u> 8:00 am to 12:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm</p>
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With Much Gratitude...

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

ADVENT COUNSELING SERVICES



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

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

6:45 AM Joseph Ena

9:00 AM Robert Caruso

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

6:45 AM Jane Kuklish

9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Francis Bannon and Rita Bannon

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

6:45 AM Deceased Leoni, Moore and Custer Families

9:00 AM Anthony T. Spagnolo

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Ecc 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

6:45 AM Mark Mooney

9:00 AM Rita Cole

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Ecc 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

6:45 AM Charles F. Gillespie

9:00 AM Mary Bianchini

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

Ecc 11:9-12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

9:00 AM John Lazicki

5:00 PM Wayne Foust

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

Jesus was obedient to the Father, even to death on a cross. We need never fear if we turn away from the path of virtue for the Lord is ever ready to forgive us, if we repent. Remember, the Lord's compassion and kindness are from of old.

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Marie Louise DeAngelis

11:30 AM Sarah Lutz

5:00 PM Elisa Pugliese



YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL)

We will meet in the parish social hall from 6:15-7:30 pm.

This Week: "Fortified" We'll take a look at how to care for our bodies with temperance and gratitude. If the Lord rested on the 7th day, are we not to do the same and how to do it well.

Next Week: "Edified" Our intellect is a gift that helps us come to know creation and, in doing so, learn about our Creator. We will encourage teens to build up their minds in order to better know themselves and God.

*** During Life Teen, safety protocols will be followed. Everyone will be required to wear a mask and practice a safe physical distance. We ask teens who have been around anyone with Covid-19 or if you have any symptoms to stay home and check in with your family physician. Also, if you have recently traveled outside of the Hershey area we ask you stay home for at least a two week quarantine period. While we want to continue to minister to the teens, we also most importantly want to keep everyone safe. Thank you for understanding. ***

📍 **John Triscik:** jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org



EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Edge is for grades 6-8 and meets on the **1st & 3rd Wednesday** of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm in Meeting Room C. **Edge returns October 7.** We will meet via Zoom for at least the month of October.

📍 **John Triscik:** jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

📍 **Earl:** etropp@stjoanhershey.org | Ext. 122

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 7:00-8:30 pm** in Meeting Room C. We meet next on **September 23** via Zoom, as we continue our study of New Testament Letters with Philemon.

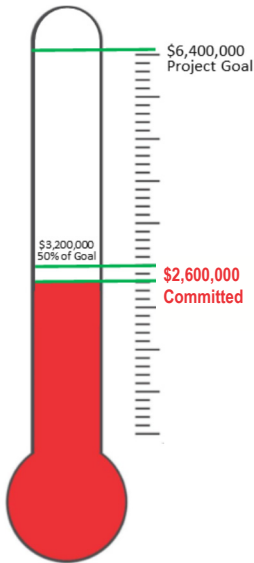
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Frequently Asked Questions About the Centennial Project 2020 Pledges

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.

For more information on how you can help, please visit www.stjoanhershey.org/TheCentennialProject



Due to increasing enrollment, St. Joan of Arc School is looking to hire for several positions.

Support Aide	Full Time—8:00 am-3:00 pm
After School Care Aides	Part Time—3:00-6:00 pm

Send resume or questions to

Sister Eileen
sreileen@stjoanhershey.org
 717-533-2854 x 118

Clearances are required.



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$31,176

Weekly Budget: \$26,442

Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,961

Week of September 6, 2020

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

**For those devastated by
Hurricane Laura & the California Wildfires**

Please put your donation in an envelope marked Disaster or write Disaster on the memo line of your check. Your donation can be made online, dropped in the collection basket at church, or placed in the Parish Office.

YOUTH NEWS

REP IS BACK

After our long pause, REP has resumed, starting on Sunday September 13. There are many changes to our program as we resume classes.

All CDC, State, and Diocesan guidelines will be in place for admittance to classes and our education center has designed a cleaning program to keep St. Joan of Arc facilities as safe as possible.

As we reopen 1st and 2nd grade will have weekly sessions as they prepare for First Holy Communion. Classes will be offered on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. This preparation is best in in-person classes. In our current situation, we respect parents' concerns and will be flexible in how you wish to have your children grow in their understanding of our faith.

The biggest change to our program will affect how we approach instruction of our 3rd to 6th grade students. We will be following a family learning model. This will allow us to have only 1 in-person class for students and parents per month. Classes will meet on Sunday morning only. Again, parent concerns will be respected as we present our faith to this age group.

Our Confirmation preparation classes will resume on Sunday September 26 at 6:30 pm.

All classes will be at the Sandhill Campus.

VOCATIONS CORNER

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion. Are you following in Jesus' footsteps? Pray for the grace to forgive.

Psalm 103

† MINISTRY NEWS

RAFFLE WINNERS

Florence Detofsky—Mt. Laurel, NJ

Marie Bowman—Hershey, PA

Samuel Coraluzzo, Inc.—Vineland, NJ

Fr. Matthew Weber—Bridgeton, NJ

Nancy Nelson—Vineland, NJ

RESPECT LIFE

“We wish to reiterate that the intentional destruction of innocent human life, as in abortion and euthanasia, is not just one issue among many. Time and time again, we bishops have taught that the right to life is the most basic and fundamental human right and must always be defended. Intrinsic evils can never be supported. Catholic teaching does not treat all issues as morally equivalent. The protection of human life from conception until natural death is the preeminent obligation of a truly just society.”

-Excerpt from “A Call to Faithful Citizenship and Respect For Life;” A Statement by the Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania, 2008

CENTENNIAL ORNAMENTS

St. Joan of Arc Centennial Committee is selling Centennial Anniversary Ornaments to celebrate our centennial year! Bring your money to the parish office (signed check or cash) to purchase your ornament today!

Centennial Ornaments will also be sold after the following Masses:

- September 19—5:00 pm
- September 20—7:30 am
- September 26—5:00 pm
- September 27—7:30 am, 5:00 pm

\$5.00 per ornament



✠ MINISTRY NEWS

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Parish Festival Committee is sponsoring a 50/50 cash raffle with numerous winners and a Tour of Hershey PLUS raffle. Winning tickets will be drawn on **Saturday, October 10** at the Areba Avenue property where you can come out and purchase homemade meatball subs and Pronio's sausage subs from 3:00-7:00 pm.

THAT MAN IS YOU

The new year of That Man Is You is underway. We meet via Zoom on Saturday morning from 6:45-8:00 am and the virtual sessions are working great! We have many new, exciting speakers this year that you don't want to miss. If you would like to join us please contact Jim Mulvey.

📧 **Jim Mulvey: jmulvey0929@yahoo.com**

CCW

The CCW will have a meeting on **Thursday, October 15** at 6:00 pm in the church. We will begin with the recitation of the Rosary, followed by installation of our new officers for 2020-2022. President: Ruth Zemba; Vice-President: Donna Testa; Secretary: Mary Parsons; Treasurer: Jane Cottonaro. A business meeting will follow. To join us via Zoom, e-mail Diane Noto. Social Distancing will be followed and we will collect a food item to be donated to the Hershey Food Pantry.

📧 **Diane Noto: dianenoto@yahoo.com**

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Centennial Committee was appointed by Fr. Al to plan activities related to our 100th Anniversary. We are looking for volunteers (parishioners, students, Scouts) to collect and organize recipes for a cookbook. We will solicit parishioners and former parish priests and religious who have a recipe they would like to include. Contact Susan to volunteer.

📧 **Susan Petrina: sip1@psu.edu**

✠ SCHOOL NEWS

WISH LIST ITEMS

St. Joan of Arc School is currently in need of the following wish list items. To make a contribution, please contact Sister Eileen (x118) or Deb Rizzotto (x123).

Thank you to those who have so generously contributed to our wish list items. We greatly appreciate every contribution.

Item	Cost	Qty.	Total
Student Chromebooks (Grades 4-8)	\$300	22	\$6,600
Samsung Tablets (Grades 1-3)	\$245	14	\$3,430
License renewals for tablets (Grades 1-5)	\$25	25	\$625
Seat Sacks (Grade 7)	\$11	30	\$330
Teacher iPad (New Teachers)	\$500	4	\$2,000
Apple TV (Pre3)	\$149	1	\$149
Learning Toys (Pre3)	\$108	1	\$108
Art & Music Toys (Pre3)	\$106	1	\$106
Playground Toys (Pre3)	\$700	1	\$700
Misc. Toys (Pre3)	\$260	1	\$260
Printer Ink (Pre3)	\$46	1	\$46

**Some items above are grouped together, to view a full list of individual items, please visit school.stjoanhershey.org/wishlist*

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📧 **Sister Eileen: sreileen@stjoanhershey.org**

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