

# 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us."

MR 9:39-40

## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

SEPTEMBER 26, 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

Saint Joan of Arc's Annual Eucharistic Devotions, (40 Hours) begins this weekend. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 11:30 Mass on Sunday and after the 9:00 am Mass on Monday and Tuesday.



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar in the monstrance all day long. All are encouraged to take some time for personal prayer in front of Jesus in the Eucharist these next three days. At 7 pm each evening, we will have devotions with a Liturgy of the Word and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Tim Sahd from Seven Sorrows in Middletown will be our preacher each evening. Our Closing of 40 Hours will take place on Tuesday evening with invited priests, deacons and their wives, and religious sisters joining us. 40 Hours originated in Europe and was brought to the United States of America by Saint John Neumann, Bishop of Philadelphia (which included what is now the Diocese of Harrisburg) in the 1850s. Our diocese is one of the few dioceses in the U.S. who has continued this long tradition, with every parish celebrating 40 Hours each year. May this be a special time of grace for us as a parish and may each of us take this time to enter more deeply into our relationship with the Lord Jesus who is our "food for the journey" in the Eucharist!

*Father Al*



## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Debora Lynn O'Cathey**, daughter of Rose Marie Smith & sister of GERALYN Umstead-Singer 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: **Sandy Adamkowski, 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

### Blessed Mother

In Loving Memory of Patricia Nestico from her children.

### Respect Life Rose

In Loving Memory of Mark McQuate from his family.

## AVAILABLE DATES

Dates are available in October, November and December 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 this weekend, **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



The Church on Chocolate Avenue was now too small and Mass would be said in the school hall on West Areba Avenue, which was converted into a church.



## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

**Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50**

6:45 AM Sarah M. Lutz

9:00 AM Donald Eline

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:

#### SAINT WENCESLAUS, MARTYR; SAINT LAWRENCE RUIZ AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

**Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56**

6:45 AM Heart of the Parish & Church Memorials

9:00 AM Anna Sottosanti

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:

#### FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

**Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51**

6:45 AM Josefina Bigalli & Absalon Guillen

9:00 AM Kevin Nye

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30:

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12**

6:45 AM John Shank

9:00 AM Joseph Yashinsky

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1:

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16**

6:45 AM Sarah M. Lutz

9:00 AM Philomena Castelli

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2:

#### MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

**Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Mt 18:1-5, 10**

9:00 AM Louis Gambello

5:00 PM Velvia Fischer

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3:

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Conjugal love, lived in fidelity to God's original plan, is to be one of the principal manifestations of the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus. Through baptism into Christ, we join with him in having one and the same Father.*

**Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16**

7:30 AM Pietro & Maria Rossi

9:30 AM Paul Warble, Sr.

11:30 AM In Thanksgiving for our Grandsons & In Honor of Blessed Carlo Auctis

5:00 PM People of the Parish

## YOUTH NEWS

### Life Teen (High School)

**This Week:** This week we continue our series on the "Goodness of Christianity" with "Be a Good Person." We'll look at how we are called to be disciples of Jesus and why it's so much more than simply being a good person.

**Next Week:** Next week we finish our series on the "Goodness of Christianity" with "Fanatic." We'll look at how we are called to evangelize and proclaim the Gospel. It's not always easy but we trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us.

### 2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

**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.

**Oct 24** "Literally Dead"-Every person desires happiness, fulfillment, and peace.

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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 be on October 6 and 20. Masks are required.

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### Winter Clothing Drive

We will be collecting winter clothes and coats before and after all the masses the weekend of October 16-17 to serve several missions in Harrisburg. \*\*\*To help us with safety protocol, we ask for only winter clothing at this time. We will try to have another one in the Spring\*\*\*

### Donations Needed

Life Teen and EDGE are looking for donations of water, juice, soda, and snacks for our youth ministry gatherings. Donations are 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 7:00-8:15 pm via Zoom. Young Adults will gather next on October 13 as we continue our series of the Deuterocanonical books "1st Maccabees."

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## ✠ MINISTRY NEWS

**Respect Life**

**YOU'RE INVITED!** Please join us for a special showing of the film "Roe v. Wade" in the SJA Parish Social Hall -- Free! -- on Wednesday, September 29 at 7:00 pm. It includes an introduction by Maria Gallagher of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation on the changing legal, social, and medical issues that will impact the new abortion case to be argued before the Supreme Court this fall. Come see this important film.

**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)

**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](mailto: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**

It has been a challenging year so far throughout our country and our world. The impact of COVID-19, additional variants of the virus, tropical storms, hurricanes, and even earthquakes. With these challenges comes the loss of family members, neighbors, and friends – the Special People in our Life. Let's all take a moment of silence to meditate and pray!

As you pray, we ask you to now focus on the Special People in Your Life! It is important to step back and ask these questions as you go through your day, your week, and the rest of this year.

- 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 here...

**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! Have a wonderful week filled with Kindness and to spending time with the Special People in Your Life!

**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.**

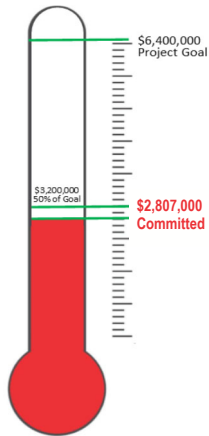
**Areba Club**

The Areba Club is planning a ten-day Motorcoach/ Mississippi River Cruise for March 16-25, 2022. Any interested persons should contact Al Casciotti at (717) 533-3275 for registration and detailed information.

**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).**

## THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT



For three consecutive weeks in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus uses the analogy of the treatment of children to instruct His disciples how to spread His message. He likens the faith of His new followers to the simple trust of children. Jesus also admonishes His disciples on the severe price of misleading them, comparing it to the harm or corruption of children.

“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.” (Mark 9:37)

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe [in me] to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck

and he were thrown into the sea. (Mark 9: 42)

“Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” (Mark 10:14)

Parenthood is an awesome responsibility. Children are entrusted to us to teach and to develop a love for God and a love for one another. Their formation starts in their infancy as their eyes, ears, and sense of touch assimilate and respond to the stimuli of their new environment. It’s a time when they discern security and insecurity.

In early childhood they learn the concept of an environment that it is more than just about themselves. They begin to form their social skills through the teaching of their parents and through their interactions with others, both positive and negative. They depend upon their family as an anchor and the focal point of reference to the world they perceive. Parents are their first teachers and they are the preeminent judge of what is best for their children.

St. Joan of Arc School (Pre-K3 to 8th) is here to assist the family in this next, exponentially expanding phase of a child’s education and development. We have been doing it for 100 years. We are a Catholic, Blue Ribbon, STEM-Certified center of education. All are welcome here. Come visit us to observe our warm caring environment and our commitment to academic excellence.

For more information on St. Joan of Arc School, visit us at [school.stjoanhershey.org](http://school.stjoanhershey.org)

To learn more on how you can contribute to the continued vitality of St. Joan of Arc School, please visit our website at [www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html)



## STEWARDSHIP

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

**Weekly Tithing: \$29,000**

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

**Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$2254**

*Week of September 5, 2021*

**Weekly Tithing: \$25,586**

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

**Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1293**

*Week of September 12, 2021*

## DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

### Raffle Tickets

16th Week Drawing Winners:

1. \$100.00 – Richard Pollock, Vineland, NJ
2. \$ 50.00 – Daughters of Mercy, Newfield, NJ
3. \$ 50.00 – Judith Principe, Deptford, NJ
4. \$ 50.00 – Catholic Harvest Food Pantry, York, PA
5. \$ 50.00 – Cathy Holberg, York, 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.**

### 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](mailto:sip1@psu.edu).**

*With Much Gratitude...*

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

**DAVID M. EDWARDS & ASSOC. FINANCIAL**



## 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](http://boxofjoy.org) Any questions, please contact Donna Testa at [dmttesta@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### Altar Servers

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.

### Financial Corner

#### Tithing Through Fiscal Week 11 (September 12, 2021)

Year	2021	2020	\$ Increase	% Increase
Total Tithing-11 weeks	\$289,553	\$265,038	\$24,515	9.25%
Weekly Average YTD	\$26,323	\$24,094	\$2,229	

**Weekly tithing is up over 9% this year vs. last. Thank you for your generosity!**

## ✠ 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, **2:00-5:00 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](http://school.stjoanhershey.org)

**\*Please note time change for pick-up**

## SJA SCHOOL

### 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 or Deb Rizzotto at (717) 533-2854.**

Item	Requested	Price each
Basic Beat pre tuned drum	6	\$ 20.99
Yamaha Recorders	10	\$ 4.69
I am in Control of myself book set of 6	1	\$ 27.89
12" Primary Sit-Upons 6 pack	1	\$ 73.99
Paw Print Clipboards set of 6	4	\$ 83.96
Curtain Rod 48-84 any color	1	\$ 9.88
1 Navy curtain panel	1	\$ 13.66
Elmer The Story of a Patchwork Elephant	1	\$ 21.69
Bubbles	any	
Laser Maze Brain Game and Stem toy	1	\$ 32.99
Blocks Rock A STEM Toy	1	\$ 59.99
3M laminator	1	\$ 74.99
3M laminate Sheets	1	\$ 25.39
Fresh Market Selling Stand	1	\$ 89.95
Pretend Woodworking and Mechanic Workshop	1	\$ 59.95
Finch Robot	9	\$ 139.00
Hummingbird Bit Premium kit	6	\$ 199.00
Tchoukball kit	1	\$ 500.00
Rubbermaid Shed for outdoor recess toys	1	\$ 399.00
Portable ice makers	1	\$ 283.00