



*"Such is the will of God that
we should have everything
through Mary"*

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

January 1, 2017

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM *Closed 12:00-1:00 PM
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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: 5:15PM

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,
12:00 Noon, 5:30PM

Daily Mass: Monday- Friday: 6:45AM &
9:00AM, Saturday: 9:00AM

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
6:30 PM everyday

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 9:30AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday
5:00 to 5:30 PM, Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM

Sacrament of the Sick: Call the office.

Sacrament of Baptism: 1st & 3rd Sunday
of each month. Parents are required to attend
one class. Call the office to register.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the office
9 to 12 months prior to the proposed
wedding date.



MASS SCHEDULE,
READINGS & INTENTIONS

Monday, January 2: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
6:45 AM Special Intention for Dennis Patrick Ryan
9:00 AM Mary, Anthony and Jo Nojack

Tuesday, January 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
6:45 AM Souls Suffering in Purgatory
9:00 AM Mary Ann Lesniak

Wednesday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
6:45 AM Special Intention for all those who offered prayers and support during this difficult time for the Bill Lutz Family
9:00 AM Yolanda, Antonina and Justina Morelli

Thursday, January 5: St. John Neumann

1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
6:45 AM Gero Weber and Annaliesa Dreiser
9:00 AM Bernice Carroll

Friday, January 6: St. André Bessette

1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28
6:45 AM Clare Doty
9:00 AM Annie Doherty

Saturday, January 7: St. Raymond of Penyafort

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
9:00 AM Frank & Ottilie Daniels

Vigil, January 7

5:15 PM Jack Allegrini, Sr.

**Sunday, January 8:
The Epiphany of the Lord**

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gifts of their lives.

Mass Intentions:

7:30 AM Tony & Mel Santucci
9:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Michael Gallagher
12:00 PM Donna L. Boova



Happy New Year! The first day of January is a two-fold celebration for us Catholics. We ring in the New Year with gratitude for the year that is past with all its blessings and look forward to the year that is just beginning and hope for prosperity, good health and peace. But today we also celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. We honor her through whom we have received our Savior Jesus Christ.

What a wonderful role model and example we have in Mary! On this day, let us use Mary as the model for our New Year resolutions:

Say "yes" to God and do His will in all things - even when it is difficult.

Be a loving mother - or father - to the children God places in our lives.

Treasure in your hearts all the things God has done for you.

Pray daily with an openness to experience the presence of the Lord in your life.

Be a strong, gentle presence in the life of others.

Stand at the foot of the cross with those who are suffering.

Accompany with faith loved ones who are dying.

Believe even in the midst of sorrow and grief.

Wait patiently for the Holy Spirit to lead you through your life.

Look forward to the day when you will see the Lord face to face.

May this new year of 2017 be a time of grace and peace and joy! God bless you!

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

**John's Carpet &
Upholstery Cleaning**



BULLETIN INFORMATION: Requests for bulletin announcements are due **MONDAY by 9:00am**. Request must be submitted as you would like the information to appear in the bulletin and include the date(s) of the bulletin(s) you would like it included. Request forms are available on the parish website and in the parish office.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



In observance of the New Years holiday, the parish office will close at Noon on Friday, December 30th and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd.



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

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



To Be Updated Next Week

Thank you for generosity this Christmas Season!

NEXT WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION:
Aid To The Catholic Church in Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for January 8, 2016

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
Lector	B. Hasson	M. Spaeder	D. Hennigan	J. Goodpaster	B. Hopstetter	E. Abraham
EMHC	P. Mooney	M. Totaro	K. Harbaugh	A. Reeves	J. Nolan	J. Larkin
	D. Morgan	K. McCarthy	J. Phillippy	K. Samson	K. Robinson	J. Larkin
	C. Mortel	D. Sheehan	J. Kreider	C. Yakstis	M. Rothermel	L. Rogers
	J. Pantalone		M. Wetherhold	R. Barry		M. Rogers
Servers	M. Coyle	A. Kulina	M. Yee	R. Abraham	St. Michael's Guard	L. Ruiz-Velasco
	M. Coyle	D. Kulina	V. Yee	T. Abraham		J. Wilson
	D. Kreiss	T. Brown	G. Harbaugh	J. McGregor		J. Larkin
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Money Counters: J. Traini, J. Banks, T. Kilcoyne, J. Storm, D. Ryan, J. Thomas



PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them and all the sick of the parish in your prayers:

Vincent Savini, David Liddy, Kaitlin Buser, Lily Carney, Ashley Tatangelo, Nancy Stewart, Andrew Monjardo, Barry Boyer, Millie Landis, Joseph Fagnani, John Verrazzani, Sally Kaiser, Carol Merlo-Knackstedt

Reminder: Names will remain on this list for six weeks. Please call to have them placed back on the prayer list.



V O C A T I O N S

"God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts." If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call Father Brian Wayne at (717) 657-4804 or email: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.



OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the soul of **William "Bill" Butch** and **George "Rusty" Harlacker** (husband of Barbara Harlacker) who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc Church extends our deepest sympathy to their family and relatives on their loss.

THE PILGRIM CROSS:

If you would like to take the Pilgrim Cross into your home for one week per year and pray for vocations, please call the parish office. The Pilgrim Cross will be in the home of:

Week of 1/2 - 1/9: Mr. & Mrs. John Polly

Week of 1/9 - 1/16: Marilyn Ferguson

Thanks
for a great year

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS, MEETINGS, & EVENTS



This Week in our Parish

SUNDAY, January 1: Blood Pressures

Parish Office is Closed

MONDAY, January 2

Parish Office is Closed

TUESDAY, January 3

9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture Study
6:30 PM Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, January 4

7:15 AM Wednesday Morning Coffee
7:45 AM Gospel Reflection Group
4:15 PM REP K-Gr 6
5:00 PM Confessions
7:00 PM Caelorum

THURSDAY, January 5

6:30 PM Girl Scouts - Troop 12171
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus

FRIDAY, January 6

9:30 AM First Friday Adoration
3:00 PM Junior Legion of Mary

SATURDAY, January 7

4:00 PM Confessions

SUNDAY, January 8: Second Sunday Social

9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6
1:00 PM Baptisms
6:30 PM Life Teen
7:00 PM Confirmation Prep

Our next meeting will be **January 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Lazzaro's Italian Bistro in Palmyra**. To avoid the holiday stress of too many Christmas activities we moved our annual holiday dinner to January. Festive, delicious and lots of fun! Save the date.



YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN & EDGE...



This Week: No Life Teen! May you all have a happy and safe New Year.

LIFE TEEN

Next Week: "Alive-Our Call Toward Love"-Next week we begin a short series for the New Year on being fully alive. It is out of love that God created us. We are created from love, for love, to love God and others.



EDGE - All 6th graders- 8th graders are invited to EDGE on Monday nights from 7-8:15 in the Youth Room (Meeting Room C). Our next EDGE nights will be **January 9th & 23rd**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS...

There are no REP classes on January 1. Classes will resume on January 4.

CD PLAYER NEEDED FOR REP! Our Religious Education Program is seeking a donation of a New or Gently Used CD player. If you can help, call us at 717-533-7168 Ext 112 or stop by the REP office. Thanks!



Vacation Bible School Planning

ST. JOAN OF ARC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!

Would your family be interested in participating in a late June VBS here at St. Joan's? We'd like to hear from you.

Please send your thoughts - make your voice heard! Those who express an interest in planning will be invited to a meeting in the new year. Contact Marcie at: mwarner@stjoanhershey.org or call (717) 533-7168 Ext. 112. Thanks!

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL: JANUARY 8th



Our monthly Second Sunday Social will be held next Sunday, January 8th following the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses. Please join us in the cafeteria for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTR

"May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace and wrapped in love."



The Prayer Shawl Ministry is celebrating our 8th year this month. Our dedicated members have knitted and crocheted countless shawls and lap robes. These beautiful shawls and lap robes are blessed and distributed to our parishioners as well as Morning Star Pregnancy Center, several Parish Ministries and Penn State Medical Center to name just a few. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1-3pm at St Lucy's Hall.

Questions Contact: Kathy Palmer 566-1481 or Norberta (Bert) Curran (302) 228-9735.