



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

John 1:29

## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

### JANUARY 15, 2017

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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.

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**MASS SCHEDULE,  
READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**Monday, January 16**

Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

6:45 AM Corda Mae Gilliland

9:00 AM Kevin Nye

**Tuesday, January 17 - St. Anthony**

Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

6:45 AM Thomas B. Shriver

9:00 AM Lena Zaccagnini

**Wednesday, January 18**

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

6:45 AM Donna Daley

9:00 AM Rose Rippon

**Thursday, January 19**

Heb 7:25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12

6:45 AM Soroush Noori

9:00 AM Velvia Fischer

**Friday, January 20 - St. Fabian & St. Sebastian**

Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

6:45 AM Laura Stocker

9:00 AM Donna Lee Boova

**Saturday, January 21 - St. Agnes**

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21

9:00 AM Deceased and current members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry on their 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Vigil, January 21**

5:15 PM Daniel McCarthy

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, January 22, 2017**

**Readings: Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23**

We have seen a great light: Jesus, the Messiah, who heals us of our sin and who is our unity and peace.

**Mass Intentions:**

7:30 AM Harry Spang

9:00 AM Living and Deceased of the T. J. Murphy Family

10:30 AM Jonathan Barger and Marian Vavro

12:00 PM People of the Parish

5:30 PM Anthony Meridionale



VOCATIONS

“To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people.” Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life?

Call Father Brian Wayne at (717) 657-4804 or email: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.



Just a few comments, explanations and updates about what is going on in the parish:

1. Thank you very much from all the priests in the rectory for the cards, goodies and gifts over the Christmas Season. I have tried to get a thank-you card out to each individual but if I missed anyone inadvertently, I am sorry. We are very grateful for your kindness to us and now that all the cookies and food and candy is gone we can get back (or start!) getting healthy again.
2. In the past month or two, I have been receiving phone calls from an individual who has been filling up my voice mail (not a parishioner and I have been dealing with the situation). If anyone has tried to get through to me and I haven't responded, it is probably because my voice mail was full or in deleting many voice mails at one time I may have accidently deleted yours. Please forgive me. We are working on this.
3. We are meeting with the Diocesan Building Committee and the College of Consultors (I am a member) at the end of this month and in early February to get final approval for the renovation of the convent. I will give you an update on all this in mid-February.
4. Once again, a great big CONGRATULATIONS to our school on receiving the National Education Association's BLUE RIBBON award. What an honor! We will talk more about this during Catholic School's Week at the end of the month.

Lots of good and exciting things happening at our parish! I encourage everyone to get involved in some way here at the parish. There are many opportunities to serve.

*Father Al*



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

**SICHER FAMILY DENTISTRY**



Liturgical Ministry Schedule for January 22, 2017

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
<b>Lector</b>	J. O'Hara	S. McDonough	J. Nantz	F. Lenker	N. Ott	L. Gould
<b>EMHC</b>	B. Frola	B. McCarthy	B. Hasson	J. Kreider	G. Kaiser	V. Felice
	J. Frola	F. McCarthy	W. Lutz	P. Mooney	C. Malloy	E. Frauenhoffer
	R. Meinert	K. McCarthy	D. Morgan	C. Mortel	T. Mayan	J. McGruder
<b>Servers</b>	M. Coyle	St. Michael's Guard	J. McGregor	D. Kreiss	J. Wilson	L. Ruiz-Velasco
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	J. Larkin		N. Hamilton	M. Bagatta	V. Yee	M. Neves
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**Money Counters:** M. Rothermel, C. Frank, S. Boova, V. Peracchia, C. Yakstis, G. Zemba



**STEWARDSHIP**

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

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

Weekly Tithing: \$29, 477  
 Weekly Budget: \$28,462  
 Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$4,447  
 Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$2,152

**Thinking about New Years Resolutions???**



With a new year comes the tradition of "New Years Resolutions". It's not too late to adopt one yourself! May we suggest **SIMPLIFYING** your life with our parish Online Giving Program. You can save yourself time by enrolling and

scheduling your tithing and other offerings to deduct electronically from your checking account or credit card. Our program provides you full control of your account - at any time - by logging onto our secure website. This convenience allows you to change the amount and frequency of your gifts when it suits you.

In addition to being a good steward of your finances by tithing to the church regularly, you will also be stewarding our natural resources by eliminating the printing of the offertory envelopes that are mailed each month.

If you have questions or would like to help enrolling in the Online Giving Program, please contact Jackie Abel at (717) 533-7168 ext. 121 or email: [jabel@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jabel@stjoanhershey.org)

*Thank you for your generous Stewardship to our parish!*



**SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES:**

Please pray for the soul of **Mildred Ortenzi** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc Church extends our deepest sympathy to her family and relatives on their loss.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**Main Altar** - In loving memory of Colleen (Goetz) Filanowski from husband, Michael.

**Blessed Mother** - In loving memory of James & Jean Leonard from their family.

**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 1/16 - 1/23:** Mark & Patty Katzenmoyer & Family

**Week of 1/23 - 1/30:** Mary Ann Gregory

**MASS ATTENDANCE:**

**January 8 & 9, 2017 - TOTAL: 1851**

<b>5:15</b> - 346	<b>7:30</b> - 139	<b>9:00</b> - 329
<b>10:30</b> - 475	<b>12:00</b> - 305	<b>5:30</b> - 257

*Marriage Announcements*

We congratulate & rejoice with this couple from our parish community whom recently united in marriage:

***Russell Piraino & Christine Stickler***



**SUNDAY, January 15**

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

**MONDAY, January 16**

9:45 AM Legion of Mary  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**TUESDAY, January 17**

9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture Study  
 4:00 PM Areba Club  
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts  
 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council

**WEDNESDAY, January 18**

7:15 AM Wednesday Morning Coffee  
 7:45 AM Gospel Reflection Group  
 4:15 PM REP K-Gr 6  
 5:00 PM Confessions  
 6:30 PM R.C.I.A.  
 7:00 PM "I Thirst" - Wild Goose Series

**THURSDAY, January 19**

6:30 PM Girl Scouts  
 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus

**FRIDAY, January 20**

3:00 PM Junior Legion of Mary

**SATURDAY, January 21**

4:00 PM Confessions

**SUNDAY, January 22**

9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6  
 2:00 PM Hour of Prayer  
 6:30 PM Life Teen  
 7:00 PM Confirmation Prep



**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,  
 Sr. Mary Magdalene SIJ, Jon Hines,  
 Ronald Petrasic, Jennifer Grana, Philip Tomko**

**HAITI COMMITTEE MEETING: JAN. 23rd**

Anyone who is interested helping, in any way, with the efforts to support our Sister Parish in Tarasse, Haiti is invited to a meeting on Monday evening, January 23rd at 6:30pm in the rectory.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**LIFE TEEN & EDGE ...**



**LIFE TEEN**

**This Week: "Overfed Yet Starving"**

This week we take a look at substitutes for God's love for us and what keeps us from experiencing God and the satisfaction that comes from a relationship with Jesus.

**Next Week: "Counterfeit"** Hurt and confusion surrounds human sexuality, and many of us settle for counterfeits of God's love. Next week we try to understand the capacity to mirror God's love.



**EDGE:** All 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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: 1/23, 2/6, 2/13 & 2/27.

**Youth Coordinator: John Triscik**  
**Phone: 533-7168 Ext. 128**  
**Email: stj Joanofarclifeteen@gmail.com**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS...**

**GRADE 3 CATECHIST NEEDED FOR SUNDAY**

**REP:** We are in need of a catechist to finish the year, Feb. 5 - April 30, 9:00-10:15 Sundays for a class of ten 3rd graders. We will help with getting required background clearances. If you love your faith and want to share it with our children, please contact us as soon as possible.

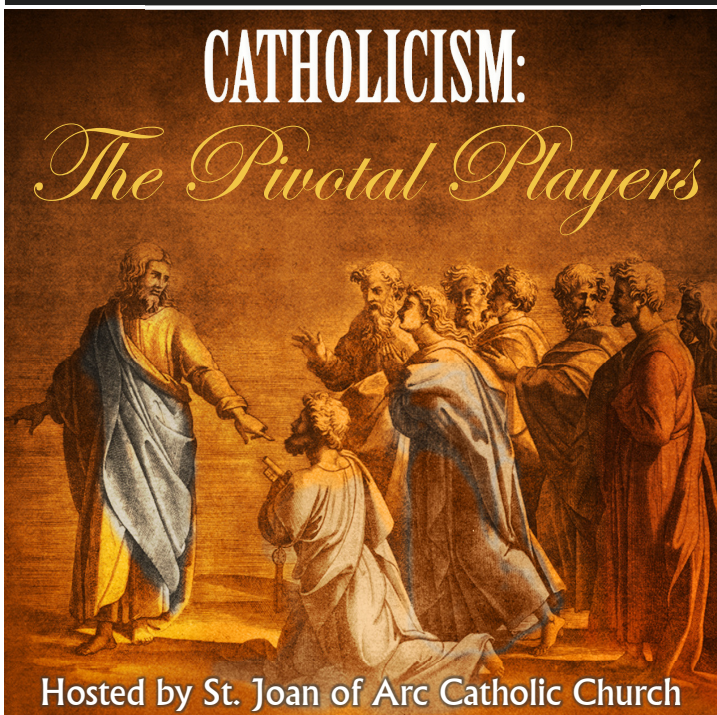
**Directors of REP: Earl Tropp & Marcie Warner**  
**Phone: 533-7168 Ext. 306**  
**Email: REP@stjoanhershey.org**

**SCHOOL & P.T.O. NEWS...**

**SAVE THE DATE!** On February 3, 2017, We will celebrate our Blue Ribbon status. Please join us on this festive occasion. All are welcome to attend (Parishioners, Alumni, present and past SJA families, faculty, staff, neighbors and community partners.) Open house, 6pm to 8pm. Light refreshments. Please RSVP to Deb Rizzotto.



Support St. Joan of Arc School by coming to Dinner for Dollars! **January 17th, 2017** at the Hershey Fuddrucker's. 20% of your bill will be donated for school programs.  
*Find vouchers at the back of the church*



# CATHOLICISM:

## *The Pivotal Players*

Hosted by St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

Have you ever wondered about our Catholic ancestors and the persons that have influenced who we are as Catholics?

We will be offering a six week program entitled "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players". This video presentation will spotlight the lives of some prominent Catholics and how they have had a lasting effect on who we are as Catholic Christians.

**Tuesdays @ 7:00pm**

February 21 - March 28

Meeting Room C

**REGISTER TODAY:**

[www.stjoanhershey.org](http://www.stjoanhershey.org)

or Call (717)533-7168 Ext. 122



## NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 29 – February 4, 2017

Since 1974, **National Catholic Schools Week** is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which is **January 29th - February 4th, 2017**. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

**Registration for the 2017-2018 school year at St. Joan of Arc** will be held during Catholic Schools Week. PreK for 3 and 4 year olds (*full day option available for 4 year olds*), as well as full day Kindergarten to 8th grade registrations begin on January 29th from 10 am -1pm in the school cafeteria. School tours will be available. Come and see what our nationally recognized - 2016 U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School has to offer you. For more information, please visit the school's website or contact Deb Rizzotto at [drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org). Give your child the gift of a Catholic school education.



### ***Are you a CPA or Tax Professional?***

The St. Joan of Arc School is in need of your assistance to help us educate local businesses about the state's Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC). This program provides generous business tax credits in return for tuition scholarships at St. Joan of Arc. Please volunteer to help tomorrow's youth by contacting Jason Pennypacker at: [jlpenypacker@gmail.com](mailto:jlpenypacker@gmail.com). Our students thank you!

***Do you own a business or know someone who does?*** Instead of handing over your business taxes to the state wouldn't you rather exchange the tax burden today into an investment in tomorrow's youth right here in Hershey? If making a difference appeals to you then you need to learn about the state's Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC). This program provides generous business tax credits (up to 100% credit) in return for tuition scholarships for eligible students at St. Joan of Arc. Please contact Jason Pennypacker at: [jlpenypacker@gmail.com](mailto:jlpenypacker@gmail.com) to learn more about the program and stop throwing your tax dollars away. Our children thank you!

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS, MEETINGS, & EVENTS



**SUPER BOWL SUB SALE**

The Knights of Columbus are taking orders for R&K subs to be delivered on Feb. 5th, Super Bowl Sunday. Subs are \$6 and Pretzel sandwiches are \$5. Knights and scouts from Pack 108 will be taking orders after all masses Jan 21 & 22, and after all except the 5:30 mass, Jan 28 & 29. Payment is due at time of ordering, please. For more information, or to place an order, visit the parish website at [www.stjoanhershey.org](http://www.stjoanhershey.org) or call Mark Rothermel at 717-639-1157.



**SOUPER BOWL WEEKEND SOUP SALE**

*February 4th and 5th, 2017*

St. Joan of Arc will be participating as one of eight local parishes supporting the Harrisburg Diocese Catholic Charities "Souper Bowl" Soup Sale that benefits the Interfaith Shelter. A variety of your favorite homemade soups will available, alongside our Knights of Columbus subs. Please support our ministries!

If you have a favorite that you would like to make, quarts and lids are available in the Parish Office or at the Diocesan Center. Please contact Karen Willey for questions or to sign up: [Karen\\_Willey@compaid.com](mailto:Karen_Willey@compaid.com).



**MARCH FOR LIFE INFO.**

The Annual March For Life will take place on Friday, January 27th. There will not be a bus leaving from our parish this year. More information can be found on the Diocese of Harrisburg's website at: [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org)

**Holy Hour for Life: An Hour Of Prayer With Exposition Of The Holy Eucharist**

In an effort to unite the Diocese of Harrisburg in prayer, the Respect Life Office invited parishes to host a Holy Hour on January 22nd. An hour of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer for the sanctity of human life in observance of Roe v. Wade will be held at St. Joan of Arc in the Church at 2pm. Please consider joining us. All our welcome.



**BULLETIN INFORMATION:** Requests for bulletin announcements are due Mondays by 9:00am. All requests must include the date(s) of the bulletin(s) you would like information included and be submitted exactly as you would like the information to appear. Articles may not necessarily be published in their entirety or the number of times requested.

**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 533-7168 Ext. 112 or email: [mwarner@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:mwarner@stjoanhershey.org).



**MONTHLY MEETING:**

Mark your calendars for a fun and interactive February CCW meeting! Thursday, **February 9, 2017 6:30pm** in the cafeteria. Our guest speaker will present: What Color is Your Personality? This will bring insight as well as laughs!



The AREBA CLUB will meet on Tuesday, **January 17th at 4:00pm** in the Cafeteria. Doors will open at 3:30pm. We will have a short presentation by Marcie Warner and Earl Tropp, Directors of Religious Education for St. Joan of Arc, at the beginning of our meeting. Entertainment will be BINGO! \$100.00 in prizes will be awarded. Come enjoy yourself... and Good Luck!

**ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS: AGE 21 - 35**



Calling all Young Adults of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church between the ages of 21-35, married or single!!! We will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 in Meeting Room C. Our next Young Adults will be on January 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested or have any questions, contact John in the Youth Office.

**"I THIRST" PRAYER GROUP**



Please join us to deepen your faith and relationship with Jesus through prayer, song, worship and praise on Wednesday, **January 18th at 7 p.m.** in the cafeteria. This weeks subject is **"The Spirit and the Desert"** as we continue with the "Wild Goose" series. Come quench your thirst for God!

*Follow us on Facebook at: **ITHIRSTSJA***