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ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

January 8, 2017

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM *Closed 12:00-1:00 PM
Sundays 9:00 AM-12:00 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 9: The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

6:45 AM Mark Camasta

9:00 AM Hans Gangl

Tuesday, January 10

Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

6:45 AM Daniel Keating

9:00 AM James Murphy

Wednesday, January 11

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

6:45 AM Charles Dickason

9:00 AM Annie Doherty

Thursday, January 12

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

6:45 AM Steven Wilbert

9:00 AM Mary Whisler

Friday, January 13: St. Hilary

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

6:45 AM Minnie, Brian and Kevin Breckenmaker

9:00 AM Andy Gaydos

Saturday, January 14

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

9:00 AM Lois Deiling

Vigil, January 14

5:15 PM Deceased Cottonaro and Ambrose Families

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, January 15, 2017**

Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the light of the nations who came to do the Father's will. In Christ we have been called to be a holy people.

Mass Intentions:

7:30 AM James & Jean Leonard

9:00 AM Beth Munsch

10:30 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Marguerite Caso

5:30 PM David Novatnack



VOCATIONS: "God chose us before the world began to be holy." God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Brian Wayne at (717) 657-4804 or email: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

I remember my dad telling me that when he was young, on the Feast of the Epiphany, the priests of the parish would go around to the homes of every parishioner and bless them. He said that when the house was blessed, they would give the priest a chicken, or eggs, or something they had made on the farm. I used to think, "How is it possible for a few priests to get to every home in the parish in one day AND where did they keep all those chickens or eggs or whatever in their cars until they got home?"

I still marvel at it but I have heard through many people that this was a longstanding tradition, especially in ethnic parishes from Eastern Europe. The wise men came to the house where Jesus was with Mary, his Mother and they offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We do the reverse: we pray that the Lord Jesus will come to OUR houses and bring to us His peace and mercy and love. The grace of a peaceful, loving, forgiving home is one of the greatest gifts we will ever experience in this life.

This new year, may we truly be blessed with all good gifts but most of all with a good and loving family! God bless you all!

Father Al



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

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

Simmons Motel

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.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for January 15, 2017

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
Lector	A. Gould	E. Badman	G. Duval	B. Frola	L. Kayser	M. Yee
EMHC	T. Samson M. Totaro Sr. Salvatoris L. Demers	M. Spaeder K. Willey C. Eimer	S. Cordaro M. DeAngelis T. DeAnglis M. Duval	K. Burkhart L. Drayer J. Evans C. Evans	J. Traini M. Waiter R. Barry	V. Ruiz-Velasco J. Triscik Sr. Eileen G. Bixler
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STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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

Weekly Tithing: \$33,612

Weekly Budget: \$28,462

Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$5,462

Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$2,155



Christmas Offertory: \$65,667

Thank you for your generosity!



OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the soul of **Patricia Bray, Edward Kelly, Marita Avera, Rene McCurdy, and Dennis Moore, Sr.** 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 1/9 - 1/16: Marilyn Ferguson

Week of 1/16 - 1/23: Mark & Patty Katzenmoyer & Family

MASS ATTENDANCE:

Dec. 31, 2016 & Jan. 1, 2017 - TOTAL: 1925

5:15 - 338

7:30 - 136

9:00 - 275

10:30 - 290

12:00 - 375

5:30 - 511



This Week in our Parish

SUNDAY, January 8: Second Sunday Social

8:00 AM Blood Pressure Screenings
9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6
6:30 PM Life Teen
7:00 PM Confirmation Prep

MONDAY, January 9

9:45 AM Legion of Mary
3:00 PM Girl Scouts, Brownies, Daisies
7:00 PM EDGE
7:00 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM Boy Scouts
7:15 PM St. Vincent de Paul

TUESDAY, January 10

9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture Study
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 PM Festival Planning Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 11

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 Young Adult Ministry
7:00 PM "I Thirst" - Wild Goose Series
7:30 PM Respect Life Committee

THURSDAY, January 12

FRIDAY, January 13

3:00 PM Junior Legion of Mary

SATURDAY, January 14

4:00 PM Confessions


SUNDAY, January 15

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




YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN & EDGE ...



This Week: "Alive - Our Call Toward Love" 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.

Next Week: "Substitutes for God's Love" Let us not substitute the world for the One True God.



EDGE: All 6th - 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...

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. REP@stjoanhershey.org



Follow the REP Facebook page for Reminders, Program News & Updates!

www.facebook.com/SJA.REP



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 any 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

Thank you for your generous Stewardship to our parish!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✦ **Christmas Flowers:** Poinsettias are available to anyone after each Mass beginning Monday, January 9th. You may take them from the sanctuary.
- ✦ **Help Wanted:** On Monday, January 9th at 7pm we will be putting away the Christmas decorations in the Church. Your help is greatly appreciated.
- ✦ **Epiphany House Blessing:** The house blessings for 2017 are available in the back of the Church. Please take one for your house and place it inside your home above the doorway.
- ✦ **Contribution Statements:** Annual Contribution Statements will be mailed to all registered parishioners who contributed to St. Joan of Arc in 2016. If your address changed within the last year and you have not updated it in the parish office, please do so as soon as possible.



Our parish has invested a great deal of time and effort over the last few years to improve our communications. In addition to our weekly parish bulletin, we also have several other resources available to parishioners to help you stay connected to our parish community. For more detailed information on any of these items, visit the communications page of our parish website.

- **Parish Website:** A majority of the information you may be interested in is accessible on our parish website at: WWW.STJOANHERSHEY.ORG
- **BLOG:** Our parish blog is updated regularly with news, upcoming events, messages from Father Al, and other important items. If you subscribe, you will receive an email each day with this information.
- **Mobile App:** There are several great features available on our parish mobile app (for Apple & Android) including Holy Day reminders & parish events.
- **Social Media:** You can find us on the following Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus, LinkedIn, and Instagram.
- **Monthly Newsletter:** Subscribe to our monthly parish newsletter to receive everything you need to know for the coming month.



PARISH MINISTRY NEWS, MEETINGS, & EVENTS

PARISH FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

Please join us for a Parish Festival planning meeting on Tuesday, January 10 at 7 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Your voices and hands are needed as we plan our largest parish fundraiser and this wonderful community event!



"I THIRST" PRAYER GROUP

Please join us to deepen your faith and relationship with Jesus through prayer, song, worship and praise on Wednesday evening, January 11th at 7 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

We will continue with the "Wild Goose" series. Come quench your thirst for God!

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 (717) 533-7168 Ext. 112 or email: MWARNER@stjoanhershey.org.

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 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 in Meeting Room C. Our next Young Adults will be on January 11th. If you are interested or have any questions, please call John in the Youth Office.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

"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 items are blessed and distributed to our parishioners as well as Morning Star Pregnancy Center, several Parish Ministries and Penn State Medical Center. 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 Bert Curran (302) 228-9735.



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

RIGHT TO LIFE RALLY (ANNVILLE)

The Pro-Life Committee of St. Paul the Apostle Church, Anville, will hold a Right to Life rally and demonstration on Friday, January 27, 2017 from 12 noon until 1:00 pm, at 8th and Cumberland Streets in the city of Lebanon. This will be a peaceful and prayerful demonstration to stand and witness to the sanctity of all life. All are welcome to join us that day to remember and grieve the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade, the greatest violation of human rights. Along with the Doe v. Bolton decision, abortion became legal throughout nine months of pregnancy, and is the cause of the death of nearly 57 million unborn babies. After the rally, St. Mary's Church will host light refreshments and a short prayer service. Questions, call 717-838-5243.



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 any questions or to sign up @ Karen_Willey@compaid.com.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO

Interested in learning more about your faith? Tune into WHYF AM 720, Catholic Radio for the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Many informational and inspirational programs are featured daily that will enrich your understanding of the Catholic Faith. Live calls in programs are featured in the afternoon and early evening hours. You can also listen on line at www.720whyf.com or on your smart phone with the Holy Family Radio app.



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE



Call for Nominations to **Parish Pastoral Council**

“Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God.”
Romans 15: 17

There are five seats open on St. Joan of Arc’s Parish Pastoral Council. Each position will serve a three year term. At this time, we ask you to consider volunteering to serve or nominating a candidate to fill these Council positions.

What does the Parish Pastoral Council do?

The role of the Council is to:

- serve as advisor to the Pastor in spiritual and temporal matters
- advance the pastoral mission plan of the parish
- unify clergy and laity in leadership and service

Who can become a Parish Pastoral Council member?

To become a member of the Parish Pastoral Council, a nominee must:

- Be a registered active member of St. Joan of Arc Parish and at least 18 years old
- Be willing to give time and talent to the parish community
- Be willing to attend Council meetings, serve on committees, support and attend parish activities, and be open to God’s will regarding parish needs
- Be willing to share his or her unique gift of life experience

How do I volunteer or nominate someone?

To volunteer yourself or to nominate a fellow parishioner:

- Complete the form on our website or below. All nominations are due by **January 31, 2017**.
- All nominees will receive confirmation of their nomination.
- Please note: St. Joan of Arc clergy, parish and school employees are not eligible to serve on the Council.

Questions?

You can visit the parish website at www.stjoanhershey.org/pastoral-council for a list of current members whom you can contact to learn more about serving on the Council.

✂ Cut Here and return to the parish office by **Tuesday, January 31, 2017** ✂

ST. JOAN OF ARC PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee’s Contact Information *(if known)*:

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

This nomination is being submitted by:

Name: _____

**Optional - You may submit a nominee anonymously*