



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.

Matthew 21:43

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

OCTOBER 8, 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.



**MASS SCHEDULE,
READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9: SAINT DENIS AND
SAINT JOHN LEONARDI**

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

6:45 AM Carmela Cullari
9:00 AM Terence Withers

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

6:45 AM Thomas Nolt
9:00 AM James Youngman

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11: SAINT JOHN XXIII

Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

6:45 AM Marge Panco
9:00 AM Harold Fogarty

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

6:45 AM Melanie Dennis
9:00 AM Daniel Blascovich

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

6:45 AM Annie Doherty
9:00 AM Tami Koval Miller

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14: SAINT CALLISTUS I

Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

9:00 AM Special Intention for Jessie Kunetz
5:15 PM Jeanne Spagnolo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

The Lord invites us to a banquet, one of the favorite images of messianic times. This banquet is spread before us and can fully satisfy our needs, yet how often have we refused the Lord's invitation to share in the riches prepared for us?

MASS INTENTIONS:

7:30 AM Carol Meridionale
9:00 AM Marie and Nancy Sluza
10:30 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Edna Roth
5:30 PM Mark Van Zandt



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, John Hines,
Charles Wingerson, Barry Boyer, Doris & Frank
Bolduc, Agnes McCarty, Rose Marie Smith,
Tiffany Fagnani, Joseph Fagnani, Richard Settino**



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

This weekend at the noon Mass we are kicking off our celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Saint Joan of Arc Parochial School. Ninety years is quite a milestone in any lifetime but ninety years for a Catholic School is quite an accomplishment. I was reading the initial letter from our first pastor, Father Phelan, to the bishop at the time, Bishop Philip McDevitt, asking for permission to build a Catholic school here in Hershey. He gives all the reasons why it would be advantageous and then comes to the point of his letter: May we please borrow \$4000 to build the school! \$4000!!! To build a school!!! Ah, those were the days!

Our school has had an illustrious history with thousands of alumni coming through our doors. This year we have 352 students in Pre-school through 8th grade. For the entire ninety years we have had the privilege of having the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy as teachers and principals in our school. What a blessing! Our school has taught the Catholic Faith year in and year out for 90 years. What a special privilege to bring the love and mercy and teaching of Jesus Christ to the children of our parish! Ad Multos Annos! To many more years!

Father Al



Downtown Daily Bread needs your help. In response to an emergency need for shelter in Harrisburg they will be opening an overnight, emergency shelter for men from December 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018. There will be 30 beds available for homeless men who would otherwise be unsheltered through the coming winter. They currently provide lunch, a drop-in-center, and other services for the homeless, but because of the short turn-around time, Downtown Daily Bread is seeking help to fund the cost of running this overnight shelter, which will be staffed by professionals and volunteers. If you would like to learn about sponsorship, call Linda Gzehoviak at 717-238- 9304 ext. 105. If you are interested in making a donation or volunteering, visit: www.downtowndailybread.org or send a check payable to Downtown Daily Bread, mailing address: 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

They will be hosting an open house at Downtown Daily Bread from October 16 - 20, with tours at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Please attend if you would like to learn more.



Liturgical Ministry Schedule for October 14 & 15, 2017

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
Lector	B. Meinert	M. Spaeder	A. Gould	P. Graybash	C. Gassert	M. Yee
EMHC	K. McCarthy	C. Eimer	K. Samson	J. Gusherowski	J. Nolan	C. Evans
	P. Mooney	B. McCarthy	J. Larkin	A. Reeves	J. Phillippy	J. Evans
	D. Morgan	F. McCarthy	J. Larkin	K. Robinson	M. Rothermel	V. Felice
	C. Mortel			R. Barry		T. Crum-Ewing
Servers	G. Gurney	St. Michael's Guard	M. Tressler	S. Loser	S. O'Hara	L. Ruiz-Velasco
	M. Gurney		A. Samson	A. Gusherowski	M. O'Hara	S. Yurich
	E. Roche		D. Bagatta	L. Gusherowski	M. O'Hara	V. Foley
MC	C. Roche		M. Bagatta	E. Gusherowski	D. O'Hara	N. Silvis

Money Counters: F. Wetherhold, E. Gliot, J. Detweiler, J. Albanese, J. Tobias, M. Duval



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

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

Weekly Tithing: \$33,584
 Weekly Budget: \$29,615
 Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$14,130
 Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$2,431



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the soul of **Kerry Taylor** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy to their family and friends on their loss.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Saint Joseph: In loving memory of Rob Hamilton from his parents.

THE PILGRIM CROSS:

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

- 10/9 - 10/16: **Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Buser and Family**
- 10/16 - 10/23: **Glenda Bixler**

With Much Gratitude...

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

COLONIAL ELECTRIC SERVICE

MASS ATTENDANCE: 9-30 & 10-1					Total: 1831
5:15pm	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	Noon	5:30pm
287	202	288	445	188	421

Office NOTES:

- Change in Mass time for Saturday, Oct. 21:** Due to Confirmation, the 9:00 am Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am.
- All Souls Envelopes:** Due to the parish office no later than Sunday, October 29.
- 2018 Mass Intentions:** Mass Intentions for 2018 may be scheduled beginning Tuesday, October 24th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Parish Center.
- Parish App:** If you have a smart phone and have not yet downloaded our parish mobile app, please consider doing so! It is a great resource specific to our parish. Information is on our website under communications.



Director of Music
POSITION AVAILABLE

Director of Music for St. Joan of Arc Church:

This position is responsible for planning, coordinating and executing the music program at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Must be accomplished in the following areas: organ, piano/keyboard, voice, and choral direction. This position requires a mature, professional, responsible, committed individual with excellent communication (oral and written) skills as well as excellent organizational and managerial talents. Hours and salary negotiable. Experience in direction of music for Catholic liturgies preferred. Interview and audition are required. To request an interview, complete the form on our parish website at: www.stjoanhershey.org/DM or contact Father Al Sceski at (717) 533-7168, Ext. 102.



This Week In Our Parish...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

***Diaper Drive - Following each Mass**
 Noon 90th Anniversary Celebration of SJA School

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:45 AM Legion of Mary [SLC]
 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul [LIB]
 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study [MRC]

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture Study [SLC]
 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry [SLC]

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:15 AM Wednesday Morning Coffee [SLC]
 7:45 AM Gospel Reflection Group [SLC]
 4:15 PM REP K-Gr 6
 5:00 PM Confessions [CHR]
 6:30 PM RCIA [PC-M]
 6:30 PM Community Life Commission [SLC]
 7:00 PM Young Adults [MRC]
 7:00 PM The Gift: A Life In The Spirit Seminar [CAF]
 7:30 PM Respect Life Committee [LIB]

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:30 PM CCW Meeting [CAF]
 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal [CHR]

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

3:00 PM Jr. Legion of Mary [SLC]

***Following each of the Masses on Oct. 14 & 15:**

- Diaper Drive for Morning Star
- Caring Cards & Calendars Collection
- Cub Scouts Popcorn & Nut Sale

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

6:30 AM That Man Is You [CAF]
 10:00 AM Rosary Rally [GROTTO]
 4:00 PM Confessions [CHR]

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6
 1:00 PM Baptisms [CHR]
 6:45 PM Life Teen [MRC]
 7:00 PM Confirmation Prep

[CHR] Church [CAF] Cafeteria [CHP] Chapel
 [GYM] Gymnasium [LIB] Library [PC] Parish Center
 [MRC] Meeting Room C (Youth Room) [SLC] St. Lucy Center

📖 Room locations can be found on the parish website under the "Parish" Menu. Select "Facilities & Scheduling".

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



This Week: "No Life Teen this week."

LIFE TEEN

Next Week: "Give" Our friend & seminarian, Matthew Morelli, who came to Life Teen as a high school student, returns next week to share his vocation story with the teens. I'm not only super proud of Matt but also grateful to have him back to tell us about his discernment to the priesthood.

*****IMPORTANT CHANGE:** Summer Mission Trip 2018: ***DATE & LOCATION Changed*** Plans are in the works for next years Catholic Heart Work Camp to Philadelphia from June 10-15, 2018.

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH



EDGE is for grades 6-8th and meets on Monday nights in the Youth Room (Mtg. Room C) from 7-8:15. EDGE nights will be **October 16th, 23rd**. Invite your friends!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS...

Reminder: No Sunday REP Classes on Oct. 8th due to Columbus Day. Classes resume on Oct. 16th.

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

School Wish List: www.stjoanhershey.org/school

Dinner For Dollars: Dine at Dafno's Italian Grille (Hershey) on Tuesday, October 10th & a percentage of the cost of your meal will benefit our kids through the St. Joan of Arc School PTO. Vouchers can be found in the back of the church.

God's Way - "The Road to Kindness"

One of our parishioners has a daughter that lives in New Jersey. There is a homeless man that stays by her apartment complex. The renters are very kind to this homeless man and they often share some food and water. This past weekend, one of the renters was moving out and he had prepared a bag of clothing that he did not want to move. He went over to this homeless man and gave him the bag of clothing. The homeless man was so touched by this act of kindness that he began to cry as he opened up the bag and found several pairs of pants and shirts. This renter and those living in this apartment complex are truly spreading a little goodness and kindness!

We thank our fellow parishioner for sharing this story with us. Let's always remember the blessings that we have and how one small act of kindness can impact a person's life! Please share your Kindness Acts, or Kindness Acts you observe, by emailing: kindness@stjoanhershey.org



Please note that **Matthew C. Morelli**, a seminarian of the Diocese of Harrisburg, is being considered for the order of **Deacon**.

This announcement is made in accordance with the law of the Church. If anyone knows of any reason why this person should not be ordained they have an obligation in conscience to contact the pastor of this parish or Father Brian J. Wayne, Director of Vocations in the Diocese of Harrisburg as soon as possible.

✠ PARISH EVENTS ✠

Full information for these events can be found on the "Upcoming Events" page under the "Calendar" menu.

OCT. 14: ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY

On Saturday, October 14, 2017 our annual Rosary Rally will be held at 11:00 am in front of Our Lady of Grace Grotto. This event is held in conjunction with the 20,000 other Rosary Rallies being hosted on this day in support of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, as well as National and World Peace. All are welcome to attend and place a rose in front of Our Blessed Mother's image.

OCT. 22: HEALING MASS

A special Healing Mass will be celebrated at 2:30 pm on Sunday, October 22, 2017. Anointing of the Sick will take place during the Mass. If you or anyone you know is seriously ill, elderly, or handicapped, or will be undergoing surgery within the next several days, please come and/or bring them to the Mass.

NOV. 2: MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Thursday November 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm. During this Mass we remember all of our departed loved ones and in a special way we remember those parishioners who died during this past year (Oct 1, 2016-Sept 30, 2017). All are invited to this beautiful liturgy honoring those who have gone before us.

✠ MINISTRY NEWS ✠

Full information regarding these items can be found on our parish website by visiting the page listed below each article.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION:

Often times when we lose a loved one, we experience an immediate outpouring of support and comfort from family and friends. As the weeks and months go by, this support may diminish even though the pain and sorrow has not. To those who would like an opportunity to share their story or to lend an ear to others, Pastoral Care and Outreach invites you to the first, monthly "Coffee and Conversation". Please join us, Thursday, October 26, immediately following the 9:00 am Mass in the St. Lucy House.

CCW CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ITEM COLLECTION:

The Council of Catholic Women will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar in the Cafeteria on **Saturday, November 11 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm**. Please drop off any donations at the St. Lucy Center on the back porch. Donations will be accepted from October 25 until November 8, Mondays thru Fridays (8:00 am - 6:00 pm) & Saturdays (8:00 am - Noon). New items are requested for our raffle baskets of candy, pasta and children's items. We are happy to accept monetary donations to purchase items for the baskets or to use for making a money tree. We also accept jewelry, plants, crafts, religious items, Christmas decorations, attic treasures as well as flea market items. CLOTHING is NOT sold at Christmas.

We know there are many excellent bakers and we welcome your contributions for our bake sale table. We appreciate cakes, pies, fudge, breads, cookies, biscotti, pizzelles, etc. Bake sale items may be dropped off Friday afternoon Nov. 10 or early Saturday, Nov. 11.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us in support of our parish. Breakfast and Lunch will be available for purchase at the Bazaar. Any questions can be directed to Janet Polto at 717-533-3368 or Dorothy Hess at 717-566-8854.

Please Note: NO ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE NEW PARISH CENTER!

🔗 ["CCW" - Ministry Page](#)

CARING CARDS & CALENDARS COLLECTION:

Next weekend, St. Joan's Living Our Faith ministry is collecting new/unused Christmas and all-occasion cards (with envelopes) and 2018 wall calendars. Donations may be dropped off at our display table located at the front entrance of the church before all weekend Masses on October 14-15. In case of inclement weather, look for our display table across the street from the church under the walkway at the Areba Street entrance to the school.

Due to limited storage space, please hold your donations until the collection dates – the parish office does not have space to store them. Note that we are not able to accept cards that religious orders or monasteries send stating that a donation has been made to their order even if you have made that donation. Don't forget! We will sort the donated items on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 16 and 17 at the St. Lucy Center. If you are up for some fun and fellowship, contact Anne Searer at asearer@comcast.net or (717) 533-9636 to volunteer.

🔗 ["Living Our Faith" - Ministry Page](#)

CCW MEETING - OCTOBER 12:

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, October 12 at 6:30 PM and take special note of the meeting place. We will meet in the chapel in the new parish center to say the Rosary at 6:30 PM and then mosey over to the cafeteria for refreshments and a short business meeting. All women of the parish are welcome! Contact CCW president Julie Groh at 717-566-5838 or sjaccwpres@gmail.com with any questions. 🔗 ["CCW" Ministry Page](#)

✠ PARISH MINISTRY: NEWS, EVENTS, MEETINGS ✠

FR. BEITING APPALACHIAN MISSION CENTER:

We have two jobs assigned to our group for the week of October 15th. Often we are often asked to complete other jobs that are on the Mission Center's work list or to provide whatever else is needed at the assigned locations. We do not always have a budget that always allows for this. If you wish to make a contribution to help cover the project costs of this trip, or if you have questions regarding our work at the Mission Center, please call Larry or Jan Duckart at (717) 367-1546 or send a contribution to: Jan & Larry Duckart, 5455 Ridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Please be sure to indicate in the memo of your check: **FBAMC**. You can learn more about this initiative and the specific projects on our parish website.

✠ ["Appalachian Mission Center" Ministry Page](#)

DIAPER DRIVE (K of C) - OCT. 7/8 & 14/15:

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a diaper drive before each of the Masses on October 7, 8, 14 & 15 to assist Morning Star. We need diapers in sizes: 4, 5, and 6, as baby wipes. Cash contributions will also be collected. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!

✠ [Upcoming Events Page](#)

MOM'S GROUP - OCT. & NOV. DATES:

Attention moms of babies and toddlers: Are you interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to chat and share some snacks while the kids play? Please join us for play dates on: **10/9, 10/20, 10/27, 11/6, 11/17, & 11/27** from 9:30 to 11:30 am. For location & any questions, please email Sarah: Sarah.Bonavia@gmail.com.

✠ ["Mom's Group" Ministry Page](#)

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - ADULTS AGE 21-35:

Calling all Young Adults of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church between the ages of 21-35, married or single!!! Young Adults will meet on **October 11th & 25th** as we continue a bible study on the Gospel of St. Luke. If you are interested or have any questions, please call John in the Youth Office at 533-7168 Ext. 128 or stjaonofarclifeteen@gmail.com.

✠ ["Young Adults" Ministry Page](#)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

The weather and leaves changing, fall is here. The Prayer Shawl Ministry changes yarn into beautiful prayer shawls and lap robes. As we knit or crochet, we pray for the people who may receive these shawls. They are blessed and distributed to the sick, elderly or anyone who needs prayers and comfort. Beginners are always welcome. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the St. Lucy Center. Questions? Contact: Kathy Palmer (717) 566-1481 or Bert Curran (302) 228-9735.

✠ ["Prayer Shawl Ministry" Ministry Page](#)

DAUGHTER'S OF MERCY- RAFFLE WINNERS:

This week's local winner of the Daughter's of Mercy Annual Calendar Raffle: No local winners this week.

GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION:

Girls basketball registration is now open for upcoming CYO season. Registration forms are available at parish office or by contacting John Polly: sjagirlshoops@yahoo.com.

✠ ["Athletic Association" Ministry Page](#)

MORNING STAR PREGNANCY SERVICES:

To honor Respect Life Month, Morning Star Pregnancy Services will place baby bottles in the entrances of the church. We invite each family to take a bottle home and fill it with any monetary amount you wish. Our collective donation from St. Joan parishioners makes a significant impact on this essential community ministry. Their closest office is just 9 miles from Hershey in Middletown. Also, remember, you can recycle your current and gently - used maternity and baby clothes at Morning Star. We will gladly pick them up, if you can't bring them to us. Call (717) 877-8832.



Safe Sleep for Baby-As Easy as ABC

October is SIDS awareness month. This tragedy is often associated with sleep.

Here is information to reduce risk of SIDS and other sleep related deaths.

Sleep related deaths, such as accidental suffocation and SIDS, are the leading cause of death in babies one to 12 months of age, with highest risk from 2 to 4 months. Studies have shown there are things that can be done to reduce this risk.

- **Alone**-Keep your baby's sleep area close but separate from where others sleep. Your baby should not sleep with others in a bed, on a couch, or in a chair.
- **Back**-Your baby should be placed to sleep on his or her back in a safety approved crib on a firm mattress every time during naps and at nighttime.
- **Crib**-Remove all loose bedding, stuffed animals, bumpers, wedges, and pillows from your baby's crib.

Other risk factors to be aware of include smoking before and after baby is born & over dressing your baby. Keep the room at a temperature that is comfortable for an adult. Always inform other caregivers as to these safe sleep measures to insure the safety of your baby!

For more information on safe sleep for babies, please visit: www.cribsforkids.org. Information referenced from PinnacleHealth Cribs for Kids brochure.

It's not too late to register for the Diocesan Women's Conference next Saturday, October 14th at Bishop McDevitt High School. Online registration can be found on the Diocesan website or registration forms can be found in the back of the church.