

# 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"  
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

Mk 10:51

## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

OCTOBER 24, 2021

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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

As we make a push to finish the 3rd floor of the School and REP Center on Sandhill Road (and I will be asking for a generous donation!), let me remind you of some of the rental monies we have been bringing in that goes toward our yearly budget:

- For the past two years we have been renting space to The Western School for the Deaf. Originally located in our former pre-School room below the Parish Center, this wonderful school for hearing impaired children (pre-school through kindergarten) now is housed in the former parish offices in the Saint Joseph Center. They are great tenants!
- Speaking of great tenants, the Hershey Presbyterian Church rents space at our school. They use one of our former classrooms as their office and other spaces on the ground floor for Sunday worship and other activities.
- Penn State College of Medicine has been renting our field behind the rectory and the gymnasium as part of a program they are sponsoring called Indoor Exercise Partnership which supports healthy living.
- We are renting our Areba gymnasium to various traveling basketball teams and we have plans for the spring to rent fields for various sports up on Sandhill.
- We are continuing to rent out space for things like baby showers, wedding showers, birthday parties, etc., in many of the various spaces we have available now in the old school.
- While we are not asking for rent, we also have a Community Room in the old school (we need to get a better name for that!) which is offered free of charge for our local community. Right now we have Alcoholics Anonymous meeting there three times a week and we are offering the space for Guitars for Vets in the coming days. If you know of any local groups looking for space for meetings, I am glad to discuss it with them!

I also want to let you know that as we proceed to collect donations for our Centennial Project Capital Campaign, we are continuing regular repairs and maintenance of our buildings (budgeted yearly for just these kinds of things). Some things completed and some things coming up:

- We have repainted the Library, classrooms and restrooms at the Areba Avenue building. These spaces are being used for all of our parish ministries and organizations. Sorry for inconvenience these past couple of weeks in moving you around to accommodate the painters. (I heard some don't like the one color I chose! Oh well, I don't always get it right!)

- Speaking of the old school (we really need a better name for that!), we will be placing artwork and statues around to make it more of an adult space rather than one just intended for children.
- One upcoming repair will be a major inconvenience in the future but it has to be done. We have gotten bids to re-do the front steps of the church. As many of you can see, there has been a deterioration over the years (they are 60 years old this year) so a major renovation will take place in the coming months. We will make them like new and will usher us into the church for the next 60 years!

Lots going on. This is what it means to be part of a growing, thriving parish! And thank God for that!

*Father Al*



## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Donna Rothgaber** 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: **Bernard Ganse, Sandy Adamkowski, Tom Searer, Francis McCarthy, Abram Brandt, Mort Kayser, Barbara Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan, Jeff & Lori Sotack and Kathleen "Kathy" Lewis.**



## All Souls Envelopes

Intentions for All Souls Day can be dropped in collection basket or brought to the parish office by **Sunday, October 31.**

## World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday, October 24, your prayers and financial help support mission priests, religious sisters and brothers and lay catechists.

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



On Tuesday, November 2, All Soul's Day, a Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at 7:00 pm in the church for those parishioners who have died and been buried from St Joan of Arc from October 2020 through September 2021.





## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 25:

**Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17**

6:45 AM Joseph & Kathleen Mooney  
9:00 AM Helen & George Schumacher

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26:

**Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21**

6:45 AM Deceased Burkhart Family  
9:00 AM Colonel Robert V. Lewis

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27:

**Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30**

6:45 AM Rita Breznak  
9:00 AM John Rizzo

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28:

#### FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

**Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16**

6:45 AM Thomas Joseph Burke  
9:00 AM Patrick Pronio

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29:

**Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6**

6:45 AM David Breznak  
9:00 AM Family of Eugene Eline

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30:

**Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11**

9:00 AM Pat Foca  
5:00 PM People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31:

#### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor, go hand in hand. Through the priesthood of Jesus, we are brought into communion with the God who is love.*

**Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34**

7:30 AM Richie Ranaglia  
9:30 AM Carl Robinson  
11:30 AM Emidio Testa, Anthony Testa, Sr.,  
Anthony Testa, Jr. & Deceased Members  
of the Testa Family  
5:00 PM Richard Gusherowski

## YOUTH NEWS

### Life Teen (High School)

*This Week:* “Literally Dead”—Next week we begin our Fall Series on the “Human Emotions of Jesus.” We’ll examine why we seek happiness and knowing Christ as a true path toward joy and fulfillment.

*Next Week:* No Life Teen-Happy Halloween

#### 2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

Oct 31 No Life Teen-Happy Halloween  
Nov 7 “Lowkey Upset”—Sadness is a common human emotion that we should not run from.  
Nov 14 “Clap back”—Anger is a valid emotion but it depends what we do with it.  
Nov 21 “Life Teen Holy Hour”—Let us prepare our hearts in prayer of thanksgiving.

📧 **John Triscik:** [jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org)  
☎ (717) 533-7168 Ext.128

### 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 November 3 and 17. Masks are required.

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### 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.

### Volunteers Needed

EDGE and Life Teen are always in need of some help from Core Members with Food Preparation. Please pray about volunteering with the High School or Middle School Youth Ministries. If you are interested, please call John at (717) 533-7168 ext. 128 or email [jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org).

## 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 in the Youth Room. Young Adults will gather on October 27 as we continue our series of the Deuterocanonical books “2nd Maccabees.”

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## ✠ MINISTRY NEWS

### Respect Life

Next Sunday is the official end of our Baby Bottle Blessing to benefit Morning Star Pregnancy Services. Please remember to return your bottles by dropping them off in the church vestibule on October 30/31. Your continued prayer for moms, dads, and their babies is vital to Morning Star's mission. From 2017 to 2019, Morning Star saw a 95% increase in women choosing Life! Your prayer support can save the lives of babies and the hearts of their moms. Thank you. [www.SupportMorningStar.com](http://www.SupportMorningStar.com).

### Rosary Rally Thank You

A heartfelt gratitude to our Presiders, Cantors, Office Staff, Custodial Personnel, Attendees and all those who helped in any way make our recent annual Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally a success. May all of you gain the many Graces connected through your efforts! The ceremony was a beautiful tribute to Mary and who better to turn to than our Blessed Mother in these difficult times. Please be aware of our next Rosary event, the National Night of Prayer for Life, which will take place on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. May Our Lady lead us to her Divine Son and may she intercede for us before the Throne of God as she did at the Battle of Lepanto.

### Road to Kindness

Today, we are going to look at the "Holy Spirit and the Power of Kindness." This information comes from the website entitled, Catholic Strength. The article references that "the late Father Lovasik wrote a wonderful book about the power of kindness called *The Hidden Power of Kindness* (Sophia Press). Father Lovasik points out that even a kind smile or a small compliment can bring joy to someone. I think we should resolve to pray to the Holy Spirit to ripen the fruit of kindness in us! "Ask and you shall receive" (John 16:24). This connects perfectly into our mission of God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!" Father Lovasik goes on to say, "Authentic kindness has the power to make other people's lives more bearable and even to produce joy and happiness in souls. It really is a tremendous power!

Regarding this power of kindness, Father Lovasik emphasizes: "Not only is kindness due to everyone, but a special kindness is due to everyone. Kindness is not kindness unless it is special. Its charm consists in its fitness, its timeliness, and its individual application. Kindness adds sweetness to everything. The secret impulse out of which kindness acts is an instinct that is the noblest part of yourself. It is the most undoubted remnant of the image of God, given to us at the beginning."<sup>1</sup>

It is a wonderful book and it will help us to continue to follow God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!" Blessing to you and may your week be filled with Kindness!

<sup>1</sup> From *The Hidden Power of Kindness*, p.6, Cf. Frederick William Faber, *Spiritual Conferences* (Baltimore: John Murphy Company, 1859).



## ✠ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are offering beautiful, accurately true images of Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) in an effort to spread the message of OLG and promote the charitable works of the Knights. The icon is made by a Catholic business in Mexico and put on a faux cactus synthetic textile which is very similar to the feel of the original Tilma. We have three different sizes available: Miniature, Family, and Original. For more details visit [www.kofc6693.org](http://www.kofc6693.org) or talk to a Knight during our monthly food collections at Mass.



### 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.

### 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).

### Caelorum

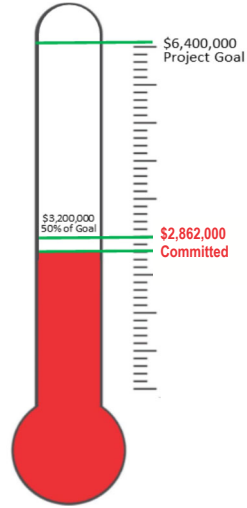
We look forward to seeing everyone at Caelorum on Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc Church. Join your Brothers and Sisters in Christ as we come together to adore, praise and worship our Lord and Savior. Feel the power of his presence and never-failing love as he attends to your needs and strengthens and blesses you with his abundant mercy. God Bless.

For more information, call Lou Felice at (717) 215-4175.

### 2022 Calendar Collection

Calendars & datebooks will be collected at the back of the church for Spring Creek Nursing Home residents. Any questions, contact **Marie Bowman** (717) 679-5729.

# THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT



This week’s readings highlight God’s call. In the first reading from Jeremiah, God calls the children of Israel back from the sorrow of slavery to the joy of returning to their homeland. In the second reading from Hebrews, God calls from among our community a “high priest”, a representative “to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.” In the Gospel, the blind man calls out to Jesus who in turn calls him because of his persistence.

St. Joan of Arc has been blessed to have young men and women from our parish grow and develop into priests and religious serving the Lord. It is critical that we continue to nourish and support vocations as our religious community desperately needs virtuous shepherds to guide our children’s future. Fostering a strong faith in

our children is a prime responsibility of parenthood. St. Joan of Arc School and the Religious Education Program (REP) enriches that nascent faith in an environment of love and validation. Please continue to pray for the will of our Lord as we enter a new phase of our Centennial Project 2020 journey.

Tuesday evening, October 12th, marked the kickoff of our drive to finish the renovations of the 3rd floor of the new school. Several benefactors have committed their financial support to a donor match campaign. In order to raise our goal of \$1,500,000 for the project, these generous patrons will match dollar for dollar your gifts to Father Al’s vision of a state-of-the-art regional Catholic Education Center that meets the academic and spiritual needs of a growing community. There is more information to come, including our architect’s rendering and virtual tour of the plans for the new facilities. Please prayerfully consider a gift to support this worthy cause. With this donor program, if you meet us half way, the other half is assured.

For more information on how you can help, please visit our website:

[www.stjoanhershey.orgthecentennialproject.html](http://www.stjoanhershey.orgthecentennialproject.html)

## Historical Facts About St. Joan of Arc

Monsignor Mayan retires in 1973. Monsignor Donald Adams was named as Pastor and served from 1973 to 1976. In 1977, Monsignor Leo Bierster was assigned as Pastor. Under his direction, many new ministries were initiated to assist our spiritual growth and financial progress.



# STEWARDSHIP

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

**Weekly Tithing: \$22,555**  
**Weekly Budget: \$26,923**  
**Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1820**

*Week of October 10 , 2021*

# HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

## Bishop McDevitt Information

Attention Current 8th Grade Families: Application to Bishop McDevitt High School for the 2022-2023 school year is now open.

Application, Open House & Financial Aid Info Night. Registration information at [bishopmcdevitt.org](http://bishopmcdevitt.org).

Join us on Sunday, November 7 from 1:00-5:00 pm. Register for one of the 4 one-hour time slots available. Get a taste of what Bishop McDevitt offers: a faith-filled education focused on you and your educational journey. This event is open to 8th Graders and upperclassmen transfer students! Masks are required. The deadline to register is Thursday, November 4.

The 8th Grade Financial Aid Information Night will be held on Tuesday, November 16 from 7:00-8:00 pm. Bishop McDevitt is committed to working with any family whose son or daughter could benefit from a Bishop McDevitt education.

Join Erin Davis '08, Director of Enrollment, for an in-depth look at the financial aid applications and financial assistance programs offered.

## Centennial Celebration Luncheon

Reserve your spot for our Centennial Celebration luncheon at the Hershey Lodge on December 5. Please stop by the parish office to register.



## VOCATIONS CORNER

*“What do you want Me to do for you?”*

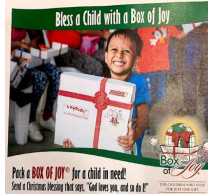
What do you ask of the Lord?  
 If you are looking for clarity in your vocation,  
**Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki**  
[frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org)  
 (717) 657-4804 ext. 282



## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

### CCW Box of Joy

Thanks to all who have so generously participated in the Box of Joy Ministry. Boxes are being collected this weekend and next weekend before and after all Masses.



Please remember to include a check of \$9.00 per box made payable to Cross Catholic Outreach, and to secure box with rubber band instead of tape.

God Bless You for your generosity and your prayers for the mission and children who will receive the Boxes of Joy. **Any questions, please contact Donna Testa at [dmttesta@gmail.com](mailto:dmttesta@gmail.com) or (717) 533-2298.**

### Volunteers Needed For CCW Christmas Bazaar

All women of the Parish are invited to attend our next CCW meeting on Thursday, November 11, at 5:30 pm. Many ladies are needed to prepare for the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 13, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall. We need volunteers beginning on Friday, November 12 after the 9:00 am Mass.

We are now accepting new items for our raffle baskets in the parish office. Basket themes include: pasta, lottery tickets, money tree, gift cards and candy. Donations for the tables will be accepted from November 4 to November 10. Please drop off in the CCW shed, located in the parish social hall parking lot next to the loading dock, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 6:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. We accept jewelry, crafts, religious items, new toys, Christmas decorations, attic treasures, and flea market items. Please NO Clothing, books, furniture, electronics, or baby items. Donations for our bake sale table can be dropped off Friday, November 12 or Saturday, November 13 in the morning.

### CCW Nut Roll Sale

Varieties are nut, poppy seed, apricot, prune, raspberry, pumpkin cheese, apple and coconut cream. The cost is \$16.00 each. Be sure to order enough for Thanksgiving and Christmas as they freeze well. CCW will be selling nut rolls before and after Mass on November 6 and 7. This is the only weekend we will take orders at Mass, only a limited amount of each will be available to buy at pick-up. Pre-order at [sjaccw@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:sjaccw@stjoanhershey.org) or call **Ruth (717) 533-3501**; leave a message.

Deadline to order is November 11.

Pick-up is Saturday, November 20, 9:00 am-1:00pm & Sunday, November 21, 8:00 am-1:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall.

## SJA SCHOOL

### Wish List Thank You!

St. Joan of Arc School faculty and staff would like to thank all the donors of the wish list. We are blessed to have your support of our school. Thank You!

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Seeking afterschool care assistants, 3:00-6:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Days and hours may be negotiated. Duties include supervising students as they participate in activities such as snacks, arts and crafts, outdoor recess, homework, socializing, etc., responding to basic emergencies, and looking out for the welfare of the students. Clearances are required.

We are looking to hire a cafeteria helper from 11:00-1:00 pm Monday through Friday to serve and clean up afterwards. Clearances are required.

Interested applicants should contact Sister Eileen at [sreileen@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:sreileen@stjoanhershey.org) or (717) 533-2854 x118.

## DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

### Raffle Tickets

20th Week Drawing Winners:

1. \$100.00 - Regina Bowman, Hershey, PA
2. \$200.00 - Jeanie Schiavo, Palmyra, PA
3. \$300.00 - Marci Reihart, Stewartstown, PA
4. \$400.00 - Angel Paladino, Bridgeton, NJ
5. \$500.00 - Kathy Fiocchi, Vineland, NJ
6. \$1000.00- Gloria Bylone, Vineland, NJ
7. \$2000.00-Robert & Marie Fixler, Vineland, NJ



Congratulations to the winners! We are grateful for your support. God bless you! Be sure of our prayers for you.

### *With Much Gratitude...*

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

**GOODS TREE CARE**

