

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Mk 12:30

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH
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OCTOBER 31, 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



November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints. Even though it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, we will still have a Mass at 7:00 pm to celebrate this great feast. The saints remind us of the glory to which we have been called. We are not created for this world only but are destined to live with God forever in a new and glorious world, or as our Preface for All Saints says, “the

heavenly Jerusalem, our mother.” The saints have gone before us and we walk in their footsteps and we walk toward them. They are both our “strength and our good example.”

We celebrate this All Saints’ Day during this Year of Saint Joseph. He is the strong, faithful, witness that all of us are called to emulate. His love for his family—the Holy Family—knew no boundaries and his justice—knowing what is right and wrong—is exemplary. We have been praying the Prayer to Saint Joseph by Pope Francis (with an insert from me about the pandemic) this past year. As we come upon the last six weeks of this Holy Year, let us resolve to imitate Saint Joseph in his devotion to Jesus and Mary and in his sense of responsibility and duty to walk in the ways of God.

I have had printed a small prayer card depicting the statue of Saint Joseph outside the Saint Joseph Center for you to take today. (The flowers look superimposed on the picture but they are the real thing from when we blessed the statue on May 1st, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker.) May Saint Joseph and all the Saints of God intercede for us. May we one day share their glory!

Father Al



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Jim Heckman**, father of parishioner Christine Chardo, **Leona Martin**, sister of parishioner Dorothy Hess and **Agnes Hulbert**, mother of parishioner Kathy Palmer who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to their 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.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Main Altar Vase 1 & 2

In Loving Memory of Richie Ranaglia and the deceased Ranaglia Family.



Blessed Mother

In Loving Memory of Daniel Moyer from Mom & Dad.

Saint Joseph

In Loving Memory of Joseph Yashinsky from his Wife & Family.

Respect Life Rose 1

For Nancy Pelosi’s conversion of heart for abortion.

Respect Life Rose 2

In Loving Memory of Stephen Butsko and son, Geary.

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.

Everyone is invited to attend and remember those who have gone before us in faith. Each person will be remembered by name in the Prayers of the Faithful with candles placed on the altar. The Mass will be livestreamed and can be accessed at www.stjoanhershey.org

Centennial Luncheon

Don’t forget to reserve your spot for the Centennial Celebration Luncheon. **Deadline to register is November 5.**





MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1: SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

6:45 AM Aaron Vargo

9:00 AM Joseph Yashinsky

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

6:45 AM All Souls

9:00 AM Duane Ryan

7:00 PM Mass of Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3: SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS

Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

6:45 AM Fr. Robert DuRoche, OFM

9:00 AM Carmen & Jean Ranerio

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4: MEMORIAL OF SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP

Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

6:45 AM Marguerite Caso

9:00 AM Georgiana Ulseth

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5:

Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

6:45 AM Yolanta Breznak

9:00 AM Anna Charnick

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6:

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15

9:00 AM Leona Berzinski

5:00 PM All Souls

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord provides for Elijah's needs as the widow of Zarephath shares with him from her want. Her generosity is mirrored in the widow in the temple who gives from her poverty and not from power, privilege, or excess. In Jesus, God became poor for us, offering himself to take away our sins.

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Kambic Family

11:30 AM Mason Brady

5:00 PM Frank Ferguson, Sr.

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This Week: No Life Teen-Happy Halloween

Next Week: "Lowkey Upset"-Next week we continue our Fall Series on the "Human Emotions of Jesus". We will examine the emotion of sadness through the lens of Jesus Christ, His suffering, and ultimately, the hope of our redemption and resurrection.

2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

- 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.
- Nov 28 No Life Teen-happy Thanksgiving!

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EDGE (Middle School)

EDGE is for all 6-8th graders and meets on the 1st & 3rd 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.

Summer Mission Trip

The 2022 Catholic Heart Workcamp is gearing up for next summer. We are heading to Richmond from June 19-24 for our Summer Mission Trip. The cost of the trip is \$500 with \$100 due at registration.

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ADULT FAITH

Young Adults (21-39)

Calling all young adults between the ages of 21-39, married or single! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Youth Room. Young Adults will gather on November 10 for a social.

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A MESSAGE FROM TYLER



Greetings from the “Capitol of Casual” Negril, Jamaica! As I write this, I’ve been living in Jamaica for 2 months and have another 7 months to go until the end of my first assignment as a religious brother. I am so grateful for all of your prayers these past two years which have comforted me and encouraged me to persist in my vocation. For those who don’t know me, my name is Tyler Grudi.

I’m a Franciscan friar, and I grew up right down the block from St. Joan of Arc - my home parish. My faith grew and matured because of all the wonderful relationships I made at St. Joan over the years.

Back in July, I finished my year of novitiate at the Old Mission Santa Barbara and professed my first vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience with seven of my classmates. Many people ask me if I’m a priest, and while I’m still discerning priesthood, Franciscans are first and foremost brothers. We are brothers to one another, and we are brothers to the world. Our fraternity was founded 800 years ago by St. Francis of Assisi, and we commit to living together as equals in community and in mission to the marginalized.

Unlike monks, we move around and travel, going where we’re needed. The whole world is our cloister! For this reason, I’ve been sent to Jamaica to spend some time being a brother in the world before I begin my studies. In addition to serving four parishes in the diocese of Montego Bay, our community provides a variety of ministries. During the week, we help out at a soup kitchen in Negril which serves over 300 meals daily. The kitchen sits across the street from a 10-acre community known as “Little Haiti” where over 400 squatters live in shacks they made themselves. For many people in Little Haiti, the food from the soup kitchen is their only meal for the day.

As the pandemic persists in Jamaica, children still have not gone back to face-to-face schooling. Virtual learning has put more than a few children at a disadvantage, especially in places like Little Haiti. Many children are without tablets or devices, and almost none of them have access to wifi. Part of our work this year has been providing children with tablets and wifi at our parish hall and helping them complete assignments they may be behind on. Some days, the work that needs to be done for so many people can be overwhelming. Those days, I remember that I can’t solve everyone’s problems, but I can do my best to be close to people, to listen and try to understand.

These days, I’ve been encouraged by the words of Pope Francis when he says, “you can’t build a community without closeness; you can’t make peace without closeness; you can’t do good without drawing near.” While I’m far away, know that all of you at St. Joan are close to me in my

heart and in my prayers. And as you pray for me, I ask that you hold close the good people of Jamaica as they become more a part of my life each day.

Peace and all Good,
Br. Tyler Grudi OFM
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✠ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

We are grateful for your participation in our Baby Bottle Blessing to benefit Morning Star Pregnancy Services. If you have not yet returned your bottle, please return it as soon as possible to the parish office (reusing bottles helps keep Morning Star’s costs down so your donations can be put directly towards saving lives). Thank you for saving and changing lives in our community with your spare change! For news and upcoming events, go to www.SupportMorningStar.com.

Road to Kindness

We bring in November with two very special days. This week, we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

We always remember our dear loved ones! As an act of kindness, share a smile or a hug with someone that has lost a dear member of their family this year. The care, comfort, and kindness you show during this difficult time will come back to you in special blessings. You can make a difference by giving a comforting smile or hug – when you do, you are following the path that God outlines for us!

As you begin both of these special days, please take a moment of silent meditation and prayer. These are days to remember, think of all the wonderful blessings you experienced with a family member or friend that has passed on. Offer your special prayers for those close to you and for those that are not here with us. Light a candle to remember your family and friends. Life continues on for us and we miss all our family and friends that have passed away. Blessings to you – Fill your week with a Kind Heart! This is God’s Way – “The Road to Kindness!”

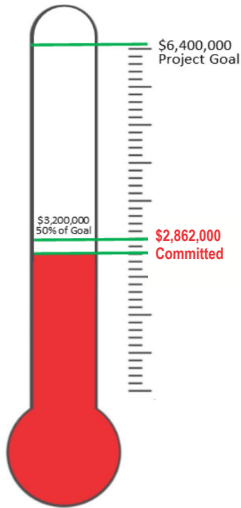


Caelorum

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.

THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT



As we wind down the liturgical calendar for 2021 (the First Sunday of Advent is four weeks away!), we turn our attention towards preparation. We are blessed that the pandemic has abated, allowing a return to the celebration of Thanksgiving with our families. Some of us dread the anxiety of the shortened Christmas rush with supply shortages. Yet if we look outside, the trees are still green. The world operates on God's time. So, let's just take a breath and live life one day at a time as we are instructed in Matthew 6:34:

Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil.

St. Joan of Arc Parish has now sharpened its focus on its immediate need to provide

additional classroom space for a growing enrollment. We have embarked on a donor match program to raise \$1,500,000 to complete the construction of the third floor. We are blessed to have already realized \$500,000 in donor commitments toward the goal of at least \$750,000 to match our parishioner's and our community's support. The project will come to fruition. It is a leap of faith that focuses on today and not the worry of tomorrow. We are humble but confident that the resources will be provided. We take comfort in Paul's Letter to the Romans Chapter 8 in the first reading this past Wednesday:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Fr. Al, along with our architect and consulting group, is working on a video to present the vision of Phase II of our Centennial Project. In November, he will gather our congregation together to update and answer questions, as well as to petition the needed financial support. The guiding principle of the project is the spiritual and ethical formation of our children in a society that deeply lacks both. Please stay tuned and please continue to pray for the success of the Centennial Project. Thank you.

For more on how you can help, please visit our website:
<https://www.stjoanhershey.orgthecentennialproject.html>

Historical Facts About St. Joan of Arc

In 1984, with the assistance of parishioner, Rodrigue Mortel, M.D., who is from Haiti, St. Joan of Arc Parish began a sister-parish relationship with the Chapel of Tarasse, Haiti.



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$26,501

Weekly Budget: \$26,923

Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1253

Week of October 17, 2021

Looking for ways to simplify a busy schedule? Try Online Giving! It's a secure and easy way to tithe and make other contributions. You can even set up automatic payments that will occur periodically so you don't have to worry about remembering when to give. It works just like online banking with 24/7 access to your account.

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🔗 **Stewardship - About Online Giving**

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.

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.

Annual Diocesan Catechetical Conference

All are invited to the Annual Diocesan Catechetical Conference on Saturday, November 13, at the Diocesan Center. The theme is Catechizing for Conversion. Great workshops with an outstanding lineup of speakers. Keynote speaker is Scott Sollom, Professor of Catechetics at Franciscan University. The day also includes Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer, confessions, vendors, and lunch. In-Person and Virtual options available.

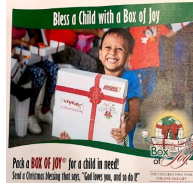
Register by November 10 at

www.hbgdiocese.org/event/catechetical-conference/

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

CCW Box of Joy

Thanks to all who have so generously participated in the Box of Joy ministry. This is the final weekend for returning your completed Boxes. Boxes are being collected 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 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 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.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

MEMORIES

The Centennial Committee is looking to gather memories from your time as a St. Joan of Arc student or parishioner. We want to share these memories at our Centennial Celebration on December 5 at the Hershey Lodge. Please send by email, subject: **MEMORIES** to broksandic@stjoanhershey.org or drop your envelope, marked **MEMORIES**, in the collection basket or at the parish office. Deadline is November 26. Thank you for your participation!



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 or (717) 533-2854 x118.

✠ DONATIONS NEEDED

Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families

Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families (a Catholic charities residential program in suburban Harrisburg) is in need of the following donations: paper towels, Lysol spray, disposable masks, and Nitrile gloves (non-latex). Donations can be taken to the Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road) or to the shelter (120 Willow Road) in Harrisburg. Please call in advance if bringing items to the shelter (717) 652-8740. Thank you for your generosity!

SAINT JOSEPH

Consecration to St. Joseph

The St. Joan of Arc Deacons will lead a 33 day consecration to St. Joseph starting on November 10 through December 12. In-person and virtual meetings will be held on Wednesday evening (location to be determined) from 6:00-7:00 pm for spiritual discussion and prayers. If you are interested in signing up, please contact the parish office at (717) 533-7168 with your name and contact information.