

THANKSGIVING



Rejoice in the LORD, you just, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm 97:12

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM *Closed 12:00-1:00 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, November 21

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
 6:45 AM Deceased Members of the Camasta and
 D'Ambrosio Families
 9:00 AM Joan Valeri

Tuesday, November 22

Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
 6:45 AM Special Intention for Patricia Gamble
 9:00 AM James Ross

Wednesday, November 23

Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
 6:45 AM Kenneth Hahn
 9:00 AM Brock Foschetti

Thursday, November 24:

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
 6:45 AM **NO MASS**
 9:00 AM Deceased Priests, Sisters and Religious
 who served at St. Joan of Arc

Friday, November 25

Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33
 6:45 AM All Souls
 9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Evans,
 McGuigan, Devine and Toolan Families

Saturday, November 26

Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
 9:00 AM William Brady

Vigil, November 26

5:15 PM Deceased Members of the Miller and
 Rafferty Families

Sunday, November 27

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Let us rejoice in the Lord's peace; let us live honorably
 as we await his return.

Mass Intentions:

7:30 AM Claude Harris
 9:00 AM Colleen Dowling
 10:30 AM Frank Ferguson
 12:00 PM People of the Parish
 5:30 PM Crawford and Hayes Families



Our parish's Pastoral Council has been discussing options for additional handicapped parking during Masses.

Four additional spaces will be marked with temporary handicap signage in the main rectory parking lot across from the church during the weekends of November 12/13 & 19/20. The use of these spaces will be observed and recorded. If this accommodation will be of benefit to you, please take advantage of it.

**THANKSGIVING
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

Thursday, November 24th, 9:00 AM

Lector: J. Nantz

EMHC: W. Lutz, L. Rogers, M. Rogers

Servers: J. Pegher, M. Brooks, J. McGregor

MC: M. Keeler



In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, our parish office will be close at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, November 23 and remain closed thru Monday, November 28. The office will reopen on Tuesday, November 29.



To accommodate the Holidays and the printing deadlines of our bulletin company, ALL bulletin articles for the following weekends:

- December 24th & 25th
- December 31st & January 1st
- January 7th & 8th

Are due to the parish office by 9:00 AM on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13th.

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

Gymnastic Center of Hershey

**OUR CONDOLENCES:**

Please pray for the soul of **Rose Rippon** 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 FLOWER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Main Altar: In loving memory of Debbie Rogowski Vandegrift, from Cousin Michael

Blessed Mother: In loving memory of Josephine Testa, from Kathy & Dick

Saint Joseph: In thanksgiving, from Lisa Balanda

Respect Life Roses: (*Rose 1*) In loving memory of Betty Harry, from Jack & Mary Bogrette (*Rose 2*) In loving memory of Thomas & Veronica Dunlavey, from the 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 11/21- 11/28: Glenda Bixler

Week of 11/28- 12/5: Jeanette Duden

MASS ATTENDANCE:

November 12 & 13, 2016 - TOTAL: 1963

5:15 - 316	7:30 - 213	9:00 - 383
10:30 - 460	12:00 - 244	5:30 - 347

**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, B.J., Jessica Harris, Marguerite Caso, Ethna Shank, Joan Ott, Amy Ott Hatfield, Frank Bolduc, C.J., David Harris, Lily Carney, Roseanne Ayala, Ken & Diane Kolovich, Nancy Stewart, Edward Nerino, Ashley Tatangelo, Joseph Fagnani, Bob Swartz, Alexa Socha, Rose Marie Smith, Terrence Singer, Barbara Harlacker, Julie Hoffman, Mary Frances McAndrews, Carol Merlo Knackstedt, Steven Butsko, Charles Rippon, Kevin Gleeson, Robert Szustowicz, Irene Schuck, Nicholas Stranges, Steve McCracken, Bonita Berstler, Rodger McGinley

Reminder: Names will remain on the list for six weeks. Please call to have them placed back on the prayer list.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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

Weekly Tithing: \$24,600

Weekly Budget: \$28,462

Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$24,962

Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$2,171

Thanksgiving Collection

The collection taken on Thanksgiving Day this year will once again be donated to the Hershey Food Bank. The mission of the Food Bank is to stop hunger in our community. Please make checks payable to: St. Joan of Arc. An giving option has also been added for those using our Online Giving program.



VOLUNTEER

Christmas

OPEN HOUSE & DROP IN

December 18, 2016



Father Al warmly invites the faithful volunteers of our parish to a very special Christmas gathering in honor of the time and service you graciously contribute throughout the year. We would like to thank each of you on behalf of our entire parish community.

We hope you can drop in to join us for some food, drinks and companionship as we celebrate and thank you for the blessings of time, talent, and treasure you bring to our parish of St. Joan of Arc. Details to follow.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for November 27, 2016

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
Lector	T.B.A.					
EMHC	L. Demers	K. Harbaugh	K. Burkhart	G. Bixler	T. Samson	C. Evans
	L. Drayer	T. Crum-Ewing	M. DeAngelis	S. Cordaro	R. Barry	J. Evans
	M. Duval	C. Eimer	T. DeAngelis	B. Frola	G. Kaiser	V. Felice
	E. Frauenhoffer		W. Lutz	J. Frola		J. Kreider
Servers	M. Coyle	J.P. Katzenmoyer	M. O'Hara	J. Wilson	A. Samson	R. Abraham
	M. Coyle	J. Katzenmoyer	M. O'Hara	D. Kreiss	C. Chardo	T. Abraham
	J. Larkin	G. Harbaugh	S. O'Hara	M. Brooks	L. Hamilton	L. Ruiz-Velasco
MC	C. Larkin	T. Harbaugh	D. O'Hara	M. Keeler	L. Hamilton	M. Abraham

Money Counters: J. Traini, J. Banks, T. Kilcoyne, J. Storm, D. Ryan, J. Thomas



This Week in our Parish

SUNDAY, November 20

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

MONDAY, November 21

- 9:45 AM Legion of Mary
- 7:00 PM Edge
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - Troop 108

TUESDAY, November 22

- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

WEDNESDAY, November 23

- 7:15 AM Wednesday Morning Coffee
- 7:45 AM Gospel Reflection Group
- 5:00 PM Confessions
- 7:00 PM "I Thirst" - Wild Goose Series

SATURDAY, November 26

- 6:30 AM That Man Is You
- 4:00 PM Confessions



The Christmas Giving Tree Program 2016, sponsored by the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**, is underway!! St. Joan of Arc parishioners have been very generous in the past in creating a blessed Christmas for our neighbors in need!!

Trees decorated with ornaments listing recipient names and suggested gifts will be placed in the church on **Saturday, Nov. 26th and remain until Dec. 4th.**

Gifts will be collected in the Cafetorium **ONLY** on the weekend of **Dec. 10th & 11th until 1 pm Sunday Dec. 11th (Please note we cannot collect after the Sunday 5:30 Mass as the organizations pick up the gifts earlier in the day.)** and then will be distributed to local families in need, Spring Creek Manor (elder care home), Morningstar (pro-life pregnancy center), Catholic Worker House, and various Catholic Charities: Lourdes house (home for pregnant women and infants), Interfaith Shelter (shelter for homeless families), Foster Care (children to be placed in foster care), Shalom House (shelter for abused women and children); Evergreen (substance abuse shelter); Hershey Food Bank. Thanks for your continued support.



Christmas Flower Memorials

If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one on Christmas, complete a form and return it to the parish office no later than **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016 before 12:00 PM.**

Please do not return requests through the collection basket. Christmas flower requests will not be taken over the telephone.

Forms are available in the parish office and will be published again in next week's bulletin.



YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN & EDGE...



LIFE TEEN

This Week: Life Teen Social-After the weekend retreat, Fan the Fire, we are going to have some fun and games. Invite your friends!!!

Next Week - Nov. 27: No Life Teen next week! May you have a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends.



EDGE - All 6th graders- 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 **December 5, 12 & 19**.

SJA SCHOOL NEWS...



Please join us for Breakfast with St. Nicholas on Saturday, December 10th at St. Joan of Arc School

This event will feature a delicious breakfast from the Knights of Columbus, a presentation with St. Nicholas, entertainment by the St. Joan of Arc School Choir, a Cookie Walk (where you can fill your box with a variety of homemade cookies), and Christmas Shoppe (where children can buy inexpensive gifts for their loved ones).

Choose from the 8am or 10am seating, tickets are \$5 per adult, \$3 (3-10 years old) per child (2 and under are free). **Reservations may be made through payment at the SJA school office starting November 21st.** Space will be limited and reservations will fill up quickly, so early reservations are recommended!

WELCOME SISTER ELZA

The Daughters of Mercy have a mission in Gonaives, Haiti, where Sister Elza is a newly professed sister, and works in Haiti as a nurse. She has been in the USA since August to become more familiar with our Newfield Province, and will return to Haiti in December. She is spending time in each of our US missions. She came to Hershey Nov. 9 and will go to York on Nov. 23.

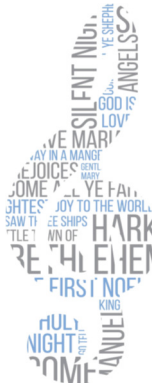
Because she is a missionary, she wears a tan habit. She has been working in the school and going with Sister Salvatoris to visit the nursing homes, the sick, etc. We wish her God's blessings as she continues her ministry in Haiti.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...

There are no REP classes on December 21, 25, 28 or January 1. Classes will resume on January 4.



- 11/27: 1st Sunday of Advent
- 12/2: First Friday Eucharistic Adoration & Devotions
- 12/8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
*A Holy Day of Obligation
- 12/9: Prayer & Pasta - 6pm in the Cafeteria
- 12/16: Prayer & Pasta - 6pm in the Cafeteria
- 12/18: Volunteer Christmas Open House - Drop in between 1pm and 4pm
- 12/18: Parish Penance Service at 7:00pm
- 12/23: Parish Office Closes at Noon
- 12/26 & 12/27: Parish Office Closed for Christmas



The St. Joan of Arc Youth Choir will begin practices on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 10am in the choir loft and will rehearse every Saturday morning until Christmas. The choir is open to all young people of the parish in second grade through ninth grade. The Youth Choir will be singing at the first Mass on Christmas Eve at 5pm in the church. All are welcome! There are no auditions. Questions? Contact Beth Palmer, Director of Music.

CONSIDERING A YEAR END GIFT?

If you are considering making a year end gift, please consider St. Joan of Arc in your planning. Remember you may target your gift to benefit any of our special campaigns – all are in need of your generous contributions. We invite the opportunity to discuss any special projects you may be interested in supporting. Visit the stewardship page of our website to view your giving options and some IRS Tips for Year-End Gifts to Charity, or contact Jackie Abel in the parish office.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: NOVEMBER



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting non-perishable foods and personal care items before each Mass next week-end, **November 26 & 27**, for the Hershey Food Bank.

Monetary donations are also appreciated. Donations received by check are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to: Hershey Food Bank. **Thank you for your continued support!**



DAILY LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

As we make the Sign of the Cross, the leader says:
 Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R/. Who made heaven and earth.

A song may be sung as the candle is lighted
 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Scripture Reading (see Daily Readings for Advent)

A reflection may be shared about the Reading

Concluding Prayer

Lord our God,
 we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
 He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
 He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us,
 He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,
 let your blessing come upon us
 as we light the candles of this wreath.
 May the wreath and its light
 be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
 May He come quickly and not delay.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

As we make the Sign of the Cross, we say:
 May the Lord bless us,
 protect us from all evil,
 and bring us everlasting life.
R/. Amen.

DAILY READINGS FOR ADVENT

*"Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet,
 a light for my path." - Psalm 119:105*

FIRST WEEK

Sunday Romans 13:11-14
Monday Isaiah 2:1-5
Tuesday Psalm 72
Wednesday Isaiah 25:6-10
Thursday Matthew 7:21-27
Friday Psalm 27
Saturday Isaiah 30:19-21

SECOND WEEK

Sunday Romans 15:4-9
Monday Psalm 85
Tuesday Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday Zechariah 2:14-17
Thursday Luke 1:26-38
Friday Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday Sirach 48:1-11

THIRD WEEK

Sunday James 5:7-10
Monday Revelation 11:19-12:6
Tuesday Jeremiah 23:5-8
Wednesday Luke 7:18-23
Thursday Isaiah 54:1-10
Friday John 5:33-36
Saturday Matthew 1:1-17

FOURTH WEEK

Sunday Romans 1:1-17
Monday Judges 13:2-7, 24-25
Tuesday Isaiah 7:10-14
Wednesday Song of Songs 2:8-14
Thursday Luke 1:57-66
Friday Psalm 25
Saturday Luke 1:67-79

*Christ
 IS Coming!*

