

CHRIST THE KING

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 21, 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)

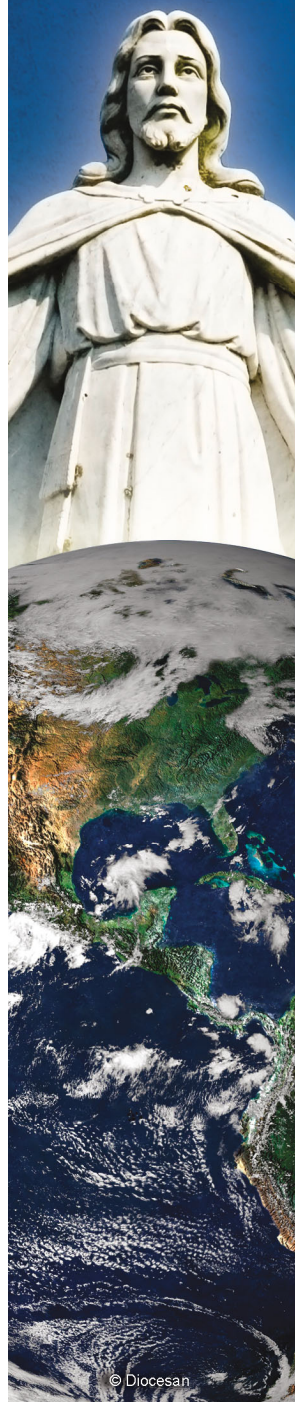
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday

5:00-5:30 pm

Saturday

4:00-4:45 pm



FROM THE PASTOR



The Priests of the parish wish you a Happy and Holy Thanksgiving. Thank you for your continued love and support throughout the year. Enjoy your time spent with friends and family.

Father Al



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Antonio Felice**, father of Lou Felice, who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to his 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: **Joseph Wagner, Geneen Valentine, John Polto, Ken Schaffer, Bernard Ganse, Sandy Adamkowski, Tom Searer, Abram Brandt, Mort Kayser, Barbara Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan, Jeff & Lori Sotack.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Main Altar Vase 1 & 2

Remembering the wonderful life and praying for the soul of **Debbie Rogowski Vandegrift** from your cousin, **Michael Filanowski.**



Saint Joseph

In loving memory of **Tony Nestico** from his family.

Respect life Rose

In loving memory of **Stephen Butsko & son, Geary.**

Happy Thanksgiving!
On Wednesday, November 24, the Parish Office will close at Noon. The office will remain closed from Thursday, November 25 through Monday, November 29. We will resume normal hours Tuesday, November 30.



Historical Facts About St. Joan of Arc

In 1990, Bishop Constant and Father Joseph Casthely visited from our sister parish in Haiti to say thanks and share pictures.

May 25, 1995, Bishop Nicholas Datillo helped break ground for the new Parish Center and dedication of this new building was February 3, 1996.



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

6:45 AM Gregory Breznak
9:00 AM Amelia Verrazzani

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23:

SAINT CLEMENT I, POPE AND MARTYR; SAINT COLUMBAN, ABBOT; BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTÍN PRO, PRIEST AND MARTYR

Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

6:45 AM Carmen & Jean Ranerio
9:00 AM Estenio Rossi

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDREW DŨNG-Lạc, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Dn 5:1-6, 13-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

6:45 AM All Souls
9:00 AM Andrew Gaydos

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25:

THANKSGIVING DAY

Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

9:00 AM Deceased Priests, Sisters & Religious who served at St. Joan of Arc Parish

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26:

Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

6:45 AM Barbara Guza
9:00 AM Gene Yanoscsik

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27:

Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

9:00 AM Carlos Padiá
5:00 PM James Cech

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We must be on guard for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled. As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another, observing his covenant and decrees.

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

7:30 AM Jane & William DeLuca
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM All Souls
5:00 PM Frank Ferguson, Sr.

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This Week: “Life Teen Holy Hour”- We prepare for the week of Thanksgiving, we will spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Come, pray and rest in prayer to slow yourself down for some much needed peace.

Next Week: No Life Teen- Have a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

Nov 28 No Life Teen-Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec 5 “Stan”-Love one another as I have loved you.
Dec 12 “White Elephant Gift Exchange”-bring a wrapped gift around \$5 to share.
Dec 19 “Parish Reconciliation Service”-We will have an opportunity to go to Confession.

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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 December 1 and 15. 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 December 22 for a white elephant gift exchange. We do not have Young Adults on December 8-Vigil of Immaculate Conception.

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✠ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

Hope and Healing After Abortion (Project Rachel Ministries)

“After the abortion, I never would have believed things could get better. But, amazingly, since my post-abortion counseling I have experienced hope and healing and self-forgiveness.” – Janice

“I used to wish. . . ‘If only I had a chance to do it all over again’ . . . Of course I can’t change the past, but I have learned from it. How I live my life now and will continue to live is a reflection that has come through healing.” – Cassandra

“Taking responsibility for my abortion was the first step toward healing. After some post-abortion counseling, a support group and a lot of hard work, I began to feel whole again.” -- Emily

www.hopeafterabortion.com

Road to Kindness

We want to wish everyone the very best for the Thanksgiving holiday this coming Thursday!



We are so very thankful for everyone in our parish! We are also so thankful for the way that you have embraced our Kindness Program! We are helping to change the world by following God’s Way – “The Road to Kindness.”

Thanksgiving is a special time for sharing! Let’s keep a thanksgiving spirit of sharing our food, and sharing our time with our family, friends and those in need!

We hope that you took some time in preparation for this Thanksgiving, as we discussed in last week’s Kindness article. We have so much to be thankful for and let’s share our time this Thanksgiving with those that need it! Many members from our parish have told us that they plan to do a special family Kindness act this Thanksgiving! This is so wonderful to hear!

It is also terrific to see that on this Thanksgiving, many people are giving generously to feed America and to helping those that need assistance in so many ways. Deep Kindness, the kind that makes a difference, is coming alive in our world. Kindness can be contagious and that has been the mission of our Kindness Program.

Thank you! Let your hearts be filled with Kindness this Thanksgiving! Blessings to you! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day and a week filled with Kindness!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Christmas Giving Tree Program 2021, sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, will continue this year; however, due to COVID 19, we will collect monetary donations and gift cards. The parishioners of St. Joan of Arc have been very generous in the past in creating a blessed Christmas for our neighbors in need and we are confident those of you who can donate this year will continue to help.

We will not have the trees decorated with ornaments listing recipients and suggested gifts as in past years. This year we are asking for donations to **St. Vincent de Paul Society by December 12** either **electronically on the St. Joan of Arc on-line giving page under St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree** or you can place your monetary donation and/or **\$25 Walmart, Target or TJ Maxx gift cards in a separate envelope, marked St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree and place in the collection basket in the church or drop off at the parish office.**

Gifts will be distributed to local families and organizations: Morningstar (pro-life pregnancy center), Catholic Worker House (alcohol & substance recovery) 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) and the Hershey Food Bank. Thank you for your continued support.

✠ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus

December 12 is Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day and The Knights of Columbus are offering beautiful, accurately true images of Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) in an effort to spread the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote the charitable works of the Knights. The icon is made by a Catholic business in Mexico and out on a faux cactus synthetic textile which is very similar to the feel of the original Tilma.

For more details on how you can bring the OLG into your home or business visit www.kofc6693.org/our-lady-of-guadalupe or talk to a Knight.

Caelorum

We look forward to seeing everyone at Caelorum on Wednesday, December 1 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.

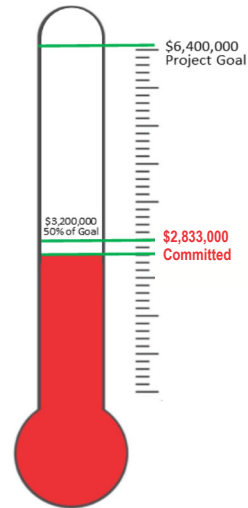
THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT



As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, we take comfort in returning to a sense of normalcy. This year let us pause and take a moment to offer thanks for being able to gather together with our families.

Never again can we take this special occasion for granted. So many have lost loved ones and more still had loved ones spend the holiday alone. There is greater appreciation for the time we have and using it wisely. We also realize that, ultimately, we aren't in control even though we would like to think we are.

Let us be grateful for the gifts God bestows on us each and every day and that we draw nearer to Him through the Sacrament of the Eucharist-(original derivation of "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word for "Thanksgiving").



Thanksgiving also reminds us again this year that we are grateful to all who have contributed to the Centennial Project 2020:

- Thank you for your gifts and pledges. Every dollar matters.
- Thank you to those who have fulfilled their pledge.
- Thank you to those who have increased their pledges and gifts.
- Thank you for sharing your gifts of stock, your retirement funds, and your real estate.
- Thank you to those who use the monthly envelopes.
- Thank you to those who give online.
- Thank you to the major donors underwriting our second phase of construction.

Your donations have enabled us to expand our ability to pass on the faith. We still have much more to accomplish, but let us give thanks for the strides we have made in just two years since the purchase of the school.

May you and your families have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Please continue to pray for the success of the Centennial Project.

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



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$30,980
Weekly Budget: \$26,923
Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$2,567

Week of November 7, 2021

Special Collection

November 21, 2021

Matthew 25

Please be generous in your financial and spiritual support for this collection. Your parish retains 25% of your gift to provide immediate assistance to your brothers and sisters who need housing assistance, warm clothes for the winter months and a nutritious meal. Over the past five years, more than \$1.04 million has been provided to local organizations in the Diocese of Harrisburg, with over \$329,230 returned to parishes for their work providing food, clothing and shelter.

Visit www.hbgdiocese.org/matthew25 to make an online gift or for more information.



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 option has also been added for those contributing through our Online Giving program.

TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!

RE M I N D E R :

Please take note of the early bulletin deadlines due by 9:00 am for the rest of the year.

Bulletin	Article Deadline	
December 19	Friday	December 10
December 26	Thursday	December 16
January 2	Thursday	December 23

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

CCW Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all of our parishioners who so generously donated items for our CCW rummage sale and Christmas Bazaar. Your generosity made both sales possible. The CCW was thrilled at the turn out for our Christmas Bazaar!!!

Thank you for supporting us; baking goodies, buying breakfast and or lunch, shopping, coming out to have fellowship with each other. We sold out of baked goodies and food. Thank you to Father Al for his support of the CCW. Thank you to Michelle Myers, SJA custodial staff, who went above and beyond in helping the CCW prepare for our Bazaar. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their help. We appreciate all the help and support from our ladies and parishioners. All of you made our Christmas Bazaar a huge success.

The Basket Winners 2021 Christmas Bazaar:

Christmas Village- Clara Ross
 Italian basket - Jessie Kunez
 Lottery tickets - Margie Leiss
 Money tree - Ashie Santangelo
 Spa basket -Julie Fogarty

Box of Joy Thank You

194 Boxes of Joy were delivered from St. Joan of Arc to the Harrisburg Diocesan Center beginning a journey to bring the joy of Christmas to impoverished children in developing countries.

The total tally of boxes delivered from multiple parishes/organizations was 1,966 but that does not represent the final tally.

St. Joan of Arc ranked an impressive 2nd among the top 12 Parishes donating this year.

Thank you for your caring hearts and outstanding generosity. God Bless You for your kindness.

CCW Nut Roll Sale

Thank you to all who purchased nut rolls. The CCW sold 522 nut rolls. Pick-up in parish social hall lobby is Saturday, November 20 from 9:00-1:00 pm and Sunday, November 21 from 8:00-1:00 pm.

With Much Gratitude...

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

HERSHEY PEDIATRIC CENTER

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Centennial Luncheon

There is still time to register for the Centennial Luncheon on December 5. No registrations will be taken after November 24.

Help us celebrate as we look forward to the next 100 years! Any questions, contact Betty Roksandic at broksandic@stjoanhershey.org



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!



VOCATIONS CORNER

“My kingdom is not from this world.”

Are you being called to proclaim the glorious reign of Christ the King as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki

frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org
(717) 657-4804 ext. 282



Thanksgiving Table Prayer

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work, and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick, and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.