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ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 2, 2018

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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: 5:15 pm

Sunday Masses: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, Noon, 5:30 pm

Daily Mass: Monday -Friday: 6:45 am & 9:00 am, Saturday: 9:00 am

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Monday - Friday: 6:00 pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday: 5:00 - 5:30 pm, Saturday: 4:00 - 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.

First Sunday of Advent
Be vigilant at all times...
 Lk 21:36

FROM THE PASTOR

I love the Season of Advent. I really think it is my favorite season in the Church year. I am inspired by the readings at Mass; I like the purple vestments; I especially am enamored by Advent hymns: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”, “O Come, Divine Messiah”, and “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns.” Perhaps it is the time of year that we celebrate Advent in the Northern Hemisphere. The dark days can seem like they go on forever but there is something cozy about settling down at night with a good book, a movie, or just being with family and friends. And even though strictly we are not celebrating Christmas yet, there is something so lovely in the lights decorating trees and doorways on a dark, winter night. We can get all caught up in the Christmas rush, but don’t allow Advent to pass you by this year. Put up an Advent Wreath or use an Advent Calendar or a Jesse Tree to remind you of the season. But even more importantly, take notice of the dark and remember that Jesus Christ is the Light that has come into the world to take away the darkness of sin and death!

As a follow-up to our Town Hall Meetings on Clergy Sexual Abuse, I will begin next week to use my column to answer (as best I can) many of the questions that you have regarding all of this. I know it may not be especially suited for this season before Christmas but I say, “If not now, then when?”

Have a Blessed Advent!




With Much Gratitude...

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

FOUR S STITCHING



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the souls of **Jack Owens, Dr. Gerry Kaiser, and Anthony Nestico** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy to their families and friends on their loss.

☪ [Parish - Parishioner Milestones - Eternal Life](#)

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Blessed Mother: In loving memory of Theresa Vitiello on the 15th anniversary of her death from Jim & Judy Dezagottis

☪ [Contact Us - Request: Altar Flowers](#)

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS:

The following parishioners or family members are ill and have recently been added to our parish prayer list. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: **Mary E. O’Brien, Joseph Caloiero, Eithne Shank, Joseph DeFluri, and Frank Bolduc.**

☪ [Parish - Prayer Intentions](#)

MASS ATTENDANCE: November 24/25 **Total:** 1726

5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	NOON	5:30 PM
267	183	360	390	179	347



Our parish community welcomes this newly baptized child of God:

CAYDEN ECKERT



There were no weddings in the month of November.



WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 3: MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

6:45 AM Barbara Moyer Yetter

9:00 AM Arthur Lucarelli, III

TUESDAY, DEC. 4: SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

6:45 AM Della Sonni

9:00 AM Dick Ingaglio

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

6:45 AM Marty Rowland

9:00 AM Robert Murphy

THURSDAY, DEC. 6: SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

6:45 AM John Robbins

9:00 AM David Novatnak

FRIDAY, DEC. 7: SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

6:45 AM Nancy Santeusanio

9:00 AM Deceased Legion of Mary

6:00 PM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, DEC. 8: SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:15 PM Theresa Freisen

SUNDAY, DEC. 9: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

The Lord has done great things, leading his people out of slavery to the glorious splendor of Jerusalem. Let us make ready the way of the Lord by abounding in love and in works of justice.

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM Frank Frola

10:30 AM John F, John E, and Ida Feeney

12:00 PM Velvia Fischer

5:30 PM Lois Rogers

This Week In Our Parish

❖ MONDAY, DECEMBER 3		
3:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop Meeting	SJC
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop Meeting	CAF
7:00 PM	Edge	MRC
❖ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4		
9:30 AM	Little Rock Scripture Study	SJC
9:45 AM	Legion of Mary	SJC
6:00 PM	Liturgy & Worship Meeting	REC
6:30 PM	Cub Scout Troop Meeting	-
-	No Faith Enrichment	-
❖ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5		
7:15 AM	Wednesday Morning Coffee	SJC
7:45 AM	Gospel Reflection	SJC
4:15 PM	REP: Grades K - 6	-
6:30 PM	RCIA	PC
7:00 PM	Caelorum	CHR
❖ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6		
6:30 PM	Girl Scout Troop Meeting	SJC
7:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	CHR
❖ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7		
3:00 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	SJC
❖ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8		
6:30 AM	That Man Is You	MRC
8:00 AM	Breakfast with St. Nicholas	CAF
4:30 PM	Giving Tree Collection	CAF
❖ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9		
7:00 AM	Giving Tree Collection	CAF
9:00 AM	REP: Grades K - 6	-
1:00 PM	Volunteer Open House	PC
6:45 PM	Life Teen	MRC
7:00 PM	Confirmation Prep	CAF

❖ MEETING ROOMS & LOCATIONS ❖

PC: Parish Center CHP: Chapel (PC) CHR: Church
 SJC: Saint Joseph Center MRC: Meeting Room C
 CAF: Cafeteria LIB: Library REC: Rectory

† UPCOMING EVENTS

CAELORUM:

The next Caelorum will be held on **Wednesday, December 5** at 7:00 pm. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we praise, worship, and adore our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Father Modestus will preside. A reception will be held immediately following in the cafeteria. All are welcome, please join us!

☎ **Lou Felice: (717) 583-0240**

🔗 [Calendar - Weekly & Recurring Events](#)

HOUR OF GRACE:

Come and fulfill Our Lady's annual request to honor Her through Her Image of the Mystical Rose on **Saturday, December 8** from Noon to 1:00 pm. She said many spiritual blessings and graces will be granted from Her Beloved Son for those who honor Her at this hour.

NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE:

The 29th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life will be held on **Saturday, December 8** from 1:00 - 5:00 pm in the St. Lucy Chapel.

GIFT WRAPPING:

Get your Christmas presents wrapped while supporting local children with cancer. McDevitt Elves will be wrapping presents on **Sunday, December 9 and Sunday, December 16** from 7:00 am - 1:30 pm in the St. Joseph Center. For a free-will offering, you'll get a break from holiday prep and support the McDevitt Mini-Thon, which raises money for Four Diamond's at Penn State Children's Hospital.

☎ **Alec Kulina: (717) 712-5028**

VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE:

This year's Open House for parish volunteers will be held on **Sunday, December 9** in the Parish Center from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

† ADULT FAITH FORMATION

YOUNG ADULTS (Ages 21 - 35):

Calling all young adults of the parish between the ages of 21-35, married or single!!! Young Adults meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Meeting Room C. We will gather next on **December 12** as we continue "My Life with the Saints" by Fr. James Martin with a night on Mary, the Mother of God.

☎ **John: Ext. 128; jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org**

🔗 [Parish Ministries - Young Adults](#)

† PTO EVENTS

DINNER FOR DOLLARS:

The next Dinner for Dollars will be held at **Texas Roadhouse** in Palmyra on **Tuesday, December 4** from 3:00 - 10:00 pm. Twenty percent of your bill will benefit our kids through the St. Joan of Arc School PTO.

Every Monday in December, treat yourself to **Au Bon Lieu Bistro** for authentic savory and sweet French crepes, all while supporting our school. Enjoy a complete meal and dessert, BYOB. Twenty percent of your bill will benefit our students through the St. Joan of Arc School PTO.

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS:



Join us on **Saturday, December 8** for Breakfast with St. Nicholas from 8:00 - 11:30 am! 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, and a Christmas Shoppe.

Ticket prices: Adult: \$5
 Ages 3-12: \$3
 Under 3: Free

† MINISTRY NEWS

GIVING TREE PROGRAM:

The 2018 Christmas Giving Tree Program sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society is underway! The parishioners of St. Joan of Arc 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 in the church from November 24 to December 2. If you do not get an ornament, you can make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul Society or the Hershey Food Bank.

Gifts and donations will be collected in the Cafetorium on **December 8 & 9** until 1:00 pm on December 9. Donations will be distributed to local families in need through Spring Creek Manor, Morningstar, Catholic Worker House, Lourdes House, Interfaith Shelter, Shalom House, Evergreen, and Hershey Food Bank. Thanks for your continued support.

☎ **Mary Ann King: SVDPHershey@aol.com**

🔗 [Parish Ministries - St. Vincent De Paul](#)

✠ MINISTRY NEWS

CCW APRON SALE:

Looking for a great Christmas gift? The CCW is selling aprons for \$20 each with “Cooking is Love Made Edible” embroidered on the front. All proceeds go towards the St. Joan of Arc team that travels to the Fr. Beiting mission in Kentucky each Spring and Fall.

✉ **Julie Groh:** sjaccwpres@gmail.com

ADULT INDOOR SOCCER:

We are looking for adults to play in a soccer game one night per week. You must be a parishioner.

✉ **John Wetherhold:** wetherhold@gmail.com

ROAD TO KINDNESS:

Advent is such a special time to share our kindness with each other and with our community! The Advent season is a time of preparation: we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We are so excited about our second annual Advent Kindness Program! This Advent season we invite you to prepare your hearts and go on a kindness journey. We have prepared everything you need for your kindness journey: our church’s Advent Kindness Calendar with 25 Acts of Kindness and the Advent Kindness Cards for you to spread your kindness with others. Reach out, become inspired, and make someone smile!

Kindness = Being friendly, generous, and considerate!

We want to share a wonderful story of a young girl that helped to bring a smile to someone that needed one. This story is taken from the website entitled “Raising Lifelong Learners.”

“Molly had a candy cane that she was going to hand out to someone she thought needed a smile. Molly was in the checkout line with her family and she noticed that the woman at the checkout seemed sad. As she approached the woman, she handed her the candy cane and said ‘Merry Christmas.’ Attached to the candy cane was a card that said ‘you are a blessing to us during this season and always. Please enjoy this act of Christmas kindness and know that you matter.’ As the woman read the card, her face softened and a smile lit her eyes. She came around from the register and hugged Molly, and with tears in her eyes, she thanked her.”

✉ **Tony Bellezza:** kindness@stjoanhershey.org

🔗 **Parish Ministries - Road to Kindness**

✠ MINISTRY NEWS

CONSOLATION/BEREAVEMENT:

The holidays can be a particularly difficult time for those who have lost a loved one. We at St. Joan of Arc understand the loneliness and pain that comes at this time of year. We invite you to join us on **Saturday, December 15** after 9:00 am Mass in the Parish Center for coffee and friendship.

✉ **RSVP:** (717) 533-2007

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Elf Alert! Volunteers are needed to clean the parsonage at Spring Creek Church of the Brethren for LOVE Inc. one Monday per month from 10:00 - 11:30 am.

✉ **Marie Bowman:** (717) 679-5729

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:

There will be a special collection on **December 9** to benefit the Retirement Fund for Religious. Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please consider giving in next week’s special collection.

BISHOP McDEVITT MINI-THON:

Bring your loose change to support Bishop McDevitt’s Mini-Thon. Canners will be on-site after all morning masses on **December 9 & 16.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS:

If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one on Christmas, requests are due no later than **Friday, December 7.** Fill out the form included in this bulletin or submit your request online.

🔗 **Contact Us—Request: Altar Flowers**

✠ BULLETIN REQUESTS

- 1) Requests **MUST** be received by 9:00 am the Monday prior to that weekend’s bulletin. Exceptions cannot be made for late requests.
- 2) Requests must be submitted as they are to appear in print. Please be brief due to space limitations.
- 3) Requests must be made through the designated form (*paper or electronic*) to ensure all necessary information is received prior to the deadline.

🔗 **Contact Us - Request: Bulletin Content**

Diocese of Harrisburg

Office for Divine Worship

A Time of Hope

A D V E N T 2 0 1 8

HOPE FOR THE CHURCH TODAY

"Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit."

(CCC 1817)

"I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him; to the soul that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord."

-Lamentations 3:21-26

Our intense desire is to see the Church become what Christ intended it to be: one, holy, and entirely dedicated to the pursuit of that perfection to which Christ called it and for which He qualified it. In its pilgrimage through the world the Church must really strive to manifest that ideal of perfection envisaged for it by the divine Redeemer. Here, therefore, we have the greatest problem confronting the living Church. It is a problem which shows how powerful and effective the Church really is. It goads it into action, submits it to searching criticism and keeps it true to its purpose. It engenders in the Church prayer and compunction, repentance and hope, toil and confidence, the spirit of adventure and achievement.

It is a problem which arises from the very nature of the truths revealed by God and their special

relevance to our lives as human beings. For without reference to Christ's teaching handed on by the Church, it is not possible for man to pass judgment on himself and his own nature, his former state of perfection and the ruinous consequences of original sin, his capacity for good and his need for help in desiring and achieving what is good, the importance and purpose



of this present life, the good that he seeks or already possesses, how best to acquire perfection and holiness, and how to attain to the highest degree of perfection and completeness.

Hence the Church must be gripped with an intense and unflinching desire to learn the ways of the Lord. It is Our dearest wish that all those valuable discussions concerning Christian perfection which have gone on for so many centuries in the Church, shall once again receive the importance they deserve and arouse the faithful, not indeed to formulate new rules of spirituality, but to generate new energies in striving after the holiness which Christ has taught us. His own words and example, his guidance and assistance, have made it possible for us to know about this holiness and to desire it and achieve it. This method of spirituality which is confirmed by the custom and tradition of the Church, established by the united action of its members, and exemplified in the outstanding lives of the Saints.

- Saint Paul VI

RECLAIMING THE GREAT HOPE FOR GOD

We need the greater and lesser hopes that keep us going day by day. But these are not enough without the great hope, which must surpass everything else. This great hope can only be God, who encompasses the whole of reality and who can bestow upon us what we, by ourselves, cannot attain. The fact that it comes to us as a gift is actually part of hope. God is

the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end, each one of us and humanity in its entirety. His Kingdom is not an imaginary hereafter, situated in a future that will never arrive; his Kingdom is present wherever he is loved and wherever his love reaches us. His love alone gives us the possibility of soberly

persevering day by day, without ceasing to be spurred on by hope, in a world which by its very nature is imperfect. His love is at the same time our guarantee of the existence of what we only vaguely sense and which nevertheless, in our deepest self, we await: a life that is "truly" life.
*-from Spe Salvi, 31
Pope Benedict XVI*

VENI, VENI O LUX VENI, VENI O RADIX IESSE VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

A WORD OF HOPE

"There was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face." - 1 Kings 19:12-13

FIRST WEEK

Sunday Mk 13:33-37
Monday Is 2:1-5
Tuesday Ps 72
Wednesday Is 25:6-10
Thursday Matt 7:21-27
Friday Ps 98
Saturday Is 30:19-21

SECOND WEEK

Sunday Mk 1:1-8
Monday Ps 85
Tuesday Zech 2:14-17
Wednesday Ps 103
Thursday Lk 1:26-38
Friday Matt 11:16-19
Saturday Sir 48:1-11

THIRD WEEK

Sunday Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday Jer 23:5-8
Tuesday Jgs 13:2-7
Wednesday Is 7:10-14
Thursday Sgs 2:8-14
Friday Lk 1:57-66
Saturday Lk 1:67-79



FOURTH WEEK

Sunday Ps 89
Monday Mt 1:1-25

DAILY READINGS FOR ADVENT

"Faith consists in accepting God without asking him to account for things according to our standard. Faith consists in reacting before God as Mary did: I don't understand it, Lord, but let it be done in me according to your word."

~ Saint Oscar Romero

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!

Opening Prayer

Open our minds and our hearts, O Lord, to hear your word of promise! Send us the Holy Spirit to guide us through these holy days. Quiet our worries and anxieties and help us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ who is Lord for ever and ever. *R/.* Amen.

Scripture Reading (see Daily Readings)

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.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one on Christmas, requests are due to the parish office no later than

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Christmas flower requests will not be taken over the telephone.

****Please Print Clearly****

In Loving Memory of: _____

Dedicated by: _____

Submitted by: _____ Phone: _____

Donation enclosed of: \$ _____ Please make checks payable to: **St. Joan of Arc**

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

Due to the holiday season, there is a special deadline for the December 30 and January 6 bulletins.

All requests must be submitted by Tuesday, December 18 at 9:00 am.



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Tuesday April 2, 2019

7-9:30 p.m.

Bishop McDevitt High School

1 Crusader Way
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Tickets: \$20

Host: St. Joan Of Arc Parish

Contact: Lou Felice
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717-215-4175

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