

Second Sunday of Advent...all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Lk 3:6



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ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

DECEMBER 9, 2018

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (Closed Noon -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: 5:15 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.

FROM THE PASTOR

I cordially invite all of you to our Parish Open House today, Sunday December 9, from 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome, but especially all of those who volunteer in our parish throughout the year! Thank you and God bless you for the time and energy and devotion you give to the Church!

This year for Christmas Eve we will have our 5:00 pm Mass and just ONE overflow Mass at 5:15 pm in the gymnasium. There will not be a Mass in the school cafeteria. I just wanted to let you know as you plan ahead for Christmas!

I will be using my column to answer some of the many questions you have regarding the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis. These questions and answers will be a regular (but not necessarily every week) part of this column.

“Father, were the priests listed in the Grand Jury Report, who had credible accusations against them, punished in any way?”

Of the 38 priests from the Diocese of Harrisburg in the Grand Jury Report, 30 of them are dead. The other eight had long been removed from active priestly ministry and can no longer present themselves as priests. They have all been laicized or in the process of being laicized (in common parlance, “defrocked”). They are no longer, since their removal (sometimes decades ago), priests in good standing in the Diocese of Harrisburg.



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With Much Gratitude...

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

GOOD'S AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the souls of **Kenneth Willi** and **Robert Coyle** 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:

There are several dates available for altar flowers. Please visit the parish website to reserve dates.

[☪ 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: December 1/2 **Total:** 1703

<u>5:15 PM</u>	<u>7:30 AM</u>	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>NOON</u>	<u>5:30 PM</u>
264	193	369	340	211	326

TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!

RE 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.



WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 10

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
 6:45 AM Salvatore J. Levanti
 9:00 AM Hal Hoffman

TUESDAY, DEC. 11: SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
 6:45 AM Paul Potosky
 9:00 AM Tony & Katy Andreoni

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12: FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 6:45 AM Jackie DeCicco
 9:00 AM Steno Verrazzani

THURSDAY, DEC. 13: MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
 6:45 AM Lucy Wanamaker
 9:00 AM Michael & Ruth Tushup

FRIDAY, DEC. 14: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
 6:45 AM Katherine Garaventa
 9:00 AM Ofilia Taraschi Schaeffer

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 9:00 AM Special Intention for Patrick Maleszewski
 5:15 PM Rose Marlett

SUNDAY, DEC. 16: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.

7:30 AM Edward Potteiger
 9:00 AM Andrew Gaydos
 10:30 AM James Saxton
 12:00 PM People of the Parish
 5:30 PM Pat Carter

This Week In Our Parish

❖ MONDAY, DECEMBER 10		
3:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop Meeting	SJC
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop Meeting	CAF
7:00 PM	Edge	MRC
7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul	LIB
7:00 PM	Bible Study	SJC
❖ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11		
9:30 AM	Little Rock Scripture Study	SJC
9:45 AM	Legion of Mary	SJC
❖ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12		
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	"I Thirst" Prayer Group	CAF
7:00 PM	Respect Life	SJC
7:00 PM	Young Adults	MRC
❖ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13		
7:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	CHR
7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus	MRC
❖ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14		
3:00 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	SJC
6:00 PM	Prayer and Pasta	CAF
❖ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15		
6:30 AM	That Man Is You	MRC
❖ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16		
9:00 AM	REP: Grades K - 6	-
6:45 PM	Life Teen	MRC
7:00 PM	Confirmation Prep	CAF
6:45 PM	Parish Penance Service	CHR

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

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 16, 2018

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	NOON	5:30 PM
Lector	F. Ruggiero	J. Goodpaster	M. Gette	A. Gould	M. Isherwood	Megan Waning
EMHC	N. Chandler	D. Sheehan	K. Burkhart	L. Drayer	S. Cordaro	M. Duval
	C. Yakstis	M. Spaeder	M. DeAngelis	B. Frola	M. Waiter	C. Evans
	D. Morgan	M. Wetherhold	T. DeAngelis	J. Frola	E. Fraenhoffer	J. Evans
Altar Servers	E. Kopp	St. Michael's	L. Hamilton	A. Zaccaria	D. Matas	N. Hamilton
	G. Kopp	Guard	L. Hamilton	M. Dugan	J. Matas	V. Yee
	S. Loser		E. Roche	M. Pegher	E. Hoffman	A. Stinson
MC	D. Kreiss		C. Roche	J. Pegher	N. Silvis	

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



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$32,206
Weekly Budget: \$30,385
Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$2,128
Matthew 25: \$7,730.18
Thanksgiving: \$3,513

Special Collections This Week

**DECEMBER 9:
 Retirement Fund for Religious**

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH)

This Week: "Signs of Life" We will finish up our short series on the Holy Spirit, looking at the miracles, healings, signs, and wonders that continue to happen today by those using the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit.

Next Week: "White Elephant Gift Exchange" It's that time of year again! Bring a small gift (\$5 approximate value) to participate in this hilarious night of exchanging gifts among your friends. Who is going to get "Smiling Jesus" this year?



SUMMER MISSION TRIP

We will be heading back to Mishawaka, IN and Notre Dame on **June 8-14, 2019**. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on this amazing week of service!

Cost: \$500 (\$100 due at registration)
 Early registration ends December 16.

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Come join teens from all over for a weekend of prayer, fun, and spiritual growth. On **July 19-21, 2019** we are heading to Franciscan University for this wonderful opportunity.

Cost: \$250 (\$50 due at registration)

📞 **John Triscik: Ext. 128; youth@stjoanhershey.org**



VOCATIONS CORNER

That the Lord, who is beginning the good work of choosing from among us men and women to follow Him as priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, will bring it to completion through our prayers and sacrifices, we pray to the Lord.



Vocations Cross

Dec. 10 - 17: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Arnold
Dec. 17 - 24: Fran & Barb McCarthy

The Vocations Cross is taken into the home of a parish member each week to pray for religious vocations. If you would like to join this rotation, please contact the parish office or visit the website.

🔗 **Sacraments - Vocations Cross**

YOUTH NEWS

EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH)

Are you not in High School but want to be a part of a youth ministry? EDGE is for grades 6-8 and meets on Monday nights from 7:00 - 8:15 pm in the Youth Room (Meeting Room C).

*EDGE Nights: Dec. 10 & 17

📞 John Triscik: Ext. 128; youth@stjoanhershey.org



HELP NEEDED

EDGE and Lifeteen are always in need of some help from Core Members to do food preparation. Please pray about volunteering with the high school or middle school youth ministries. If you are interested, contact John Triscik.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.E.P.)

📞 REP Office: Ext. 306; rep@stjoanhershey.org

† UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Diamonds at Penn State Children's Hospital.

📞 Alec Kulina: (717) 712-5028

PRAYER & PASTA:

Prayer & Pasta will be held on **Friday, December 14** at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. A presentation by Father Al will follow.

† 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 NEWS

DINNER FOR DOLLARS:

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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER THANK YOU:

On behalf of the St. Joan of Arc School PTO, we would like to thank everyone who came out to support the school's PTO Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 17!

We especially want to thank all of the parent and student volunteers and the following sponsors who helped make this event a huge success: Piazza Sorrento's; Pronio's; Giant Foods; Karns Foods; Barilla; HC Nye; McQuade Blasko Attorneys at Law; Mr. Ed Kaminsky, Accordion; and DJ Joe Angelo.

† MINISTRY NEWS

PRAY & PLAY MOMS GROUP:

Interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to pray, chat, and share snacks while the kids play? Please join us for our next play dates on **December 14 & 17** from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Email for location and check the blog on the parish website for 2019 dates.

📞 Sarah Bonavia: sarah.bonavia@gmail.com

🔗 Blog - Pray & Play Moms Group

PRAYER SHAWL RETREAT:

Save the date for the 8th Prayer Shawl Retreat, hosted by The Harrisburg Diocese Council of Catholic Women. We warmly invite women of the Diocese to join us on **Saturday, February 23, 2019** at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill, PA. Detail and reservation information will be provided soon.

🔗 Parish Ministries - Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

✠ MINISTRY NEWS

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**

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**

ROAD TO KINDNESS:

I wanted to again share some of Father Al's inspiring words included in last week's bulletin – they truly bring out the spirit of our beautiful Advent season.

“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.”

Let's all become inspired - the Advent Season is a beautiful time of the year to share your kindness! We thank everyone for embracing our Advent kindness program! There are some wonderful kindness acts included in this week's Advent kindness calendar. We have heard from several families that they are completing each daily kindness act in our church's kindness calendar! Many of the kindness acts they are doing as a family - how exciting! You are an inspiration to all of us! Thank you to every family that is following God's Way - “The Road to Kindness” for this Advent season!

Blessings to you! Enjoy this wonderful Advent season and have a week filled with kindness!

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

🔗 **Parish Ministries - Road to Kindness**

✠ 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:

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. They then leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to second collection on **December 9** for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious.

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**.

OPLATKI WAFERS:

Oplatki wafers are available on the tables at the back of the church and at the parish office.

Cost: \$3 for 1 pack of 3 wafers
\$5 for 2 packs of 3 wafers

✠ 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**

