

A^{2ND} SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

DECEMBER 10, 2017

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Sundays: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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PARISH OFFICE

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Susan Robison, Parish Secretary	Ext. 100
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717-857-5695

CONVENT

717-533-2864

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.

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

Mark 1:3

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**MASS SCHEDULE,
READINGS & INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11: SAINT DAMASUS I

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

- 6:45 AM Special Intention for Louis Hiban
- 9:00 AM Michael & Ruth Tushup

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

- 6:45 AM Carmela Cullari
- 9:00 AM Steno Verrazzani

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13: SAINT LUCY

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

- 6:45 AM Lucy Bellezza and Anthony R. Bellezza
- 9:00 AM Bill O'Brien

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14: ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

- 6:45 AM Raymond Manari
- 9:00 AM Ofilia Taraschi Shaeffer

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

- 6:45 AM Kristy Koons
- 9:00 AM Special Intention for Patrick Maleszewski

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

- 9:00 AM Maggie Harris
- 5:15 PM Deceased Bergloff and Sargoca Families

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17:
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he, one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God.

MASS INTENTIONS:

- 7:30 AM Ed Bott
- 9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Leo Berzinski, Sr.
- 10:30 AM James Saxton
- 12:00 PM Mary Alice Lindenfelder
- 5:30 PM People of the Parish



**PARISH MANAGER
POSITION AVAILABLE**

St. Joan of Arc Parish is accepting applications for the Position of Parish Manager. This important position is responsible for the day-to-day running of the parish office with respect to personnel, scheduling, and administrative concerns such as the implementation of diocesan and parish policies and guidelines. This position will also involve the overseeing of plans for building and property enhancement and/or expansion according to diocesan and governmental agencies. In sum, the Parish Manager will assist the pastor in the overall administration of the parish. A bachelor's degree in business administration and at least three years of experience in business administration and personnel supervision is required.

Application forms are available on our parish website at: www.stjoanhershey.org/pm or contact Father Al Sceski at (717) 533-7168, ext. 102. Please submit application by January 15, 2018.

Father Al



With Much Gratitude...

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

GOOD'S AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

- Dec. 23/24:** Due by 9:00 am Thursday, December 14th
- Dec. 30/31:** Due by 9:00 am Thursday, December 21st

BULLETIN REMINDER: Requests for information to be included in the parish bulletin are due **Mondays by 9:00 am**. Forms are available on our website under the "Contact us" menu. All requests must include the date(s) of the bulletin(s) in which you would like your information included and be submitted exactly as you would like the information to appear.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 16 & 17, 2017

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
Lector	M. Isherwood	G. Duval	D. Hennigan	Z. Stapleton	P. Graybash	N. Silvis
EMHC	E. Frauenhoffer	M. Duval	K. Burkhart	M. DeAngelis	C. Evans	V. Felice
	J. Larkin	M. Totaro	K. Harbaugh	T. DeAngelis	J. Evans	Sr. Eileen
	J. Larkin	J. Pantalone	W. Lutz	B. Frola	T. Kilcoyne	A. Reeves
	P. Mooney		R. Meinert	J. Frola		M. Stamilio
Servers	G. Gurney	S. O'Hara	J. McInerney	M. Yee	St. Michael's Guard	N. Hamilton
	M. Gurney	M. O'Hara	T. McInerney	V. Yee		A. Hamilton
	D. Bagatta	M. O'Hara	G. Harbaugh	S. Yurich		L. Hamilton
MC	M. Bagatta	D. O'Hara	A. Aluquin	F. Sallusti		L. Hamilton

Money Counters: F. Savini, B. Zarefoss, F. McCarthy, J. Frola, H. Devine, B. McCarthy



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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

Weekly Tithing: \$38,982

Weekly Budget: \$29,615

Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$10,216

Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$2,472

**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION:
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held Dec. 9-10 in the Diocese of Harrisburg. This appeal is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) and offers support for senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests whose communities lack sufficient retirement funding.



Please accept our gratitude for your heartwarming generosity towards our recent collections for the poor (Matthew 25) and the thanksgiving offertory that is gifted to the Hershey Food Bank.

THANK YOU!

**MATTHEW 25: \$3,742
THANKSGIVING: \$10,320**



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the souls of **Deborah Sinex** and **Ed Klimovsky**, who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy to their family and friends on their loss.

THE PILGRIM CROSS:

If you would like to take the Pilgrim Cross into your home for one week a year and pray for vocations, please call the parish office. The Pilgrim Cross will be in the home of:

Dec. 11 - 18: Mary Ann Gregory

Dec. 18 - 25: Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Bagatta & Family

MASS ATTENDANCE: December 4 & 5 **Total: 1848**

5:15pm	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	Noon	5:30pm
267	214	298	405	253	411



The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of the parish, in your prayers:

- Dale Von Stein, Jeffrey Pavone, Michael Danzis, Rose Marie Smith, Paul Mara, Danny Tobin, Tara Mastro, Jadon Kalp, Jade Benco, Weston Hoffman, Amanda Dennis, Denise Mastro, Barry Boyer, Jadon Kalp, Jade Benco, Vincent Savini, David Liddy, Kaitlin Buser, Lily Carney, Ashley Tatangelo.**



OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Oplatki wafers are an Advent/Christmas tradition. They are available in the back of the Church and the parish office. Each pack contains 3 wafers. The suggested donation is \$3 per pack or \$5 for 2 packs.

VOCATIONS:

John the Baptizer made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today? If God is calling you, talk to Fr. Al or contact Fr. Brian Wayne (717) 657-4804 or email: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

❖ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10		
7:00 AM	Christmas Giving Tree Collection	CAF
9:00 AM	REP: K - Gr. 6	-
6:45 PM	Life Teen	MRC
7:00 PM	REP: Confirmation Prep	-
❖ MONDAY, DECEMBER 11		
9:45 AM	Legion of Mary	SLC
3:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop #11535	SLC
7:00 PM	Bible Study	SLC
7:00 PM	EDGE	MRC
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop Meeting	CAF
❖ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12		
9:30 AM	Little Rock Scripture Study	SLC
❖ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13		
7:15 AM	Wednesday Morning Coffee	SLC
7:45 AM	Gospel Reflection Group	SLC
4:15 PM	REP: K - Gr. 6	-
6:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	PC
7:00 PM	Young Adult Ministry	MRC
7:00 PM	"I Thirst" Prayer Group	CAF
7:30 PM	Respect Life Meeting	LIB
❖ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14		
7:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	CHR
❖ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15		
3:00 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	SLC
6:00 PM	Prayer & Pasta: "Behold the Lamb of God"	CAF
❖ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16		
9:30 AM	Bereavement Coffee	PC
❖ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17		
9:00 AM	REP: K - Gr. 6	-
1:00 PM	Baptisms	CHR
6:45 PM	Life Teen	MRC
7:00 PM	Parish Penance Service	CHR
7:00 PM	REP: Confirmation Prep	-
❖ MEETING ROOMS & LOCATIONS ❖		
PC: Parish Center	CHP: Chapel (PC)	CHR: Church
SLC: St. Lucy Center	CAF: Cafeteria	LIB: Library
MRC: Meeting Room C	GYM: Gymnasium	

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



This Week: "Unexpected Gift" We will take a look at the life of St. Gianna and what it means to be a gift to one's family, in one's profession, and in all aspects of one's life. The Sacrament of Matrimony is a complete gift of self.

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

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH



EDGE is for grades 6 - 8th and meets on Monday nights in the Youth Room (Mtg. Room C) from 7 - 8:15. EDGE nights will be **December 4, 11, 18**. Invite your friends!

SCHOOL & P.T.O. NEWS...

DINNER FOR DOLLARS:

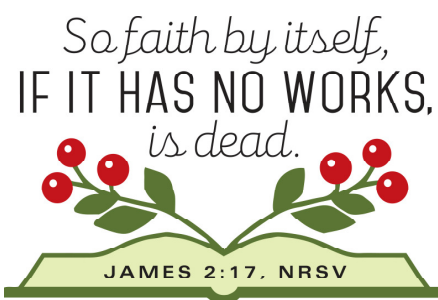
Eat at **Texas Roadhouse** in Palmyra on December 11th (from 3 to 10 pm) and 20% of the cost of your meal will benefit our kids through the St. Joan of Arc PTO Dinner for Dollars Program. Vouchers can be found in the back of the Church.

SPONSOR A CHILD PROGRAM: "THANK YOU"

St. Joan of Arc School would like to thank the Parish community for supporting the "Sponsor a Child program" by contributing to the scholarship fund in part or in full. You have help 52 students to receive a Catholic. May God Bless You.

SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 21, 2018

The 9th Annual Night of Knights Gala is scheduled for April 21, 2018. For more information please contact Deb Rizzotto at: drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org or by calling (717) 533-2854 ext. 123.





NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our parish community welcomes these newly baptized children of God:

**Oliver Conley, Ethan Taylor, Isla Ewing,
Isaac Hiester, Elijah Myers,
Daniel George, Bennett McDonnell**

NEWLY MARRIED

We congratulate & rejoice with these couples of our parish community whom recently united in marriage:

† **Kyle Meyer and Kathleen Spadaro**
† **Patrick O'Rourke and Ashley Tatangelo**



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: CHRISTMAS GATHERING

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.

Date: Sunday, December 17th

Time: Drop in 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Location: Rectory



God's Way: "The Road to Kindness" 

Thank you for embracing Our Advent Kindness Program! There are some wonderful Kindness Acts included in this week's Advent Kindness Calendar. Enjoy this week's Kindness journey!


We also 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."

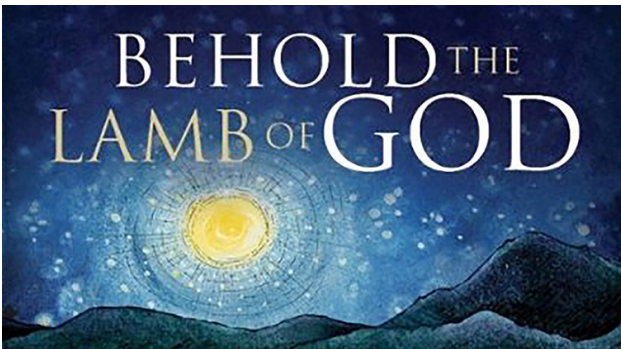
Reach out - become inspired and make someone smile! Kindness = Being friendly, generous and considerate! God's Way - "The Road to Kindness" can make a difference this Advent Season. Blessings to you! Enjoy this wonderful Advent Season and have a week filled with Kindness!



Please share your Kindness Acts, or those you observe, by emailing them to: kindness@stjoanhershey.org




Prayer & Pasta
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
6:00 - 7:15 pm



BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

Join us in the cafeteria for delicious pasta and fellowship. A presentation will follow, "Behold the Lamb of God" presented by John Triscik. Everyone is invited to the Church afterwards for evening prayer.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
7:00PM

*This date was previously published as Dec. 10th. We apologize for any confusion.

✠ PARISH MINISTRY: NEWS, EVENTS, MEETINGS ✠

Full information regarding these items can be found on our parish website by visiting the page listed below each article.

HAITI COMMITTEE MEETING:

Please join us on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm for our next meeting where we will discuss details for our upcoming inaugural trip to our sister Parish in January. We will meet at 129 E. Areba Ave.

👉 [“Haiti: Sister Parish” Ministry Page](#)

HOLY SPIRIT PARTY:

The “I Thirst” Prayer Group will be hosting a Holy Spirit Party to celebrate our Lord's birth on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria of St. Joan of Arc Church, Hershey. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a snack to share.

📞 [Lynn Schuck](#): (717) 503-1600

👉 [“I Thirst Prayer Group” Ministry Page](#)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

A few reminders for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our Christmas luncheon will be on Dec. 12, 2017 at Devon in Hershey. We will meet at 11:30. Also, this will be the only day we meet in December. Our next Prayer Shawl meeting will be held on January 9, 2018.

👉 [“Prayer Shawl” Ministry Page](#)

BEREAVEMENT - HOLIDAY INVITATION:

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 come at this time of year. We invite you to join us on Saturday, **December 16** following the 9 am Mass for coffee and friendship in the Parish Center (the former convent). Please RSVP to (717) 533-2007.

👉 [Calendar > Upcoming Events](#)

AREBA CLUB MEETING - DEC. 14th:

The December meeting of the Areba Club will be a Christmas Luncheon held at the Holiday Inn Grantville on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Noon. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please make your reservations with Janet as soon as possible. Gala Buffet Luncheon, entertainment, door prizes and great fellowship.

📞 [Janet Polto](#): (717) 533-3368

👉 [“AREBA Club” Ministry Page](#)

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (AGE 21 - 35):

Young Adults will meet on December 13th for an Advent Social / White Elephant Gift Exchange. Our group meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 pm in Meeting Room C (Youth Room).

📞 [John Triscik](#): Ext. 128, stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com

👉 [“Young Adults” Ministry Page](#)

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROGRAM:

Gifts for the Christmas Giving Tree Program will be collected in the Cafeteria: **Dec. 9** (before and after the 5:15 pm Mass) and **Dec. 10** (before the 7:30 am Mass until 1:00 pm.) *Please note: Gifts will not be accepted in the parish office.*

👉 [Calendar > Upcoming Events](#)

MORNING STAR - BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:

Please return the baby bottles with your donations to benefit Morning Star Pregnancy Services, to the parish office as soon as possible. Be assured your donation makes a BIG impact on our mission to Respect Life.

👉 [Stewardship > Special Collections](#)

MOM’S GROUP - DEC. DATES:

Moms of babies & toddlers: Are you interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to chat and share some snacks while the kids play? Please join us for play dates on: **December 22** and **January 5, 19** from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Please email for location.

📞 [Sarah Bonavia](#): Sarah.Bonavia@gmail.com

👉 [“Mom’s Group” Ministry Page](#)

ADULT INDOOR SOCCER:

We are currently looking for adults to play in an informal soccer game one night a week. You must be a registered parishioner to participate.

📞 [John Wetherhold](#): wetherspoon@yahoo.com

👉 [“Athletic Association” Ministry Page](#)

CCW - NUT ROLLS STILL AVAILABLE:

There are still nut rolls available. To place an order, please call Janet Polto at (717) 533-3368.

👉 [“CCW” Ministry Page](#)

AVAILABLE ALTAR FLOWERS:



There are several available dates for Altar Flowers...

Main Altar: Dec. 17; Jan. 28; Feb. 4

Blessed Mother: Jan. 28; Feb. 4

Saint Joseph: Dec. 17; Jan. 8, 15, 22; Feb. 4

Respect Life Rose: Jan. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4

There will be no altar reservations from Feb. 4 through April 8 due to Lent. To reserve Altar Flowers, please call the parish office or visit the parish website.

👉 [Contact Us > Request Altar Flowers](#)