



# Third Sunday of Advent

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## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

December 11, 2016

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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.



Joy

"Behold,  
I am sending  
my messenger  
ahead of you:  
he will prepare  
your way  
before you."

Matthew 11:10





**MASS SCHEDULE,  
READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 12: 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 Sarah Lutz  
9:00 AM Steno Verrazzani

**Tuesday, December 13: St. Lucy**

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32  
6:45 AM Lucy Bellezza  
9:00 AM Louis Joseph Corado

**Wednesday, December 14: St. John of the Cross**

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23  
6:45 AM Ofilia Taraschi Schaeffer  
9:00 AM Rev. Msgr. Leo N. Bierster

**Thursday, December 15**

Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30  
6:45 AM Heart of the Parish and Church Memorials  
9:00 AM Special Intention for Patrick Maleszewski

**Friday, December 16**

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36  
6:45 AM Terence Withers  
9:00 AM Maggie Harris

**Saturday, December 17**

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
9:00 AM Mary Alice Lindenfelder

**Vigil, December 17**

5:15 PM Joseph Kunetz

**Sunday, December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Readings:** Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24  
Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us", risen from the dead. He is the king of glory.

**Mass Intentions:**

7:30 AM Daniel and Joan Marie Rittelmann and  
Frannie Schreckengosh  
9:00 AM Leona Berzinski  
10:30 AM James Saxton  
12:00 PM Sarah Lutz  
5:30 PM People of the Parish

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

**Holy Spirit Hospital**  
OB/GYN



Again we confront the charismatic figure of Saint John the Baptist in our gospel this weekend. The person of Saint John the Baptist loomed large in the life of the early Church because of his importance as a bridge between the Old and New Testaments. He is the one who is the great prophet who, like he prophets of old, look forward to the coming of the Messiah and who privileged to see him in the flesh! Aren't the ways of the Lord a marvelous thing to behold! For thousands of years, prophets and kings and people awaited the dawn of salvation but it was this wild man from the desert who prepares his way. The mighty and the powerful sought him but it was to a young virgin to whom he is to be born. I think John the Baptist (and Mary) remind us that we are called to both be patient as the Lord reveals his plan for humanity but also full of hope that the plan will be fulfilled. Patience and hope! Those are probably two things that we modern day Christians need in abundance.

This Season of Advent calls us to be patient as we prepare for the birthday of our Savior. It also calls us to be filled with hope that the deepest longings of our hearts will be fulfilled!

*Father Al*



**HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES:**

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.**

**BULLETIN INFORMATION:** Requests for bulletin announcements are due **MONDAY by 9:00am.**

**ALL REQUESTS** must be submitted as you would like the information to appear in the bulletin and include the date(s) of the bulletin(s) you would like it included. Request forms are available on the parish website and in the parish office. Your attention is greatly appreciated.



## Liturgical Ministry Schedule for December 18, 2016

|                | 5:15 PM     | 7:30 AM             | 9:00 AM      | 10:30 AM    | 12:00 Noon    | 5:30 PM         |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Lector</b>  | P. Graybash | D. Hennigan         | A. O'Dea     | F. Lenker   | B. Hopstetter | S. Gutshall     |
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|                | W. Lutz     | F. McCarthy         | D. Morgan    | K. McCarthy | L. Kayser     | A. Reeves       |
|                | R. Meinert  |                     | J. Pantalone | P. Mooney   |               | V. Ruiz-Velasco |
| <b>Servers</b> | M. Coyle    | St. Michael's Guard | J. Wilson    | M. Brooks   | D. Bagatta    | M. Yee          |
|                | M. Coyle    |                     | T. Brown     | C. Edwards  | M. Bagatta    | V. Yee          |
|                | J. Larkin   |                     | A. Stinson   | M. Tice     | L. Hamilton   | J. McGregor     |
| <b>MC</b>      | C. Larkin   |                     | N. Silvis    | C. Vargo    | L. Hamilton   | K. Zachary      |

**Money Counters:** C. Eimer, D. Willey, H. Susi, P. Bowman, R. Hoffman



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

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

***To Be Updated Next Week***

**THIS WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION:**  
Retirement Fund for Religious

**Thank you for your generosity towards  
these recent special collections:**

- ✠ All Soul's: \$3,309
- ✠ All Saint's: \$4,280
- ✠ Matthew 25: \$7,129
- ✠ Thanksgiving (Hershey Food Bank): \$2,970
- ✠ Hurricane Matthew: \$4,005
- ✠ World Mission Sunday: \$5,408
- ✠ Archdiocese for the Military Services: \$5,017

### 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.



### OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the souls of **Frances Ritter**, **Josephine DelMonaco** (Sister of Mary Bogrette) and **Sr. Daniel Marie Catherine, D.M.** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy to their families and relatives on their loss.

### ALTAR FLOWERS:

**Respect Life Rose:** In loving memory of Marilee Pellegrini from Mary Zangari (**Rose 2**) In loving memory of Addaria Cialone from Josephine Cialone

### 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 12/12 - 12/19:** Jeanette Duden

**Week of 12/19 - 12/26:** Gloria Eline

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**December 3 & 4, 2016 - TOTAL: 2094**

|                    |                    |                   |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>5:15</b> - 317  | <b>7:30</b> - 198  | <b>9:00</b> - 418 |
| <b>10:30</b> - 460 | <b>12:00</b> - 265 | <b>5:30</b> - 436 |



## VOCATIONS

"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

Call Father Brian Wayne at (717) 657-4804 or write: [frbwayne@hbgiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgiocese.org).





**This Week in our Parish**

**SUNDAY, December 11**

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

**MONDAY, December 12**

- 9:45 AM Legion of Mary
- 3:00 PM Daisy & Brownie Scouts
- 6:00 PM Nurse Ministry Meeting
- 7:00 PM EDGE
- 7:00 PM Festival Planning Meeting
- 7:00 PM Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts
- 7:15 PM St. Vincent de Paul

**TUESDAY, December 13**

- 9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture Study

**WEDNESDAY, December 14**

- 7:15 AM Wednesday Morning Coffee
- 7:45 AM Gospel Reflection Group
- 4:15 PM REP K-Gr 6
- 5:00 PM Confessions
- 6:30 PM RCIA
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Ministry
- 7:00 PM Caelorum
- 7:30 PM Respect Life

**THURSDAY, December 15**

- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts - Troop 12171
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus

**FRIDAY, December 16**

- 3:00 PM Junior Legion of Mary
- 6:00 PM Prayer & Pasta

**SATURDAY, December 17**

- 6:30 AM That Man Is You
- 10:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 PM Confessions

**SUNDAY, December 18**

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



**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, Nancy Stewart, Kevin Gleeson, Robert Szustowicz, Irene Schuck, Nicholas Stranges, Steve McCracken, Bonita Berstler, Rodger McGinley, Edward Nerino, Andrew Monjardo, Barry Boyer.**

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



**YOUTH NEWS**

**LIFE TEEN & EDGE ...**



**LIFE TEEN**

**This Week:** "Trust - Trusting in God's Mercy"- Trust is one of the biggest reasons teens either do or don't trust in God. This week we'll wander through Scripture to help us understand the power of the Cross and trusting in Jesus.

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



**EDGE** - All 6<sup>th</sup> graders- 8<sup>th</sup> 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 12th & 19th.**

**SJA SCHOOL NEWS...**

St. Joan of Arc School is happy to announce three recent recipients of the Good Knight and Citizen of the Month Awards. These students received this award in recognition of their outstanding conduct. September's recipient was Jon Paul Katzenmoyer and Jake Costello. October's recipients were Alessandra Rizzotto and Seth Loser. Benjamin Keeler and Jacoby Tate-Hamm were recognized in November. Congratulations to these exemplary students!

Please clip and save your grocery store item "Box Tops for Education" for St. Joan of Arc School. Box Tops can be deposited anytime in the designated drawer in the back of the church. Last year the school received over \$1700! Thanks for your support!

Catholic School's Week begins January 29th! Save the date. New families may register on Sunday, January 29th. More information to follow. St. Joan of Arc School offers a PreK for three year olds 2, 3 or 5 days a week from 8:10 - 11am. PreK for four year olds is available full day (8:10-3pm) 3 or 5 days a week or half-day from 8:10 - 11am, 5 days a week. Kindergarten through 8th grade classes meet for a full school day which is from 8:10-3pm. For a tour or more information, contact Deb Rizzotto in the school office at 533-2854. Give your child the gift of a Catholic Education.

The Saint Joan of Arc school PTO would like to sincerely thank all of the students, families, parishioners and community members who helped support the annual Spaghetti Dinner! The event wouldn't be a success without all of you! Thank you ALL!

## PARISH NEWS &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS



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



## CHRISTMAS

### *Decorating Help Needed*

On Monday, December 19th we will be decorating the Church for Christmas. Decorating will take place following the 9:00am Mass and at 7:00pm that evening. All help is welcomed and needed. Please remember many hands make light work! Thank you for your support in making our church beautiful as we celebrate the Christmas Season.

**DIOCESAN REMINDER:****2016 Federal Tax Deduction For the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal**

All payments on pledges made to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal must be received at the Diocese by Wednesday, December 30, 2016 in order to receive your tax deduction for your generosity. Payments can also be made online. A direct link is available on our parish website under the Stewardship menu.

# Confession & Absolution

**PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 7:00PM**



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 18**


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

**Location: Rectory**

**USHERS NEEDED!**

Ushers are needed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Masses.

Please contact Rick Barger at (717) 979-1341 or sign-up at the usher's bulletin board located in the vestibule of the church.



### *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 12th, before Noon.**

Please **DO NOT** return requests through the collection basket. Christmas flower request forms are available in the parish office. Requests will not be taken over the telephone.



It may be hard to believe, but the end of the year is quickly approaching! The parish office is already beginning preparations for year end contribution statements.

If you have had a change of address within the last year, please be sure to notify the parish office so we can update your record and ensure you receive your statement.

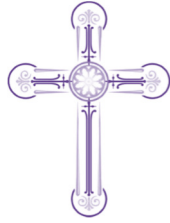
You can also submit a change of address on our website, just click on the "Parish" menu and choose the option "Register with Parish". You will see an option to update your information. Thank you in advance.



PARISH MINISTRY NEWS, MEETINGS, & EVENTS

CAELORUM: DECEMBER 14th

The next Caelorum at St. Joan of Arc will be held on **Wednesday, December 14** at 7 PM. Father Modestus will preside.



Come adore Jesus through prayer, praise, worship and music. A reception will be held immediately following the Caelorum in the Cafeteria. All our welcome, please join us!



AREBA CLUB



The Areba Club Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Grantville at 12:00 noon. There will be door prizes, and entertainment by MARINO1. Call John Polto if interested (533-3368).

The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Refreshments and BINGO!

CONSOLATION & BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



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 come at this time of year.

We invite you to join us on Saturday, December 17, after the 9am Mass in the school library for coffee and friendship. Please RSVP to 533-2007.

A reminder to those who shared a photo of their loved one on our Remembrance Board: Those photos can be picked up in the parish office at any time.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS (Age 21- 35)



Our Young Adults group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30pm in Meeting Room C.

Our next Young Adults will be our Annual Christmas Party on December 14th with a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift worth \$5-10 to share.

If you have any questions, please call John in the Youth Office at 717-533-7168 Ext 128 or email him at stjaonofarclifeteen@gmail.com.

CCW NEWS  
Council of Catholic Women

DID YOU FORGET?

Nut Rolls are still available. Please call Janet Polto at 533-3368.

MONTHLY MEETING:

Our next meeting will be **January 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Lazzaro's Italian Bistro in Palmyra**. To avoid the holiday stress of too many Christmas activities we moved our annual holiday dinner to January. Festive, delicious and lots of fun! Save the date, more details will be provided nearer the time.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We will be having our holiday luncheon on December 13, 2016 at 11:30am at Devon Restaurant in Hershey. We are looking forward to seeing members there. Also, this will be the only day we meet in December. Our Next meeting will be January 10, 2017.



Questions Contact: Kathy Palmer 566-1481 or Norberta (Bert) Curran (302) 228-9735.

2017 PARISH FESTIVAL PLANNING

All are invited to an initial 2017 Festival Planning Meeting on Monday, December 12 at 7 p.m. in the Rectory. We would like your input on Festival Dates, Location, and what you'd be interested in helping with. Please join us!

ADULT INDOOR SOCCER



We are currently looking for adults to play in an informal soccer game one night a week. Participants must be registered a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc. for more information, contact John Wetherhold at wetherspoon@yahoo.com .

