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# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

## DECEMBER 16, 2018

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday:** 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (Closed Noon -1:00 pm)

**Sunday:** 9:00 am - Noon

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### PARISH OFFICE

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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:** 5:15 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

*He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit*

Lk 3:16

*Third Sunday of Advent*



# FROM THE PASTOR

This Third Sunday of Advent is called “Gaudete Sunday.” The term comes from the beginning of the antiphon used at the beginning of Mass: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” “Gaudete” means Rejoice!” In the midst of this Advent Season, we recognize that the Birthday of the Lord is only nine days away! The liturgical color of purple is lightened to the color rose. Sometimes I think that we need to “lighten up” in our lives! If we Christians are supposed to “rejoice,” to “be joyful,” then we need to have a sense of humor, give others the benefit of the doubt, and get rid of all negativity. Saint Teresa of Avila used to say, “Lord, deliver me from somber saints!” and G. K. Chesterton wrote, “The reason angels can fly is that they take themselves so lightly!” Let us be joyful saints who don’t take ourselves so seriously. Life is good and God is even better! Yes, there are sorrows and sufferings but the blessings of the Lord are too numerous to count! Have a good rest of this Advent Season!

*“Father, the money that I give to the collection each Sunday and Holy day...is that used exclusively by the parish?”*

The answer is “Yes.” The monies that are collected each week go to pay all of our bills (salaries and benefits for our employees, maintenance of parish properties, support of our 61 ministries and organizations, utilities, and all the temporal needs of our parish). We pay an assessment to Bishop McDevitt High School and to help pay the salaries of our hospital chaplains. The only money that the diocese receives for its operations is from the Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal. That amount is an assessment from the diocese and if we have shortfall in meeting that assessment we make it up from parish savings. The money that you give really does stay in the parish!




## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the souls of **Eithne Shank**, and **Cheryl Dmochowski-Zeigler**, mother of **Brian Dmochowski** 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 Josephine Testa from Kathleen & Dick

**Respect Life Roses:** In loving memory of Rose Papich from daughters Candy and LaDora

In celebration of our granddaughter Olivia's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday from Susan & Don


☪ [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, Joseph DeFluri, and Frank Bolduc.**

☪ [Parish - Prayer Intentions](#)

<b>MASS ATTENDANCE:</b> December 8/9 <b>Total:</b> 1,822					
<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>
340	166	322	430	296	268



## ATTENTION

Captain Janet McNeal, a retired Pennsylvania State Policewoman, will oversee the Youth Protection Program at the Diocese of Harrisburg. Captain McNeal has 26 years of law enforcement investigative and policy development experience, including serving as the Chief Administrator for the Megan’s Law Sexual Offender Registry for the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

☪ [Announcements - Youth Protection](#)



## WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, DEC. 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

6:45 AM Anthony Giordani, Sr.

9:00 AM Mary Alice Lindenfeldar

### TUESDAY, DEC. 18

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

6:45 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM Dionisio & Julia Castelli

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

6:45 AM Mary Dyson

9:00 AM Rev. Monsignor Leo N. Bierster

### THURSDAY, DEC. 20

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

6:45 AM Rev. John Willett Vess, Sr.

9:00 AM Maura & Adelina D'Eramo

### FRIDAY, DEC. 21: SAINT PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

6:45 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM William Butch

### SATURDAY, DEC. 22

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

9:00 AM Carmen & Jean Ranerio

5:15 PM Deceased Members of the Dezagottis and Vitiello Families

### SUNDAY, DEC. 23:

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

*From Bethlehem shall come one who will rule Israel. Born of Mary, the servant of the Lord, he will protect and save us, offering himself once and for all in doing the Father's will.*

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM Leona Berzinski

10:30 AM Elsie Marcucci and Matthew Pritchett

12:00 PM Stephen Butsko

5:30 PM Edward Bott

### This Week In Our Parish

❖ MONDAY, DECEMBER 17		
3:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop Meeting	SJC
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop Meeting	CAF
7:00 PM	Edge	MRC
❖ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18		
9:30 AM	Little Rock Scripture Study	SJC
9:45 AM	Legion of Mary	SJC
6:30 PM	Cub Scout Troop Meeting	-
❖ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19		
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
❖ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20		
6:30 PM	Girl Scout Troop Meeting	SJC
7:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	CHR
❖ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21		
3:00 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	SJC
❖ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22		
<i>No Events Scheduled</i>		
❖ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23		
<i>No Events Scheduled</i>		
❖ 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	

❖ HOLIDAY MASSES ❖	
December 24	5:00 pm 5:15 pm (Gym) 8:00 pm 12:00 am
December 25	9:00 am 11:00 am
December 31	6:00 pm
January 1	9:00 am 11:00 am



**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 23, 2018**

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	NOON	5:30 PM
<b>Lector</b>	J. Dezagottis	P. Graybash	B. Frola	Z. Stapleton	N. Ott	Rose Abraham
<b>EMHC</b>	D. Morgan	K. Harbaugh	B. Hasson	J. Gusherowski	T. Kilcoyne	R. Meinert
	J. Pantalone	B. McCarthy	W. Lutz	G. Holobetz	T. Mayan	A. Reeves
	R. Plebani	K. McCarthy	P. Mooney	C. Mortel	J. Nolan	M. Rothermel
<b>Altar</b>	G. Gurney	B. Harbaugh	B. Seesholtz	S. Yurich	M. Jones	D. Matas
<b>Servers</b>	Matthew Coyle	G. Harbaugh	A. Shiffler	A. Gusherowski	E. Jones	J. Matas
	D. Bagatta	J. Katzenmoyer	T. McInerney	L. Gusherowski	C. Chardo	V. Foley
<b>MC</b>	M. Bagatta	J.P. Katzenmoyer	J. McInerney	E. Gusherowski	A. Aluquin	N. Silvis

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: CHRISTMAS MASSES**

DECEMBER 24 VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS					DECEMBER 25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD	
	5:00 PM	5:15 PM (GYM)	8:00 PM	MIDNIGHT	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Lector</b>	M. Gette	J. Dezagottis	B. Meinert	B. Hopstetter	D. Hennigan	D. Hennigan
<b>EMHC</b>	A. Gould	J. Traini	M. Stamilio	M. Wetherhold	K. Willey	M. Waiter
	A. Reeves	M. Rogers	M. Spaeder	Sr. Eileen	C. Yakstis	J. Triscik
	J. Phillippy	L. Rogers	J. Pantalone	Sr. Salvatoris	W. Lutz	J. Nolan
<b>Altar</b>	N. Hamilton	A. Stinson	S. Brickley	C. Hopstetter	St. Michael's	M. Tressler
<b>Servers</b>	S. Loser	J. Costello	A. Gusherowski	C. Edwards	Guard	B. Tressler
	O. Strader	M. Pegher	L. Gusherowski	D. O'Hara		E. Roche
<b>MC</b>	F. Sallusti	J. Pegher	E. Gusherowski	E. Gusherowski		C. Roche
			J. Gusherowski	J. Gusherowski		

**Money Counters (Wednesday, December 26)**

M. Rothermel, C. Frank, S. Boova, V. Peracchia, C. Yakstis, G. Zemba  
C. Brickley, D. Willey, H. Susi, P. Bowman, R. Hoffman



**STEWARDSHIP**

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

**Weekly Tithing:** \$31,436

**Weekly Budget:** \$30,385

**Weekly Heart Of The Parish:** \$1,643



**VOCATIONS CORNER**

For men and women called by the Lord to be messengers of salvation as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that Christ's peace will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation, we pray to the Lord.



*Vocations Cross*

**Dec. 17 - 24: Fran & Barb McCarthy**

**Dec. 24 - 31: Mary Lou Fox**

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

## LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH)

**This Week:** “White Elephant Gift Exchange” It’s that time of year! 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?

**Next Week: No Life Teen.** May you and your family have a blessed Christmas. Life Teen will return on January 6, 2019.



## 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**



## 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. 17 and Jan. 7, 14, & 28**

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



## HELP NEEDED

EDGE and Life Teen are always in need of some help from Core Members to do food preparation. Please pray about volunteering with these youth ministries. Contact John Triscik to volunteer.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.E.P.)

There are no REP classes the week of December 23 & 30. Classes will resume on January 6, 2019.

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

## ✝ 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.

## ✝ 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Meeting Room C. We will gather next on **December 19** as we celebrate Christmas with a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a wrapped gift (approximate value \$10 or less) to share.

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

🔗 **Parish Ministries - Young Adults**

## ✝ 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 date on **December 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**

### 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**

### CCW HOLIDAY DINNER:

The CCW Holiday Dinner will be held on **Thursday, January 10, 2019** at 5:30 pm at the Italian Lodge. Menu items are: Chicken Marsala, Chicken Parmesan, and Black Pearl Salmon. The cost is \$30 and includes dessert. Drinks will be on your own. Payment prior to the event is preferred. Registration deadline is Friday, December 21.

📞 **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 to participate.

📞 **John Wetherhold:** [wetherhold@gmail.com](mailto:wetherhold@gmail.com)

**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. This week we want to share a wonderful story of kindness from one of our parish members:

*"A family was having breakfast at a local diner. The waitress came over to their table and informed them that their breakfast was already paid for by another customer in the diner. The family asked them to point out the person that was so kind to pay for their family's breakfast. As the waitress went to identify the customer that had paid for their breakfast, the person was no longer in the restaurant. It became clear to the family that the person did not want them to know who had paid for their breakfast. This family then decided to pay for the breakfast of the next customer who came into the diner. This family then left the diner before they could be identified as having paid for the customer's breakfast! This is a special way to pass on the kindness shown to us!"*

We have heard many stories of kindness during this Advent season! We are blessed to have such caring people in our church parish and our community! Continue to reach out - become inspired and make someone smile! Remember this phrase as you go about your week: *"Kindness: impossible to wrap, but so easy to give!"*

Thank you for following God's Way - "The Road to Kindness" and for making a difference this Advent season! Blessings to you! Enjoy this wonderful Advent season and have a week filled with kindness!

📞 **Tony Bellezza:** [kindness@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:kindness@stjoanhershey.org)

🔗 [Parish Ministries - Road to Kindness](#)



*With Much Gratitude...*

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

**HERSHEY ITALIAN LODGE**

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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

**CATHOLIC JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS:**

Calling all Catholic Junior Girl Scouts in grades 4 to 6! We are offering the National Religious Emblem "I live my faith." Come join us starting in January 2019 when a group of scouts will begin to earn this award. Then be recognized in June 2019 at the Annual Bishop's Scout Mass. Contact Betty to sign up or get more information.

📞 **Betty Roksandic:** [b.roksandic@yahoo.com](mailto:b.roksandic@yahoo.com)

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULES:**

The Christmas and New Year's Mass schedules are now available on our website.

🔗 [Calendars - Mass Schedule](#)

✠ 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](#)

**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.**