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ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

DECEMBER 23, 2018

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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.

...blessed in the fruit of your womb.

Lk 1:42

Fourth Sunday of Advent



FROM THE PASTOR

As we draw near to the great Season of Christmas, I just want to wish all of you a holy, happy, and joy-filled Christmas! May you and your family be blessed with good health and much happiness.

As a small token of appreciation to all of the many volunteers in our parish, our Christmas gift this year is to offer a Mass each month during 2019 for you and your intentions. Check the bulletin for when those Masses are being offered if you would like to attend. These Masses are being celebrated on some Sundays and at both of our daily Masses. Thank you so much for all you do to make Saint Joan of Arc a thriving parish!

To all of our Altar Servers and MCs: A Christmas gift of movie tickets is waiting for you in the sacristy. Thanks for the time and service you give to the parish all year long!

To all the People of Saint Joan of Arc, my Midnight Mass (it is actually at Midnight!) will be for you, your families, and for all your intentions. God bless you all and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!




Merry Christmas

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With Much Gratitude...

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

HERSHEY PEDIATRIC CENTER



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the souls of **Sero Startoni** and **Gene Duckart, brother of Larry Duckart** 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](#)

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](#)

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| MASS ATTENDANCE: December 15/16 Total: 1696 | | | | | |
| <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> |
| 272 | 179 | 307 | 335 | 241 | 362 |

| ❖ 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 |



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. 24**

Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

6:45 AM Fr. Lou Evangelisto

9:00 AM Joe Allegrini

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

5:15 PM Celebrant's Intention

8:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, DEC. 25: SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD — CHRISTMAS

Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

12:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

9:00 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26: FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

6:45 AM Zosimo Cadiz

9:00 AM Rich Ranaglia

THURSDAY, DEC. 27: FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

6:45 AM John Luke Nantz

9:00 AM Katie Donahue

**WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS****FRIDAY, DEC. 28: FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

6:45 AM Beth Gattens

9:00 AM Arthur Lucarelli, III

SATURDAY, DEC. 29: SAINT THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP AND MARTYR

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

9:00 AM Kyle Quigley, Terry Loffreda and Eileen Loffreda

5:15 PM Jimmy Warfield

SUNDAY, DEC. 30: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

Family life is rooted in unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. Hannah and Elkanah offer their son, Samuel, to God in the Lord's temple. Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple. He returns to Nazareth, obedient to them.

7:30 AM Robert J. Foster

9:00 AM Mark Van Zandt

10:30 AM Josephine Testa

12:00 PM People of the Parish

5:30 PM Stanley Stewart


Holiday Schedule

In observance of Christmas, the Parish Office will be closed from

Monday, December 24

through

Wednesday, December 26.



The office will reopen on
Thursday, December 27
at 8:00 am.

This Week In Our Parish

*No events scheduled
for the week of
December 24*

**VOCATIONS CORNER**

That the faithful response, "Behold, I come to do your will, O Lord," will be voiced by each person discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

**Vocations Cross**

Dec. 24 - 31: Mary Lou Fox

Dec. 31 - Jan. 7: The Tim Palmer Family

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](#)

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 30, 2018

| | 5:15 PM | 7:30 AM | 9:00 AM | 10:30 AM | NOON | 5:30 PM |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| Lector | S. McDonough | S. Petrina | J. Gusherowski | J. Nantz | C. Gassert | Luke Musante |
| EMHC | K. Robinson | D. Sheehan | D. Morgan | R. Meinert | T. Mayan | C. Evans |
| | R. Plebani | M. Spaeder | W. Lutz | C. Mortel | G. Bixler | J. Evans |
| | N. Chandler | B. McCarthy | R. Barry | T. Crum-Ewing | S. Cordaro | E. Frauenhoffer |
| Altar Servers | B. Seesholtz | N. Hamilton | S. Brickley | E. Kopp | C. Chardo | J. Costello |
| | E. Hoffman | A. Shiffler | A. Gusherowski | G. Kopp | S. Loser | R. Abraham |
| | S. Yurich | J. Katzenmoyer | L. Gusherowski | J. Wilson | O. Strader | T. Abraham |
| MC | C. Hopstetter | J.P. Katzenmoyer | E. Gusherowski | D. Kreiss | A. Aluquin | M. Abraham |

Money Counters: G. Kaiser, B. Moglia, G. Kaiser, V. Gunnells, K. Willey

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: NEW YEAR'S MASSES

| | DECEMBER 31 | JANUARY 1 | |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 6:00 PM | 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM |
| Lector | K. Shovlin | J. Gusherowski | G. Duval |
| EMH | K. Harbaugh | J. Nolan | M. DeAngelis |
| | C. Evans | B. Frola | T. DeAngelis |
| | J. Evans | J. Frola | M. Duval |
| Altar Server | B. Harbaugh | L. Gusherowski | J. Wilson |
| | G. Harbaugh | A. Gusherowski | V. Foley |
| | E. Roche | | D. Bagatta |
| MC | C. Roche | E. Gusherowski | M. Bagatta |

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH)

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)

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: **Jan. 7, 14, & 28**


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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.E.P.)

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

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



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$40,304
Weekly Budget: \$30,385
Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$2,281

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH)

This Week: No Life Teen. May you all have a blessed Christmas with your family and friends.

Next Week: No Life Teen. Happy New Year! Life Teen will return on January 6, 2019.

† UPCOMING EVENTS

MADE FOR MORE:

On **April 2, 2019** our parish is hosting world renowned speaker and author Christopher West along with musician Mike Mangione, at Bishop McDevitt High School in an all new event called Made For More: Visions of the Promised Land. Made For More is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art, that taps into the deepest desires of the human heart, revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body. This event is appropriate for ages 15 and up. This event will sell out, so grab your tickets now in the parish office or online.

🔗 [Blog - Made For More](#)

🔗 www.corproject.com/harrisburg

† 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 **January 9, 2019** as we continue "My Life with the Saints" by Fr. James Martin with Thomas Merton.

📞 **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.

† ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**

† ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS:

Parish nurses will be taking blood pressure readings in the library next weekend after the following masses: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 10:30 am. Looking after your health is a good New Year's resolution. Having your blood pressure checked is a great start!

🔗 [Parish Ministries - Nurse Ministry](#)

† MINISTRY NEWS

ROAD TO KINDNESS:

Thank you for embracing our Advent Kindness Program! We have four more kindness acts to do on our Advent kindness journey:

- † **December 22:** Plan a movie night. Buy a movie ticket for the person behind you in line.
- † **December 23:** Bring pet supplies to an animal shelter. Stay to pet and cuddle the animals.
- † **December 24:** Pray for those who are sick and for those who are not with their families during the Christmas season.
- † **December 25:** Celebrate the birth of our Savior and remember to be kind every day of the year!

We want to thank the students in our school, REP, Edge, and Life Teen programs! They have put their kindness acts on Christmas trees in the school hallway toward the gymnasium. This is a beautiful sight to see! We will be posting pictures to our blog. We also want to thank those in our parish who participated in our Christmas Tree Giving Program! Through our acts of kindness, we have made an impact in our community. We are blessed to have such caring people in our parish!

"Kindness is like snow, it beautifies everything it touches!"

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

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

† 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](#)



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BISHOP GAINER TO HOST LISTENING SESSIONS

Bishop Ronald Gainer will host listening sessions throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg in January and February of 2019. He encourages anyone with questions regarding the Grand Jury Report, the Diocese's response to abuse, our path forward, or any other questions or concerns to attend one of these sessions. Each session will include opening remarks from Bishop Gainer and retired Pennsylvania State Police Capt. Janet McNeal, who was recently hired to oversee the youth protection efforts of the Diocese. Following their brief remarks, the floor will be opened for questions. The schedule for these sessions is as follows:

| Date | Deanery | Location | Time |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--|---------|
| Thursday, Jan. 10 | Dauphin | Saint Catherine Laboure Parish 4000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday, Jan. 16 | Adams | Saint Joseph Parish 5055 Grandview Road, Hanover, PA | 7:00 pm |
| Monday, Jan. 21 | Cumberland/Perry | Saint Joseph Parish 410 East Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg, PA | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, Jan. 24 | Lebanon | Saint Cecelia Parish 120 East Lehman Street, Lebanon, PA | 7:00 pm |
| Tuesday, Feb. 12 | North/South Lancaster | Saint Leo the Great Parish 2427 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday, Feb. 20 | Northern | Immaculate Conception Parish 1730 Fowler Avenue, Berwick, PA | 6:30 pm |
| Thursday, Feb. 21 | Northumberland | Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish 599 West Center Street, Elysburg, PA | 6:30 pm |
| Monday, Feb. 25 | Franklin | Corpus Christi Parish 320 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, PA | 6:30 pm |
| Tuesday, Feb. 26 | York | Saint Rose of Lima Parish 950 West Market Street, York, PA | 7:00 pm |

In order to make the sessions welcoming and to encourage discussion, video and audio recording will not be permitted.

If you are unable to attend one of these sessions but would still like to ask Bishop Gainer a question, please email your question to AskBishopGainer@hbgiocese.org.