

# FEAST OF THE Holy Family

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40



## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

### DECEMBER 31, 2017

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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.





In observance of the New Years holiday, the parish office will be closed from December 29 - January 1. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.



**WEEKLY MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

9:00 AM Special Intention for Fran Shiffler

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2: SAINT BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN**

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

6:45 AM Richard DeAngelis

9:00 AM Mary, Anthony & Josephine Nojack

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3: THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

6:45 AM Sophie Popandrea

9:00 AM Albert Rocuskie

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4: SAINT ELIZABETH ANNE SETON**

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

6:45 AM Mary Van Reed

9:00 AM Mary Smith

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5: SAINT JOHN NEUMANN**

1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

6:45 AM Bill Byrne

9:00 AM Yolanda, Antonina and Justina Morelli

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6: SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE**

1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

9:00 AM Mary Jane Bullotta

5:15 PM Kenneth Riley

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7:  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

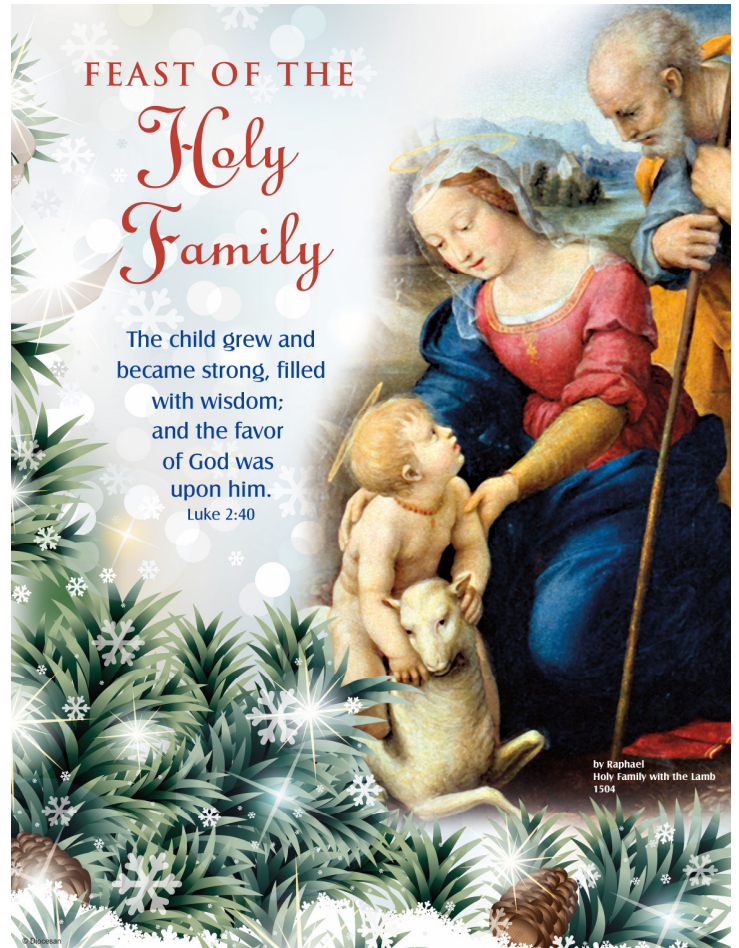
7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM Matthew Pritchett

10:30 AM Nickolas Resanovich

12:00 PM John M. Clark, II

5:30 PM Lowell & Amelia Fetrow, Sr.



Father Al, Father Arena, Father Modestus, Father Dijo would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" for the many cards, gifts, and delicious treats that they received this Christmas. *May God bless you for your kindness and generosity!*



**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 6 & 7, 2018**

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
<b>Lector</b>	J. O'Hara	M. Spaeder	B. Frola	J. Gusherowski	F. Ruggiero	M. Waning
<b>EMHC</b>	K. Samson	B. McCarthy	D. Morgan	P. Mooney	T. Mayan	L. Rogers
	M. Waiter	F. McCarthy	J. Pantalone	J. Phillippy	R. Meinert	M. Rogers
	C. Yakstis	K. McCarthy	A. Reeves	M. Rothermel	C. Mortel	J. Triscik
	Sr. Salvatoris		K. Robinson	M. Stamilio		Sr. Eileen
<b>Servers</b>	M. Coyle	S. O'Hara	N. Hamilton	M. Stark	St. Michael's Guard	M. Yee
	A. Samson	M. O'Hara	A. Hamilton	L. Gusherowski		V. Yee
	D. Bagatta	M. O'Hara	D. Matas	A. Gusherowski		A. Stinson
<b>MC</b>	M. Bagatta	D. O'Hara	M. Matas	E. Gusherowski		N. Martin

**Money Counters:** F. Wetherhold, E. Gliot, J. Detweiler, J. Albanese, J. Tobias, M. Duval



**STEWARDSHIP**  
*Managing God's Gifts To Us*  
*We Are A Tithing Parish Following God's Plan For Giving*



*To Be Updated Next Week*

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION:**  
**JANUARY 7 & 8, 2018**  
**AID TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN**  
**CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE,**  
**LATIN AMERICA, AND AFRICA**



**ALTAR FLOWERS:**


*There are several dates available for altar flowers. Please call the parish office or visit the parish website.*  
 ☞ **Contact Us - Request Altar Flowers**

**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:  
**Jan. 1 - 8: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Wolf**  
**Jan. 8 - 15: The Harbaugh Family**  
 ☞ **Parish - Pilgrim Cross**


**MASS ATTENDANCE:** December 23 & 24

5:15pm	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	Noon	5:30pm
<i>To Be Updated Next Week</i>					



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

- Neda Longenecker, Barry Boyer, Agnes McCarty, Frank & Doris Bolduc, Dale Von Stein, Jeffrey Pavone, Michael Danzis, Rose Marie Smith, Weston Hoffman, Vincent Savini, David Liddy, Kaitlin Buser, Lily Carney, Ashley Tatangelo.**



**VOCATIONS:**

Jesus was born into a Holy Family, not a storybook family. Today, pray for married couples and for parents, who strive to remain faithful to their commitments in a changing and challenging world. If you are considering a vocation the priesthood or in the consecrated life, talk to Fr. Al or contact Fr. Brian Wayne (717) 657-4804 or email: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.



**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN HOURS FOR FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION:**

Beginning in January, First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will close with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7 pm. During Evening Prayer we will continue to have the prayers for the sick of our parish.

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*With Much Gratitude...*

We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin:  
**HOLY SPIRIT HOSPITAL**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH...**

❖ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31		
∞ No Scheduled Events ∞ <i>Parish Office Is Closed</i>		
❖ MONDAY, JANUARY 1		
∞ No Scheduled Events ∞ <i>Parish Office Is Closed</i>		
❖ TUESDAY, JANUARY 2		
9:30 AM	Little Rock Scripture Study	SLC
6:30 PM	Cub Scout Pack #108	-
❖ WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3		
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	Caelorum	CHR
❖ THURSDAY, JANUARY 4		
7:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop #12171	SLC
7:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	CHR
7:15 PM	Knights of Columbus	MRC
❖ FRIDAY, JANUARY 5		
9:30 AM	First Friday Eucharistic Adoration	PC
3:00 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	SLC
❖ SATURDAY, JANUARY 6		
6:00 PM	Blood Pressure Screenings	LIB
❖ SUNDAY, JANUARY 7		
Blood Pressure Screenings		LIB
1:00 PM	Baptisms	CHR
6:45 PM	Life Teen	MRC
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	



**MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURES**  
Parish Nurses will be taking Blood Pressures in the library following the 5:15pm Mass on Saturday (1/6), and following these Masses on Sunday (1/7): 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**LIFE TEEN - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**



*This Week:* **Happy New Year!!!**  
No Life Teen!

**LIFE TEEN** *Next Week:* **"We're Waiting for You"**  
Often we think of ourselves pursuing God and forget the fact that He is pursuing us with a great fervor. Let's start the New Year with a strong desire to respond to God with our whole lives.

**Pro-Life March - Jan. 19th:** We'll be heading down to the Pro-Life March in Washington DC on January 19th. Cost of the trip is \$10 for teens. If interested, please contact John at (717) 533-7158 x:128 or email: [stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com)

**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 **January 8 & 22**. Invite your friends!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS...**

**HOLIDAY CLASS SCHEDULE:**

REP classes resume for the new year on January 3 & 7.

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

**SPONSOR A CHILD PROGRAM: "THANK YOU"**  
St. Joan of Arc School would like to thank the Parish community for supporting 52 students through the "Sponsor a Child program" by contributing to the scholarship fund in part or in full. You have helped 52 students to receive a Catholic education. 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](mailto:drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org) or by calling (717) 533-2854 ext. 123.

**BULLETIN REMINDER:**

Requests for information to be included in the parish bulletins must be received by Monday at 9:00 am. Forms are available on our website under the "Contact us" menu. All requests need to be submitted exactly as you would like the information to appear and include the desired date(s) to be published.



## ✠ PARISH MINISTRY: NEWS, EVENTS, MEETINGS ✠

### PARISH MANAGER POSITION:

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. At least three years of experience in business administration and personnel supervision is required. Salary, hours and benefits are negotiable.

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

### CCW NEWS & EVENTS:

The annual **CCW holiday dinner** will be held January 11, 2018 at Lazarro's in Palmyra at 6:30 pm. \$25 includes dinner, dessert and wine. Please contact Julie Groh if interested.

"Cooking is Love Made Edible" aprons are still available for \$25 each. All profits go to the SJA team that will travel to the Fr. Beiting Appalachian Mission (Kentucky) in April. Contact Julie Groh to purchase.

📞 **Julie Groh:** (717) 566-5838 or [sjaccwpres@gmail.com](mailto:sjaccwpres@gmail.com)  
 📄 "CCW" Ministry Page

### PARISH FESTIVAL UPDATE:

THANK YOU! The Parish Festival Co-Chairs are thrilled to announce with your tremendous support and generosity, we raised a net profit of \$56,000 during our 2017 Parish Festival! THANK YOU!!! As our only Parish Fundraising Event, it's important that we begin planning now. Please join us for our 2018 kickoff meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 from 6-8 pm. Please come and learn about our needs and how you can help! There's a job for everyone! Again, Thank You for all your help and for your patronage! See you in January!

📄 "Festival" Ministry Page

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (AGE 21 - 35):

Young Adults meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 pm in the Youth Room (Meeting Room C). Upcoming Dates: January 10th and 24th.

📞 **John Triscik:** Ext. 128, [stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com)  
 📄 "Young Adults" Ministry Page

### 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: **January 5 & 19** from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Please email for location.

📞 **Sarah Bonavia:** [Sarah.Bonavia@gmail.com](mailto:Sarah.Bonavia@gmail.com)  
 📄 "Mom's Group" Ministry Page



## THE HERSHEY FOOD BANK THANKS YOU!

The Hershey Food Bank wishes to thank the St. Joan parishioners for their tremendous generosity with the monthly food collections that the Knights of Columbus do on our behalf. This year these collections generated over 4,500 pounds of food and \$7,800.00 in cash and gift cards. Thank you for your continued support. A big thank you to the Knights for all the work they do with these collections.

We also want to express our gratitude for the Thanksgiving collection where \$3,742.00 was received. Additionally, we want to thank all of the parishioners who volunteer at the food bank on a regular basis. Your hard work and commitment to service is much appreciated! We wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a peaceful and joyous New Year.

Your fellow parishioners and Hershey Food Bank board members:

*Neil Bergloff, Odette Bergloff, Marilou Cockroft, Doug Gray, Nancy Montgomery, Geralyn Umstead-Singer*



We all make resolutions at this time of year (even if our resolution is to NOT make resolutions). Here are some resolutions to strengthen our Catholic Faith:

- ‡ **Attend Daily Mass:**  
Schedules are crazy, I know, but we have Mass Monday through Friday at 6:45 and 9:00 AM. What a wonderful way to begin your day!
- ‡ **Deepen Your Prayer Life:**  
Prayer is essential in the life of a Christian. Talk to God throughout the day and spend some quiet time each day listening to God. It changes your life!
- ‡ **Go To Confession Once A Month:**  
It is amazing how frequent confession helps you realize the need for God's mercy and grace in your life! It is a great discipline.
- ‡ **Read The Bible:**  
One of the great ways to stay connected to Scripture is to read the readings for Mass each day. You can find these at USCCB.org (*there is also an audio version*).
- ‡ **Get Involved In Your Parish:**  
Join an organization or ministry! Volunteer! Get involved!
- ‡ **Pray The Rosary:**  
The rosary is a powerful prayer and is a must for Catholics wishing to grow in their spiritual life! It calms you down and helps you meditate on the mystery of Christ.
- ‡ **Spiritual Reading:**  
Read one spiritual book along with all your reading material. You can borrow some wonderful books from our Lending Library or download one to your mobile device!
- ‡ **Spend Time In Front Of The Blessed Sacrament:**  
Make a "visit" to the church each week and just spend time in front of the tabernacle. You will find healing - and rest!

*Check back next week for information about an exciting new **Faith Enrichment** series coming to our parish!*

*Happy New Year!*

## God's Way: "The Road to Kindness"

**Happy New Year!** As the New Year begins, many of us will be thinking about our resolutions – what will we do in the upcoming year? Let's make one of our resolutions for 2018 to "continue to spread our Kindness!" When we started our Kindness journey back in April, we said Kindness starts with you – you have the ability to impact someone's life today! Thank you for your wonderful support during the first nine months of our Kindness program! As we look to 2018, we want to share with you the words from Ralph Marston's, **"Focus on Goodness"**

*"Choose words today that encourage. Choose actions today that assist, empower, unify. Live today with generosity, gratitude, wonder and enthusiasm. Be slow to anger, quick to forgive, understanding and have patience with yourself and others. Offer your smile, offer your Kindness. Give your respect and your positive presence. This is the world you live in, the day you have to work with. Make it your intention to make it a good, supportive time and place. Many good people are going to do many good things today. Take the opportunity to add your own beneficial actions to the mix. What you focus on gains power and influence in your life, in your world. So, focus on the goodness and watch as that goodness spreads."*

You are making a difference! Let's keep spreading our Kindness in 2018 and continue to demonstrate our goodness through **God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!"**



*Please share your Kindness Acts, or those you observe, by emailing them to:*  
**[kindness@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:kindness@stjoanhershey.org)**

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