



*V. Behold  
the handmaid  
of the Lord.*

*R. Be it done  
unto me according  
to Thy word.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.*

©Diocesan - The Annunciation - Luca Giordano, 1672

## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

DECEMBER 5, 2021

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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

5:00 pm

### SUNDAY MASS

7:30 am

9:30 am (livestreamed)

11:30 am

5:00 pm (1525 Sand Hill Rd.

Hummelstown, PA)

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday

6:45 am & 9:00 am (livestreamed)

Saturday

9:00 am (livestreamed)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday

5:00-5:30 pm

Saturday

4:00-4:45 pm

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# FROM THE PASTOR



It was 101 years ago today (December 5, 1920), that the first Mass was celebrated in the newly-built Church of Saint Joan of Arc on 441 West Chocolate Avenue. Before the Mass, the cornerstone for the church was laid. That first Mass was celebrated on an improvised altar (the church would not be fully completed and dedicated until May 26, 1922). From a small mission named Saint John the Evangelist celebrating Mass on the stage of the Central Theater in Hershey to our beautiful celebration of Mass with Bishop Gainer for our centennial, the Catholic Church in Hershey has come together for over ten decades to be fed and nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ! Many things have changed over these past 100 years: parishioners have lived and died, pastors have been changed, buildings which housed the congregation were renovated or added onto or were closed. But the one thing that remains a constant here at Saint Joan of Arc is the gathering of the People of God to give praise and worship to God our Father, through Jesus our Lord, united by the Holy Spirit, day in and day out, week in and week out, year in and year out! The life of the Church is lived out in this particular place when children are baptized, couples are married, the faith is passed on to the next generation, and the dead are buried. The Church is made present in our Masses, in the confessional, at our festivals, in chats after Sunday Eucharist, in fundraisers and prayer groups, at youth groups and on our playgrounds, in good times and bad the Church of Jesus Christ is made present in Hershey, Pennsylvania, the “sweetest place on earth”! Through the years there have been times of laughter and tears, moments of communal joy and sorrow,

times of great activity and times of gently going through the seasons of the year and the seasons of the Church calendar. This is what a parish is made of! Men and women, disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing their lives and their faith, with one another, in good times and bad, in sickness and in health, for richer and for poorer. Similar to a good marriage, a good parish is possible only through fidelity and love and respect and forgiveness and sticking together through thick and thin. Saint Joan of Arc Church is a GOOD parish. May we remain faithful and loving to God and to one another! AD MULTOS ANNOS! To many more years!!!

*Father Al*



## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Mary Kelly, Betty Slabonik** and **Daniel Bireley**, father of parishioner Amy Waning who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to their family and friends on their loss.

✠ [Parish - Parishioner Milestones - Eternal Life](#)

## PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: **Susan Petrina, Emma Lopez, Erina Bernardo, Linda Mysel, Joseph Wagner, Geneen Valentine, John Polto, Ken Schaffer, Bernard Ganse, Sandy Adamkowski, Tom Searer, Abram Brandt, Mort Kayser, Barbara Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan, Jeff & Lori Sotack.**

## OPLATKI Wafers (3 wafers per pack)

\$3 per pack or 2 packs for \$5. For your convenience they have been placed on the tables at the back of the Church or you can stop by the parish office to purchase them.



## Historical Facts About St. Joan of Arc

- 2003-2011-Renovation of Church and new HVAC system.
- 2011-Father Burger assigned as Secretary of Clergy and Religious in the Diocese of Harrisburg.
- 2011-Father Michael Rothan named Pastor in 2011. Reassigned in 2014. Construction of canopies at the entrances to the Church completed in Father Rothan's pastorate.



## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 6: SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP

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

6:45 AM Eithne Shank  
9:00 AM Dr. Eugene A. Marshall

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7: MEMORIAL OF SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14**

6:45 AM Wayne Fry  
9:00 AM Thomas Lawrence Carney  
6:00 PM Elizabeth Triano

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8: SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38**

6:45 AM Theresa Freisen  
9:00 AM Marie Rafferty  
7:00 PM People of the Parish

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9: SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

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

6:45 AM Patricia Nestico  
9:00 AM Leona Berzinski

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10: OUR LADY OF LORETO

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

6:45 AM Rose Zaccagnini  
9:00 AM Jessica Cech

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11: SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE

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

9:00 AM Jim Curry  
5:00 PM Steno Verrazzani

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.*

**Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18**

7:30 AM Norma McManus Dean  
9:30 AM Donald E. Hennigan  
11:30 AM William & Eleanor Lawler  
5:00 PM People of the Parish

## YOUTH NEWS

### Life Teen (High School)

**This Week:** “Stan”-We finish up our series on the emotions of Jesus as we try to understand the depths of love by encountering Jesus as the personification of love. May we come to understand to love God and our neighbors as ourselves.

**Next Week:** “White Elephant Gift Exchange”-Bring a small, wrapped gift worth around \$5 to participate in this hilarious night of exchanging gifts among your friends. If you can’t afford to do so, I’ll have extra gifts, so no one is left out.

### 2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

**Dec 12** “White Elephant Gift Exchange”-bring a wrapped gift around \$5 to share.  
**Dec 19** “Parish Reconciliation Service”-We will have an opportunity to go to Confession.  
**Dec 26** No Life Teen-Merry Christmas!  
**Jan 2** No Life Teen-Happy New Year!

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### EDGE (Middle School)

EDGE is for all 6-8th graders and meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm. EDGE will be on December 15, January 5 & 19. Masks are required.

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### Donations Needed

Life Teen and EDGE are looking for donations of water, juice, soda, and snacks for our youth ministry gatherings. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office.

### Summer Mission Trip

The 2022 Catholic Heart Workcamp is gearing up for next summer. We are heading to Richmond from June 19-24 for our Summer Mission Trip. The cost of the trip is \$500 with \$100 due at registration.

## ADULT FAITH

### Young Adults (21-39)

Calling all young adults between the ages of 21-39, married or single! We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Youth Room. Young Adults will gather on December 22 for a white elephant gift exchange. We do not have Young Adults on December 8.

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## ✠ MINISTRY NEWS

**Respect Life**

Thank you for supporting the Morning Star Baby Bottle Blessing campaign! St. Joan of Arc donated a total of \$5,668.29 to Morning Star, which will enable them to provide material and health services to moms and dads so they can choose life for their babies. May God bless you!

For help with an unexpected pregnancy, contact:  
Morning Star Pregnancy Clinics  
[www.morningstarclinics.com](http://www.morningstarclinics.com)  
(717) 901-2799

**Hour of Grace**

Please join us on Wednesday, December 8 from noon to 1:00 pm as we celebrate an "Hour of Grace". In the years of 1947 and 1966, Our Blessed Mother appeared numerous times to nurse, Sr. Pierina Gilli, in Italy. Our Lady said she is to be known as "The Rosa Mystica" and venerated each year on December 8 for one hour. It is to be called, "Hour of Grace", which is for the salvation of souls. If you are unable to attend, meditation can be done at home. May you receive many "Graces"!

**Areba Club**

The Areba Club Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held Tuesday, December 14 at 1:00 pm in the Rothermel-Finkenbinder Social Hall, 25 West Pine Street, Palmyra. The cost is \$35 per person and catered by the *What If* cafe. Call **Adrienne Bender (717) 534-3493** for reservations by December 7.

The Areba Club's first meeting of 2022 will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall. There will be bingo with cash prizes and light refreshments. Contact **Yvonne Martin at (717) 838-1535**.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

The Christmas Giving Tree Program 2021, sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, will continue this year; however, due to COVID 19, we will collect monetary donations and gift cards. The parishioners of St. Joan of Arc have been very generous in the past in creating a blessed Christmas for our neighbors in need and we are confident those of you who can donate this year will continue to help.



We will not have the trees decorated with ornaments listing recipients and suggested gifts as in past years. This year we are asking for donations to **St. Vincent de Paul Society by December 12** either electronically on the **St. Joan of Arc on-line giving page under St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree** or you can place your monetary donation and/or \$25 Walmart, Target or TJ Maxx gift cards in a separate envelope, marked **St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree** and place in the collection basket in the church or drop off at the parish office.

**Little Rock Scripture Study**

On Tuesday, January 11 at 9:30 am we are starting a new study on The Gospel of Matthew. We will meet in the parish activity building room 317. If you are interested in joining our friendly class for study and good discussions, please contact **Jeanie Vey at (717) 599-9805** or **(717) 533-2246** for additional information.

**2022 Calendar Collection**

Calendars & datebooks will be collected at the back of the church for Spring Creek Nursing Home residents. Any questions, contact **Marie Bowman at (717) 679-5729**.

**Knights of Columbus**

December 12 is Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day and The Knights of Columbus are offering beautiful, accurately true images of Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) in an effort to spread the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote the charitable works of the Knights. The icon is made by a Catholic business in Mexico and put on a faux cactus synthetic textile which is very similar to the feel of the original Tilma.

For more details on how you can bring the OLG into your home or business visit [www.kofc6693.org/our-lady-of-guadalupe](http://www.kofc6693.org/our-lady-of-guadalupe).



## HAPPENINGS &amp; EVENTS

**Adult Indoor Soccer**

We are currently looking for adults to play in an informal soccer game one night a week. You must be a parishioner. Please contact **John Wetherhold** at [wetherhold@gmail.com](mailto:wetherhold@gmail.com) for more information.

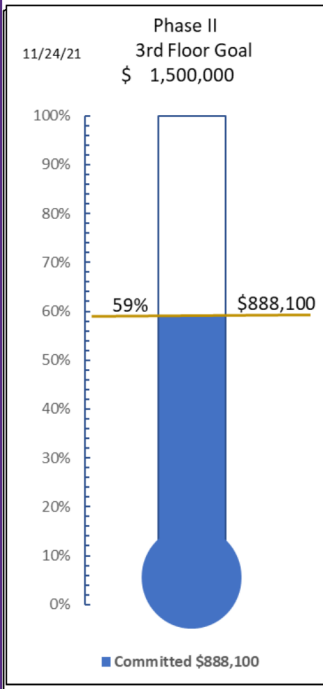
**SJA School PTO**

Please join us for our next PTO Fundraiser Event! Simply shop at Five Below-Hummelstown anytime between November 28 & December 12th and present our fundraiser flyer at check out. Five Below will donate 10% of your order back to the Saint Joan of Arc PTO! Shop multiple times! For more information, please go to [school.stjoanhershey.org](http://school.stjoanhershey.org)

**HIGH SCHOOL Basketball Season**

OPEN GYM Registration for the St. Joan of Arc Boys High School Basketball season will be held in the SJA School gym on Sand Hill Road on Monday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 8 from 8:00-9:30 pm. Participation is open to parishioners of St. Joan of Arc who attend religious education classes. Please direct inquires to **Heather Paterno at [hpaterno@gmail.com](mailto:hpaterno@gmail.com)**.

**THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT**



After a year's delay due to the pandemic, today we rejoice. Today we celebrate the Centennial Jubilee (+1) of St. Joan of Arc Parish. It was 101 years ago to the day, December 5, 1920, when the cornerstone was set and the first Mass was said in the unfinished church on Chocolate Avenue.

It is uncanny how the world of 1920 is similar psychologically and emotionally to the times we live in now. A deadly pandemic had just decimated the planet after an endless war had finally come to a close. Here in America, an economic boom was in the early stages as women were asserting their role in civic life. The lure of credit and consumerism was on the rise.

To help put all of this chaos of life in perspective for the many Italian immigrants who built Milton S. Hershey's idyllic

town, was the Catholic Church. Back then, the focal point for the family was the parish. Beginning with St. Lucy's Chapel in Waltonville, and later St. John the Evangelist Mission Church and then St. Joan of Arc on Chocolate Avenue, societal stability was anchored in faith, family, and work ethic. Milton Hershey recognized this and he created a town that focused on these basic needs. While his lasting legacy is most certainly the establishment of the Milton Hershey School, the construction jobs he created and his gifts to the local churches in times of economic depression were visionary. He understood the importance of work and the dignity of the individual.

Fast forward a hundred years to 2021, "man's search for meaning" is no less compelling. Amidst all the turmoil and the trappings of "the good life", an inner voice reminds us of our mortality. In the parable of the "talents", Matthew 25 recounts our obligation to leave the world a little better than we found it. For those who are able, each of us is called to do our part. Later in Matthew 25, the evangelist equates our treatment of God to our treatment of the least among us. Matthew is setting the bar pretty high. Let us pray this Advent Season to pause and examine our lives and listen quietly to what God is trying to tell us.

For more information on how you can contribute to the Centennial Project 2020, please visit our website:

<https://www.stjoanhershey.orgthecentennialproject.html>



**HOLIDAY MASS TIMES**

**DECEMBER 24** CHRISTMAS EVE  
 CHURCH (AREBA AVE)  
 4:00 PM | 8:00 PM | MIDNIGHT  
 SCHOOL GYM (SAND HILL RD)  
 4:00 PM

**DECEMBER 25** CHRISTMAS DAY  
 CHURCH (AREBA AVE)  
 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM

*There is NO confession or 5PM Vigil Mass on Christmas Day*

**DECEMBER 26** Feast of the Holy Family  
 CHURCH (AREBA AVE)  
 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM  
 SCHOOL GYM (SAND HILL RD)  
 5:00 PM

**DECEMBER 31** New Year's Eve  
 6:00 PM CHURCH (AREBA AVE)

**JANUARY 1** New Year's Day  
 9:00 AM CHURCH (AREBA AVE)

**JANUARY 1** Feast of the Epiphany Vigil  
 5:00 PM CHURCH (AREBA AVE)

**JANUARY 2** Feast of the Epiphany  
 CHURCH (AREBA AVE)  
 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM  
 SCHOOL GYM (SAND HILL RD)  
 5:00 PM

*Upcoming Special Collection*

December 12, 2021  
**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Please give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Thank you for your support.

**TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

Please take note of the early bulletin deadlines due by 9:00 am for the rest of the year.

Bulletin	Article Deadline	
December 19	Friday	December 10
December 26	Thursday	December 16
January 2	Thursday	December 23

# CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one on Christmas, requests are due to the parish office no later than **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10th by 3:00 pm.**

*Christmas Flower requests will not be taken over the phone.*

*Note: Please Print Clearly*

**In Loving Memory of:**

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