

# A SAVIOR IS BORN!

## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

### DECEMBER 20, 2020

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

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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



## MASS SCHEDULE

### MORNING MASSES

#### SUNDAY

7:30 am, 9:30 am (live), 11:30 am

#### MONDAY - FRIDAY

6:45 am, 9:00 am (live)

#### SATURDAY

9:00 am (live)

#### LOCATION

359 W Areba Ave, Hershey PA

### EVENING MASSES

#### SATURDAY & SUNDAY

5:00 pm

#### LOCATION

1525 Sand Hill Road, Hummelstown PA



From the Priests & Parish Staff,

We wish you and your family A Very Merry Christmas filled with love, laughter, and joy. We hope that you are able to connect with your family this holiday, whether it is in person or virtually. We wish you the very best Christmas.

And, remember, Jesus is the reason for the season!

Merry Christmas

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**DECEMBER 24**  
Closes at 12:00 PM

**DECEMBER 25-28**  
Closed

**WE WILL RE-OPEN AT 8:00 AM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**



**SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES**

Please pray for the souls of **Ann Smilak, Vicki Sicher, and Art Santoni, Father of Anne Marie Cordaro** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to their families and friends on their loss.

**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 Peters, Mort Kayser, Joseph Grecia, Mary Beth Sheehan, Abe Brandt, Barbara Mandes, and Irene Parodi.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

**Main Altar Vases:** In celebration and Thanksgiving of the 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Susan & Don Robison

**Respect Life Rose 1:** In celebration of our son, T. J.'s 34<sup>th</sup> birthday from Mom & Dad

**Respect Life Rose 2:** In celebration of our granddaughter Olivia's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday from Susan & Don



*With Much Gratitude...*

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

**HARRISBURG WALL & FLOORING**



**HOLIDAY MASS TIMES**

CHRISTMAS EVE

**DECEMBER 24**

CHURCH (AREBA AVE)

2:00 PM | 4:00 PM | 8:00 PM | MIDNIGHT

SCHOOL GYM (SAND HILL RD)

2:00 PM | 4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

**DECEMBER 25**

CHURCH (AREBA AVE)

9:00 AM | 11:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

NEW YEAR'S EVE

**DECEMBER 31**

CHURCH (AREBA AVE)

6:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY

**JANUARY 1**

CHURCH (AREBA AVE)

9:00 AM | 11:00 AM

Masses on Areba Ave will be live streamed in the Social Hall & Gymnasium. Masses on Sand Hill Road will be live streamed in the Cafeteria. Live stream sessions are not overflow Masses. They will start at the same time noted above. Communion will be served at all Masses, including live streams.



# MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 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 Ruth Tierney

9:00 AM In celebration and thanksgiving for 35 years of marriage for Susan & Don Robison

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22:

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

6:45 AM Don Bitting

9:00 AM Carmen & Jean Ranerio

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23: SAINT JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

6:45 AM Richard Wolbert, Jr.

9:00 AM Ed Bott

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

6:45 AM Pete Bowman

9:00 AM Joe Allegrini

2:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

4:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

8:00 PM People of the Parish

12:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25: FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

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

9:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

11:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26: FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

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

9:00 AM Clemente & Meleva Croci

5:00 PM Zosimo Cadiz

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

7:30 AM Margaret & John Welsh

9:30 AM Matthew Pritchett and Elsi Marcucci

11:30 AM Ozzie & Helen Morelli and Rosanne Morelli Claypole

5:00 PM People of the Parish



# YOUTH NEWS

## LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL)

**This Week:** With Derry Township schools going fully virtual due to the growing numbers of Covid-19, sadly, Life Teen will be forced to do the same. We are hoping this will be temporary and we will be able to return on January 10<sup>th</sup> as we will continue to meet via Zoom for the time being.

**Next Week:** No Life Teen for the next two weeks. May you have a joyous time as you celebrate Christmas and New years with your family and friends.

📧 [John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org)



## EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Edge is for grades 6-8 and meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom.

Edge meets next on January 6, as we discuss "What's New?"

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

📧 [Earl: etropp@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:etropp@stjoanhershey.org) | Ext. 122

# 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 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom.

We meet next on January 13 as we continue our study of the Catholic Letters with 1<sup>st</sup> Peter.

*We will not meet on December 23.*

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Christmas will be upon us in a few short days. Tomorrow, December 21st, marks the winter solstice, the longest night of the year. Sunset will occur at 4:44 PM. Barring cloud cover, the heavens will be lit with what appears to be a star on the southwest horizon. To the delight of many, the popular press is calling it the “Christmas Star.” It is actually a natural phenomenon- the convergence of the orbital paths of the planets Jupiter and Saturn as viewed from the Earth’s vantage point. Linking it to the Star of Bethlehem does make an appealing narrative, but at the very least it can represent a harbinger of hope in this time of literal and figurative darkness.

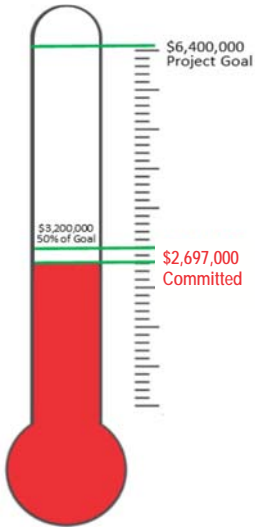
Our faith teaches us that the true source of our hope is Jesus Christ. In Him we trust. “A thrill of hope- the weary world rejoices” and “The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight” are Christmas carol lyrics very familiar to us. This Christmas, God is inviting all of us to reach out to Him for assistance in our daily lives. In this unsettling time we turn to Him:

- Let us pray for all who have lost loved ones and for those whom we miss so dearly.
- Let us pray for the sick and their recovery.
- Let us pray for a speedy end to the pandemic.
- Let us renew and strengthen our relationship with Him.
- Let us take comfort in the love of our families, whether they can be present with us, or send their love from a distance.
- Let us be joyful and celebrate.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas. Remember, as well, the words of St. John Paul to trust in the Lord and “be not afraid.”

We have had a wonderful response to the campaign over the past few weeks. Thank you to all who have given so generously throughout this entire year. It’s not too late to make a gift and take advantage of the tax benefit.

For more information on how you can help, please visit  
[www.stjoanhershey.org/TheCentennialProject](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/TheCentennialProject)



## WISH LIST



St. Joan of Arc School has received a grant to partially fund a second playground at the new building on Sand Hill Road. We are just looking for funding for one more piece of the puzzle. We are hoping to add a swing set to the playground for the upper grades, 2nd through 8th. The cost is \$6,719.

Please consider helping us to reach our goal so that we can make this wish a reality for our students!

## ✝ MINISTRY NEWS

### MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

You can schedule up to 4 Mass intentions for the year for \$10 each. A post card confirming your dates will be mailed to you. Complete online.

📍 [www.stjoanhershey.org/store/p74/intentions.html](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/store/p74/intentions.html)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 6693 will be sponsoring a Consecration to the Holy Family at each Mass on the weekend of Holy Family Sunday, December 26th and 27th. For more information contact Steve Cordaro at 717-534-2361.

### OPLATKI WAFERS

Oplatki Wafers are available at the Parish Office. The wafers are \$3 per pack or 2 packs for \$5.

### WE'RE HIRING

St. Joan of Arc is seeking a part-time custodian to work 16-20 hours per week for \$20/hour.

### RESPECT LIFE

“Marriage and conjugal love are by their nature ordained toward the begetting and educating of children. Children are really the supreme gift of marriage and contribute very substantially to the welfare of their parents.” -*On the Regulation of Birth (Humana Vitae), no. 9*

For help with an unexpected pregnancy, contact: Morning Star Pregnancy Clinics.

📍 [www.morningstarclinics.com](http://www.morningstarclinics.com) | 717-901-2799

### FBMAC

This summer three seminarians and several staff members worked on outside jobs, because of the pandemic. With resources stretched very thin, we want to help in any way we can. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 to help cover the cost of the work done and expenses incurred this summer. As in the past, your generosity has always been very much appreciated, not only by the work that was done, but by St. Joan of Arc volunteers who rely on your help and encouragement to continue this charitable work. We are hoping to travel to Kentucky in Spring & Fall 2021.

Please send your donations to Jan and Larry Duckart and include FBAMC in the memo.

📍 [5455 Ridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022](http://5455RidgeRoad,Elizabethtown,PA17022)

## ✝ MINISTRY NEWS

### ROAD TO KINDNESS

We are in the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of our beautiful advent season. Thank you for embracing our advent kindness program!

We have only a few days until Christmas – let’s all do an act of kindness each day! Finish this wonderful advent season with one of these kindness acts:

- Donate toys to a charity! You can make a child’s day!
- Say a special prayer at dinner time and offer it up for your entire family!
- Offer to go to the grocery store for a neighbor that cannot leave their house – you will make a difference!
- Prepare hand-made Christmas cards and drop them off at every house on your street! What fun! Show your neighbors how much you care!
- Give long distance hugs to someone on facetime or zoom!
- Parents – give an especially long hug to your children on Christmas eve and tell them how much you love them!
- December 25 - Christmas day – celebrate the birth of our savior and thank you for being kind throughout the year!

We want to thank all our wonderful students in our school, rep, edge and teen life programs! We also want to thank those in our parish that participated in our giving tree program! Together, through all our acts of kindness, we have made such an impact in our community during this advent season. We are blessed to have such caring people in our church parish! “Kindness is like snow, it beautifies everything it touches!” Continue to reach out - become inspired and make someone smile! Merry Christmas!

**TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES  
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

Please take note of the early bulletin deadlines for the rest of the year.

**All requests must be submitted by 9:00 am.**

Bulletin	Article Deadline	
December 27	Monday	December 14
January 3	Friday	December 18



# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



*In loving memory of*



- † Pietro & Maria Rossi from their daughters
- † Mark & Barbara McQuate; Sharon McQuate; Donald Robison, Sr.; Nancy Schneider; Deceased Members of the McQuate, Frey, Bisacky, Watson, Wulf and Rowe Families from Don & Susan Robison
- † Deceased Members of the Roy E. Hovis and Peter J. McCarthy Families from Fran & Barb McCarthy
- † Dan Connolly; Helen & George Schumacher from Rosemary Connolly
- † Bowman; Pronio; Susi and Modesto Families from Regina Bowman
- † Joan Valeri; Josephine Valeri; Felix Valeri; Agatha Andreani from Claudio Valeri
- † Rudy & Irene Petrina; Mary Petrina Smith from Susan I. Petrina
- † Wayne Foust; Steno & Amelia Verrazzani; Enrico Rossi; Stan Rossi; Claudio & Maria Rossi; Cathy Lalli from Pamela Foust
- † Joseph Yashinsky; Mary & Louis Stahl; Joseph & Mary Yashinsky; Angelas Oakum; Dolores Milewski from Helen Yashinsky and Family
- † Daniel McCarthy; Eleanor & Sylvester McCarthy; Joseph, Margaret and Martin Stahl from Mary McCarthy and Family
- † Charles Sheller; Vivian Sheller; Mary & Ray Sheller; Betty & Joseph Polinitz; James Hume; Mildred Borota from Gina Sheller
- † Dick & Gerry Ingaglio from Fran & Paul Shiffler
- † John McElhinney; Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Cantore; Pat & Frank Wunschel; Lillian & Edward McElhinney; Marion Arrell from The Cantore Family
- † Richard Cappelli from wife Sandy
- † Deceased Members of the Borroni and Weir Families from Matt, Kevin, Terry, Denise and Stephanie
- † Alvesta "Vae" Tancredi from Stephanie
- † Deceased Members of the Rogers and Deiling Families by Mark & Lora Rogers
- † Andrew & Marie Sakse; Albert Lashuk; Bartolo Bruno from their Family
- † Joseph and Anthony Nestico from their Family
- † Emil & Antoinette Drobnock from David, Ann and Family
- † Donald Fox from the Fox Family
- † Deceased Members of the Spagnola and Nikolos Families from Mr. & Mrs. Philip J. Spagnoli
- † Joseph & Madeline Capita; Vincent T. Agostino from Joanne & Cosmo Agostino
- † Emil Malasavage from his wife, children and grandchildren
- † The Deceased Castelli, DeLuce and Garvey Family Members from Dave & Tina DeLuce and Family
- † Jonathan Barger; Edna & Raymond Barger; Madalene & Leo Miller; Marian Vavro; Debra Wewer from Richard & Patricia Barger
- † Deceased Family and Friends from Lisa & Ben Barletta
- † Rob Hamilton from his parents - Robert & Kathy Hamilton
- † Philip & Lena Zaccagnini from daughter Tillie Stover
- † Philip & Lena Zaccagnini from children and grandchildren
- † Paul Cramer from children and grandchildren
- † Filomena Cramer from children and grandchildren
- † Filomena Cramer from sister Tillie Stover
- † Edward Stover, Jr. from wife Tillie Stover
- † Jim & Esther DeAngelis from Tillie Stover
- † Richard & Jean DeAngelis and daughter Marie from Tillie Stover
- † Mrs. Flannigan from grandchildren
- † Dominic & Cecelia Bott from Tillie Stover
- † Msgr. Anthony Mayan from Tillie Stover
- † Sister Katherine Marie, Director of Nurses, St. Joseph Hospital in Lancaster from Tillie Stover
- † Mr. & Mrs. Giacinto DiBlasio and daughter Loretta and daughter-in-law Linda from Tillie Stover
- † Andy Glass from Zaccagnini children
- † Gary Garver, Jr. from parents, children and grandchildren
- † Gary Garver, Jr. from Tillie Stover
- † Deceased Members of the Kershner, Arters and Bryan Families from Frank & Sara Kershner and Christina Asbury
- † Albert & Jean Sardino; Anna, Don and Donna Pickett from the Sardino children
- † Robert & Gertrude Foster from Diane Creswell
- † Sam DeAngelis and wives Edna and Alba from Tillie Stover
- † Deceased members of the Maloni, Spingola, Hoover and Schultz Families from Tom, Christine and Andrew Hoover
- † William & Eleanor Lawler from Bob & Kathy Rath and Family
- † Our son Anthony Bellezza; Nicholas & Lucy Bellezzo; Patricia Washburn; Benjamin Brewer; Frank & Antoinette Nicholas; Mr. & Mrs. Ross Bellezza; Deceased Members of the Bellezza and Nicholas Family from Tony & Cassie Bellezza