



6TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:19

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC

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FEBRUARY 12, 2017

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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



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

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PALM COLLECTION

Please bring your palms from last year to the church by Sunday, February 26 and leave them in the baskets in the church.



MASS SCHEDULE, READINGS & INTENTIONS

Monday, February 13

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

6:45 AM Anthony Bellezza

9:00 AM Carol Williams

Tuesday, February 14: St. Cyril & St. Methodius

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

6:45 AM Special Intention for William Magers

9:00 AM Mary K. Doncevic

Wednesday, February 15

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

6:45 AM Edward Hovis

9:00 AM Edward Bott

Thursday, February 16

Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

6:45 AM Mark Mooney

9:00 AM Nicola Braccio

Friday, February 17: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 - 9:1

6:45 AM Mary Downey

9:00 AM Ida Gullo

Saturday, February 18

Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

9:00 AM Irene Petrina

Vigil, February 18

5:15 PM Deceased Stahl Family

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, February 19, 2017

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
Those who are truly wise place their faith and trust in the Lord. The decrees of God are worthy of trust indeed.

Mass Intentions:

7:30 AM Effie, Joseph, James and William Butch

9:00 AM Stanley Gensemer

10:30 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM John Waverka

5:30 PM Annie Doherty



Over the past eighteen months since I have been your pastor, I have received more anonymous letters than I have in the entirety of my priesthood. This has really surprised me since this is such a parish of professional people. These letters have run the gamut from: complaints about me and my decisions as pastor (used to that); complaints about other parishioners and when and how I am going to correct them; to what I consider to be very un-Christian rants that are just mean-spirited and, frankly, in one case, racist and bigoted. Every once in a while I receive an anonymous letter that makes a good point. But how exactly am I to address these questions and complaints? If I am that difficult to talk to, I apologize. If these are real concerns, then please sign your name and set up a meeting to discuss them with me. Maybe I can help; maybe I can't. But there is no way anything can be resolved if problems are cloaked in anonymity. Thanks for listening. I promise you I will listen to you.

Father Al



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

COMPANIONS IN CARE



LENTEN APPEAL UPDATE

If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge to the 2016 -2017 Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal,

it is not too late! We have not yet received enough contributions to meet our assessment amount. Thank you for your generosity and support!



VOCATIONS

"It is loyalty to do His will." Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood?

Call Father Brian Wayne at (717) 657-4804 or email: frbwayne@hbgiocese.org.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for February 19, 2017

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
Lector	P. Graybash	D. Hennigan	B. Hasson		K. Shovlin	S. Gutshall
EMHC	M. Totaro	M. Spaeder	J. Gusherowski	K. Robinson	J. Larkin	D. Sheehan
	M. Waiter	K. Willey	K. Burkhardt	S. Cordaro	J. Larkin	J. Triscik
	Sr. Salvatoris	C. Yakstis	L. Demers	M. DeAngelis	M. Wetherhold	
	R. Barry		E. Frauenhoffer	T. DeAngelis		G. Bixler
Servers	J. Wilson	St. Michael's Guard	A. Gusherowski	J. Pegher	C. Edwards	M. Yee
	G. Gurney		E. Gusherowski	B. Seesholtz	M. Brooks	V. Yee
	M. Gurney		L. Gusherowski	M. Tice	J. Larkin	L. Ruiz-Velasco
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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

Weekly Tithing: \$34,669
 Weekly Budget: \$28,462
 Year to Date Budget Variance: \$15,816
 Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$2,421



Annual Contribution Statements were mailed to all registered parishioners who contributed to St. Joan of Arc in 2016. If you have not received a statement, please contact the parish office or email: statements@stjoanhershey.org



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the souls of **Stephen Butsko** and **Antoinette B. Court** (Sister of Caroline Butsko) who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc Church extends our deepest sympathy to their families and friends on their loss.

THE PILGRIM CROSS:

If you would like to take the Pilgrim Cross into your home for one week per year and pray for vocations, please call the parish office. The Pilgrim Cross will be in the home of:

Week of 2/20 - 2/27: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Wolf
Week of 2/27 - 3/6: The Harbaugh Family

MASS ATTENDANCE:

February 4 & 5, 2017 - TOTAL: 1834
5:15 - 341 7:30 - 172 9:00 - 362
10:30 - 460 12:00 - 263 5:30 - 236



PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Vincent Savini, David Liddy, Kaitlin Buser, Lily Carney, Ashley Tatangelo, Barry Boyer, Sr. Mary Magdalene SIJ, Jon Hines, Ronald Petrasic, Jennifer Grana, Philip Tomko, Donna Marino, Frank Bolduc, Shirley Shiffler, Natalie Shovlin

Reminder: Names will remain on this list for six weeks. Please call to have them placed back on the prayer list.



AVAILABLE ALTAR FLOWERS

Main Altar: Feb. 19, 26. April 23, 30.
Blessed Mother: Feb. 19, 26. April 23, 30.
Saint Joseph: Feb. 19, 26. April 30.
Respect Life Roses: Feb. 19, 26. April 23, 30.

Please contact the Parish Office for all available dates.



SUNDAY, February 12

Second Sunday Social [C]

- 9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6
- 6:30 PM Life Teen [Y]
- 7:00 PM Confirmation Prep

MONDAY, February 13

- 9:45 AM Legion of Mary [LH]
- 3:00 PM Daisy & Brownie Scouts [L]
- 3:00 PM Cadette Girl Scouts [MB]
- 7:00 PM EDGE [Y]
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [C]
- 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul [MA]
- 7:00 PM Bible Study [LH]

TUESDAY, February 14

- 9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture Study [LH]
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry [LH]

WEDNESDAY, February 15

- 7:15 AM Wednesday Morning Coffee [LH]
- 7:45 AM Gospel Reflection Group [LH]
- 4:15 PM REP K-Gr 6
- 5:00 PM Confessions
- 6:30 PM R.C.I.A. [LH]
- 7:00 PM I Thirst Prayer Group [C]

THURSDAY, February 16

- 6:30 PM Girl Troop 12171 [LH]
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus [Y]

FRIDAY, February 17

- 9:00 AM Living Our Faith [LH]
- 3:00 PM Junior Legion of Mary [LH]

SATURDAY, February 18

- 6:30 AM TMIY: That Man Is You [Y]
- 7:00 AM Cub Scout Pinewood Derby [C]
- 4:00 PM Confessions

SUNDAY, February 19

- ***NO REP CLASSES
- 1:00 PM Baptisms

[C] Cafeteria [L] Library [G] Gymnasium [R] Rectory
 [LH] St. Lucy House [Y]: Youth Room (Meeting Room C)
 [MA] Meeting Room A [MB] Meeting Room B



HAITI MINISTRY: SISTER PARISH
 The next Haiti ministry meeting will be on Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 pm in Meeting Room A/B. Anyone who is interested in helping, in any way, with the efforts to support our Sister Parish in Haiti, is invited to attend. More information is available on our parish website.

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN & EDGE...

LIFE TEEN *This Week:* “Dangerous-Our Call to Holiness” Holiness means to be set apart FOR God. Come next week to find out how holy people challenge mediocrity and inspires extraordinary living.

Next Week: **No Life Teen! Enjoy President’s Day weekend with your family and friends.**

EDGE: All 6th - 8th graders are invited to EDGE on Monday nights from 7 - 8:15 in the Youth Room (Meeting Room C). Our next EDGE nights will be: 2/13 & 2/27.

Youth Coordinator: John Triscik
 Phone: 533-7168 Ext. 128
 Email: stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS...

No Sunday REP Classes will meet Sunday, Feb. 19th due to the President’s Day Holiday.

Directors of REP: Earl Tropp & Marcie Warner
 Phone: 533-7168 Ext. 306
 Email: REP@stjoanhershey.org

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

Please consider helping with the 2017 Night of Knights Gala! This year’s Night of Knights Gala is being held in honor of our Blue Ribbon designation which is a testament to our teachers, staff, students and alumni! We are accepting tax deductible donations to be auctioned off such as vacation homes, gift cards, tickets to local events, etc. Monetary donations to sponsor portions of the event like decorations, programs, party favors, etc are also greatly appreciated. Both individuals and businesses are encouraged to support this great event and our parish school. Thank you!



Due to the overwhelming response to the 6 week series we will be hosting beginning in February “**Catholicism: The Pivotal Players**”, we have added a morning session in addition to the original Tuesday evening option. For more information, or to register, please visit the parish website or contact the Religious Education Office.

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS, MEETINGS, & EVENTS

**2017 PARISH FESTIVAL**

We need your hands and hearts!
Our next Festival Planning Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th at 7 pm in the Cafeteria. Please join us as we continue to plan for this very important fund raiser!



The AREBA Club of St. Joan of Arc will hold its February meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in the Cafeteria. Doors open at 3:30 pm and the meeting begins at 4:00 pm.

The program this month will be a presentation by the Hershey Fire Company on Fire Safety. Come and hear the latest news on our trip schedule while we enjoy cake, coffee and good fellowship. Hope to see you there!

**"I THIRST" PRAYER GROUP**

Please join us to deepen your faith and relationship with Jesus through prayer, song, worship and praise on Wednesday, **February 15th at 7 pm** in the Cafeteria.

We will continue with the "Wild Goose" series. Come quench your thirst for God!

Follow us on Facebook at: ITHIRSTSJA

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS: AGE 21 - 35

Calling all Young Adults of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church between the ages of 21-35, married or single!!! We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 7 - 8:30 pm in Meeting Rm C.

Our next Young Adults will be on February 22nd. If you are interested or have any questions, contact John in the Youth Office (Ext. 128).

**MARRIAGE MENTORS**

This spring the Office of Marriage & Family Ministries will host another training workshop for new mentor couples and those who

wish to be trained in the FOCCUS instrument. The training will be divided into two parts - a training and certification in the FOCCUS inventory, followed by an overview of the mentoring process. If you are interested, please call Mary Butch in the parish Office at 533-7168 Ext. 115 or email: mbutch@stjoanhershey.org. Date to be determined.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!**

The CCW thanks you for participating in the Catholic Charities Souper Bowl Soup Sale! Collectively, over 800 quarts of soup were sold and we made over \$8,000! At St. Joan alone, we collected over 175 quarts and had over \$1500 in sales. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** Your generosity is so very appreciated.

Have you been wondering what CCW is?

The Council of Catholic Women has a 3 fold purpose:

1. To promote the spiritual development of individual members.
2. To participate in religious, educational, social and economic endeavors of the parish community.
3. To cooperate with the district and diocesan council in its aims and endeavors.

**Help Is Needed For Community Luncheon**

Please join us to prepare the Ecumenical Luncheon for the Hershey Community on Ash Wednesday (March 1). Help is needed beginning Tuesday, February 28th at 2 pm in the cafeteria as we begin to prepare the food. Assistance is also needed on Wednesday morning, March 1st beginning at 9:00 am as we finish the food and set up tables and chairs. All help is greatly appreciated!

***Donations of cupcakes are needed for dessert.**

Please bring them to the cafeteria on Wednesday morning by 9:00 am.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Hearts To God, Hands To Work**

At the Prayer Shawl Ministry, we have a talented group of women who use their hands to knit or crochet prayer shawls and lap robes. Their hearts are very generous as they create these beautiful items and give them to folks in need.



We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at St. Lucy's Hall. Questions? Contact Norberta (Bert) Curran at (302) 228-9735 or Kathy Palmer at 566-1481.

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS, MEETINGS, & EVENTS



**St. Patrick's Day
CELEBRATION**

Mark your calendar for the

St. Joan of Arc St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Hosted by: St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus

March 18th, 2017 starting at 6:30 pm

In the St. Joan of Arc Cafeteria

Join our Parish Priests and Sisters and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with food, fun and entertainment.

For more information, visit the parish website (*Upcoming Events*) or contact Dan Wagler (717) 525-5976 or dmwagler@hotmail.com



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Consolation/Bereavement Ministry of St. Joan of Arc Parish will again offer support groups for those experiencing grief due to a significant loss. Each meeting will last for about one hour. Groups will be limited to ten participants. You do not need to be member of the parish to participate.

Please do not hesitate to attend if your grief is related to a loss that happened years ago. There is no time limit for grief, and some losses take a lifetime to resolve.

To register for a group, or for more information, call the contact listed for each group. Registration is requested by March 3rd.

Morning Grief Support Group

Beginning March 8th at 10:30 am

Contact: Joyce (717) 566-0657

Evening Grief Support Group

Beginning March 8th at 6:30 pm

Contact: Kathryn (717) 838-9825



BOY SCOUT RECOGNITION

Troop 108 and Pack 108 actively encourage Scouts from our Parish to participate in earning the Boy Scouts of America Religious Emblems medals. The following

Scouts were recognized on Scout Sunday for earning medals:

Light of Christ - Catholic boys who are in the Tiger, Wolf, and Bear dens are eligible to earn this medal. The purpose is to help the Cub Scout develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

Alex Carl, Jacob Clark, Joseph Clark, Matthew Clark, Braedin Deardorff, Sevrin Dion, Gus Grandi, Dylan O'Hara, Laim O'Hara, David Otto, Blake Shakal, Ryan Swallow, Rowan Tressler, Jesse Willi

Parvuli Dei - Catholic Webelos are eligible to earn this medal. The purpose is to help these boys to explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and Parish.

Venny Brooks, Brukh Dawit, Joseph Katzenmoyer

Ad Altare Dei - Boy Scouts of Catholic Faith who are in seventh grade or higher are eligible to earn this medal. The purpose is to help these scouts develop a fully Christian way of life in their community in conjunction with an understanding of the seven Sacraments as a primary means toward spiritual growth.

Seamus Burns, Chris Hopstetter, Mark Lavelle, John Paul Katzenmoyer, J.J. McInerney

Congratulations!



PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank Mobile Unit will be accepting donors after Masses on Sunday, February 26th from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm. They will be located in the school parking lot.

Please note: Donors must have eaten within four prior to donating. A form of I.D. is required to donate. Thank you for your participation in this drive. Your donation may help save the lives of 3 people! More information is available at 717giveblood.org

BULLETIN INFORMATION: Requests for bulletin announcements are due Mondays by 9:00am. All requests must include the **date(s)** of the bulletin(s) you would like information included and be submitted **exactly** as you would like the information to appear. Articles may not necessarily be published in their entirety or the number of times requested due to space limitations. Forms are available on our parish and in the parish office. Information may also be submitted via email to: communications@stjoanhershey.org