

7TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.
Matthew 5:48

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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





**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, FEB. 20th**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.



This past week we received all the approvals - from the College of Consultors, the Diocesan Building Committee and Derry Township - to begin renovations on the former convent. The renovations will include: a handicapped accessible ramp; ADA compliant men and women's restrooms; air-conditioning (I purposely did not say "new" because the convent never had AC); upgraded electrical service; internet and WIFI capability; changing all of the former bedrooms into office space; making meeting spaces on the first floor; a complete cosmetic update with new flooring, paint and ceiling tiles; and, finally, the complete renovation of the chapel to be used by the parish for adoration, daily visits, prayer groups, class masses, and the occasional baptism or small wedding.

It is amazing how much is being done. The total cost will be \$554,000. We will borrow half of this from the diocese to be amortized over 5 years. Our debt service will be roughly \$60,000 a year. Our HEART OF THE PARISH Fund will be used toward paying off the loan. As you know, HEART OF THE PARISH is a restricted fund that can only be used for capital improvements. We have been averaging (conservatively) \$100,000 per year in this fund (thank you, thank you, thank you to those using that envelope) and we will obviously have the money to service the debt. I have a feeling we will pay that off before the end of the five years!

It is estimated that the renovation will take roughly four months so if we start by the beginning of March we should be done by the end of June and still have July and August to move in before the school year starts. Of course, God willing and with the help of your prayers. It will be so good to have more space for staff members and for the parish. Did you know that three of our staff have no real office and that Meeting Room C is used by seven groups each week? I forget who said it but it is true: "a place for everything and everything in its place". With the convent renovation, that will start to be true here at Saint Joan of Arc! God bless!

Father Al



**MASS SCHEDULE,
READINGS & INTENTIONS**

Monday, February 20

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

6:45 AM Rev. Louis Ogden

9:00 AM George Roth, Jr.

Tuesday, February 21: Saint Peter Damian

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

6:45 AM Sadie & Sheldon

9:00 AM Jeff Hahn

Wednesday, February 22: The Chair of Saint Peter

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

6:45 AM Reno Bacallao

9:00 AM Richard Spagnolo

Thursday, February 23: Saint Polycarp

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

6:45 AM Special Intention of Maria Pugliese

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving

Friday, February 24

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

6:45 AM Special Intention for Fr. Paul Voida, Ruben Lugo Acosta and Carmen Serrano

9:00 AM Norma Jeanne LoPiccolo

Saturday, February 25

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

9:00 AM Vincent Pronio

Vigil, February 25

5:15 PM Ed Maloy

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 26, 2017**

Readings: Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Our heavenly Father is with us, ever providing for our needs. He is always mindful of us; in him we shall never be disturbed. All should regard us as servants of Christ.

Mass Intentions:

7:30 AM John Welsh

9:00 AM Michael Braccio

10:30 AM Conor Keogh

12:00 PM People of the Parish

5:30 PM Hope Eirkson



VOCATIONS

"Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy."
Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as a priest or in the consecrated life?

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

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for February 25/26, 2017

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
Lector	S. McDonough	F. Ruggiero	A. Gould	J. Nantz	A. O’Dea	M. Yee
EMHC	G. Kaiser	C. Eimer	J. Kreider	C. Malloy	M. Duval	C. Evans
	P. Mooney	R. Meinert	W. Lutz	C. Mortel	J. Gusherowski	J. Evans
	D. Morgan	T. Kilcoyne	J. Pantalone	A. Reeves	B. Hasson	V. Felice
Servers			J. Phillippy	K. Robinson		K. Samson
	M. Coyle	M. O’Hara	M. Neves	D. Kreiss	A. Gusherowski	R. Abraham
	M. Coyle	M. O’Hara	T. Brown	J. McGregor	E. Gusherowski	T. Abraham
MC	L. Hamilton	S. O’Hara	D. Matas	C. Chardo	L. Gusherowski	A. Samson
	L. Hamilton	D. O’Hara	M. Matas	M. Keeler	N. Martin/J. Shiffler	M. Abraham

Money Counters: J. Traini, J. Banks, T. Kilcoyne, J. Storm, D. Ryan, J. Thomas



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the souls of **Tony Pala**, **Louise Cedro** (Sister-in-law of Mary Bogrette) & **Baldine Traini Rossi** (Sister of John Traini) who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc Church extends our deepest sympathy to their family 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 2/21 - 2/27: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Wolf

Week of 2/27 - 3/6: The Harbaugh Family

MASS ATTENDANCE:

February 11 & 12, 2017 - TOTAL: 1909

5:15 - 345	7:30 - 193	9:00 - 310
10:30 - 375	12:00 - 232	5:30 - 454

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

RCIA Candidates:

Daniel Brant
Natalie Franks
Mark Kurzenknabe
Danielle Streck

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

These candidates will be received into the Catholic Church on Sunday Feb. 26th at the noon mass. Please keep them in prayer as they continue their journey of preparation.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God’s Gifts To Us

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

Weekly Tithing: \$27,595
 Weekly Budget: \$28,462
 Year to Date Budget Variance: \$14,949
 Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$2,115



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



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, Ronald Petrasic, Jennifer Grana, Philip Tomko, Donna Marino, Frank Bolduc, Shirley Shiffler, Natalie Shovlin, Mary Smith, Nancy Stewart

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

THE PENN HOTEL



SUNDAY, February 19

***NO REP CLASSES & NO LIFETEEN**
1:00 PM Baptisms

MONDAY, February 20

*****PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED*****

9:45 AM Legion of Mary [LH]

TUESDAY, February 21

9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture Study [LH]

4:00 PM Areba Club [C]

6:30 PM Cub Scouts [LH]

7:00 PM Evangelization & Faith Formation Commission Meeting [L]

7:00 PM Catholicism: Pivotal Players [Y]

WEDNESDAY, February 22

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 Young Adult Ministry [Y]

7:00 PM I Thirst Prayer Group [C]

THURSDAY, February 23

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, February 24

3:00 PM Junior Legion of Mary [LH]

SATURDAY, February 25

6:30 AM TMIY: That Man Is You [C]

4:00 PM Confessions

SUNDAY, February 26

8:30 AM Parish Blood Drive

9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6

6:30 PM LifeTeen [Y]

7:00 PM Confirmation Prep

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

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN & EDGE...



This Week: No Life Teen! Enjoy President's Day weekend with your family & friends.

LIFE TEEN *Next Week:* "Created in the Image & Likeness of God" We welcome a guest speaker to tell us what it's like to have special needs. This promises to be a fantastic night.



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: 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS...

No 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 help support this year's Gala!

St. Joan of Arc School's **Seventh Annual Night of Knights Gala** will be here soon and we need your help! The Gala will be held on Saturday, **April 1, 2017** beginning at 6pm in the Keystone Ballroom at the Hershey Country Club. The evening will include dinner, dancing, and a silent auction.

All proceeds from this event help with the operational costs of our school and help us continue our mission of providing our children with an affordable and quality education in keeping with our Catholic traditions and values.

There are many ways you can support this fabulous fundraising event. Full details are available on our school website.

Dinner for Dollars: Café on Cocoa on Feb. 19th!

It's a Dinner for Dollars weekend! **The Café on Cocoa** is generously hosting a fundraiser Sunday, **February, 19th 8am to 2pm**. 10% of the cost of your meal will benefit our kids through the **St. Joan of Arc School PTO**. Vouchers can be found in the back of the church.
**Café on Cocoa is located in the Cocoaplex Complex at 1130 Cocoa Ave, Hershey.*



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 hours 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

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS, MEETINGS, & EVENTS



LENTEN



MARCH 10 & 24



5PM TO 8PM

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

The Consolation/Bereavement Ministry of St. Joan of Arc 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 10:00 am

Contact: Joyce (717) 566-0657

Evening Grief Support Group

Beginning March 8th at 6:30 pm

Contact: Kathryn (717) 838-9825

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).

**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



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!

2017 PARISH FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

Please join us for our next Festival Planning Meeting on Thursday, March 16 from 7-9 pm in the Cafeteria. We're making great progress, but still need more hands and hearts to work on our wonderful parish and community event.

***Please note, this date has been corrected from a previously published date.**

**MARRIAGE MENTORS**

This spring the Office of Marriage & Family Ministries will host a 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. Date to be determined. If you are interested, please contact Mary Butch at 533-7168 Ext. 115 or email: mbutch@stjoanhershey.org.

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS, MEETINGS, & EVENTS



SJA CCW is holding a fundraiser to support our sister parish in Haiti by raising funds that will help pay for a much needed generator for the parish and school. The event is a paint and sip night led by Paint & Create of Harrisburg (www.paintncreate.com)

These events are all the rage and lots of fun. Absolutely no artistic ability or experience needed!! Experienced instructors will guide us step-by-step to create a unique painting. At the end of the session you'll be amazed at the artwork you've created. We hope to fill up the cafeteria with painters and supporters. Please share this with friends and family.

Date: Thurs March 9

Time: Social time 6:00-6:30. Session goes from 6:30-8:30

Place: St. Joan of Arc Cafeteria

Cost: \$45 (\$13 from each ticket will go directly toward the purchase of the generator for our sister parish in Haiti). Includes all snacks, beverages and art supplies needed.

Must sign up by Sunday March 5 and be committed to paying the cost of the event. You may bring payment that evening. Sign up by emailing brogroh@msn.com or calling Julie Groh at 566-5838.



Help Needed For Community Luncheon

Please join us to prepare the Ecumenical Luncheon for the Hershey Community on Ash Wednesday. 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 March 1st beginning at 9 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 (March 1st) 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 to 3 pm at St. Lucy's Hall. Questions? Contact Norberta (Bert) Curran at (302) 228-9735 or Kathy Palmer at 566-1481.



"I THIRST" PRAYER GROUP

Please join us to deepen your faith and relationship with Jesus through prayer, song, worship and praise on Wednesday, **February 22nd 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



PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

The nurse ministry is pleased to be celebrating 20 years as an organization at St. Joan of Arc parish. Since 1997 we have been actively providing our health ministry to all parishioners. Some of our activities are to measure blood pressures one weekend/month after masses. Others are to assist with the annual healing mass, sponsor health fairs and educational programs, provide first aid at the annual festival, among other activities. We are always looking for new participants from any health occupation. Please consider joining this ministry. For more details or to volunteer, please contact Carol O'Hara at 579-8014.

SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM MORNING STAR

Father Al received a beautiful Thank you letter from Morning Star Pregnancy Services expressing their gratitude for St. Joan of Arc's participation in the Baby Bottle Blessing. Our parish raised a total of \$4,111!!! These funds will be used to vital life affirming services in the capital region and bring first giggles and first steps to hundreds of babies whose lives would otherwise be snuffed out by abortion. A special thank you is extended to Leslie Moyer for heading up this effort.

With the support of our parish last year, Morning Star provided over 3,500 client visits, ministering the truth with unconditional love enabling women to make informed life affirming choices. Thank you for your support in this initiative!

BULLETIN INFORMATION: Requests for bulletin announcements are due Mondays by 9:00am. All requests must include the **date(s)** of the bulletin(s) you wish the information to be included in. Everything must be submitted **exactly** as you would like the information to appear. Articles may not be published in their entirety or the number of times requested due to space limitations.