

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

359 West Areba Avenue • Hershey, PA 17033
Third Sunday of Lent February 28, 2016

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Sundays 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:00-1:00 PM)
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday - 5:00 to 5:30 PM, Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM

Sacrament of the Sick: Call the Parish Office.

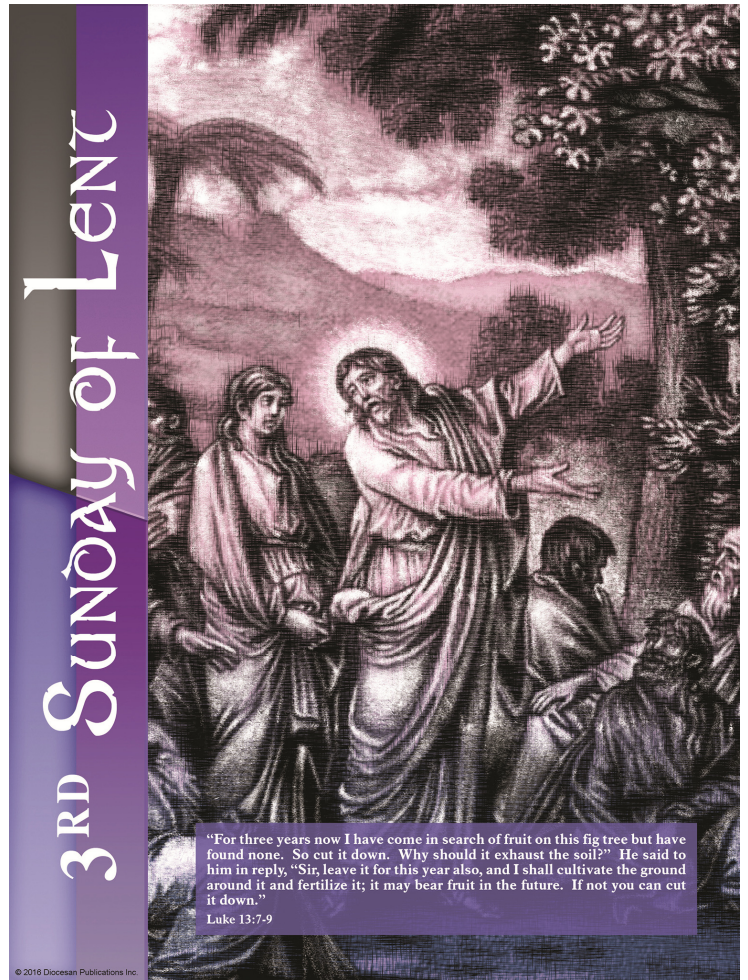
Sacrament of Baptism: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month

Parents are required to attend one class. Please call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the Parish office 9 to 12 months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Parish Membership: Welcome to St. Joan of Arc Parish. Please register on our website or stop in the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday before publication date by 9:00 AM. Bulletin email: bulletin@stjoanhershey.org



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM

Sunday Masses:

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00, 5:30 PM

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 6:45 & 9:00 AM

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 6:30 PM everyday

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 9:30 AM everyday

Holy Days: Please refer to the website for information

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday of each month from after 9:00 AM Mass until 9:45 PM closing with Benediction.

Prayer Service at 7:00 PM during Exposition on First Friday.



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

Monday, February 29

6:45 AM Gemma Macchioni
 9:00 AM Special Intention for Joseph Jacavage

Tuesday, March 1

6:45 AM Patricia A. Lutes
 9:00 AM Joseph Nestico

Wednesday, March 2

6:45 AM James F. Horn
 9:00 AM Ethel DiClemente

Thursday, March 3-St. Katharine Drexel

6:45 AM Victor Elfimov
 9:00 AM Rev. James E. Noell

Friday, March 4-St. Casimir

6:45 AM Warren Storjohann
 9:00 AM Andy Gaydos

Saturday, March 5

9:00 AM Elizabeth Mullen

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 6, 2016

Readings: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Having arrived in the promised land, the Hebrews celebrated their deliverance from affliction and distress in the Passover. Christ, our Passover, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation: let us forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God our Father.

Vigil, March 5

5:15 PM Divo DiClemente

Sunday, March 6

7:30 AM Marianne Smith
 9:00 AM Joseph, Margaret and Martin Stahl
 10:30 AM Amanda Holder-Bacchus
 12:00 PM Mary E. Loerzel
 5:30 PM People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2016

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23

Friday Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

Please pray for the soul of **Mary Ann Dowd** and **Doris Blouch** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc Church extends its deepest sympathy to their family and relatives on their loss.



The Season of Lent began in the early Church as a time for catechumens to begin the intensive spiritual preparation necessary to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. The catechumens may have already been going through formation for a number of years and this was the final preparation before becoming a Catholic. Lent gradually became a time for all Christians to reflect on their baptismal promises and to see how well he or she was living them out in daily life. The disciplines of fasting, prayer and almsgiving became a way to deny oneself, focus on spiritual things and help the needy and the poor. With the restoration of the catechumenate (now known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) after the Second Vatican Council, we once again emphasize the baptismal nature of the Season of Lent. Perhaps a simple exercise for all of us during this Lent is to reflect upon the question asked at every baptism: "Do you accept responsibility for raising your child in the practice of the faith, by loving God and our neighbor?" Of course, for parents this a grave responsibility but for us who are adults we can ask the same question regarding ourselves. "Are we practicing our faith? Are we loving God and our neighbor?" These are the most basic things we do as baptized Christians? How would you answer those questions?

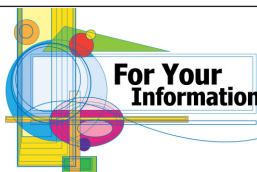
Father Al

1ST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

On Friday, **March 4**, immediately following the 9 AM Mass, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, closing with Night Prayer and Benediction at 9:45 PM. Because of Stations of the Cross, there will be no Evening Prayer with prayers of healing at 7 PM.



- All parishioners are encouraged to come for an hour of adoration so that our Eucharistic Lord is attended throughout the day.
- If you would like to be a regular Adorer or a substitute, call John (533-9529).



When a loved one is going into the hospital for any reason, please call the parish office so that a parish priest can make a visit to the hospital. Because of current laws, the hospital can no longer inform the parish of hospitalized parishioners.

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

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for March 6, 2016

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
Lector	J. Dezagottis	M. Spaeder	G. Duval	D. Hennigan	C. Gassert	P. Starner N. Silvis
EMHC	L. Demers	C. Eimer	R. Barry	S. Cordaro	G. Bixler	C. Evans
	E. Frauenhoffer	K. Willey	A. Gould	B. Hasson	K. Burkhart	J. Evans
	B. Frola	D. Sheehan	M. DeAngelis	T. Kilcoyne	L. Drayer	V. Felice
	J. Frola		T. DeAngelis	J. Kreider		F. Grubic
Altar Servers	G. Gurney	St. Michael's	M. Gould	J. Pegher	A. Kulina	N. Kodua
	M. Gurney	Guard	L. Gould	L. Ruiz-Velasco	D. Kulina	A. Samson
	D. Buser		M. Bagatta	M. Yee	M. Brooks	N. Hamilton
	D. Matas		D. Bagatta	V. Yee	L. Hamilton	A. Hamilton
MC	M. Matas		P. Bagatta	J. Yee	L. Hamilton	A. Aluquin
Money Counters: G. Kaiser, B. Moglia, G. Kaiser, V. Gunnells, K. Willey						



This Week in our Parish

SUNDAY, February 28

9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6
6:45 PM Life Teen
7:00 PM Confirmation Prep

MONDAY, February 29

9:45 AM Legion of Mary
7:00 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM EDGE

TUESDAY, March 1

9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture Study
6:30 PM Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, March 2

7:15 AM Wednesday Morning Coffee
4:15 PM REP K-Gr 6
5:00 PM Confessions
6:30 PM RCIA
7:00 PM Caelorum

THURSDAY, March 3

6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 12171
7:00 PM Adult Choir
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus meeting

FRIDAY, March 4

9:30 AM Adoration
3:00 PM Jr. Legion of Mary
6:00 PM Soup & Stations

SATURDAY, March 5

10:00 AM Youth Choir
1:00 PM First Penance
4:00 PM Confessions

SUNDAY, March 6-Blood Pressure Screening

9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6
6:45 PM Life Teen
7:00 PM Confirmation Prep
7:00 PM Parish Mission

MASS ATTENDANCE

February 20 & 21, 2016

5:15 - 258 7:30 - 187 9:00 - 301
10:30 - 490 12:00 - 283 5:30 - 517

TOTAL - 2036

Parish Nurses will be taking Blood Pressures next weekend after the Saturday 5:15PM and Sunday 7:30AM, 9:00AM, and 10:30AM Masses. Look for them in the School library, except after the 9:00 Mass, they will be in the cafeteria. It takes only a few minutes. All are welcome.



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 at 533-7168.

This week **February 29-March 7** the Pilgrim cross will be in the home of William Lutz.

Next week **March 7-March 14** the Pilgrim cross will be in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Wolf.



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, Jo Anderson, Rose Marie Smith, Terry Singer, Betty Zaccagnini, Phil Gergen, Ed Nerino, Mark Camasta, Diane Holubek

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

Please consider giving a little bit of your time!

Anyone interested in helping to launder small altar linens about once a month, please call Evelyn Thomas at either 717-576-2333 or 717-533-5765. If no answer, please leave a message. Thank you!



Faith Alive

Lenten Parish Mission

Living My Faith More Fully Today

Presented by Fr. Frank De Siano, Paulist Priest

Sunday: Personal Faith
Monday: A Community of Faith
Tuesday: Letting Our Faith Shine

March 6th, 7th, 8th in the Church at 7:00pm
www.stjoanhershey.org



March 4th & 18th



Presentation:
**Growing in the Spiritual
Life: Stages of Development**

A meal of hot soup will be served at 6:00pm in the cafeteria before the presentation. Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church at 7:00pm in the Church. Details at www.stjoanhershey.org

Hershey Ministerium - Community Worship Services

March 2 First United Methodist
March 9 Holy Trinity@Derry Presbyterian Church
March 16 All Saints Episcopal
March 23 Spring Creek Brethren
Easter Sunrise Service Hershey Gardens
All services begin at 12:10 and a luncheon at 12:50.
Requested donation: \$3.00



The 2016 Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal is off to a great start. Thank you to all whom have pledged to this year's appeal. But we need all of you to contribute. If you have not yet made a gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal, we invite you to do so today. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important Diocesan ministries and services and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us.

Lenten FISH FRY
February 26 & March 11th
Eat In or Take Out
5pm to 8pm

MENU

Fish, Fries & Coleslaw:
1pc Dinner \$7.50
2pc Dinner \$8.75
3pc Dinner \$10.00

Mac & Cheese: \$4.50
Desserts: \$2.50
Drinks: \$1.25

Hosted by
the Knights of Columbus



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Lenten Appeal Series:

Week 1 - Appeal Allocations

Have you ever wondered what your gifts to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal are used for? Have you considered how much of an impact your contribution actually makes in our Diocese?

A gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal supports the ministries of the Diocese of Harrisburg to meet the social services and ministerial needs of the people in our 15 counties. This is accomplished through 5 main areas of support:

%	AREA OF SUPPORT
43%	Human Services
22%	Catholic Education
13%	Administrative Support
12%	Communications
10%	Evangelization

"Your generosity has enabled us to provide caring homes to children through our Foster Care program; we have increased our capacity to provide bridge housing for women who are recovering from addiction; we continue to provide the only shelter for homeless families; we have supported married and family life; celebrated the sacramental life of the Church; ministered to those in prison; brought the healing power of Christ to those suffering from illness; spread the Gospel through efforts of evangelization, education and formation; shared our mission and ministry via television, radio and print media as well as provided for the temporal and administrative needs of the diocese and our parishes, schools, campuses and institutions. These are just a few of the ways your contribution is transforming lives and becoming Christ's instrument in meeting the needs of others, physically, emotionally, and spiritually."

~ Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg

**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, March 6, 2016 we will celebrate Girl Scout Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass. All Girl Scouts are invited to join us in the back of the church by 10:15 AM in uniform. We will process in and sit together at Mass. Contact Betty Roksandic with any questions at b.roksandic@yahoo.com

Adult Catholics who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation

Adults who have already been baptized, made their First Holy Communion, but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

If any adult is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please call the parish office for more information. Thank you!

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

Hosted by the St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus
March 19 starting at 6:30 PM
in St. Joan of Arc School Cafeteria

Join our Parish Priests and Sisters and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with food, fun and entertainment
Corned Beef & Cabbage or Irish Beef Stew
children's meal available, beverage and dessert included.

Featuring a performance by Rebel Heart Irish Dancers



\$15 for adults / \$7 for children
To submit order form or for more information, contact:
Dan Wagler at 717-525-5976 or dmwagler@hotmail.com

YOUTH AND EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for the 2016 SJA Track and Field season is now open! SJA school and REP students in grades 3-8 are eligible to participate. The season starts Monday 3/14/16 with practices tentatively planned for Mondays and Wednesdays 6-7:30pm (pending township usage approval of the middle school track located on Areba and Homestead Road). Most meets will be at 1pm on Saturdays (one on Sunday 1pm and one at 3:30pm on Saturday). Registration forms are available for download at the SJA school website at the Friday Family folder. Additional copies are available at the school and parish offices. Please return completed forms to the SJA school/parish office with the registration fee of \$30 for one child or \$50 for families with 2 or more children. Forms can also be brought to practice the first week. Contact Coach Adam Wise (adamwise@comcast.net) or Kim Harbaugh (kharbaugh@psu.edu) for any questions

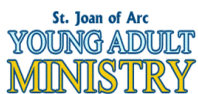


LIFE TEEN

This Week - "Blueprint" - We begin our Spring Semester on the Catholic Church. We will grow with a deeper understanding of the importance of the Church in its fullness. Jesus gives us a perfect "Blueprint" to follow.

Next Week - "United" - Next week we examine the reality that the Church is "one" through one Baptism, our unity in Jesus Christ, and our one profession of faith.. Let us be called to bring unity where there is division, especially within the Church.

EDGE is for grades 6-8 and meets on Monday nights in Meeting Room C from 7-8:15. We will meet on March 14 & 21.



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 in Meeting Room C. We will continue our new series March 9 and 23 with "The Great Adventure Bible Study."

If you have any questions about any of the above items, please call John at 208-0157 or email him at stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com.

SCHOOL**March Madness Raffle**

Please help support St Joan of Arc School by purchasing tickets for the March Madness Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each and are on sale now at the parish and school office. Drawings will be every day during the month of March. Prices are \$50 and \$100 daily! Each ticket sold is eligible to win 2 times every day during the month of the raffle. You have 62 chances to win per ticket! Winners DO NOT need to be present to win. For more information please call the school office at 533-2854. Thank you for your continued support of your parish Catholic School.

2016 Night of Knights Gala

Mark your calendars for the 2016 Night of Knights Gala! Saturday, April 16th at the Hershey Country Club. For information contact Deb Rizzotto at 717-533-2854 or drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM We are excited to announce a new phone system was installed in the Parish Office and School this week. When calling the parish office now you will hear a greeting from Father Al and a short menu to help direct your call. If you know the 3 digit extension of the person you wish to speak with, you may dial it to connect directly to that person. Please know you have the option to go directly to Susan Robison, our parish secretary, by pressing zero at any time. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we adjust to this transition.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

Caelorum will be held on Wednesday, March 2 at 7 PM. Come enlighten your Lenten Season by adoring Jesus through prayer, praise, worship and music.

CCW Happenings

Ladies of the Parish: Mark your calendars and plan to join with other Catholic Women in attending the following events:

- March 10- Regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30 PM in SJA cafeteria; Father Al will visit
- April 11 - HDCCW Convention at Cardinal Keeler Center
- April 14 - CCW Shower for Lourdes House
- April 23 - Lasagna dinner to benefit Interfaith Shelter
- May 1 - Annual Women's Communion Breakfast with Father Brian Wayne as speaker
- May 12 - Covered Dish Social at 6 PM in SJA cafeteria
- June 10-12 - HDCCW Retreat at Mount St. Mary's with Father Dwight Scaline as Retreat Master

ITALIAN MASS FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH

Reverend Joshua R. Brommer, Celebrant

The Italian Apostolate Ministry Committee will provide a dinner reception after Mass. For more information please contact: Mariella Amato at 717-278-9420
Maria DiSanto at 717-554-5698 or disanto1@comcast.net

CATHOLIC EVENTS IN YOUR AREA

To see events planned at other parishes in your area such as festivals, dinners, spiritual events, fundraisers and more please go to the new Catholics of Lebanon County website: www.catholicsoflebanon.weebly.com This site also has lots of information about our deanery including links to all the Mass times in our area and Catholic websites recommended by our Diocese.

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday March 12 at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg from 7:30 to 4:15. Keynote Speaker will be Tom Peterson, Founder and President of Catholics Come Home. Mass Celebrant will be Bishop Ronald Gainer at 3 pm. For online registration and full schedule of the day, go to www.hbgdiocese.org

Enrich your Lenten/Easter Season.....

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Starting March 16th

7 Sessions, Every Wednesday 7:00 pm

St Joan of Arc Cafeteria



Seminar Information

In this seminar, one takes steps which allows Jesus Christ to establish, restore, or deepen a relationship with you.

To register, please contact Lou at 717-583.0240 or at mathfamily1@yahoo.com

40 Days for Life Saint Joan of Arc Parish will participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign on the feast of St. Joseph, Saturday, March 19th. After the 9:00 AM Mass we will travel to Harrisburg to pray the Rosary for the unborn babies and their mothers. Watch for more details!

HELP SAVE LIVES

FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 20

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and children

From February 10 — March 20, our city will join with hundreds of other cities for 40 Days for Life, a life-saving campaign made up of three components:



PRAYER & FASTING



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



PEACEFUL VIGIL

40 Days for Life is a peaceful pro-life effort ... and 675,000 volunteers in 607 cities across 32 nations have taken part. With God's help, 40 Days for Life has seen **11,165** babies saved from abortion, **127** abortion worker conversions, and **64** closed abortion centers. Pray and get involved, and **YOU** can help save lives!

HARRISBURG 40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

Vigil location: Public right-of-way outside Hillcrest Women's Medical Center, 2709 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA

Vigil hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day

Local contact: Kathy O'Donnell, 717-448-3478 (call/text); Harrisburg40Days@gmail.com

Learn more ... and get involved: 40daysforlife.com/Harrisburg



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