

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

JULY 24, 2022

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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

### 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

"And I tell you,  
ask and you will  
receive; seek and  
you will find;  
knock and the  
door will be  
opened to you."

Luke 11:9



# FROM THE PASTOR

As most of you know, the old school on Areba Avenue is being used for our parish functions and events. There we have our new Social Hall, a room for the Knights of Columbus and one for the CCW. We have meeting spaces for all of our groups and ministries. Over the past year or so we have hosted AA Meetings three times a week and use the old library for our Guitars with Vets group. The gymnasium and the back field have been rented to various groups consistently since the school moved up to Sandhill Road. The lockers were relocated to the new school and we are finishing up the repainting of the walls in the hallway where the lockers were. Last year, the rooms were repainted as well. It really is beginning to look more like a parish meeting center than a school. Some of you may have noticed that I have hung a few religious paintings and prints in the hallway as well as begun putting statues in the building as well. Most of these are from around the parish that were not being used; but we could use more. If any of you have any religious pictures that you are not using (or perhaps came from family members who have died), we would be glad to have them. They need to be larger—at least 12X14 (including the frame)—in order to be used. I encourage every family to have good, Catholic imagery in your homes and to display them proudly but I know that sometimes we receive things that we don't know where to put them. As you go through things in your house, if you find anything that might be donated to the parish, drop them off at the Adult Education Classroom immediately on the right as you enter the old school from the Valley Road entrance by the Parish Center. The doors are open throughout the week. Thank you in advance and know that your Catholic artwork will be put to good use!

*Father Al*

*With Much Gratitude...*

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

**DAVID M. EDWARDS & ASSOC. FINANCIAL SERVICES**



## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Terrance Weir, June Novatnak and Oluremi Victoria Oye, Mother of Father Paul Oye** 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: **Kathleen Weiss, Cheryl Fancovic, Diane Holubek, Rosemary Connolly, Christopher Jordan, Fred Sanders, Jeff & Lori Sotack, Fred Bender, Rosemarie Marone, Abram Brandt, Barbara Kayser, and Mary Beth Sheehan.**

*Do you or someone you know need prayer?  
Call the parish office to add a name to the prayer list.  
Reminder: Names will remain on the list for six weeks.*



## ALTAR FLOWERS

### Main Altar Vase 1 & 2

In Loving Memory of  
Terrance and Greg Weir  
from their Family

### Saint Joseph

In Loving Memory of  
Joseph Kunetz  
from the Family



## DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

7th Week Drawing Winners:

1. \$100.00 – Bill Buscham, Vineland, NJ
2. \$ 50.00 – Dio DeGuzmans, Middlebury Ctr., PA
3. \$ 50.00 – Donald Myers, Vineland, NJ
4. \$ 50.00 – Pamela Steelman, Millville, NJ
5. \$ 50.00 – David Lahr, Jacobus, PA



Purchase your ticket for the 2022 20-week raffle benefitting the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy now through October 16 with over \$10,000 in cash prizes to be awarded. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish and School offices for a \$20 donation.

Congratulations to the winners! The Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy are grateful for your continuous support. They assure you of their prayers.

**For more details, contact the Convent (717) 533-2864.**



## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

### MONDAY, JULY 25:

#### FEAST OF ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

**2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28**

6:45 AM Debbie Perotta

9:00 AM Lou Santangelo

### TUESDAY, JULY 26:

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43**

6:45 AM Ann Noterfrancesco

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Tarantino Family

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 27:

**Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46**

6:45 AM Carl Kokes

9:00 AM Felix Valeri

### THURSDAY, JULY 28:

**Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53**

6:45 AM Ronald Barbero

9:00 AM Robert Finlan

### FRIDAY, JULY 29:

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINTS MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS

**Jer 26:1-9; Jn 11:19-27**

6:45 AM James Heckman

9:00 AM Bernie Ganse

### SATURDAY, JULY 30:

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12**

9:00 AM Nguyen Family

5:00 PM Stanley Stewart

### SUNDAY, JULY 31:

#### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord: set your heart on what will last forever. We only fool ourselves if we believe that our possessions will bring us happiness and life. Instead, "grow rich in the sight of the Lord".*

**Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21**

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM John Polto

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Bob Hoffman Family

5:00 PM Joseph Cusatis

## YOUTH NEWS

### Life Teen (High School)

*This Week:* No Life Teen. We return next week.

*Next Week:* "How Do You Do That?" Bring your Bible and a lawn chair for Bible study in the back field outside the youth room from 6:15-7:30. If you don't have a Bible, one will be provided.

#### 2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

July 31 Life Teen-"How Do You Do That?"-Bring your Bible and a lawn chair

Aug 7 Life Teen-"Jesus sure liked to eat!"-Bring your Bible and your appetite.

Aug 14 No Life Teen

**EDGE (Middle School):** Have a great summer! All 6-8th graders are invited to **join us when we return on September 7.**

#### Volunteers Needed

Please pray about volunteering with the High School or Middle School Youth Ministries. We are always in need of some help from Core Members to Food Preparation.

#### Donations Needed

Donations of water, juice, soda, and snacks for our youth ministry gatherings are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you!

**Life Teen Band:** Seeking parishioners with musical talent (voice, guitar, bass, percussion, other?) who would like to join our group. We practice once a week and play at the 5:00 pm Sunday mass. **Contact Greg Rozman at [gregroz9@yahoo.com](mailto:gregroz9@yahoo.com)**

## YOUNG 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 in the Youth Room. **After a summer break, Young Adults will gather on August 10, as we begin a series on prayer.**

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

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## VOCATION CROSS



*The Vocation Cross will be in the home of:*

*Bob & Pam Meinert : July 24-31*

*Christopher & Denise Grudi: July 31-August 7*

*The Vocation Cross is taken into the home of a parishioner each week to pray for religious vocations. If you would be interested in having the Vocation Cross in your home, please call the parish office for details.*

✠ MINISTRY NEWS

**Respect Life**

Countering Misinformation About Abortion  
Second in a Series

Q. If abortion has been banned in a woman’s state, will she have access to the necessary treatment for ectopic pregnancy?

A. Yes. An ectopic pregnancy occurs when a fertilized egg implants outside the mother’s uterus, usually in a fallopian tube. Ectopic pregnancies are never viable and are always a risk to the mother’s life, because the growing fetus can burst the fallopian tube causing severe internal bleeding. The necessary treatment involves medication or surgery to remove the pregnancy and sometimes the fallopian tube. In these instances, separation of the mother and the fetus is medically necessary in order to protect the life of the mother, with the tragic and unintended result of the demise of the fetus. These treatments are not direct killing and are not the same as abortion.

“Chemical abortions, which are being heavily promoted by the abortion industry and its allies, cannot treat an ectopic pregnancy according to the FDA. The treatments for ectopic pregnancy are not the same procedures used by induced abortions, which even Planned Parenthood admits. As a pro-life OB/GYN who’s practiced my entire career in hospitals that do not allow abortions, I have never been prevented from safely treating an ectopic pregnancy.”

-Christina Francis, M.D., a board-certified OB/GYN and associate scholar at Charlotte Lozier Institute

“It is clearly the standard of care for any physician to intervene in a pregnancy that presents a risk to the mother’s life. Laws restricting induced abortion will not prohibit such an intervention.”

-Ingrid Skop, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., “Fact Sheet: Medical Indications for Separating a Mother and Her Unborn Child,” Charlotte Lozier Institute



**CCW Rummage Sale-August 11,12,13**

The CCW Flea Market/Rummage Sale will be held in our Parish Social Hall. The dates are:

- Thursday 8/11 from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Friday 8/12 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Saturday 8/13 from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

We will begin accepting items Monday, July 18 through July 30 at our shed located in the parking lot by the loading dock. The shed doors will be unlocked from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm. Please place donations inside the shed. **Please DO NOT let any items outside the shed.** From August 1 to August 10, bring donations inside the Parish Social Hall. *We regret that we cannot accept any textbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, baby equipment, large appliances, furniture, VCR tapes or sheets.* Thank you for your cooperation. See you at the Sale!

**Deacon Dozy Discussions on Saints**

Join Deacon Dozy for talks on Saints in Room 321:  
Tuesdays, **July 26** at 10:00 am  
Thursdays, **July 28** at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!  
**Any questions, call the parish office at (717) 533-7168.**

**Caelorum**

We look forward to seeing everyone at Caelorum on Wednesday, **August 3** at 7:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc Church. Please join us! **For more information, contact Lou Felice at (717) 215-4175.**

**Road to Kindness**

Today, we want to discuss a sensitive topic – the internet and social media. We all use the internet and most of us have some type of social media account. The question that we have to ask every time we post on social media or use the internet – is our posts adding to our mission of bringing kindness to our community and our world? Often our family has chosen to stay away from the social media outlets because someone said or made an abusive or mean comment.

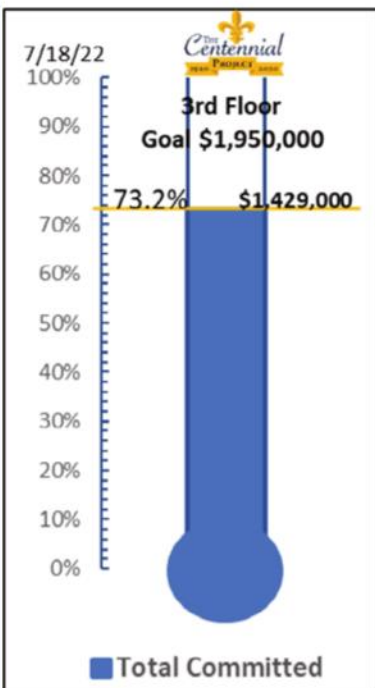
This weekend, we highlight an organization that is bringing kindness to the digital world, the “Random Posts of Kindness” Campaign! “This campaign is designed to generate a digital culture of dignity, respect and kindness, and encourage children and adults alike to use the internet in a positive way to make the world a better place. ‘Random Posts of Kindness’ wants to create an online epidemic of kindness and civility in a digital world! A culture of human dignity and respect has made this nation strong even in the most turbulent of times in our history. By checking differences at the door and taking the high road over low blows, we build bridges of peace and reconciliation for the sake of our children and America.”

We know of many teens and young adults that have been the focus of a viral attack that left them feeling sad and mentally impacted. The ‘Random Posts of Kindness’ campaign through the organization Enough is Enough, wants to make the internet and social media safer for children, teens, and families. Let’s all do our part - - when we use the internet for positive, uplifting, and KIND ways and we guide our families and our children to make “Random Posts of Kindness,” we are following God’s Way – “The Road to Kindness!”

**Construction Progress as of 7/18/22**



Drywall installation is progressing nicely, and should be completed by week's end. Keeping to this aggressive timetable largely depends on our HVAC contractor, and their promise to complete the timely installation of all the water supply & return lines. Your financial support of St. Joan of Arc's educational mission will ensure the propagation of the Catholic faith to our children and grandchildren. It will guide them to cultivate commitment and character in a world that desperately needs these qualities.



“Lean in.” Consider a number of ways to contribute, including the following:

- Be an advocate: Communicate the strength and vitality of SJA with co-workers and within your social circles. Word of mouth testimonials are very powerful.
- Share the enthusiasm: Our school is the largest in the Diocese of Harrisburg and is thriving while other schools struggle to remain open. (35% growth in enrollment over the last two years.)
- Articulate the many available options to support SJA education while enjoying tax benefit such as:
  - Business owners can offset certain tax liabilities by donating scholarships to St. Joan of Arc through programs such as PA Educational Improvement Tax Credits or Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credits.
  - There are tax deductible advantages to contributing directly to the Centennial Project 2020 and there are recognition programs enabling you to memorialize loved one's or mentors.
  - Installment payments facilitate larger gifts that are more manageable.
  - Retirement RMDs provide wonderful opportunities for giving.
  - And... please continue to pray for the success of the Centennial Project

Should you have any questions, please contact Jerry at the Parish Office (717) 533-7168 Ext. 107. Thank you for supporting St. Joan of Arc School. More information is available on the Parish website:

<https://www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html> .

Watch a beautiful promotional video and virtual walkthrough of the new school and its planned expansion:

<https://www.stjoanhershey.org/centennial1.html>

## SJA SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT



### HELP WANTED

#### Afterschool Care Assistants

Help needed from 3:00-6:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Days and hours may be negotiated. Duties include supervising students as they participate in activities such as snacks, arts and crafts, outdoor recess, homework, socializing, etc., responding to basic emergencies, and looking out for the welfare of the students.

#### Cafeteria Assistants Needed

Help needed from 9:00-1:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Help to prepare food with happy workers, serve lunch to cheerful students and clean up afterwards.

Clearances are required for each position. Interested applicants should contact Sister Eileen at [sreileen@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:sreileen@stjoanhershey.org) or (717) 533-2854 Ext. 118.

### HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

#### Inaugural Marriage Appreciation Picnic

Your Diocesan Engaged Encounter group loves marriage, and wants to build community with others who love marriage. Whether you are engaged or married, you are invited to a picnic at Holy Spirit Parish in Palmyra on Sunday, **August 14** following the 11:00 am Mass (around 12 noon). Burgers, hot dogs, lemonade and water will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. **Please RSVP by August 8 to Julie at [harrisburg@engagedencounter.com](mailto:harrisburg@engagedencounter.com) or (712) 540-1597 (the 712 is not a typo).** We hope to see you there!

#### Retrovaille

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. The next Retrouvaille weekend in Harrisburg is **September 9, 10, 11**. **For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact the registration team @ (717) 356-2185 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)**

#### Save the Date-PA March for Life!

Join us in voicing your support for life as we march around the Pennsylvania Capitol in Harrisburg on Monday, **September 19**. Rally begins at 11:00 am, with the March following at 12 noon. Mass at Saint Patrick Cathedral will take place at 1:30 pm. Hear from pro-life leaders about the most pressing issues of today and how you can build a culture of life in the great Keystone State. **Learn more at [PaMarchForLife.org](http://PaMarchForLife.org) and follow the Facebook event at [www.facebook.com/events/346808960879075](https://www.facebook.com/events/346808960879075).**



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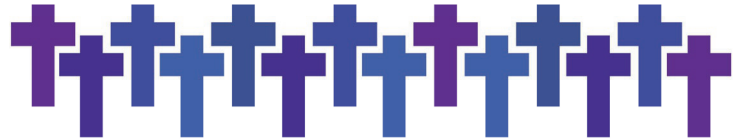
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**Weekly Budget: \$28,269**

**Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$2,984**

*Week of July 10, 2022*

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## Religious Education

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 REP program. If your child is already registered from this past year, please pay the tuition and we will promote your student directly to the next grade level. New registrants can access the form at [stjoanhershey.org](http://stjoanhershey.org) under REP forms.

#### Tuition:

One child: \$80.00

Two children: \$90.00

Three or more children: \$100.00

### REP KINDERGARTEN & 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

On Sunday, August 14, from 10:30 am-11:30 am, we welcome interested parishioners, and especially families with incoming kindergarten and first grade REP students, to learn more about the "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" program we have implemented. It is fully Catholic and Montessori based, using specially prepared materials on the life of Jesus Christ, His teachings, and the Liturgy. Presentations as well as hands on learning help make the mystery of God, and all that we believe, more concrete for the child. Please join us in Room 321 on Areba Avenue to learn more, and experience this unique approach to religious education.

**Any questions, please contact  
Earl Tropp at (717) 533-7168 Ext 122.**



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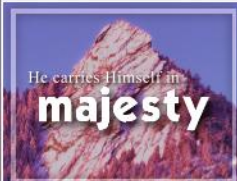
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