

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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AUGUST 7, 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

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Luke 12:40

FROM THE PASTOR

August is a month in which the Church celebrates some wonderful saints. In the middle of the month, on August 15, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. How appropriate that at the center of the month's celebrations, we honor Mary, the Queen of Saints! To name just a few of the saints in the Church's sanctoral calendar for August, we have:

August 1—Saint Alphonsus Liguori. A Doctor of the Church and founder of the Redemptorists, he is known for his writings on moral theology in which he steers a middle road between rigidity and laxity.

August 4—Saint John Vianney. Patron of parish priests, he is a role model of pastoral care and perseverance in the priesthood.

August—Saint Dominic. Founder of the Order of Preachers, he combined great intelligence with humility to bring those who had gone astray back into the Church.

August 11—Saint Clare of Assisi. This daughter of wealth and privilege gave it all away to follow in the footsteps of Saint Francis and lived a life of great poverty and austerity.

August 20—Saint Bernard of Clairvaux. Reformer of Benedictine monasticism through the Cistercians, he emphasized the humanity of Christ and tender devotion to Mary.

August 27 and 28—Saints Monica and Augustine. Monica was the mother who wept over her son to come to the True Faith and Augustine, the great bishop and theologian whose teachings reverberate in the Church to this day.

August 29—The Passion of Saint John the Baptist. The month ends with this remembrance of the martyrdom of the one who foretold the savior and who gave his life in witness to the Truth.

Find a good book about the saints. Read about them regularly. They truly are our role models in the faith. Make the saints a part of your spiritual life. They will become your friends.



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of *Helen Fazio* who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to her family and friends on their loss.

✠ **Parish - Parishioner Milestones - Eternal Life**

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

Blessed Mother

In Loving Memory of
Patricia Nestico



Upcoming Special Collection: *Missionary Cooperative Collection* *Fr. KD Joseph*

will be here next weekend August 13 & 14 to share with us his work, ministry and missionary experiences. Please pray for the work of this missionary and provide as you are able.

DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

9th Week Drawing Winners:

1. \$100.00 – William Master, Wilmington, DE
2. \$ 50.00 – Catholic Harvest Food Pantry, York, PA
3. \$ 50.00 – Jane Galetto, Millville, NJ
4. \$ 50.00 – Sister Damian, York, PA
5. \$ 50.00 – Stacey Allen, Millville, NJ



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, AUGUST 8:

MEMORIAL OF ST. DOMINIC, PRIEST

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

- 6:45 AM Special Intentions of Anthony Joshua Scarinci
9:00 AM Charlotte Cubbler

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

- 6:45 AM For the repose of the soul of Laura Greenfield
9:00 AM Patricia Nestico

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10:

FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR

2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

- 6:45 AM Michelle Mimoso
9:00 AM Joseph Bruno

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN

Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1

- 6:45 AM Carmen Ortiz
9:00 AM Rudolph Martucci

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

- 6:45 AM Jose Mimoso
9:00 AM Michael Grab

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT PONTIAN, POPE, AND SAINT HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST; MARTYRS

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15

- 9:00 AM Josefina Bigalli & Absalon Guillen
5:00 PM Maurice Twilley

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14:

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord came to the aid of Jeremiah whose preaching brought about him rejection and ill treatment. For those who take the gospel seriously, misunderstanding and division must likewise be expected. Like Christ, we must never grow despondent or abandon the struggle to proclaim and live the truth.

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

- 7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Tom Sotack, Sr.
11:30 AM Mary Beth Marschik
5:00 PM William & Eleanor Lawler

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This Week: "Jesus Sure Liked to Eat"-Bring your Bible, an appetite and a lawn chair as we will have a 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.

Next Week: No Life Teen. We will return on August 21st.

2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

- Aug 14 No Life Teen
Aug 21 Life Teen-"Back to School Prayer Service"
Aug 28 Life Teen-"The Storyteller"
Sept 4 No Life Teen-Happy Labor Day!

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

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!

Contact: John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org (717) 533-7168 Ext.128

YOUNG ADULT FAITH

Young Adults (21-39)

Calling all young adults between the ages of 21-39, married or single! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Youth Room. Young Adults will gather on August 10, as we begin a series on prayer.

Contact: John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org (717) 533-7168 Ext.128

VOCATION CROSS



The Vocation Cross will be in the home of:

- Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Wolf: August 7-14
The Harbaugh Family: August 14-21

VOCATIONS CORNER

"...for he has prepared a city for them."

Are you called to lead the Lord's people to the eternal city that he has prepared for them as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki frjsawicki@hbgiocese.org (717) 657-4804 Ext. 282

✠ RESPECT LIFE ~ Countering Misinformation About Abortion-Fourth in a Series

Q. Is the abortion pill safe?

A. No. In addition to killing an unborn child, the abortion pill poses grave dangers to the mother. The abortion pill (also called RU-486, chemical abortion, or medical abortion) is actually a 2-drug process, administered over several days, consisting of the drugs mifepristone (which blocks progesterone, thereby starving the child) and misoprostol (which causes violent contractions to expel the child).

The expected side effects of a chemical abortion are bleeding, intense abdominal pain, profuse bleeding with blood clots, fever, chills, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, diarrhea, and headache. Additionally, the woman may have to endure the psychological trauma of seeing her dead baby amid the discharge. Of special concern is that bleeding and cramping are also symptoms of an ectopic pregnancy, and the presence of this dangerous condition may be masked by the abortion's side effects.

At least 24 deaths have been reported to the FDA after chemical abortions, as well as thousands of serious complications, including hemorrhage, serious infection (sepsis), incomplete abortions, and undiagnosed ectopic pregnancies. These events are known to be underreported because the FDA no longer requires (since 2016) mandatory reporting of complications other than death. It has been estimated that the FDA receives reports of only 5% of the adverse events related to chemical abortions.

A 2009 Finnish study, where centralized healthcare allows for better follow-up than in the U.S., showed that complications were four times more frequent with chemical abortions than with surgical abortions.

Chemical abortions have become even more dangerous since the FDA relaxed its dispensing requirements in 2016. Those changes allowed non-physicians to prescribe the drugs, extended the gestational age limit from 49 days to 70 days (which increases the risk of severe complications), and reduced the required number of office visits from three to one.

In December 2021, under intense political pressure, the FDA eliminated the safety protocol of in-person dispensing altogether. Now a woman can obtain the pills for a chemical abortion without ever being in the presence of a healthcare professional, either by having a "telemedicine" appointment, after which her pills will be mailed to her, or by purchasing the drugs online.

Under this new protocol:

- She is not required to receive an ultrasound to verify gestational age. This is an important safety check, since up to 40% of women are inaccurate in reporting their last menstrual date. Higher gestational age is associated with higher rates of incomplete abortion, generally 7% at 10 weeks gestation and up to 40% in the second trimester. Outcomes are either an ongoing pregnancy with possible birth defects or failure to expel the deceased child or placenta, which can lead to systemic infection and possible maternal death.
- She is not required to have an ultrasound screening for ectopic pregnancy, a condition which carries the risk of death. Evaluating by risk factors alone is insufficient because half of women with ectopic pregnancies have no risk factors for it.
- She is not required to have a blood test to determine her Rh status, which could jeopardize the lives of her future children.
- She is not required to have a post-abortion appointment to check for an incomplete abortion (see #1, above).
- Minors can more easily obtain these pills without the knowledge or consent of a parent.
- Women in rural areas will have easier access to the pills but may not have access to emergency care in the event of a life-threatening complication.
- It becomes more difficult for the prescriber to assess if coercion by a spouse, boyfriend or parent is involved.
- Sex traffickers can easily buy pills online in bulk, enabling them to continue their abuse without detection.
- A woman buying abortion pills online exposes herself to foreign, unregulated products with wildly varying dosages, missing patient instructions, perforated blister packs, and pills that don't match the images on the website, according to a recent study.
- A woman undergoing the pain and trauma of a "self-managed" abortion at home must herself evaluate whether, and when, to go to the ER for emergency care. Women are told that the bleeding and pain are just part of the abortion process – and they are -- but if symptoms worsen, some women will delay seeking emergency treatment until it is too late.

There is nothing safe about a chemical abortion.

Sources: American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "AAPLOG Committee Opinion," Oct. 2021
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 Charlotte Lozier Institute, "Reckless Push for Dangerous At-Home Pill Abortions Follows Yet Another Flawed Study", Dec. 18, 2017
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "What to Expect from FDA's Permanent Approval of 'Telehealth' Abortions"
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Construction Progress 8/7/22



Primer and 1st Coat of Paint Applied



Spray Paint 8th Grade Classroom



Ceiling Grid in 8th Grade Classroom



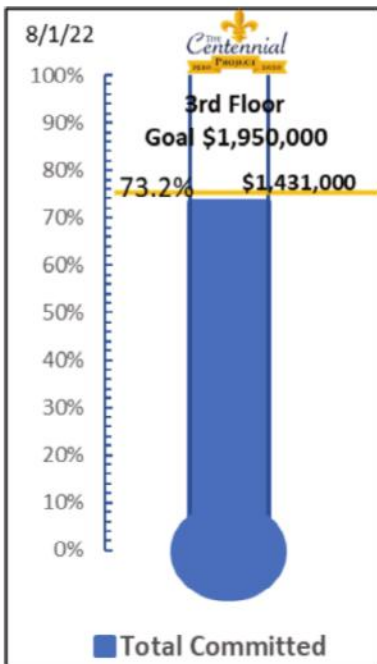
Ceiling Grid in Teacher's Lounge



Refinishing Exterior



Finishing up HVAC Ductwork



Another good week of progress. HVAC ductwork installation should be completed this week. Due to the diligence of the drywallers, painters got a great jump on the classrooms. The rooms will get one more coat of paint after the ceiling tiles and floor tiles are installed. Ceiling tile grids have started, most notably in the teacher's lounge shown in the picture above and also in some of the painted classrooms. The laminated vinyl tile flooring should also get started this week. As of this writing, we are on schedule for Tuesday, September 6th, the first day of class. Please continue to keep all of the tradespeople in your prayers so that we can achieve a successful outcome.

There are still matching funds available for the Donor Match Program to support the 3rd floor renovations. Generous donors have agreed to match dollar for dollar your gift to the Centennial Project. We are still very much in need of funding (about \$500,000 in new commitments) to complete the renovation of our school next year. Some important projects remain, including the chapel, the middle school science lab, and a modern computer lab. Your gift or pledge will ensure that Father Al's prescient vision for the Centennial Project 2020 is realized. Thank you to all of our donors for your kind generosity in making this project possible. We hope you are having a great summer and have set aside some downtime for that much needed R and R.

You can view the positive impact of the school on the students and a virtual tour of the planned expansion at: <https://www.stjoanhershey.org/centennial1.html>

Please prayerfully consider contributing to this vital education mission at St. Joan of Arc Parish: <https://www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html>

With Much Gratitude...

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

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SJA SCHOOL 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. **Clearances are required. Interested applicants should contact Sister Eileen at sreileen@stjoanhershey.org or (717) 533-2854 Ext. 118.**

MINISTRY NEWS



CCW Rummage Sale-August 11,12,13

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

From August 1-10, bring donations inside the Parish Social Hall following the 9:00 am Mass until 6:00 pm.

Please DO NOT let any items outside the shed.

We regret that we cannot accept any textbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, baby equipment, large appliances, furniture, VCR tapes or sheets.

CCW CLEAN UP-Saturday, August 13

The CCW is asking for parishioners 20-40 years old, young ladies and men, to come to the parish social hall on Saturday to help box up and load the items that didn't sell in our sale. Please consider donating an hour or two of your time from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm. Help us make the work load lighter. If you could help, would you? Thank you in advance!

Road to Kindness

Wow! summer is flying by, and we only have a few weeks left. As we get prepared for the next school year, we wanted to highlight a few wonderful books on Kindness. The first one being...*Kindness Starts with You, at School.* This book includes Kindness Bingo Game and a Weekly Kindness Challenge. It is great book as your children get back to thinking about school.

The second book is...*The ABC's of Kindness.* "Starting with A and ending with Z, this beautifully illustrated book will show young readers the many ways they can make the world a kinder place."

It is our role to help fill our children's lives with learning how Kindness can make a difference in everyone's life, and this is following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!" Have a week filled with Kindness!



Areba Club

The Areba Club will meet on Tuesday, **August 16** at 1:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall for an ice cream social. **Any questions, contact Yvonne Martin at (717) 838-1535.**



STEWARDSHIP

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Weekly Tithing: \$23,172
Weekly Budget: \$28,269
Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,111

Week of July 24, 2022

REP KINDERGARTEN & 1ST 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.**

RCIA Open House

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Christian community? Everyone is invited to a Catholic 101 (RCIA) Open House on September 22 at 6:30 pm in Room 321. **For more information please contact Earl Tropp at (717) 533-7168 Ext.122 or etropp@stjoanhershey.org**

Knights of Columbus

The Hershey Foodbank and Monetary collection will be **this weekend, August 6 & 7.**



Arimathea Ministry

The Gospel tells us that it was Joseph of Arimathea who asked Pilate for the body of Jesus after the crucifixion. The Arimatheans of Saint Joan of Arc are a dedicated group in our parish who attend Funeral Masses and pray for those who have died. The presence of the Arimatheans help to spiritually support the family of the deceased. The Arimatheans are notified of funeral arrangements and if able, attend the Funeral Mass. **If you would like to learn more about the Arimatheans, please contact Frances at frsono@gmail.com or (717) 635-5948.**

Pray & Play Group for Moms and Young Children

Interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to pray, chat, and share snacks while the kids play? Please join us! We meet every Wednesday, from 10:00 am to noon, year round. **For location and any questions, please email vanya.f.murdaugh@gmail.com.**

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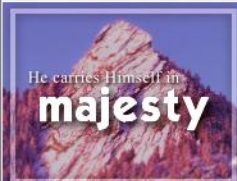
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