Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH 359 West Areba Ave, Hershey, PA 17033

AUGUST 14, 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.





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

"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Luke 12:51





This week we welcome Father Kochuparampil Devasia Joseph to speak to us about the Diocese of Kurnool in India. As part of the Missionary Co-Operative in which the Diocese of Harrisburg participates in, we are glad to welcome Father and learn more about our brothers and sisters around the world. The Church has spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the far corners of the earth and it is important to hear the experiences of other Catholics throughout the world—especially the stories of those who are in need of our help. I ask you to be generous in our Missionary Co-Op this year. Whenever we help the least of our brothers and sisters, we are helping Christ! Keep the Missions in your prayers each day!

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<u>This weekend's Special Collection:</u> Missionary Cooperative Collection

The following is an introduction from Fr. Bhaskar Morugudi, Mission Director for the Diocese of Kurnool in southern India:

Hello friends! This week, Fr. KD Joseph will be preaching and saying masses in your parish. Father Joseph resides in India and travels extensively during the summer months raising money for our cause.



Today, he will share with you the realities, situations and needs of the Catholic faithful in India.

The main challenges of our mission include giving free education to over three-thousand poor children, supporting many young men and women who are discerning their call to be the future priests and nuns, medical support of the less privileged, and evangelization in a country where Christianity is a minority. Over one-hundred priests and over three-hundred nuns (sisters) serve the poor in our diocese.

We welcome you to participate and learn about Catholicism in our part of the world. We hope you find it to be enlightening and inspiring. Please be generous.



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of *William Mattern and Brian Koegler* 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: Maggie & Dave Dull, 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

Updated Altar Flower Prices:

Main Altar Vase-\$75 each Mary and Joseph-\$50 each Respect Life Roses-\$8 each





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-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Open House on September 22 at 6:30 pm in

Room 321. For more information on RCIA please contact Earl Tropp at (717) 533-7168 Ext.122 or etropp@stjoanhershey.org



HELP WANTED

FT Custodian/Maintenance Position

Responsible for cleaning and maintaining good order in one or more large facilities. The position requires varying degrees of physical exertion, to include lifting (at least 50 lbs.), stretching, bending, climbing stairs and operating cleaning and gardening equipment. Light maintenance tasks are required. Organizational skills, adaptability, flexibility, dependability, the ability to follow instructions and work without supervision are essential. Willingness to maintain confidentiality is essential. A valid driver's license is required. If interested please contact Matt Dunkle at (717) 533-2854 ext.127.

Afterschool Care Assistants

Help needed from 3:00-6:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Days and hours may be negotiated. Clearances are required. Interested applicants should contact Sister Eileen at sreileen@stjoanhershey.org or (717) 533-2854 Ext. 118.



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, AUGUST 15:

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27;

Lk 1:39-56

6:45 AM Alice Faneye9:00 AM Deceased Members of the

Eugene Eline Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16: MEMORIAL OF SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,35c; Mt 19:23-30

6:45 AM In Honor of Sr. Mary Christopher 9:00 AM George W. Lindenfeldar

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17:

Ez 34:1-	11; Mt 20:1-16
6:45 ам	Special Intentions of
	Charity King and Family
9:00 am	Special Intentions for Kathy Johnston

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18:

Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

6:45 AM Joseph Wall 9:00 AM Joseph Cusatis

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

6:45 AM John Polto9:00 AM Edward B. Lewis, Sr. and Dorothy Lewis

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12

9:00 AM For the repose of the soul of George Krizenoskas5:00 PM Joseph Holubek

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21:

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

No one is to be excluded from the kingdom for all peoples are called to proclaim the praises of the Lord and confess his holy name. No ethnic or religious group possesses exclusive right to the kingdom. Suffering and pain are part of the human condition.

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk13:22-30

7:30 AM John Albanese

- 9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Maloni & Spingola Families
- 11:30 AM Walter Ligenza
- 5:00 PM People of the Parish

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This Week: No Life Teen. We will return on August 21 and have a prayer service for the teens heading back to school.

Next Week: "Life Teen Back to School Prayer Service"-Back to School Time! We will have a prayer service. Bring a chair/blanket. Pizza will be provided.

2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

- Aug 21 Life Teen-"Back to School Prayer Service"
- Aug 28 Life Teen-"The Storyteller"
- Sept 4 No Life Teen-Happy Labor Day!
- Sept 11 Life Teen-"The Moral of the Story"

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!

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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^{nd} and 4^{th} Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Youth Room. Young Adults will gather on August 24 as we continue a series on prayer.

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VOCATION CROSS



The Vocation Cross will be in the home of:

The Harbaugh Family: August 14-21 Sisters of St. Joan of Arc : August 21-28

"I have come to set the earth on fire,"

Do you want to carry the fire of the Lord to his people as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org (717) 657-4804 Ext. 282

☆ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

Countering Misinformation About Abortion-Fifth in a Series

Q. Is there a way to reverse a chemical abortion once it has started?

A. A qualified yes. There are no guarantees, but if an Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) procedure is started within 72 hours of taking the first abortion pill (mifepristone), and before the second pill (misoprostol) has been taken, studies have shown there is a 66% success rate in saving the baby's life. Some abortion clinics have told women erroneously that there is no way to reverse a chemical abortion. Certain media outlets have trumpeted the lie, and even the pro-abortion American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, whose policy statement reads "ACOG has long recognized that abortion is an essential component of health care for millions of women," refuses to recognize that there is hope for a woman who changes her mind about a chemical abortion.

However, the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) asserts that Abortion Pill Reversal is safe for both the mother and her unborn child, and is an effective choice for a woman who wants to save her child after a chemical abortion has begun.

The APR protocol works by providing high doses of natural progesterone to the woman, which block the effects of the mifepristone she was given in the chemical abortion. Natural progesterone has been used safely in pregnancies for decades in cases of threatened miscarriage and in in vitro fertilization treatments, with no increased risk of birth defects.

The media like to cite a 2019 study of 10 women seeking chemical abortions, conducted by abortionist Mitchell Creinin, which was stopped early due to heavy bleeding in 3 women, but they don't explain that 2 of the women were in the placebo group which did not receive progesterone, and the third woman's bleeding stopped on its own, without the need for surgical intervention. According to the AAPLOG, the Creinin study actually demonstrates progesterone's safety and effectiveness, rather than any negative effects of progesterone, as intimated by the media.

Treatment with natural progesterone has been shown to be effective at blocking mifepristone and saving babies in multiple studies, beginning with Yamabe in 1989, and followed by Delgado and Davenport in 2012, Garratt and Turner in 2017, and Delgado in 2018. Critics have complained that these were not randomized placebo-controlled trials, but given that the subjects in question are women desperately trying to save their unborn babies, such a study would be unethical, according to Delgado.

There is ample evidence that the Abortion Pill Reversal protocol is safe, effective, and not associated with any increased risk of birth defects. There is no other alternative when a woman changes her mind about a chemical abortion, and the success rate (66%) is encouragingly high. According to Heartbeat International, over 2500 babies have been saved through APR. Shouldn't women be made aware of this life-saving choice?

Brent Bowles, M.D., Medical Director of the Abortion Pill Reversal Network, writes, "We know the truth. Reversal works for 2 out of 3 women. While Google claims Abortion Pill Reversal is an 'unreliable claim,' we get to see the flutter of the heartbeat on our ultrasound machines; the tears of happiness on the mom's face; and the relief in her voice when we get to tell her that she was able to save her baby's life."

For help in reversing a chemical abortion, go to www.abortionpillreversal.com.

Sources:

Charlotte Lozier Institute, "Abortion Pill Reversal: A Record of Safety and Efficacy, 9/2021

American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "Researchers Try to Discredit Abortion Pill Reversal; Study Backfires

Heartbeat International, "Google's Actions Against Abortion Pill Reversal"

NPR, "Controversial Abortion Reversal Regimen Is Put to the Test," 3/2019

Liveaction.org, "Four Lies Abortion Supporters Are Telling About Abortion Pill Reversal . . . and the Truth," 7/2019

Video: Abortion Pill Reversal - Prolife OBGYNS - AAPLOG - American Association of Pro-life Obstetricians & Gynecologists



Construction Progress 8/14/22

There are four weeks remaining until the 1st day of class. The schedule is getting a little tight as the HVAC system takes center stage. There are a couple of Heat Pumps needing water supply lines connected, and several waiting on the completion of the supply and return air ducts. The requisite leak testing is sequenced prior to floor installation. The air & water pressure test should be in the next couple of days. The full system operation test is contingent upon the completion of the ductwork and should be a go on Monday 8/15.

On the plus side the ceiling grid installation pace was outstanding, allowing electricians to get a jump on LED light panel installation. Fiberglass paneling (FRP) in the restrooms is complete. Painting is progressing well and the finish line appears a little closer on the horizon with the first photos of the lockers being bolted to the wall and the cabinets being installed in the staff break room. Please keep the trade crews in your prayers as we juggle the schedule.



We are still very much in need of new commitments to complete the renovation of our school. There are matching funds available for the Donor Match Program to support the effort. Generous donors have agreed to match dollar for dollar your gift to the Centennial Project. Some important projects remain, including the chapel, the middle school science lab, and a modern computer lab. Your gift or pledge will ensure that our goal is met.



It is very exciting that the third floor is soon to open. Thank you to all of our donors for your generosity in making this project possible. 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: <u>https://www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html</u>

MINISTRY NEWS

Road to Kindness

As Father Al stated in last week's bulletin, August is a month filled with celebrations for our Saints. On August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Blessed Virgin Mary was filled with a special kindness. Let's recognize Mary with a special prayer that many children learn as they go through school and the religious education program. You can teach your children to say this prayer:

"LOVELY LADY DRESSED IN BLUE" Lovely Lady dressed in blue – Teach me how to Pray! God was your little boy, tell me what to say! Did you lift Him up, sometimes, gently on your knee? Did you sing to Him the way Mother does to me? Did you hold His hand at night? Did you ever try telling stories of the world? O! And did He cry? Do you really think He cares if I tell Him things -Little things that happen? And, do the Angels wings make a noise? And can He hear Me if I speak low? Does He understand me now? Tell me – for you know! Lovely Lady dressed in blue - Teach me how to pray! God was your little boy and you know the Way! Mary's Kindness and Teachings continue to carry us through our days! Thank you for following God's Way -

Areba Club

"The Road to Kindness!"

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.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Charismatic Mass at St. Theresa Church

On Tuesday, September 6, at 7:00 pm there will be a Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing at St. Theresa Church, 1300 Bridge St., New Cumberland. All are welcome. For information, please call Mary Ann at (717) 512-3628 or Vicki at (717) 364-6260.

Morning Star

Morning Star is seeking a P/T instructor to teach a nationally recognized curriculum in greater Dauphin County middle and high schools. The program empowers youth to make healthy decisions regarding relationships and risk behaviors. We also promote sexual risk avoidance to achieve best outcomes. Candidates will have at least one year experience working with this age group in an organized teaching capacity. The ability to engage teens is essential. An individual who can be a role model and mentor to male students is preferred. One-to-two-year commitment following completion of formal training. For questions or to submit a cover letter and resume, contact Leslie Moyer, Program Director. at Imoyer@unfiltered-truth.com.Visit our website to learn more about the program: Unfiltered-Truth.com



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$25,898 Weekly Budget: \$28,269 Weekly Heart of the Parish:\$2,385

Week of July 31, 2022

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 under REP forms.

Tuition:

One child: \$80.00 Two children: \$90.00 Three or more children: \$100.00

For more information on REP registration, please contact Earl Tropp at (717) 533-7168 Ext.122 or etropp@stjoanhershey.org



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DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

10th Week Drawing Winners:

- 1. \$100.00 Susan D'Ottavio, Vineland, NJ
- 2. \$ 50.00 Donna Dougherty, Hatfield, PA
- 3. \$ 50.00 Aniello Tombasco, Hazleton, PA
- 4. \$ 50.00 Pamela Steelman, Millville, NJ
- 5. \$ 50.00 Debbie Cristella, Williamstown, NJ

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.

With Much Gratitude...

We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin: GOOD'S AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE, INC.









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