

# Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

AUGUST 21, 2022

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**Monday - Friday:** 8:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

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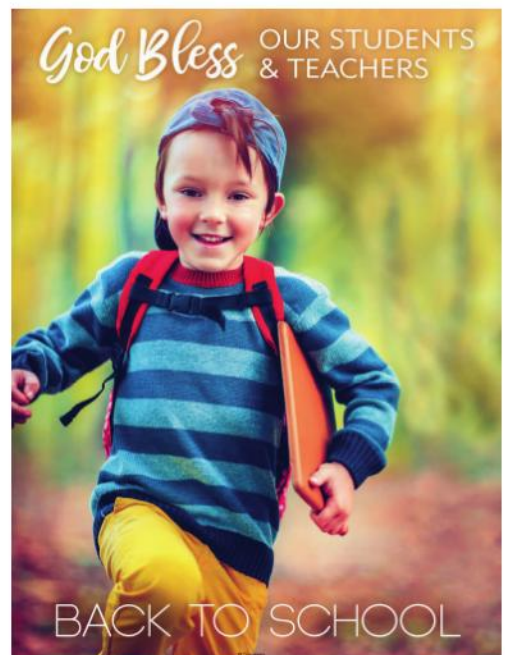
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### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

"Strive to enter  
through the narrow  
door, for many,  
I tell you, will  
attempt to enter  
but will not be  
strong enough."

Luke 13:24





# FROM THE Parochial Vicar

Well, I don't know about you, but I can't believe that school is starting so soon and so many have already headed back to or to college for the first time! At the beginning of every school year, my Babci (which is what I called my Polish grandmother) would give me a hug and say "right foot." This was her shorthand way of saying, "start off on the right foot," and while it's advice that we hear all the time, it's appropriate not just for the beginning of the school year, but for any time we begin something new.

So often, when we begin a new journey of any sort, the hardest part is just getting started. There is usually some anxiety and fear of the unknown. There may even be a fear of failure. The journey is often a long and difficult one. We do not arrive at our destination right away, but get closer little by little and step by step.

We are all on a spiritual journey. Some of you may feel like yours is going well. You may not be where we want to be, but you are moving in the right direction. Others may not be happy with where you are. You may feel that you are stuck or even regressing. You may feel disheartened that you will never be where you want to be.

Well, here is the good news: all it takes to change your trajectory is one step in the right direction. That might take the form of more regular prayer, getting to confession for the first time in a while, battling harder with your "favorite" sin, reading a bit of a spiritual book or Scripture, or being more charitable to your family/friends/coworkers. None of these things may be "earth shattering," but they are a step in the right direction, and if we keep taking those small steps, we'll be surprised just how far we can go by the grace of God. Right foot!

*Father Josh*



## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Robert Bernardi**, father of parishioner, Lisa Bernardi Wilhite, and **Patricia O'Connell Jones** 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: **Dr. Irving Shore, 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

**Main Altar Vase 1 & 2**  
**Blessed Mother**  
**Saint Joseph**

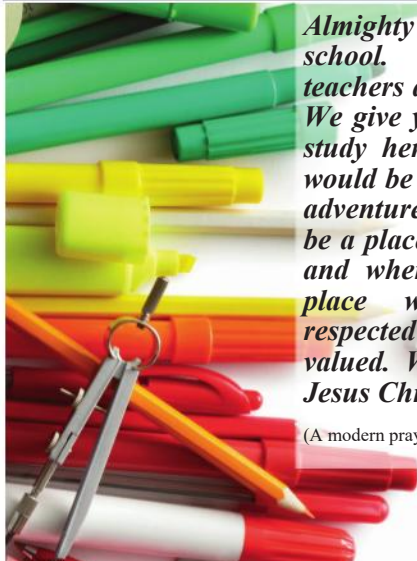


*In Celebration of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of  
Edward & Janice Meyers*



### 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-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](mailto:etropp@stjoanhershey.org)



*Almighty God We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(A modern prayer from [www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com))

*Teach me wisdom and knowledge,  
for in your commandments I trust.  
Psalm 119:66*





## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

### MONDAY, AUGUST 22:

#### MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

6:45 AM Gary Myles

9:00 AM For the Intentions of All Our Parish  
Volunteers

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 23:

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

6:45 AM Special Intentions for Diva Passalacqua  
for her 100th birthday

9:00 AM Lou Santangelo

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24:

#### FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

6:45 AM Aaron David Vargo

9:00 AM Joseph Yashinsky

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 25:

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT LOUIS OF FRANCE

1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

6:45 AM In Honor of the Almighty Father

9:00 AM Doris Prang

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 26:

1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

6:45 AM Norma Asem

9:00 AM Hugh & Lois Rogers

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 27:

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT MONICA

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

9:00 AM Jessica Cech

5:00 PM Enrico Rossi

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 28:

#### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. Those who conduct their affairs with humility shall be exulted, while those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. The humble shall rejoice and exalt before God in the assembly of the heavenly Jerusalem.*

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a;  
Lk 14:1, 7-14

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Joan Spandra

11:30 AM David Bernitsky

5:00 PM John Ritchey

## YOUTH NEWS

### Life Teen (High School)

**This 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.

**Next Week:** "The Storyteller"-We begin our school year with a series on the parables and the power of story. All High School students are welcome to join us.

### 2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

Aug 28	Life Teen-"The Storyteller"
Sept 4	No Life Teen-Happy Labor Day!
Sept 11	Life Teen-"The Moral of the Story"
Sept 18	Life Teen-"The Plot Twist"

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

**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**

## 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 7:00-8:15 pm in the Youth Room. **Young Adults will gather on August 24 as we continue a series on prayer.**

📧 **John Triscik:** jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org

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## VOCATION CROSS



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

*Sisters of St. Joan of Arc : August 21-28*

*Mr. & Mrs. Paul Shiffler: August 28-September 4*

## VOCATIONS CORNER

*"Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the Lord."*

**Is God calling you to the priesthood?**

**Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki**

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## ✠ MINISTRY NEWS

**Respect Life****Countering Misinformation About Abortion-Sixth in a Series**

Q. Are Pregnancy Resource Centers “bogus clinics” that should be defunded and shut down?

A. No. Pro-abortion politicians and the media have recently launched attacks to discredit Pregnancy Resource Centers (Crisis Pregnancy Centers), claiming they lure women under false pretenses, harass and intimidate them, deliberately mislead them, and even “torture” them. A group of Democratic senators has introduced the so-called “Stop Anti-Abortion Disinformation Act,” which seeks to shut down Pregnancy Resource Centers across the country. Some pro-abortion groups have even called for and carried out vandalism against these centers.

But look at the facts. According to the Charlotte Lozier Institute, Pregnancy Help Centers (PHCs) provide free or low-cost vital services to women in difficult or unexpected pregnancies, such as: pregnancy testing; ultrasounds; medical exams; prenatal care; STD testing and treatment; education on parenting, adoption, and abortion; prenatal development education; material assistance like diapers, baby clothing, car seats, and strollers; sexual risk avoidance education; post-abortion recovery support; referrals for medical care; links to community and public health resources; and sometimes access to housing where mothers can stay during pregnancy and for some months after. They do not provide or refer women for abortions.

Client satisfaction at Pregnancy Help Centers is high: 98 percent of those who have actually used their services felt it had a positive effect on them, according to a study conducted by the Wirthlin Group, and one national care network, Care Net, reported a 97 to 98 percent client satisfaction rate three years in a row.

The Charlotte Lozier Institute reports that in 2019, 2,700 PHCs across the U.S. served approximately two million people with services valued at over \$266 million, and the lives of over 177,000 babies were saved.

Pregnancy Help Centers give women information on all the choices available to them, rather than just funneling them into abortions as Planned Parenthood does. As Peggy Hartshorn, president of Heartbeat International, says, “We do all that we can to eliminate the crisis, while the abortion industry offers to eliminate the child.”

**For free pregnancy support services: 1-888-LIFE-AID; [www.RealAlternatives.org](http://www.RealAlternatives.org)**

Sources:

Charlotte Lozier Institute, “Fact Sheet: Pregnancy Help Centers – Serving Women and Saving Lives,” January 18, 2018

USCCB, “Life Matters: Responding to Unplanned Pregnancy”

USCCB, “Women’s Resource Center First Choice”

Charlotte Lozier Institute, “Lives Saved Impact at U.S. Pregnancy Help Centers,” June 23, 2022

**Little Rock Scripture Study**

On Tuesday, **September 13**, we will be starting a new study on the Book of Exodus, the central event of the Old Testament. Join us every Tuesday in the Adult Education Room, #321 at 9:30 am. **If you are interested in joining our friendly class, please call Jeannie Vey at (717) 599-9805 or (717) 533-2246 for more information.**

**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](mailto:frsono@gmail.com) or (717) 635-5948.**

**Calendar Collection**

Collecting calendars for Spring Creek Nursing Home Residents now through November. Please place in the box at the back of the Church. **Any questions, call Marie Bowman at (717) 679-5729.**

**Knights of Columbus**

The next Hershey Foodbank and Monetary collection will be **September 3 & 4**. Through your generosity we have YTD collected 2517 lbs. of food and \$8023.00. Thank you!

**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](mailto:vanya.f.murdaugh@gmail.com).**

**Caelorum**

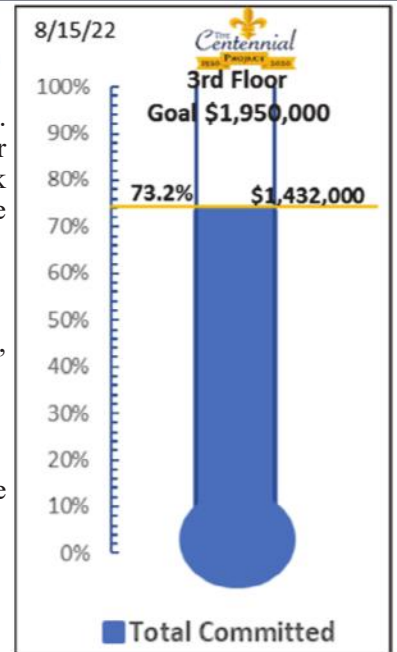
We look forward to seeing everyone at Caelorum on Wednesday, **September 7** at 7:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc Church. Please join us! **For more information, contact Lou Felice at (717) 215-4175.**

## Construction Progress as of 8/15/22

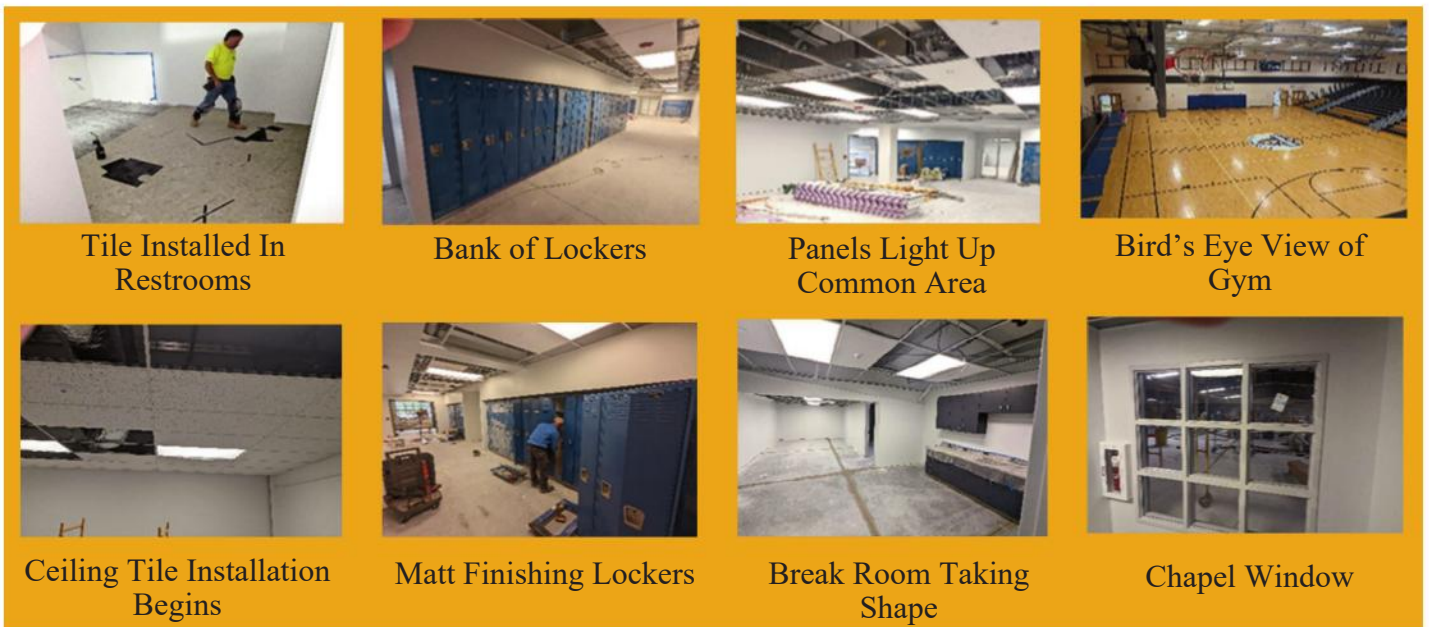
We are on the final turn and headed for the home stretch. It's going to be a photo finish. There are three weeks remaining until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of class and we hope to leave a week for the middle school teachers to settle in to their new classrooms. As mentioned last week there is substantial HVAC work to be done, and the final finishes need that work to be completed.

The photographs below document the progress:

- Flooring has been started in the restrooms and in order to continue into the classrooms, the contractor will be one step behind HVAC.
- Matt will soon be done installing the lockers.
- Great progress on wiring light panels, enabling a good percentage of ceiling tiles to be dropped in where HVAC completed.
- Finishing Up Windows
- Please keep the trade crews in your prayers to meet the schedule.



The summer has flown by. Summer STEM Camp just finished and Wings afternoon program is right around the corner. These are two of the many advantages available to busy St. Joan of Arc School families. A Christ-centered environment, a bias toward exceeding goals, a rigorous, holistic education are the hallmarks of our curriculum and the driving force behind the 42% increase in enrollment since June 2020. There is still more to be done to complete the school and meet the growing demand. Classrooms, laboratories, study lounge, and a beautiful chapel are in the queue with an expected completion date of August 2023.



In order for that to happen, we need your continued generosity. We are planning and hopeful to avoid any additional long-term debt, so please prayerfully consider a major gift or pledge to meet our goal of \$1,950,000 for completion of the third floor. So far, we have realized \$1,432,000 toward that effort, and we are very grateful for the tremendous response. Please spread the good news about our school to young families who are part of your social circles or new to Hershey. Invite them to visit us and learn about our program and our committed faculty and staff. Share the following links to informative videos and ways to contribute to our educational mission. Thank you.

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

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





## MINISTRY NEWS

### Road to Kindness

This week, we want to recognize Mother Teresa and share some of her thoughts on Kindness. Mother Teresa was born on August 26, 1910. Her commitment to helping humanity is known and admired all around the world. Mother Teresa dedicated her life to caring for the poorest people in India. She became a nun at 18. From a young age, she made it her mission to aid those that needed it the most. She was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize for her exceptional help to the world.

Mother Teresa had over 40 quotes that bring out her view of the importance of being Kind! Below are three quotes. (The other quotes can be found at a blog entitled, 40 Mother Teresa Quotes to Grow Endless Kindness).

- ◆ *“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless!”*
- ◆ *“Speak tenderly; let there be kindness in your face, in your eyes, in your smile, in the warmth of your greeting. Always have a cheerful smile. Don’t only give your care but give your heart as well!”*
- ◆ *“Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness!”*

These 3 quotes bring home just how important it is to share your Kindness and just like Mother Teresa, we can make the world a better place. May God bless you and thank you for following God’s Way – The Road to Kindness!



## STEWARDSHIP

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

**Weekly Tithing: \$30,247**

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

**Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$3,006**

*Week of August 7, 2022*

## FATHER BEITING MISSION UPDATE

The following is a thank you letter from the Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center for a donation amount of \$2,200.00

“Dear Father Sceski,

We here at the Mission Center want to thank you and the parishioners for your generous donation in supporting the work we do in helping the less fortunate in eastern Kentucky.

We truly could not do what we do without all of our wonderful donors. With the rising cost of materials and fuel, you are helping us help a few more families.

Please thank everyone for us. God Bless them all!”

*The Staff of Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center*

# 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

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

## EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### Women’s Retreat-Holy Spirit

The Women’s Ministry Network is sponsoring its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Retreat, Saturday, **September 17**, 8:30 am-3:00 pm at Holy Spirit Church, Palmyra. Featuring Sarah Christmyer, national speaker, author, and faculty member at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Sarah’s presentation will focus on women of the Old and New Testaments and a lectio divina prayer workshop. Participation fee of \$25 includes lunch. Registration form is available on Holy Spirit’s website and in their narthex. **For more information, visit <https://holyspiritpalmyra.com/wmn/>.**

### Morning Star Instructor Wanted

Seeking a P/T instructor to teach a nationally recognized curriculum in greater Dauphin County middle and high schools. Candidates should have at least one year experience working with this age group in an organized teaching capacity. The ability to engage teens is essential. Prefer an individual who can be a role model and mentor to male students. There is a 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 [lmoyer@unfiltered-truth.com](mailto:lmoyer@unfiltered-truth.com).**

### *With Much Gratitude...*

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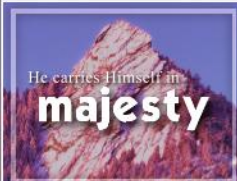
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