St. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OCTOBER 2, 2022

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"All LIFE has inestimable value, even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the **poor** are masterpieces of God's creation."

Pope Francis

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Respect Life

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

HOSPITAL EMERGENCIES

CONVENT

Rev. Alfred Sceski, Pastor

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

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As we begin Respect Life Month, I ask you to give thanks for the gift of life that your mother and father gave to you. The very reason you are reading this column is because you were given the gift of life! Back when we were in the midst of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we were encouraged to "listen to the science." The sad thing is that often our listening is selective. We often hear only what we want to hear. Science tells us that when a sperm and egg come together, a whole new set of DNA comes into existence in the womb of a pregnant woman. Life truly begins at conception. It is not just a cluster of cells. Rather, it is a human being who should be guaranteed all the rights of every human being, the first right being that of life itself. I always remember the words of the model Kathy Ireland (who was formerly pro-choice but changed her mind when she looked at the science). She made the simple but true statement that none of us look the same throughout our lives. (Now ain't that the truth!). Ireland reminds us that a newly conceived child does not look like a baby, the baby does not look like a teenager and the teenager doesn't look like a senior. She finishes that thought by saying "But that unborn human being looks exactly the way human beings are supposed to look at that stage of development and this human life continues to grow and change." It is simple but profound. As Psalm 139 tells us, we are "fearfully, wonderfully made!" We never lose our humanity whether we are an embryo in the womb or a young adult in the prime of life or a dependent man or woman near the end of life. We are human persons, unique and irreplaceable, no matter our stage of development. And don't let anyone tell you differently!

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PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: Lou Felice, Kelly Hennigan-Campbell, Magda Trabucco, John Gregory Rodriguez, Dr. Irving Shore, Maggie & Dave Dull, Kathleen Weiss, 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 In Loving Memory of Pietro & Maria Rossi from their daughters

Blessed Mother & Saint Joseph

In Honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Larry & Sue Demers





MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Coving Nemory On Wednesday, November 2, All Soul's Day, a Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at 7:00 pm in the church for

those parishioners who have died and been buried from St. Joan of Arc October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. Everyone is invited to attend and remember those who have gone before us in faith. Each person will be remembered by name in the Prayers of the Faithful with candles placed on the altar. The Mass will be livestreamed and can be accessed at www.stjoanhershey.org

Mass Intention Requests for 2023

The 2023 Mass Intention Book will open on: Wednesday, October 19 and Thursday, October 20

9:00-11:00 am at the parish office. Each parish family may schedule up to 4 intentions for the year. The suggested donation is \$10 per intention. Any questions, please call the parish office.



Please join us for **First Friday Adoration** On **October 7** following the 9:00 am Mass in the St. Lucy Chapel with Benediction at 7:00 pm.



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3:

Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

6:45 AM Pietro & Maria Rossi 9:00 AM Laura Rudegeair

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4: Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42 6:45 AM Maria Pagano

9:00 AM Eleanor Caso

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5: Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4 6:45 AM Leo Charnick

9:00 AM Jack & Shirley Shiffler & Shiffler Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6: MEMORIAL OF SAINT BRUNO, PRIEST

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-75; Lk 11:5-13

6:45 AM Pete Bowman 9:00 AM Louis Gambello

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7: MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

6:45 AM Shirley Kurtz 9:00 AM Joseph Cusatis

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8:

Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

9:00 AM Sherbine & Frola Families 5:00 PM Special Intentions of Diva Passalacqua

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord has revealed his saving power to all the nations! Naaman, a Syrian, is healed, and lepers are made whole, but only the Samaritan returns to give thanks. Let us remain steadfast in faith, and thankful for the Lord's blessings.

2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

- 7:30 AM People of the Parish
- 9:30 AM Rose Resanovich
- 11:30 AM Rob Hamilton
- 5:00 PM In Thanksgiving to Saint Mary Joseph Rosella, Saint Lucy and Saint Agatha

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This Week: "The End"-Life Teen will finish up our series on the parables with a look at how Jesus used parables to point to the mystery of God. May we continue to embrace the mystery of God and the beauty of Jesus' ministry while on Earth.

Next Week: No Life Teen. See you at the clothing drive.

2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

Oct 9	No Life Teen-Enjoy the holiday weekend.
Oct 15-16	Life Teen Winter Clothing Drive
Oct 23	Life Teen-"The Listener"

EDGE (Middle School) EDGE meets next on **October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16**. All 6-8th graders are welcome. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Bring your friends!

Winter Clothing Drive Let's clean out those closets and donate to those in need. We will *collect winter clothes and coats* before and after all masses the weekend of *October 15 & 16* to serve several missions in Harrisburg.

Donations Always Appreciated

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: Share your Time & Talent

The Life Teen Band is 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 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Youth Room. Young Adults will gather on October 12 as we continue our series on the Sacraments with "Holy Orders and Matrimony."

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

VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross will be in the home of:

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Gliot: October 2-October 9 Chris & Maribeth O'Hara & family October 9-16

Please consider being a part of the Vocation Cross Rotation, call the Parish office for details.

† MINISTRY NEWS

Knights of Columbus

Foodbank & Monetary Collection

The next Hershey Foodbank and Monetary collection will be this weekend, **October 1 & 2**. Thank you for your continued support!

Knights of Columbus-Crab Fest



See you there!

All you can eat! Special Olympics Crab Festival and Pig Roast on **October 8** from 12:00-4:00 pm. Featuring Maryland Blue Crabs and pulled pork, hamburgers,

hotdogs, corn-on-the-cob, french fries, draft beer, soda and water. For more information and tickets visit www.kofc6693.org/crabfest or see a Knight.

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.



CCW-Box of Joy

The CCW will once again sponsor Box of Joy in support of Cross Catholic Outreach Christmas Ministry for underprivileged children in some of the world's most



impoverished countries. The boxes will be available after Masses the weekends of **October 2** and **October 9**. We will collect the filled boxes after Masses the weekends of October 23 and 30. Consider enclosing a note, Christmas card or picture. Remember to include \$9 by check made payable to Cross Catholic Outreach to cover shipping costs and provide a small donation to ministry. Thank you so much for considering participation in this special work of mercy. For more information visit: www.cross catholicoutreach.org/boxofjoy

Faith Enrichment

Faith Enrichment to resume on Tuesday, **October 4** at 6:30 pm and Thursday, **October 6** at 10:00 am in Room 321. The topic will be Church History. Cost of Study materials is \$30.00. **Contact Earl Tropp for more details**.

Calendar Collection

Collecting calendars for Spring Creek Collection Nursing Home Residents now through



November. Donations can be placed in the box at the back of the Church. Any questions, call Marie Bowman at (717) 679-5729.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on Tuesday, **October 11** from 1:00-3:00 pm in Room 316. We will meet the 2nd and 4th

sbawl Ministry

Tuesdays of the month. Join us to knit or crochet prayer shawls and lap robes. No experience necessary! We are happy to teach beginners. Please contact Norberta (Bert) Curran at (302) 228-9735 or Kathy Palmer at (717) 566-1481 with any questions.



MUSIC MINISTRY AT ST. JOAN OF ARC



The following music ministries are actively seeking parishioners who may be interested in one or more of the following:

Choir: The choir is actively seeking to increase the number of members in the group. All voice parts are needed at this time, especially sopranos and altos. High school and college students are more than welcome to participate as their individual schedules permit. Choir regularly sings at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in addition to special Holy days and liturgies throughout the year. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:15, September through early May.

Resurrection Choir: The Resurrection Choir is composed of volunteers who, as their individual schedules allow, participate in the funeral liturgies at St. Joan of Arc. The function of the Resurrection Choir is to lead and support the singing of those in attendance at funeral Masses. Presently, the Resurrection Choir does not schedule rehearsals.

<u>Cantors</u>: Cantors lead the singing for Sunday and holyday liturgies. The main function of the cantor is to proclaim the Responsorial Psalm from the ambo and chant the verse of the Gospel Acclamation. Assistance is always available to cantors both in learning new music and reviewing what is familiar. Cantors are scheduled as their time permits.

If you are even slightly interested and/or have any questions regarding these ministries, **please contact Mike Davis**, **Director of Music**, through the parish office or directly following any of the weekend Masses.

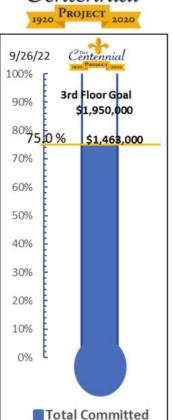
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Centennia

THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT



Behind the closed doors and the shuttered picture windows on the 3rd floor of the St. Joan of Arc Sand Hill School is the outline and framework of the sanctuary and seating for the much-anticipated chapel. It will be a place for both quiet meditation and joy-filled worship. It's coming soon. A year to some may seem a long time, but in



God's time soon is a fraction of eternity, and to many of us who look back on our lives, it is no more than the blink of an eye. The drywall is complete and the sprinkler system is in place. The HVAC ductwork supplying the adjacent rooms has been mounted in the rafters, leaving the actual equipment for the room remaining to be installed. From there it is ceiling tiles and paint, electric supply and lights, altar, carpet, and furniture. You can get a good sense of the look and feel of the finished chapel by viewing the animated rendering on line at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0zANsm3Xvo. There's a link on our Parish website.

There has been nothing but positive comments about the newly opened 3rd floor. The middle school now has its own domain and identity. The sixth, seventh, and eighth graders love it. The school has become a bustling enterprise of faith, knowledge & reason, and of music, the arts, athletics & extracurriculars. The change in three years is just mind-boggling. Expanding the Areba Avenue building now seems like a distant memory. God has blessed us with a wonderful school. Let us thank Him for the gifts He bestows.

We thank our benefactors as well. Without your financial assistance, none of this happens. There is much more to come. In addition to the chapel, we are planning a computer lab, a science lab, and at least three specialty classrooms dedicated to subsets of the major disciplines (math, science, and the humanities). So, your continued support is appreciated and much needed. There are many ways to contribute, so please consider a gift to the educational mission of St. Joan of Arc Parish.

We are also in the planning stages to develop our SJA parish family, SJA ministry, and community outreach mission through improvements to the Areba Social Hall and kitchen. Stay tuned!

Visit us at; <u>https://www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html</u> to learn more about how you can help.

DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

17th Week Drawing Winners:

- 1. \$100.00 Ann Marie Gavin, Glassboro, NJ
- 2. \$ 50.00 Gloria Greganti, Vineland, NJ
- 3. \$ 50.00 Jeanette Gaudio, Sicklerville, NJ
- 4. \$ 50.00 Abigail Roth, Akron, PA
- 5. \$ 50.00 Laura DeNucci, Hammonton, NJ

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Harrisburg Life Chain

On Sunday, **October 2** from 2:00-3:00 pm at Holy Name of Jesus on Route 22. The address is 6150 Allentown Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17112. You are invited to bring a chair, water bottle and your rosary. Signs are provided. This is a peaceful assembly of people praying for the unborn, their mothers and the people who help the pregnant moms.

Sensory-Friendly Mass

A mass for persons with sensory sensitivity or other disabilities will be held on Sunday, **October 9** at 2:00 pm. Dimmer lighting, no music, and a shorter homily, among other adaptations, are included in this Mass to promote a fully inclusive environment. Every effort will be made to accommodate all in attendance, and all behaviors are welcome. Families are encouraged to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy (i.e. noisecanceling headphones, wiggle seats, weighted blankets, fidgets, etc.) For more information, contact the Parish Office at (717) 533-7168.

Upcoming Rosary Rally

St. Joan of Arc Church, Sunday, **October 16**, following 11:30 am Mass, will be celebrating its Annual Rosary Rally at Our Lady of Grace Grotto in union with America Needs Fatima 20,000+ Rallies held throughout the USA in



honor of Our Lady's 105th Anniversary of Fatima and for National and World Peace. Chairs will be provided. Inclement weather, remain in Church. All are invited.

Grief Support Group Info-Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit Parish, Palmyra is offering a grief support group for individuals suffering due to the loss of a spouse, an adult child or a parent. This program will be starting the first week of October with date and time to be determined. **To register or for more information, please email** griefsupport@hspalmyra.com

With Much Gratitude...

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

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Week of September 18, 2022

Thank you for your generosity!



Upcoming Parish Social Events:

Beef and Beer Social: October 14 Father Al's Scavenger Hunt:

November 13

Christmas Open House: December 18



Call the parish office with any questions.



Please visit the link below to see the requested SJA Wish List Items.

http://school.stjoanhershey.org/wish-list-2022-23.html



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.





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