

Respect Life



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

OCTOBER 9, 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

"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

FROM THE PASTOR

As I will always remember a conversation I had with a man from my former parish in Elysburg. He came to me because his beloved mother was in a steady physical and mental decline as she grew older. This once vibrant woman, a true matriarch to her family, was unable to walk any longer, had dementia, and had many of the limitations that go along with aging. He hated to see her become so dependent on family and caregivers. He hemmed and hawed but finally came out and asked me: “My mom has no dignity left. Why is euthanasia so wrong? I can’t stand to see her in this state!” The question came from a place of frustration and desperation but it was, and is, always the wrong question to ask. I gently told this man that his mom still had great dignity. I reminded him that there was a point when his mom was a baby and was totally dependent on others. Did that take away her human dignity? I reminded him that only God has power over life and death and while we have a real obligation to keep his mom and others like her as comfortable as we can, we can’t step in and take the life of another person. There is a time for everyone to go and that time is determined by the Lord, not us. I acknowledged his frustration and how he hated to see his mom so helpless but encouraged him to help his mom in the final weeks or months of her life. To care for her as she once cared for him. It is a great grace and blessing to care for the sick and the dying as they leave this world and go into the hands of God. Euthanasia is playing God. We can never consider it a “mercy”. The real mercy is tenderly caring for our loved ones until the moment God calls them home!

Father Al



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of *Edward Ionni and Lizzie Valeri*, sister of parishioner, *Claudio Valeri* 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: **Kelly Hennigan-Campbell, Magda Trabucco, John Gregory Rodriguez, 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
Emidio & Sylvia Silvestri
John & Joan Silvestri-Robbins and Joseph Silvestri
from Mrs. Josie Silvestri-Robbins*



Saint Joseph
*In Loving Memory of
Rob Hamilton*

On Wednesday, **November 2**, All Soul’s Day, a Mass of Remembrance

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. Following the Mass a reception will be held in the parish social hall. 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.

Upcoming Special Collection: October 23 *World Mission Sunday*

Join Catholics around the world for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church’s missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please be generous.



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10:

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32

6:45 AM James Youngman

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Soukup Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN XXIII, POPE

Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

6:45 AM NO MASS

9:00 AM Harold Fogarty

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12:

Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

6:45 AM NO MASS

9:00 AM Frank Bolduc

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13:

Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

6:45 AM Brian Koegler

9:00 AM NO MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CALLISTUS I, POPE AND MARTYR

Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

6:45 AM NO MASS

9:00 AM Jeanne Spagnolo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

9:00 AM Special Intentions for Michael Spaeder

5:00 PM June Novatnak

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16:

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Through incessant prayer, we open ourselves more fully to understanding God's will. Through faith in the power of prayer, we experience God's love and assistance. Our Christian life is nourished by the scriptures we read and by our received tradition.

Ex 17:8-13; Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

7:30 AM Mildred & John Tapparo

9:30 AM For the Living & Deceased Members of the George Holobetz Family

11:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Mary Rohlfing

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

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

Next Week: 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.

2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

Oct 15-16 Life Teen-Winter Clothing Drive

Oct 23 Life Teen-"The Listener"

Oct 30 Life Teen-"The Adventurer"

Nov 6 No Life Teen-Turn back the clocks!

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

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!

Summer Mission Trip-Plan Now!

We are hoping to head to Pittsburgh in June for our Summer Mission Trip. The cost of the trip is \$500 with \$100 due at registration. Contact John with any questions.

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:

*Chris & Maribeth O'Hara & family: October 9-16
Carolyn & Harry Devine: October 16-23*

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

✠ MINISTRY NEWS

Caelorum-Schedule change

We were previously scheduled to meet on October 5. We look forward to seeing everyone at Caelorum on Wednesday, **October 12** at 7:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc Church. Please join us! **For more information, contact Lou Felice at (717) 215-4175.**

Areba Club

The Areba Club will meet on Tuesday, **October 18**, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall for a presentation on the Italian History of Hershey. Light refreshments will be served. **Any questions, contact Yvonne Martin at (717) 838-1535.**

Respect Life Ministry

Please join us for our monthly meeting on Wednesday, **October 12** at 7:00 pm in room 320. All are welcome!

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 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.**



1st and 3rd Saturday Prayer Ministry

Please join us after the 5:00 pm Saturday evening Mass on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Our small prayer groups will pray with any individual desiring physical and spiritual healing. **Please contact Susan Susi with any questions at ssusibscd@gmail.com**

Knights of Columbus

Foodbank & Monetary Collection

The next Hershey Foodbank and Monetary collection will be **November 5 & 6**. Thank you in advance for your continued support!



Calendar Collection

Collecting calendars for Spring Creek 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.**



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-Meeting

The CCW will have our meeting on Thursday, **October 13**, at 6:30 pm. We will pray the Rosary in our church with a meeting to follow in our CCW room. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.

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 this weekend, **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. **Please visit: www.crosscatholicoutreach.org/boxofjoy**



Road to Kindness

Today, we want to recognize that we all have challenges. The challenges we face impact our life and can make us stronger or they can make us feel like we do not have any value. What every the situation, we need to recognize that all life has value. With that, we want to share a motivation quote from Ralph Marston:



“Your Life Has Value!”

Whatever mistakes you may have made,
whatever difficulties you face, one particular truth is undeniable.

Your Life Has Value!

It's not easy to express that Value, or even know to know all the details about what it is.

You are part of larger whole, you are also unique, precious, and irreplaceable.

Your presence, your thoughts, your actions have the potential

to contribute greatly to the quality and integrity of life!

Even when no one seems to care, you can care.

You can give voice to truth,

you can make a difference!

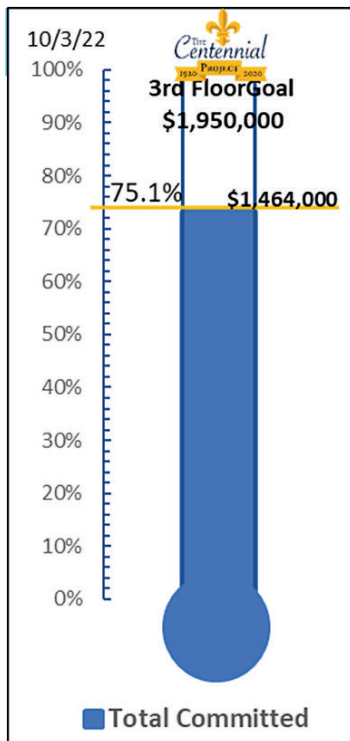
Your Life Has Value!

It challenges you to be responsible,
to take seriously the unique potential that exists in you & all you can do!

Wherever you may find yourself, however you may feel,
Your Life Has Value!

What small thing can you do right now to let it come forth?

Do not let the challenges in life halt your progress! Keep moving forward and make a difference! After all, this is God's Way – “The Road to Kindness!”



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK-NOVEMBER 13-19

Catholic schools play an integral role in supporting parents in the intellectual and spiritual development of their children. We encourage you to attend an open house or make an appointment and take a tour of the facilities to experience first-hand the love and dedication of our faculty and staff. You needn't look further for an education that has premier academic accreditations, and that incorporates the spiritual wellbeing of the student into their daily interactions and activities.

Please consider a gift to invest in the completion of the school and the critical church mission of educating our children and grandchildren in the faith. Our Middle States Accredited, S.T.E.M. certified, Blue Ribbon School develops the knowledge and integrity for them to be prudent leaders and productive members of our society.

There are still some matching funds available (~\$10,000) for the Donor Match Program to support the completion of the 3rd floor renovations. (New funding is welcome.) The remaining funds match dollar for dollar your donation. The sooner we meet our goal, the sooner we can lock in pricing in this double-digit inflationary reality.

It's not too early to start the tax planning process to take advantage of the tax breaks for charitable giving. The tax rules specifically developed for the Covid economic downturn have expired, but the return to "normal rules" can still be very beneficial. As always, please consult with your tax advisor for expert advice for your particular situation.

- Gifts of appreciated stock directly to a qualified charity are not subject to capital gains and the fair market value of the stock is deductible.
- For those who have reached the age of 72, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from a tax-deferred retirement account (such as a traditional, or rollover IRA, 401k, etc.) can be used to meet required minimum distributions and would not be considered income for tax purposes.
- A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) allows for a long-term appreciated stock to be donated and receive a current year tax deduction. The assets can then be granted over time while investing the remaining balance of the assets to grow future grants.
- Gifts of Real Estate are deductible at appraised value.
- Ask about our naming program for lead gifts. You can create a lasting tribute to a special person in your life—a dedication or a memorial.
- Consider the impact of a major contribution while enjoying the convenience and manageable payment plan using the On-Line Giving App on our website.

You can view a three and a half-minute video on the positive impact of the school on the students:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Sm0ELXDZh>

Or enjoy a virtual tour of the 3rd floor expansion at: <https://youtu.be/S0zANsm3Xvo>



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 am 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.

Cantors: 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.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Morning Star Baby Bottle Blessing

Please support this effort, running from **October 16 through October 30**, which benefits the life-saving work of Morning Star Pregnancy Services. This is an important opportunity for our church to have a direct impact and involvement in saving the lives of babies and the hearts of mothers in our community. Learn more at www.SupportMorningStar.com, and look for updates in the bulletin throughout the coming weeks.

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.



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Weekly Budget: \$28,269

Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,280

Week of September 25, 2022

Thank you for your generosity!

DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

18th Week Drawing Winners:

1. \$100.00 – Ann Hayward, Elizabethtown, PA
2. \$ 50.00 – Rose Miller, Minotola, NJ
3. \$ 50.00 – Jennifer Judd, Woodbridge, VA
4. \$ 50.00 – Kathy Bifulco, Pittsgrove, NJ
5. \$ 50.00 – Genevieve Sarlo, Gloucester City, NJ



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.

**The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild
of the Catholic Medical Association**
invites all Catholic physicians, healthcare workers,
medical students, residents, and their families to attend their

ANNUAL WHITE MASS

**Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Celebrant and Homilist**

**Sunday October 30, 2022 | 9:30 am
Saint Patrick Cathedral | Harrisburg, PA**

Reception to Follow

Attendees are welcome to wear their white coats or uniform.

Bishop McDevitt News

8th grade families: the application for the Bishop McDevitt High School Class of 2027 is now open! Apply at bishopmcdevitt.org. Early acceptance notices are mailed in December!

Prospective students: Join us for the Bishop McDevitt HS Open House on Sunday, **November 6**. Registration is required. https://bit.ly/mcd_openhouse

Social of the Season: A Wine & Cheese Event to support scholarship at Bishop McDevitt is Thursday, **November 17** at The Englewood in Hershey! Purchase tickets at: https://bit.ly/mcd_wineandcheese

With Much Gratitude...

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

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Boys and Girls CYO Basketball:
Registration for the 2022/2023 St. Joan of Arc Basketball season will be held in the SJA school gym for grades 3-8 on:

- Monday 10/10 from 6:00-7:00 pm
- Tuesday 10/11 from 6:00-7:00 pm
- Wednesday 10/12 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Participation is open to Students who attend St. Joan of Arc or Parishioners of St. Joan of Arc or Holy Spirit who attend religious education classes.

For questions, please contact Sam Denisco at sam.denisco@gmail.com or visit: <http://school.stjoanhershey.org/basketball>

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