A Thanksgiving Prayer May our home be full of joy, May our hearts be knit with love,

As we give our grateful thanks For Thy blessings from above.



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NOVEMBER 20, 2022

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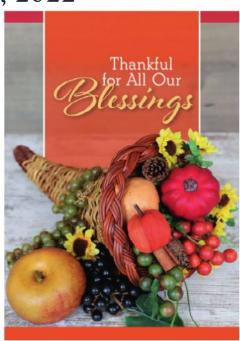
HOSPITAL EMERGENCIES CONVENT

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





Dear St. Joan Parishioners:

My name is Rich Druby. I am a parishioner at Holy Spirit Church in Palmyra, and a second-year Aspirant in the Deaconate Program. Father Al has graciously agreed to be my mentor for my parish field assignment for this year and has generously offered his

"From the Pastor" space to me in order to introduce my assignment. The Aspirants' assignment is to be involved in charitable and social justice causes. He and I have discussed the generosity of the St. Joan community, with which I am very familiar as my five children were all graduates of St. Joan of Arc School. He has asked me to work with interested parishioners on the formation of an exploratory committee of parishioners to assess the charitable and social justice needs in the parish, and the community at large, and to assist the committee in developing an action plan to meet those needs. My role is to facilitate discussion, and to provide information on the Church's teachings on the social and charitable issues the committee will address.

We will hold an initial, informational meeting on Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 316 in the former school building. If you would like more information on this project, please contact the parish office. I will be providing additional information in the bulletin prior to the meeting. I am honored to work with you, and I look forward to a very rewarding experience. As stated in Isaiah 58:10,

"If you offer yourself to the hungry, and satisfy the need of the afflicted, then your light will rise in darkness, and your gloom will become like midday."

SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Ronald Duquette**, **Lucy Cavrich**, **Anne McDonough**, mother of parishioner, Sean McDonough and **Tressa Ercole** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to their families and friends on their loss.

The 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: Maggie & Dave Dull, Kathleen Weiss, Diane Holubek, Rosemary Connolly, Christopher Jordan, Jeff & Lori Sotack, Fred Bender, Rosemarie Marone, Barbara Kayser, and Mary Beth Sheehan.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Main Altar Vase 1 & 2 In Honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Richard & Elizabeth Salus



Blessed Mother In Loving Memory of Tony Nestico from his loving family Saint Joseph In Thanksgiving from Lisa Balanda

Tribute to Dr. Rodrigue Mortel



On **December 3**, SJA and The Mortel High Hopes for Haiti Foundation will host An Evening In Tribute to Dr. Rodrigue Mortel. Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 5:00 pm by Bishop Ronald Gainer for those who want to attend, followed by a family-friendly Reception in the Parish Social Hall at 6:00 pm. Enjoy a delicious hot

buffet, beverages, dessert, and wine basket raffle. Purchase Reception Tickets by Nov.20 (\$25/person) at: highhopesforhaiti.org/event/tribute2022 Questions? Contact Pat Mooney at pmooney@mortelhhh.org



In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, our parish office will be close at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, November 23 and remain closed thru Monday, November 28. The office will reopen on Tuesday, November 29.





Monday, November 21: Memorial of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

6:45 AM All Souls 9:00 AM Vincent Chaverini

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22: Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

6:45 AM Tony Nestico 9:00 AM Amelia Verrazzani

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23: MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLEMENT I, POPE AND MARTYR

Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

6:45 AM Robert Bernardi 9:00 AM Stan Rossi

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24: THANKSGIVING DAY MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; Lk 21:20-28

9:00 AM Betty A. Slabonik

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25: Memorial of Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33 6:45 AM John Ortenzi

9:00 AM Geneen Valentine

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26:

Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36 9:00 AM Jane Birli 5:00 PM All Souls

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Let us rejoice in the Lord's peace; let us live honorably as we await his return.

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

7:30 ам	John & Margaret Welsh
9:30 ам	Robert & Irma Ruiz
11:30 ам	For the Intentions of All of Our Parish Volunteers
5:00 рм	Donald K. Fox

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This Week: "The Mystic"-We change things up as we look at the spirituality of St. Theresa of Avila. She was and still is a great teacher of prayer and spiritual development.

Next Week: No Life Teen. Have a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends. See you December 4.

2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

- *Nov 27* No Life Teen-Happy Thanksgiving!
- Dec 4 Life Teen-"It's Advent"
- Dec 11 Life Teen-"White Elephant Gift Exchange"
- Dec 18 Reconciliation Service
- Dec 25 No Life Teen-Merry Christmas!

EDGE (Middle School): EDGE meets next on **December 21**. We will not have EDGE on December 7 due to the vigil Holy Day Mass for the Immaculate Conception. 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: We are hoping to head to Pittsburgh from June 18-23 for our Summer Mission Trip. The cost of the trip is \$500 with \$100 due at registration.
① John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org
☎ (717) 533-7168 Ext.128

YOUNG ADULT FAITH

Calling **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 December 14 for our White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a \$5-10 gift to share.** (**)** John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org

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"Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom." Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love

remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

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



Please consider being a part of the Vocation Cross Rotation, call the Parish office for details. View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

MINISTRY NEWS

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! For location and any questions, please email vanya.f.murdaugh@gmail.com.

CCW-Nut Roll-Order Pickup

Pick up at the parish social hall: Saturday, **November 19** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Sunday, **November 20** from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Thank you for supporting the CCW!



Areba Club

The Annual Christmas Luncheon is on Tuesday, **December 13** at 1:00 pm in the parish social hall. Reservations are \$35 per person, deadline is December 5. Any questions, contact Adrienne Bender at (717) 534-3493.

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 of parishioners 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.

Legion of Mary

Come join the Legion of our Blessed Mother. We visit the sick, nursing homes, hospitals, the homebound, children and anyone who needs our help. Sister Salvatoris is our Spiritual Advisor and helps us with our duties and Bible studies. We meet every Tuesday at 9:45 am in the former school, Room 314. Any questions, contact Sharon Lutz at (717) 298-6474.

Calendar Collection



shawl Ministry

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



Collecting calendars for Spring Creek

pm in Room 314. 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.

Building a Culture of Life Advance Medical Directives: Planning for Your Future

Human life is good and to be protected. All medical decisions ought to reflect this core belief. Yet some

medical and legal documents used to define a patient's future care can be harmful. No matter how well-crafted, they can't predict all the possible scenarios and best courses of action. In each set of circumstances, we need to judge whether a given treatment will provide real benefit to the patient,

The safest option is to designate a health care agent.

without causing harm or disproportionate burdens. The safest option is to designate a health care agent to make decisions if you become incapable of doing so. It's best to appoint a responsible, trustworthy person who understands and shares your Catholic values, and can apply them when the need arises.

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For help with an unplanned pregnancy: Morning Star Clinics, (717) 901-2799; www.morningstarclinics.com

For the Abortion Pill Reversal Network: 1-877-558-0333; www.reverseabortionpill.com

For healing after an abortion: Project Rachel, (717) 857-2282 or Email: prm@hbgdiocese.org

Road to Kindness

We want to wish everyone the very best Thanksgiving holiday this coming Thursday! We are very thankful for everyone in our parish and for the way that you have embraced



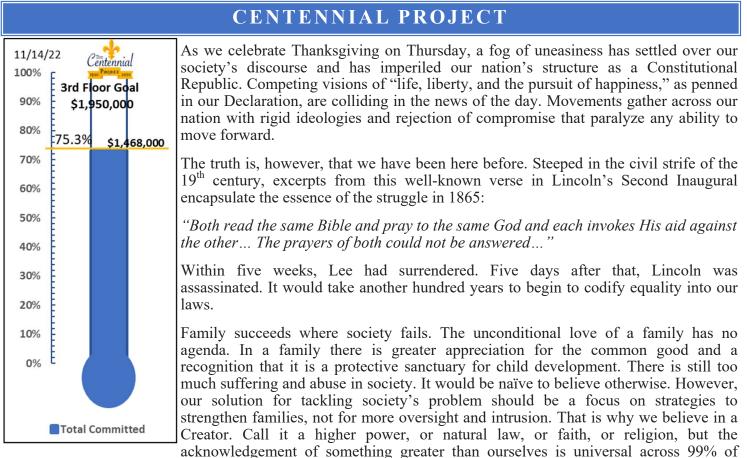
our Kindness Program. We are helping to change the world by following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness."

Thanksgiving is a special time for sharing. Let's keep a thanksgiving spirit by sharing our food, and our time with family, friends and those in need.

Many members from our parish have told us that they again plan to do a special family Kindness act this Thanksgiving. This is so wonderful to hear!

One activity that we suggest is to say a prayer. Say a prayer for those that are struggling with an illness, challenged to find employment, lonely and sad because a loved one passed away, or just because you want to have blessings come upon those that need them.

Deep Kindness, the kind that makes a difference, is what our world needs this Thanksgiving. Kindness can be contagious and that has been the mission of our Kindness Program. Let your hearts be filled with Kindness this Thanksgiving. Blessings to you!



belief systems and denominations. Programs to encourage marriage, understand compatibility, and prevent divorce are all in dire need. Setting boundaries, and effective communication for couples are in high demand and facilitate longevity.

On Thursday, let us offer thanks for being able to gather together with our families, even if the cost of the dinner has risen 30%. Eat thirty percent less or eat what you have - it's the blessing of the family gathering for the meal that is important, not the menu.

Thanksgiving also reminds us again this year that we are grateful to all who have contributed to the Centennial Project:

- Thank you for your gifts and pledges. Every dollar matters.
- Thank you to those who have fulfilled their pledge.
- Thank you to those who have renewed their pledge payments.
- Thank you to those who have increased their pledges and gifts.
- Thank you for sharing your gifts of stock, your retirement funds, and your real estate.
- Thank you to those who use the monthly envelopes.
- Thank you to those who give on line.
- Thank you in advance for your generosity to the funding and completion of construction in our third year. (Summer 2023)

Your donations have enabled St. Joan of Arc to pass on the faith to future generations. Faith and conscience are vital building blocks of our democracy. The expansion is in the home stretch. There is more to accomplish, but let us first give thanks for what we have. May you and your families have a blessed Thanksgiving!

You can view a three and a half-minute video on the positive impact of the school on the students: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Sm0ELXDZhk</u> or enjoy a virtual tour of the 3rd floor expansion at: <u>https://youtu.be/S0zANsm3Xvo</u>



The parishioners of St. Joan of Arc have been very generous in the past creating a blessed Christmas for our neighbors in need. Trees decorated with ornaments listing recipients and suggested gifts will be in the church starting **Saturday**, Nov. 26.

If all the ornaments are taken before you have chosen one, you can make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul Society or the Hershey Food Bank and bring it to the Social Hall during the gift collection times listed below. You can also give electronically on the St. Joan of Arc Church website, just click on the "Giving Tree."

<u>Gifts and donations with the ornament attached</u> will be collected in the Social Hall **ONLY** before and after Masses on the weekend of **Dec. 10 (5:00 pm Mass only) & until 1:00 pm on Sunday Dec 11**.

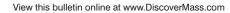
Please note we cannot collect gifts before and after the 5:00 Mass on Sunday, Dec. 11 as the organizations pick up the gifts earlier in the day.

Gifts will be distributed to local families in need, Morningstar (pro-life pregnancy center), Catholic Worker House, and various Catholic Charities: Lourdes house (home for pregnant women and infants), Interfaith Shelter (homeless families), Foster Care (children to be placed in foster care), Shalom House (shelter for abused women and children), Evergreen (substance abuse shelter), Our Twinning St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Jamaica, St. Vincent de Paul Society at SJA and the Hershey Food Bank.

Thank you for your support!

With Much Gratitude... We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin: **NESTICO DRUBY P.C.**

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

Weekly Tithing: \$40,063 Weekly Budget: \$28,269 Weekly Heart of the Parish:\$3,855

Week of November 6, 2022

This Weekend's Special Collection: Matthew 25 November 20

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SJA SCHOOL "NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS"





Please drop off unwrapped donations to SJA school or inside the entrance of the Church no later than December 5.



SJA School Open House: Preschool 3 year old thru 8th grade December 1



from 10:00-11:00 am, 6-7 pm For more information, please visit: <u>school.stjoanhershey.org</u> or contact Deb Rizzotto at (717) 533-2854.



Congratulations

to the McCarthy Family, who won reserved parking for Christmas Mass. Thank you to all who participated!

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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Please see the following dates for bulletin submissions due no later than 9:00 am. Thank you!







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