



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

## NOVEMBER 27, 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

# FROM THE PASTOR

Hard to believe that it is the First Sunday of Advent! This year, we have the great opportunity to celebrate four whole weeks of Advent since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. I know it may seem kind of early but I want to let you know the Christmas Mass schedule. Hope it helps with planning for you and your family.

## DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE  
 CHURCH (AREBA AVE)  
 4:00 PM | 8:00 PM | MIDNIGHT  
 SCHOOL GYM (SAND HILL CAMPUS)  
 4:00 PM  
*There are NO Confessions on Christmas Eve*

## DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY  
 CHURCH (AREBA AVE)  
 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM  
*There is NO 5PM Mass  
 on Christmas Day*


You will notice that we will have the regular Sunday schedule of Masses on Christmas Day. The same is true for the following weekend (December 31 and January 1) for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Have a great Advent Season!

*Father Al*

*First Sunday*

Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42




### PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: **Harmony Chiccarine, Maggie & Dave Dull, Kathleen Weiss, Diane Holubek, Rosemary Connolly, Christopher Jordan, Jeff & Lori Sotack, Fred Bender, Rosemarie Marone, Barbara Kayser, and Mary Beth Sheehan.**

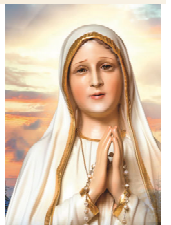
*Please join us for*

**First Friday Adoration**  
*On December 2 following the  
 9:00 am Mass in the St. Lucy  
 Chapel with Benediction at 7:00*



### First Saturday Devotions:

For the conversion of Russia, join us after 9:00 am Mass in the Church on **December 3** for First Saturday Devotions and Rosary. This month's intention is in reparation for offenses committed **against the virginity of Our Lady.**



*Please join us for our  
 Parish Penance Service on  
 Sunday, December 18 at  
 7:00 pm in the Church.*



*Upcoming December Events: Mark your Calendar!*

**Christmas at the Barn: Friday, December 16 from 6-8 pm at the school on Sandhill.**

**Christmas Open House: Sunday, December 18 from 1-4 in the Parish Social Hall.**



### OPLATKI WAFERS (3 wafers per pack)

\$3 per pack or 2 packs for \$5. For your convenience they have been placed on the tables at the back of the Church or you can stop by the parish office.





**MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28:**

**Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11**

6:45 AM Jesse Hieble

9:00 AM Terrance Weir

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29:**

**Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24**

6:45 AM Helen Hieble

9:00 AM Mary E. Lewis

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30:**

**FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE**

**Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22**

6:45 AM All Souls

9:00 AM Terrance Weir

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1:**

**Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27**

6:45 AM In Celebration of Larry & Sue Demers  
60th Wedding Anniversary

9:00 AM Richard & Jean DeAngelis

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2:**

**Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31**

6:45 AM John F. Lazicki

9:00 AM Kevin James Glover

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3:**

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST**

**Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8**

9:00 AM A.W., Elizabeth & Matthew Prang

5:00 PM Deacon Mortel

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4:**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Reform your lives; live in God's peace so that justice may flourish.*

**Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12**

7:30 AM Lou Santangelo

9:30 AM Grandparents of Matthew & Jessica Schnupp

11:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Peggy Sillner

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Life Teen (High School)**

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

*Next Week:* "It's Advent"-Life Teen will discuss what's "coming" up in the new year as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

**2022 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule**

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

📞 **John Triscik:** [jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org)

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**YOUNG ADULT FAITH**

Calling **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 December 14 for our White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a \$5-10 gift to share.**

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**VOCATIONS CORNER**

Stay awake! The Lord is coming. Be ready!

*If God may be calling you to be a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, visit our website at [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org), or*

**Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki, Vocation Director:**

[frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org)

(717) 657-4804 Ext. 282



**The Vocation Cross will be in the home of:  
The Matas Family: Dec. 4-Dec. 11**

**Jeanne McLamb: Dec. 11-Dec. 18**

*Consider being a part of the Vocation Cross Rotation, call the Parish office for details.*

MINISTRY NEWS

**Caelorum**

We look forward to seeing everyone at Caelorum on Wednesday, **December 14** at 7:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc Church. Join your Brothers and Sisters in Christ this Advent Season as we come together to adore, praise and worship our Lord and Savior. Please join us! If you are unable to attend you may watch the live stream or recording at the Caelorum Facebook page-<https://fb.watch/gJnpuh3Pay/>. For more information, contact Lou Felice at (717) 215-4175.

**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.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on Tuesday, **December 6** from 1:00-3:00 pm in Room 314. We will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CCW**

Thank you to all the parishioners for the wonderful donations for our CCW Christmas bazaar. We could not have the bazaar without them. We also want to thank anyone who helped with the bazaar in any way. We appreciate your help. A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for helping with emptying the CCW shed and cleaning up and packing up at the end of the bazaar. Thanks to Michelle Myers, our custodial staff, for setting up tables on Thursday morning as this was a huge help. Thank you to Father Al for the wonderful homemade sticky buns. Thank you to Father Josh for praying and blessing our ladies before the bazaar started. Thank you to all our ladies for baking, cooking, and working the bazaar. Our bazaar was a success because of all of you!

**Congratulations** to the CCW Christmas Bazaar Basket Raffle Winners:

- Religious Basket - Perrotti*
- \$75.00 Rosary Gift Card - Kathy Pantalone*
- Candy Basket - Barb Cini-Kreger*
- Money Tree - Cheryl Fancovic*
- Lottery Tickets - Stephen Katsch*
- Italian Basket - Julie Fogarty*

**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.

**Building a Culture of Life**

**Healing within Marriage from an Abortion**

When Susan's\* husband, Juan, told her about an abortion he was involved in during college, she finally understood why he was so depressed and had trouble bonding with their children. The devastation of abortion brings with it many challenges. Often, the people who have participated in an abortion are unaware of the countless ways it is affecting their lives. It is scary to tell a spouse or fiancé(é) about a past abortion. It requires great trust in that person's love and trust in God. But with the help of an abortion healing ministry, couples can successfully work through abortion-related challenges. God's grace can bring true healing to the relationships of those who trust in his infinite mercy.

**God's grace can bring true healing.**

\*Names changed for privacy. This is a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article by the same name and is reprinted with permission. © 2019, USCCB, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.

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

**For the Abortion Pill Reversal Network:** 1-877-558-0333; [www.reverseabortionpill.com](http://www.reverseabortionpill.com)

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

**Road to Kindness**



Advent is such a special time in our church year and one that connects perfectly into our Kindness Program. We are excited to commence our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Advent Kindness Program.

The 25 Acts of Kindness Guide is included with this bulletin and will also be posted on the St. Joan of Arc website. Keep a printed copy so you can track all the kindness acts that you and your family do during this Advent Season.

The more you participate, the more the beauty of the Advent Season will brighten your hearts and the hearts of those who are the receiving your Kindness.

Kindness activities and gifts are also being coordinated at our school, REP, Life Teen, and the Edge programs. We get so excited to see our student's enjoyment during the Advent Season and watching them perform Kindness Acts!

Advent Kindness Cards will also be at the back of the church. These Cards are a Kindness gift on behalf of the Anthony R. Bellezza Memorial. Please take a few and spread your Kindness throughout our community this Advent Season! Become inspired and show someone that you Care-this is God's Way - "The Road to Kindness!" Blessings to you! Enjoy this wonderful Advent Season and have a week filled with Kindness.



# CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one on Christmas, requests are due to the parish office no later than

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 pm.**

*Christmas Flower requests will not be taken over the phone.*

*Note: Please Print Clearly*

**In Loving Memory of:**

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**Dedicated from:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

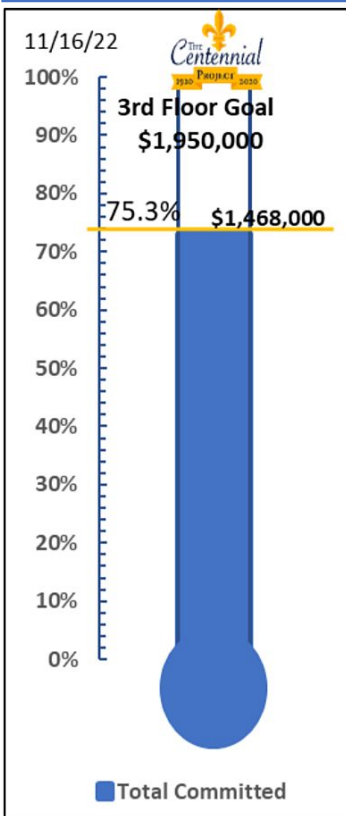
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation enclosed of: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to St. Joan of Arc.*



## CENTENNIAL PROJECT



Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. Where did the year go? If you have difficulty remembering, it may be indicative of the pace of life you lead. That isn't necessarily a judgement as to the ideal. It depends on your makeup and priorities.

There are those that grasp life as temporal, a gift that is to be lived to its fullest, who schedule every precious minute with boundless energy. To the observer, they seem to have the power of expanding time by virtue of all of their accomplishments.

There are those who operate at a slower pace, work hard, but stop at 5:00, and then pick up again in the morning. I often think of the Amish craftsmen who build homes

with superb skill, but go home each day on time for supper with their family. They embody the words of wisdom found in Ecclesiastes that there is a time for every purpose under heaven.

There is also the aging process which, for some reason for most of us, seems to accelerate the clock.

The Season of Advent is a time for preparation. It is a stark reminder that we can be called at any time, no matter what our station in life. We celebrate the birth of Christ and the reason for His coming. We anticipate His second coming, but it is much more likely that He will call us before Him first. We need to be ready for that meeting so we prepare. It needs to be year-round, not just four weeks in December and six weeks in early Spring. Some of the best use of time is to give yourself the time for prayer. It is a quiet time to talk to Him, to petition Him, and to listen to Him. Have a blessed Advent.

December is also tax planning time. Please remember the Centennial Fund as you appropriate funding for your charitable priorities. We have \$482,000 remaining on our goal to finish the school and the chapel. Please prayerfully consider a donation. Thank you!

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=7Sm0ELXDZhk> or enjoy a virtual tour of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor expansion at: <https://youtu.be/S0zANsm3Xvo>

## EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### Holy Spirit Exercise Ministry

Shine Faith and Fitness Exercise Ministry invites you to join in the fun! We are a group that prays together, exercises together and participates in charity events. We meet one to three times a week in Agape Hall at Holy Spirit Church. Class formats are for everyone and include things like drumming on balls with drum sticks; dumbbells; TRX suspension trainers; partner exercises; weighted bars and resistance bands and kettlebells. Take a peek at some of the festive Christmas workouts in store for December:

- Dec 1 @ 6pm** Cardio Christmas Jam-n-Tone
- Dec 13 @ 4pm** Let's Get Merry - Drum Fitness
- Dec 15 @ 6pm** LaBlast Fitness Chair Christmas Class
- Dec 20 @ 4pm** 12 Days of Christmas Workout

A freewill offering is accepted at classes. 100% of the funds generated goes back into the ministry for equipment and class needs and is donated to charitable causes. Each class session ends with a Christian meditation and stretch period. Grab a copy of our class schedule on the church website and head to a class! **Email Tina at Shine for additional information: shine@hspalmyra.com**

### Charismatic Healing Mass-St. Theresa

Please join us for the next Charismatic mass with prayers for healing on Tuesday, **December 6** at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa in New Cumberland. Reverend Bernard Mayo Onwie, will be Celebrant. **For more information, call Mary Ann at (717) 512-3628 or Vicki at (717) 364-6260.**

### Sensory-Friendly Mass-Saint Joan of Arc

A mass for persons with sensory sensitivity or other disabilities will be held on Sunday, **December 11** 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. noise-canceling headphones, wiggle seats, weighted blankets, fidgets, etc.) **For more information, contact the Parish Office at (717) 533-7168.**

### THE EPIPHANY ITALIAN MASS

EPIFANIA DEL NOSTRO SIGNORE

Sunday, **January 8, 2023** at 12:15 pm

SAINT PATRICK CATHEDRAL

212 State Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

Father Joshua Brommer, Celebrant

The Italian Apostolate Ministry Committee will provide a reception after Mass. **For more information please contact: MARIELLA AMATO at (717) 278-9420 or MARIA DiSANTO at (717) 554-5698, disanto1@comcast.net**

SPRINKLE KINDNESS DURING THIS CHRISTMAS ADVENT SEASON WITH THESE...



# 25 Acts of Kindness

Try to do one each day



- |   |                                   |   |  |                                      |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Make Cookies for Someone                | Visit an Elderly Person           | Donate toys to Charity                      | Give a Compliment to a Friend          | Tape Change to a Vending Machine     |
| Let Someone go ahead in Line            | Give treats to your Mail Carrier  | Do an Act of Kindness in Secret             | Leave a Happy Note for Someone to Find | Donate to a Food Pantry              |
| Give Out Free Hugs                      | Make Someone Laugh with a Joke    | Say Hello to Someone New at work            | Hand Out Free Candy Canes              | Donate Supplies to an Animal Shelter |
| Take Treats to a Police or Fire Station | Smile at Everyone You See Today   | Say a special Prayer for a family or friend | Hold a door open for Someone           | Tell someone to have a Great Day     |
| Pay for Someone's Coffee or Meal        | Get Someone Else a Drink or Snack | Write a nice note to your child's Teacher   | Make a New Friend                      | Be Kind to Yourself                  |



*And be ye KIND one to another,  
TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING one another,  
even as God for Christ's sake hath FORGIVEN you.*  
Ephesians 4:32

## ADVENT 2022

# *And the Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us*

In a certain sense Mary lived her *Eucharistic faith* even before the institution of the Eucharist, by the very fact that *she offered her virginal womb for the Incarnation of God's Word*. The Eucharist, while commemorating the passion and resurrection, is also in continuity with the incarnation. At the Annunciation Mary conceived the Son of God in the physical reality of his body and blood, thus anticipating within herself what to some degree happens sacramentally in every believer who receives, under the signs of bread and wine, the Lord's body and blood.

As a result, there is a profound analogy between the *Fiat* which Mary said in reply to the angel, and the *Amen* which every believer says when receiving the body of the Lord. Mary was asked to believe that the One whom she conceived "through the Holy Spirit" was "the Son of God" (Lk 1:30-35). In continuity with the Virgin's faith, in the Eucharistic mystery we are asked to believe that the same Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary, becomes present in his full humanity and divinity under the signs of bread and wine.

"Blessed is she who believed" (Lk 1:45). Mary also anticipated, in the mystery of the incarnation, the Church's Eucharistic faith. When, at the Visitation, she bore in her womb the Word made flesh, she became in some way a "tabernacle" – the first "tabernacle" in history – in which the Son of God, still invisible to our human gaze, allowed himself



to be adored by Elizabeth, radiating his light as it were through the eyes and the voice of Mary. And is not the enraptured gaze of Mary as she contemplated the face of the newborn Christ and cradled him in her arms that unparalleled model of love which should inspire us every time we receive Eucharistic communion?

*(From Saint John Paul II's Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 55)*

**hail, true body,  
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,  
who has truly suffered,  
and was sacrificed on the  
CROSS FOR MANKIND,  
whose side was pierced,  
whence flowed water  
and blood, be for us a  
foretaste of heaven,  
during our final trial.**

### *The Angelus*

**V. The Angel of the Lord  
declared unto Mary.**

**R. And she conceived of the Holy  
Spirit.**

*Hail Mary . . .*

**V. Behold the handmaid of the  
Lord.**

**R. Be it done unto me according  
to thy word.**

*Hail Mary . . .*

**V. And the Word was made  
Flesh.**

**R. And dwelt among us.**

*Hail Mary . . .*

**V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of  
God.**

**R. That we may be made worthy  
of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

**Pour forth, we beseech Thee,  
O Lord, Thy grace into our  
hearts, that we to whom the  
Incarnation of Christ Thy Son  
was made known by the  
message of an angel,  
may by His Passion and Cross  
be brought to the glory of  
His Resurrection.  
Through the same Christ Our  
Lord. Amen.**

*The Angelus is traditionally  
prayed by the Church three times  
a day at 6 a.m., Noon, and 6 p.m.  
as we pause to remember the  
Incarnation of God the Son in the  
womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

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The "Virgin of the Inexhaustible Chalice"  
icon written by Roberta K. Davis,  
parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus  
Parish, Harrisburg.



# Praying with the Word of God: Advent Readings

FIRST WEEK	SECOND WEEK	THIRD WEEK	FOURTH WEEK
<i>Sunday</i> Mk 13:33-37	<i>Sunday</i> Mk 1:1-8	<i>Sunday</i> Jn 1:6-8, 19-28	<i>Sunday</i> Ps 89
<i>Monday</i> Is 2:1-5	<i>Monday</i> Ps 85	<i>Monday</i> Jer 23:5-8	<i>Monday</i> Mt 1:1-17
<i>Tuesday</i> Ps 72	<i>Tuesday</i> Zech 2:14-17	<i>Tuesday</i> Jgs 13:2-7	<i>Tuesday</i> Lk 2:1-6
<i>Wednesday</i> Is 25:6-10	<i>Wednesday</i> Ps 103	<i>Wednesday</i> Is 7:10-14	<i>Wednesday</i> Lk 2:7-12
<i>Thursday</i> Matt 7:21-27	<i>Thursday</i> Lk 1:26-38	<i>Thursday</i> Sgs 2:8-14	<i>Thursday</i> Lk 2:13-18
<i>Friday</i> Ps 98	<i>Friday</i> Matt 11:16-19	<i>Friday</i> Lk 1:57-66	<i>Friday</i> Lk 2:19-20
<i>Saturday</i> Is 30:19-21	<i>Saturday</i> Sir 48:1-11	<i>Saturday</i> Lk 1:67-79	<i>Saturday</i> Mt 1:18-25



*“Faith consists in accepting God without asking him to account for things according to our standard. Faith consists in reacting before God as Mary did: I don’t understand it, Lord, but let it be done in me according to your word.”*

*- Saint Oscar Romero*

## Daily Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*As we make the Sign of the Cross, the leader says:*

**Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
R/. Who made heaven and earth.**

*A song may be sung as the candle is lighted*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*Opening Prayer*

**Open our minds and our hearts, O Lord, to hear your word of promise! Send us the Holy Spirit to guide us through these holy days. Quiet our worries and anxieties and help us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ who is Lord for ever and ever. R/. Amen.**

*Scripture Reading (see Daily Readings )*

*A reflection may be shared about the Reading*

*Concluding Prayer*

**Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.**

**Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**R/. Amen.**

*As we make the Sign of the Cross, we say:*

**May the Lord bless us,  
protect us from all evil,  
and bring us everlasting life. R/. Amen.**

*St. Vincent  
de Paul  
Society*



*Christmas  
Giving Tree  
Program  
2022*

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.”**

Gifts and donations with the ornament attached 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:

**PET STOP OF CENTRAL PA**



## STEWARDSHIP

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

**Weekly Tithing: \$22,607**  
**Weekly Budget: \$28,269**  
**Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,578**

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