



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

## DECEMBER 11, 2022

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

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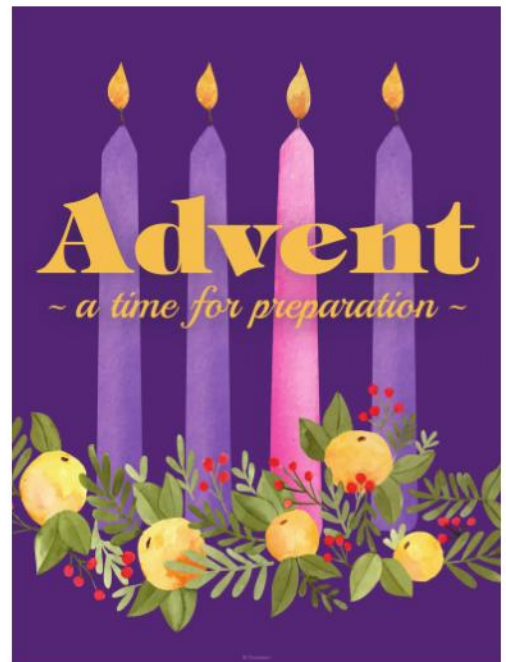
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### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

# FROM THE PASTOR

*Third Sunday*

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.

Matthew 11:10



The next two weeks will fly by as Christmas gets closer and closer. Remember that this year we have four whole weeks of Advent. Take time to pray, to reflect on the Christmas story, and try not to stress over what the world tells you is important at this time of year.

Christmas should be about family and friends, thanking God for our Catholic Faith, giving a thought to the poor and the needy, and renewing our commitment to practicing our Faith all year long. To help you get into the Spirit of the Season, remember our “Christmas at the Barn” this Friday, December 16, from 6-8 PM at the Barn behind our school on Sandhill Road. All are welcome to our “Christmas Open House” next Sunday, December 18, from 1-4 PM in our Parish Social Hall. Finally, our Parish Penance Service will be at 7PM, December 18, in the Church. All wonderful ways to prepare for Christmas!

*Father Al*



## PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: Aldo Morales, Jr., Marisol Willi, Charlene Broadwater, 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.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

### Main Altar Vase 1

*In Loving Memory of Josephine Testa from Kathleen & Dick*



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

## Sensory-Friendly Mass-Saint Joan of Arc

A mass for persons with sensory sensitivity or other disabilities will be held on today, **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.**



*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 pm in the Parish Social Hall.**

**Winners for the Christmas Raffle will be drawn.**



## 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, DECEMBER 12:**

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38**

6:45 AM Marilyn Barella

9:00 AM Pat Pronio

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13:**

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR**

**Zep 3:1-2,9-13; Mt 21:28-32**

6:45 AM John Ortenzi

9:00 AM Joseph Cusatis

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14:**

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23**

6:45 AM Ofilia Taraschi Schaeffer

9:00 AM Lou Santangelo

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15:**

**Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30**

6:45 AM Edward Bixler

9:00 AM Francis Nooney

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16:**

**Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36**

6:45 AM For the Intentions of All Our Parish Volunteers

9:00 AM Terrance Weir

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17:**

**Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17**

9:00 AM Mary Alice Lindenfeldar

5:00 PM Vincent Pronio

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18:**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us", risen from the dead. He is the king of glory.*

**Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24**

7:30 AM Michael Lanik

9:30 AM Deceased Members of Bergloff & Saragosa Families

11:30 AM Leona Berzinski

5:00 PM People of the Parish

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Life Teen (High School)**

*This Week:* "White Elephant Gift Exchange"-Life Teen will exchange wrapped gifts of \$5 with the group. See you there!

*Next Week:* "Parish Reconciliation Service"-Life Teen will join the parish for confession before Christmas.

**2022-23 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule**

- Dec 18 Life Teen will attend Reconciliation Service
- Dec 25 No Life Teen-Merry Christmas!
- Jan 1, 2023 No Life Teen-Happy New Year!
- Jan 8 Life Teen-"Written in Humanity"
- Jan 15 No Life Teen-Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Weekend

**EDGE (Middle School):** EDGE meets next on **December 21** for our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. 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**

**Lasting joy is a hallmark of a Christian.**

**Where can you bring joy this week?**

**Find your strength in God's promise.**

*If God may be calling you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, 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)



*The Vocation Cross will be in the home of:*  
**Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Wolf: Dec. 18– Dec. 25**  
**The Harbaugh Family: Dec. 25-Jan. 1**

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

## GIRL SCOUT THANK YOU



**Thank you to everyone who purchased Poinsettias and supported our Girl Scout Troops. The Girls truly appreciate it. Merry Christmas!**

## GIVING TREE

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**



**Christmas Giving Tree Program 2022**

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.**

## EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### Charismatic Healing Mass-St. Theresa

Please join us for the next Charismatic mass with prayers for healing on Tuesday, **January 3** at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa in New Cumberland. Reverend Dwight Schlaline will be Celebrant. **For more information, call Mary Ann at (717) 512-3628 or Vicki at (717) 364-6260.**

### THE EPIPHANY ITALIAN MASS

EPIFANIA DEL NOSTRO SIGNORE  
Sunday, **January 8, 2023** at 12:15 pm  
SAINT PATRICK CATHEDRAL  
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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**

*With Much Gratitude...*

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Weekly Budget: \$28,269  
Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,529

*Week of November 27, 2022*

## Retirement Fund for Religious



**DECEMBER 11**

Please give generously to the upcoming collection.

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Lighten the load. An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church."

Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members.

Please give generously.

## HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

### 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*

### HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

BULLETIN FOR:	SUBMIT BY:
Dec. 18	Dec. 12
Dec. 25	Dec. 16
Jan. 1, 2023	Dec. 22
Jan. 8, 2023	Dec. 27

## 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.**

### 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.**

### 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.**

### Road to Kindness

Thank you for embracing Our Advent Kindness Program! There are wonderful Kindness Acts included in the 25 Acts of Kindness for the Advent Season. One that we want to focus on this week -Say a Prayer for a family member or friend!"



This week, let's all say a prayer for someone in our family or for a friend. Who will you say your prayer for? Saying a prayer for someone is an Act of Kindness. Mother Teresa said that "Every Kind Act is A Prayer!" Coming from the website, One Million Act of Kindness, "*Kindness is belief and faith in action, embodied by prayer. Every time you perform a kind act, it fulfills someone's need, someone's wish, someone's prayer. Having someone's prayer answered because of your kind actions is the power behind prayer. A Kind Act is a prayer, and a prayer is a Kind Act.*"

It is so easy to take a few moments and say a prayer! We know several people that are in need of our prayers, and we are committed to saying a special prayer for each of them!

Thank you for your prayers this week! We are following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness" and you can make a difference this Advent Season.

Blessings to you! Enjoy this wonderful Advent Season and have a week filled with Kindness!

### Building a Culture of Life

#### What to do when a Friend is Considering Abortion

When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby? First, prioritize listening over speaking. Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs and wants. When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information, in a loving and caring way. Encourage her. Help her set goals that extend beyond the due date to help her see life beyond her pregnancy. Reassure her that she is not alone, and provide practical support. Pray with her, offering Christ's love at a crucial-life-saving and life-defining moment.

**Reassure her that she is not alone.**

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**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)

### Meals on Wheels

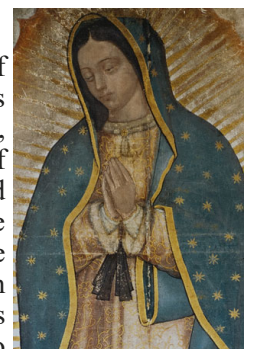
Meals on wheels volunteer drivers needed to deliver hot meals to senior citizens once a month on Wednesday mornings.

**Please call Bernie Keating at (717) 534-2712 for more information.**

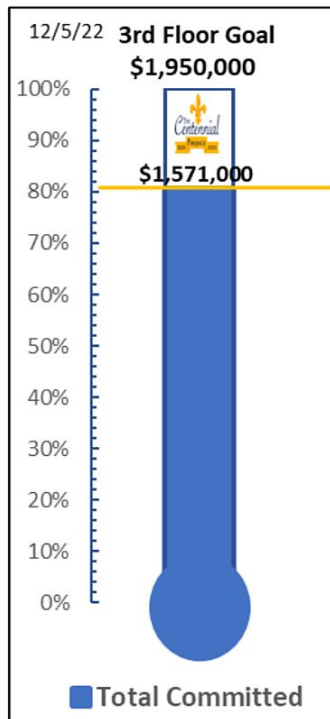


### Knights of Columbus

**Monday, December 12** is Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day and The Knights of Columbus are offering beautiful, accurately true images of Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) in an effort to spread the message of OLG and promote the charitable works of the Knights. The icon is made by a Catholic business in Mexico and put on a faux cactus synthetic textile which is very similar to the feel of the original Tilma. For more details on how you can bring OLG into your home or business visit [www.kofc6693.org/our-lady-of-guadalupe](http://www.kofc6693.org/our-lady-of-guadalupe) or contact a Knight sitting next to you in mass.



**CENTENNIAL PROJECT STATUS THROUGH 12/5/22**



**3rd Floor Fundraising (Since October 2021)**

3rd Floor Goal	\$1,950,000
3rd Floor Pledges & Gifts	\$1,571,000
% 3rd Floor Goal Achieved	80.5%
3rd Floor Receipts	\$1,294,000
% Collected	82.3%
<b>\$ Goal Remaining for 3rd Floor</b>	<b>\$ 379,000</b>

**Total Outstanding Pledge Balance for Centennial Campaign \$424,000**

It was just three short years ago in Advent that we embarked on an exciting new journey to chart the path and trajectory of St. Joan of Arc School. It was the summer of 2019 when our plans to expand our 44,000 sq. ft. Areba Ave. education center took a sharp turn and we entered into a sales agreement to begin evaluating the recently available Lancaster Mennonite Hershey campus. Choosing a twelve-year-old 110,000 sq. ft. building on 35+ acres vs expanding a 72-year-old 44,000 sq. ft. outdated building was an offer we couldn't refuse. On December 19<sup>th</sup>, the acquisition was settled. Little did we know what lay ahead.

March 17, 2020-We should have been toasting St. Patrick; instead we locked the doors for fear of Covid-19. If ever there was an inopportune time to take on a major real estate purchase, this was pretty close. Thankfully, we had raised enough revenue since April to fund the down payment on the purchase and pay for the first phase of renovations. Construction had just begun and it was just as quickly halted by government order. Thankfully, the school technology infrastructure supported the remote learning in place needed to finish the school year. With God's grace, generous benefactors, and government grants, bills were paid, money raised, construction resumed in early May, and the new school opened on time in August 2020.

God's providence looking kindly upon our parish, our school, and our 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor renovations is good reason to give thanks for our blessings and rejoice on this third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete). Our third class will be graduating this year. Attendance has skyrocketed from 355 in the last year at the Areba school to 505 this year.

Also, we have been granted Diocesan approval to extend the Centennial campaign until late spring because of the negative impact of Covid-19 pandemic. We humbly ask for your generous support. We hope to raise \$379,000 by then to avoid increasing our mortgage debt. With the end of tax year here, now is the perfect time for maximizing the benefits of charitable giving in the IRS Code. Ask about our legacy naming opportunity program. Thank you, and God bless 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>



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