St. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH 359 West Areba Ave, Hershey, PA 17033

DECEMBER 18, 2022

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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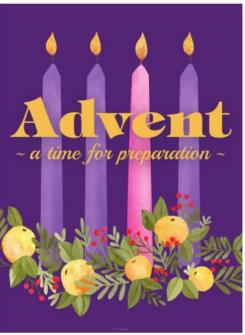
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

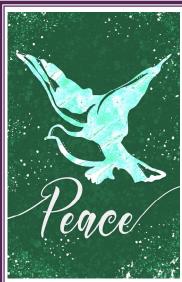
SATURDAY VIGIL 5:00 pm

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

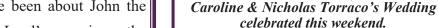
Wednesday 5:00-5:30 pm Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm



The last week of the Season of Advent (December 17-24) is a special time of for preparation the celebration of Christmas. whole The tenor of Advent changes. Up until this week, the Scriptures proclaimed at both Sunday and daily Masses have been about John the

Baptist, preparing for the Lord's coming, the teachings of Jesus throughout his ministry, etc. Starting this week, we will hear all of the stories that lead up to Christmas: the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, the stories of the Angel Gabriel's annunciation to both Mary and Joseph, the great Genealogy of Jesus Christ. It is a reminder that Christmas is getting closer and closer! Only one week away! As you go about your last-minute shopping and decorating and baking and making plans with family and friends, take a moment to slow down and reflect on the true meaning of what we are celebrating. The People of Israel waited for centuries for the coming of the Messiah. May we be patient this week-with ourselves and with one another-and pray for a good and holy and PEACEFUL Christmas for our families and friends. We celebrate the Birth of the Prince of Peace! Wouldn't it be sad if we didn't pray for peace this Christmas in our world, in our families and in our hearts? All the gifts in the world can never make up for that greatest of gifts from the Lord: TRUE PEACE!

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Charlene Broadwater,



PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Morales, Jr., Marisol Willi,

Kayser, and Mary Beth Sheehan.

The following parishioners or family members are ill.

Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in

your prayers: Magda O'Connor, Heike Treadway, Aldo

Harmony Chiccarine, Maggie & Dave Dull, Kathleen Weiss, Diane Holubek, Rosemary Connolly, Christopher

Jordan, Fred Bender, Rosemarie Marone, Barbara

ALTAR FLOWERS

Main Altar Vase 1

In Honor of

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

December Event: Christmas Open House: Today, 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.

Parish Office Christmas Hours The Parish Office will close at 12:00 PM on Friday, December 23 and reopen at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, December 27. Merry Christmas

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MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

6:45 AM Ann Griffin 9:00 AM Mary Nell Vess

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20:

Is 7:10-14; 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

6:45 AM Sharon Puddy 9:00 AM Dennis Sweigart

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21: MEMORIAL OF SAINT PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

6:45 AM Deceased & Living Members of the Novatnak & Nooney Families9:00 AM Francis O'Rourke

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22:

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

6:45 AM Frank Barella 9:00 AM Joseph Wall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

6:45 AM Edward Bott 9:00 AM Mark Van Zandt

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14 a, 16; Lk1:67-79

9:00 am	Betty & Rudy Slabonik
4:00 рм	Celebrant's Intentions
4:00 рм	Celebrant's Intentions
(School)	
8:00 рм	Celebrant's Intentions
Midnight	Celebrant's Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

- 7:30 AM Celebrant's Intentions
- 9:30 AM Celebrant's Intentions
- 11:30 AM Celebrant's Intentions

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

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

Next Week: No Life Teen. May you have a blessed and Merry Christmas with your family and friends.

2022-23 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

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
Jan 22	Life Teen-"In your Hands"

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 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.
⑦ 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 next on January 11 to study the Book of Ruth. We will not meet on December 28. **()** John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org

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Open your mind and heart and listen to God's wisdom spoken in dreams, signs, and wonders. Mary and Joseph trusted and let God work through them. What about you? If God may be calling you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, visit our website at www.hbgdiocese.org, or Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki, Vocation Director: frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org



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

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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 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



Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT OUR REGISTRATION TEAM @ 717-356-2185 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: HELPOURMARRIAGE.COM

PA PRO-LIFE JOB POSTING

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation is searching for a part-time Education Director. The individual will ideally have a B.A. degree in Communications, Journalism, Public Relations, Education, or a related discipline. The Education Director will handle communications via print media, broadcast media, public speaking engagements, social media, and the distribution of pro-life educational materials. Interested candidates should send a cover email and attached resume to Alice, the Office Administrator, at admin@paprolife.org.

With Much Gratitude... We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin: **RICK YAZINSKI, DMD**



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$47,319 Weekly Budget: \$28,269 Weekly Heart of the Parish:\$1,990

Week of December 4, 2022

Military: \$3,948 Matthew 25: \$6,783 Thanksgiving: \$3,897- Hershey Food Bank



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

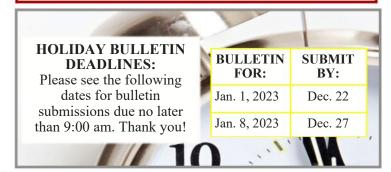
DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

CHURCH (AREBA AVE) 4:00 PM Livestream | 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 Livestream |11:30 AM There is NO 5PM Mass on Christmas Day



MINISTRY NEWS

CCW

Save the Date for the CCW Christmas Dinner on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 1:00 pm at Lisa's Café, 600 East Main Street, Palmyra. Come and enjoy Christmas dinner together. All ladies of the parish are invited. Reservation required, cost & menu will follow very soon. Limited seating available, make your reservation early.

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! We have only a few days until Christmas - let's all do an Act of Kindness each day. Finish Advent Season better than the last one by completing a Kindness Act from the suggestions below:

- Donate toys to a charity! You can make a child's day! •
- Say a special prayer at dinner time and offer it up for your entire family!
- Send a mass card to a family member or friend so they will be remembered in a special way!
- Offer to go to the grocery store for a neighbor that cannot leave their house - this one can really make a difference!
- Go visit a senior living facility and bring your smile and a special treat - remember, some of our seniors may not have anyone to share the Christmas season.
- Prepare hand-made Christmas Cards and drop them off at every house on your street! What fun! Show your neighbors how much you care!
- Give long distance hugs to a friend or family member on FaceTime or Zoom!
- Our Dear Parents give an especially long hug to your children every day this week and tell them how much you love them!

We want to thank all our wonderful students and teachers in our school, REP, Edge and Teen Life programs. Together, through all our Acts of Kindness, we have made such an impact in our community. We are blessed to have such caring people in our Church Parish.

> "KINDNESS is like snow, it beautifies everything it touches!"

Continue to reach out - become inspired and make someone smile during this last week of Advent.

Building a Culture of Life 10 Ways to Support Her When She's **Unexpectedly Expecting**

As a mom who had my first baby in college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame and doubt. Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. I encourage you to support her in her new journey of being a mother.

It's okay if you don't know the perfect words to say. Let her know you are there for her and may be the only ask how you can support her. Assist her in lining up practical help. She may not feel she

Your support support she receives.

"deserves" to show happiness: reassure her it's okay (and good) to be happy. Your support might be the only support she receives. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?

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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

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.



Caelorum

We look forward to seeing everyone at Caelorum on Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc Church. Join your Brothers and Sisters in Christ 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.

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.

Centennial

3rd Floor Goal \$1.950.000

\$1,602,804

12/12/2022 100% г

90%

80%

82.2%

CENTENNIAL PROJECT STATUS THROUGH DECEMBER 12

12/12/2022	3rd Fl. Oct 2021	April 2019 Capital Campaign	Grand Total
Total Committed	\$1,602,804	\$2,873,966.18	\$4,476,770.44
Goal	\$1,950,000		
% Goal	82.2%		
Receipts	\$1,345,067.26	\$2,733,077.84	\$4,078,145.10
% Committed	83.9%	95.1%	91.1%
Pledge Balance A/R	\$ 257,737.00	\$140,888.34	\$398,625.34

Our remaining goal for the final leg of the school renovations and the construction of the chapel is \$348,000. Our total committed pledge balance is \$398,625. These two values will be the critical drivers of our ability to complete our planned expansion this summer. They represent about 40% of our estimated budget. We are getting closer but there is still quite some distance to the finish line. It parallels that infamous time in a marathon race when you hit the "wall." You know how far you have to go but you are not sure how you will make it. You are running on fumes and sheer will because your resources are depleted. You switch to auto pilot to carry you through because you've put in the time and logged the miles.

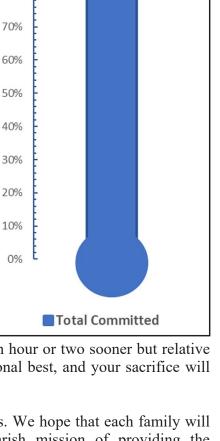
You may be surprised that the intense pain is the same for a committed runner as it is for a Boston qualifier, or as it is for an elite champion. The difference is the velocity and the competition. It's the combination of sacrifice, commitment and ability that separates the sub five-minute miler

from the 7-min and the 9-min miler. It's expected that professional will finish an hour or two sooner but relative to the runner's capabilities, the goal is the same. Give it your all, do your personal best, and your sacrifice will pay dividends.

So, too, is the shared sacrifice of a capital gift. Every family has different means. We hope that each family will prayerfully consider a contribution based on those means to meet the Parish mission of providing the infrastructure for a religious education. A moral and a spiritual compass is an acquired behavior-it is not innate at birth. Our society desperately needs the nurturing and the development of integrity in our children with the school's role being the support of this joint effort with parents. In addition to our parochial school, our REP (Religious Education Program) is available to all, and is equally as important in the Parish mission of passing on the faith. Please be as generous as possible and help our children in any way you can, whether it's a gift to the Centennial project, to school development or curriculum, or to scholarships to make a Catholic education more affordable to those in need.

May you and your families have a Blessed Christmas!

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>









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