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JANUARY 8, 2023

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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



God works in funny ways. On Christmas Day, Masses were completed, and I was ready to take Holy Communion to my mom and sister (they had Covid the week before) and then head to my brother's for Christmas dinner. A parishioner had left her purse and phone in the church and was coming to get it which delayed my leaving by a half hour or so. Just as I was leaving, I heard the sound of rushing water and alarms going off. Because of the freezing weather on Christmas, a sprinkler pipe had broken in the foyer of the Deaf School. It flooded the school, rushed down the stairs and came through the ceiling of the Youth Room down below, came into the rectory, and came out into the hallway, went down the ramp, and got as far as the gym. At that point, the Fire Department arrived because of the alarms. By the time we had turned off the water, there was around 3 inches of water all over the place. There has been rather extensive damage. The server for the parish is down below the Deaf School and we lost internet and phone service (we still cannot get incoming calls) and the carpets and some of the drywall needs replaced. I didn't get home for Christmas but if that parishioner hadn't left her purse in the church, I would have long been gone and who knows what kind of damage we would have! I made myself an omelette and a martini and enjoyed a quiet Christmas Day after all that commotion! You can see God's work in anything if you try!

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SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of *Julia C. Wise, Janet Polto and Eleanor McElhinney, mother of parishioner, Kathy Cantore* who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to their families and friends on their loss.

Parishioner Milestones - Eternal Life

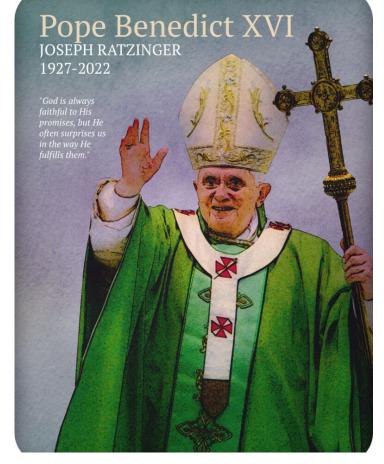
PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: William Claypoole, Philip & Paticia Spagnolo, Magda O'Connor, Heike Treadway, Aldo Morales, Jr., Marisol Willi, Charlene Broadwater, Harmony Chiccarine, Maggie & Dave Dull, Kathleen Weiss, Diane Holubek, Rosemary Connolly, Christopher Jordan, Fred Bender, Rosemarie Marone, Barbara Kayser, and Mary Beth Sheehan.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 9: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

6:45 AM Nathalie Brown 9:00 AM Josephine Valeri

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10:

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

6:45 AM Carmen Ortiz 9:00 AM Nick Pritchard

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11:

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

6:45 AM Jose Mimoso

9:00 AM David Scherbarth

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12:

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

6:45 AM Andrew Dougherty

9:00 AM Political Prisoners of January 6th

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13:

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

6:45 AM For the Intentions of

All Our Parish Volunteers

9:00 AM Andrew Gaydos

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14:

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

9:00 AM Lois Deiling

5:00 PM James Ross

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the light of the nations who came to do the Father's will. In Christ we have been called to be a holy people.

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

7:30 AM Norma & Enrico Susi and Pete Bowman

9:30 AM Jonathan Barger

11:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Francis O'Rourke

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen

This Week: "Written in Humanity"-We will study the Beatitudes to help us understand what social justice is and how it guides us in creating a more just society.

Next Week: No Life Teen!

2023 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

No Life Teen-Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday Weekend
Life Teen-"In your Hands"
Life Teen-"In Their Shoes"
Life Teen- "With Him"
Life Teen- "Super Bowl and Bingo"

EDGE (Middle School): EDGE meets next on February 1 and 15. We will not have EDGE on January 18. 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.

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2 (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.

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Look about you! Can you see the glory of God? Open your heart to receive the gifts God is offering 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 (717) 657-4804 Ext. 282



The Vocation Cross will be in the home of: Fran & Barb McCarthy: Jan. 15-Jan. 22 Mary Lou Fox: Jan. 22– Jan. 29



EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Diocesan Respect Life Mass

Saturday, Jan. 21 @ 4 p.m.

Holy Spirit Church, Palmyra Celebrant and Homilist: Most Rev. Ronald W. Gainer

Live Stream: www.youtube.com/@holyspiritpalmyra9431/streams



Sanctity of Life Sunday

On Sunday, January 22, A Morning Star Representative will speak on behalf of the services provided to those in need after the 9:30 am Mass.

President Ronald Reagan instituted National Sanctity of Human Life Day in 1984. On this day, churches across the country raise awareness about core life issues like abortion (among others). Each precious baby, from the moment of conception in the womb, is a tiny miracle of Life from above. Join us in praying for each woman and man who is facing the decision of life for their unborn child. Your prayers and support for pregnancy clinics like Morning Star make a direct impact on the lives of the unborn and the hearts of mothers and fathers.

To find out how you can get involved with Morning Star, visit www.SupportMorningStar.com.

THANK YOU

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joan of Arc would like to thank the parish community who so generously gave this Christmas to the 2022 Giving Tree Program. Your generous donations of gift cards, clothing and infant supplies benefit various Catholic Charities organizations, Hershey Food Bank clients, our twinning St. Vincent de Paul parish in Jamaica and the St. Joan of Arc conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society that will allow us to help families in need during the coming year.

Other organizations that received donations were Lourdes House (mothers and infants), Evergreen House (shelter for recovering addicts), Interfaith Shelter (homeless families), the Foster Child and Adoption Program and the Behavioral Health Foster Families, Catholic Charity Outpatient Counseling, Shalom House and Catholic Worker.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$30,505 Weekly Budget: \$28,269

Weekly Heart of the Parish:\$1,915

Week of December 18, 2022



January 8, 2023

Aid to the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa. Thank you in advance for your support!



Save the Date

Ever wanted to learn how to decorate seasonal cupcakes?

On **March 11**, at 2:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall the CCW will be hosting a class with Moore Desserts by Julie.

Class size will be limited to 20 participants. Look for more details to register for the class in the Church Bulletin in mid-February.

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

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MINISTRY NEWS

Faith Enrichment

Faith Enrichment will start **February 5**. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm and Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. There will be no charge for this program. We will be presenting Bishop Barron's "Pivotal Players." Please join us for the following schedule:

February 7: Bishop Sheen February 14: St. Augustine February 21: St. Benedict

February 28: St. Ignatius of Loyola

March 7: Flannery O'Conner

March 14: St. Bartolome of De Las Casas

March 31: GK Chesterton

Areba Club-Join Us!

The Areba Club will meet on Tuesday, **January 17** at 1:00 pm in the parish social hall. Games will be played and light refreshments will be served.

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.



Building a Culture of Life How to Build a Culture of Life

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. *How do we respond?* Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with

Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, can not

Our mission field is daily life.

be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however he directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

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.

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

Over the Christmas holiday season, we noticed many wonderful gifts that connected Kindness and being more Mindful. There was one book that really brings both Kindness and Mindfulness together – It is called the "Power in Being KIND!" It is a book that discusses the science of being Kind. Kindness has been studied for many years and it highlights "that being Kind is good for your health!" We will not go into all the details so if you feel inspired, get this book. It also outlines 14 days of affirmations that promote goodness and kindness towards yourself and others.

This is a great way to start the year off and our Kindness Program. In the past, we have raised up several ways to weave Kindness into our daily activities. Many of these same areas are included in the Power of Being Kind book. Our Kindness and Goodness need to shine through so that we can Lead the Way to a Kinder World!

- Start Each Day with a Kind Intention put Kindness on your To Do List!
- Smile a simple smile can be the "lift" that someone needs to have a wonderful day. Smile and smile often!
- Express Compassion on Social Media this is really important if you are angry stay away from writing it on a social media site. Take a deep breath! Did you know that your positive comments and social media interactions can counteract cyber-bullying? Stay as positive as you can and offer words of kindness and appreciation.
- Volunteer or Donate Food and Other Necessities You can make a difference!
- Coordinate Dinners for a Friend or Neighbor in Need showing that you care can be a tremendous boost for someone who may be sick, depressed or heartbroken!
- Give Someone a Compliment!
- Include You in Your Kindness Practice notice your inner voice and see if you can change it to be more caring and less critical. Stay positive and know that you have so many wonderful qualities!

Let's continue our mission of making a difference in our parish and community by following **God's Way – "The Road to Kindness"** in 2023!

May God bless you and inspire you to share your Kindness with those that need it most.

CENTENNIAL PROJECT STATUS THROUGH 12/26/2022

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)

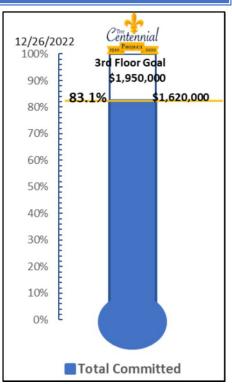
Today we celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord. Christ is revealed to all of the nations. Let us be thankful for His many gifts to us.

Today we are reminded of the many blessings we have received in our 102-year history as the St. Joan of Arc Parish in Hershey, PA. From a small chapel in the quarries of Waltonville, to a beautiful 35-acre campus high on a hill in Hummelstown, it has been a story of meeting the needs of the community.

Across five generations, the parishioners of St. Joan have provided the means to build this vibrant congregation of faith and fellowship, a witness to the mission of Christ.

Father Al, Sister Eileen, and all the teachers, staff, and employees of the School and the Parish wish each and every family a blessed, healthy, and prosperous New Year. It's up to all of us to spread His message.

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 3rd floor expansion at: https://youtu.be/S0zANsm3Xvo





SJA SCHOOL "NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS"



SJA JANUARY EVENTS:

January 13: Middle School Social from 6-8 pm January 20: 3rd-5th grade Sock Hop from 6-7:30 pm January 30-February 3: Catholic Schools Week January 30: Family Day from 8:15-10:30 am

Contact the School at (717) 533-2854 with any questions.

SJA SPAGHETTI DINNER:

Saturday, **February 4** at the school gym on Sand Hill. Dine-in (4pm-8pm) or Take-Out (4pm-7pm).

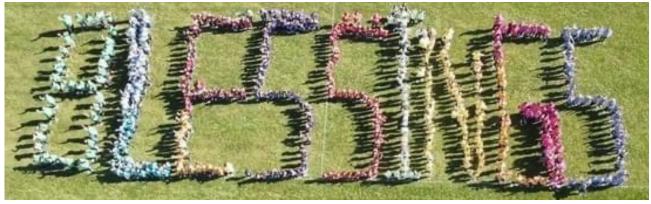
Dinner includes a tossed salad, bread, spaghetti and meatballs, dessert and choice of beverage.

Tickets:

\$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$5 for children (under 6).

3 ways to purchase your tickets:

Online: http://school.stjoanhershey.org/spaghetti-dinner.html Contact Christine Bromfield: sjaspaghettidinner@gmail.com or at the door the night of the event.







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