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## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

APRIL 9, 2023

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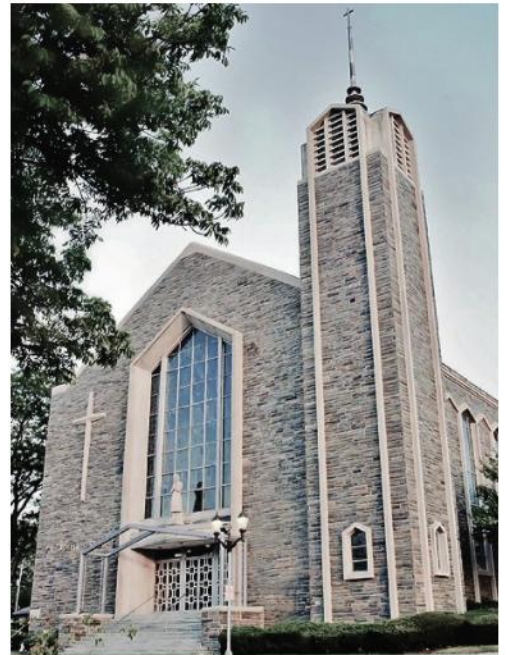
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### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



**Happy Easter!** May the Risen Lord be found in your hearts, in your families, and in our world! May His peace, love and mercy be seen in your thoughts, words and actions. May you know of the great love that the Father has for you in sending His Only Son as our Savior. It was by Jesus' death on the Cross that our sins are forgiven and by His Resurrection that the gates of heaven are opened for us. As you read this, I ask you to consider your life as a Catholic Christian. For those who are practicing their Faith, give thanks to God for His favor upon you! For those who are perhaps lax in their faith, ask God for the grace to become what he calls you to be! Know that you are welcome here at Saint Joan of Arc parish! Not only are you welcomed but you are wanted! Together we can be a real vehicle of God's grace, working through each of us, spreading the Good News of Jesus' Death and Resurrection to all we meet in the Hershey area. This is the Day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad!

*Christ indeed from*  
**DEATH IS RISEN**  
 EASTER SUNDAY



**SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES**

Please pray for the soul of *Helen Wachter and Kenneth Ettel*, son of *Maria Ettel*, who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to their families and friends on their loss.

**PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS**

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: **Kathleen Weiss, Bob DeAngelis, Andy DeBroeck, Gloria J. Venezia, Magda Trabuco, Pat Cusack, Christine Brunn, Julie Fogarty, Elizabeth Sauthoff, Maggie & Dave Dull, Diane Holubek, Christopher Jordan, Fred Bender, Barbara Kayser and Mary Beth Sheehan.**



**First Friday Adoration**

There will be **NO Adoration in April**. The next Adoration will be on **Friday, May 5** following the 9:00 am Mass in the St. Lucy Chapel with Benediction at 5:00 pm.



**Congratulations Mary Spaeder,**

*SJA Fourth Grade teacher, who was chosen for a Golden Apple Award, given to 7 teachers and 1 principal from the Diocese of Harrisburg. The highest recognition given by the Diocese to principals and teachers; this honor commends the educator's professional excellence, leadership, commitment to Catholic values, and devotion to teaching in a Catholic school.*

**CCW-Communion Breakfast**

On Sunday, **April 23** after the 9:30 am Mass the CCW will hold our annual Communion Breakfast in our lovely parish social hall. Tickets are \$12.00. Reserve your table, all women of the parish are welcome. **Contact Ruth Zemba at [sjaccw@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:sjaccw@stjoanhershey.org) to make your reservation.**



## *Easter Flower Memorials In Loving Memory of:*

- ◆ *Charles Sheller, Betty & Joseph Polinitz, James Hume, Vivian, Mary and Ray Sheller from Gina Sheller*
- ◆ *John & Eleanor McElhinney, Marion Arrell, Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Cantore, Pat & Frank Wunschel Lillian & Edward McElhinney from the Cantore Family*
- ◆ *Richard Cappelli from Sandra Cappelli & Family*
- ◆ *Ellen J. Stamilio, my wonderful Wife & Artist from LTC Michael E. Stamilio*
  - ◆ *Joseph, Patricia & Tony Nestico from the Nestico Family*
- ◆ *Melvin & Dorothy Cross, Robert Rooney, Mildred Kunkle, John & Rosie Swartz from John & Colene Swartz*
- ◆ *Terrance and Greg Weir and the Deceased Borroni and Weir Families from Stephanie, Matt and Kevin Weir*
- ◆ *Deceased Members of the Peter J. McCarthy and the Roy E. Hovis Families from Fran & Barb McCarthy*
  - ◆ *Andrew & Marie Sakse, Bartolo Bruno and Albert Lashuk from their Family*
- ◆ *Carol A. Ramp, Katherine A. Stevens, Nancy R. Sheibley, Joseph G. & Mary C. Ramp from Laura Ramp*
- ◆ *Deceased Members of the Spagnolo and Nikolaus Families from Mr. & Mrs. Philip J. Spagnolo*
  - ◆ *Austin, Coleman, Reigel, Nowicki, Rozgany, Zahorchak and Fazio Families from Pam Austin and Family*
  - ◆ *Lawrence & Hilda & Patsy Bosse from James & Nancy Chandler*
- ◆ *Joseph & Madeline Capita, Vincent T. Agostino and Gloria Devine from Joanne & Cosmo Agostino*
- ◆ *Anthony R. Bellezza, Nicholas & Lucy Bellezza, Patricia Washburn, Benjamin Brewer and Frank & Antoinetta Nicholas from Anthony & Cassaundra Bellezza and Family*
- ◆ *The Byers, Fucci, Kilraine, Reed and Leo Families from Donald & Rosemary Byers*
  - ◆ *Deacon Rodrigue Mortel in loving memory from Cecile Mortel and Family*
  - ◆ *Bowman, Susi, Pronio and Modesto Families from Genie Bowman*
- ◆ *Andrew J. Hricak from Wife, Yvonne and Family*
- ◆ *Irene & Rudy Petrina and Mary Petrina Smith from Susan Irene Petrina*
  - ◆ *Adam & Josephine Rapchinski, John & Monica Rapchinski, Mary Ann Trojanowski, Richard & Elaine Moser and Dawn Rapchinski, from Dick & Pat Moser*
- ◆ *Vincent Martin from Rita Martin and Bill Martin*
- ◆ *Joseph Yashinsky, Mary & Louis Stahl, Joseph & Mary Yashinsky, Dolores Milewski, Angelas Oakum and Marie Rafferty from Helen Yashinsky*
- ◆ *Daniel McCarthy from Mary McCarthy and Family Sylvester & Eleanor McCarthy, Joseph, Margaret, Martin & Jan Stahl from Mary McCarthy*
- ◆ *The Deceased Members of the DeLuce, Garvey and Castelli Families from Dave & Tina DeLuce*
  - ◆ *The Koester and Zerbe Families from Deacon Paul & Janet Koester*
- ◆ *Paul Shiffler and the Shiffler and Ingaglio Families from Fran Shiffler*
- ◆ *Deceased Members of the Maloni and Spingola Families from Tom, Christine and Andrew Hoover*
  - ◆ *Wayne Foust, Amelia & Steno Verrazzani, Maria & Claudio Rossi, John Verrazzani, Dolores & Albert Rossi, Estenio Rossi and Enrico Rossi from Pamela Foust*
- ◆ *James & Rose Marie East, Bill & Lois Reagle, the Cassesi Family and Katherine A. Davies Dawson from David & Cecilia Reagle*
  - ◆ *Rob Hamilton and Maria Ibanez from Robert & Kathy Hamilton*
  - ◆ *Wolf & Wohlers Family Members from Stephen & Patricia Wolf*
  - ◆ *The Donovan and Teague Families from Carol Donovan*
  - ◆ *Our deceased Family Members from Nancy & Bob Chango*
  - ◆ *Maria Ibanez from Her Loving Family*



## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

### MONDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 10:

**Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15**

6:45 AM Terri Kolovich

9:00 AM Tom Deiling

### TUESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 11:

**Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18**

6:45 AM Ozzie & Helen Morelli

9:00 AM Andrew Hricak

### WEDNESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 12:

**Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35**

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

9:00 AM Janet Polto

### THURSDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 13:

**Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48**

6:45 AM Special Intentions for the Kolovich &  
General Families

9:00 AM Richard Donovan

### FRIDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 14:

**Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14**

6:45 AM Special Intentions for the Nace & Phillips  
Families

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Gangl &  
Hoerner Families

### SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 15:

**Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15**

9:00 AM Mark Somple

5:00 PM Albert Rossi

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe in him. We give thanks to the Lord for this gift of faith, especially when we gather for the breaking of the bread and prayers.*

**Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31**

7:30 AM Janet Polto

9:30 AM Pete & Elsie Marcucci and Matthew  
Pritchett

11:30 AM Ellen Bagatta

5:00 PM People of the Parish

## YOUTH NEWS

### Life Teen



**This Week: He is Risen!**

NO Life Teen or  
Sunday 5:00 pm Mass  
*Happy Easter!*

**Next Week:** "The Road to Emmaus"-We will look at the story of the Road to Emmaus in Luke:24. Bibles will be provided if you don't have one to bring along.

### 2023 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

*April 16* Life Teen-"The Road to Emmaus"

*April 23* Life Teen-Annual Service Project-  
Spring clean up

*April 30* Life Teen Senior Banquet-\*Gulp\*  
It's that time of the year again.

*May 7* Life Teen- "Mother Mary"

**EDGE (Middle School):** EDGE meets next on **April 19** as we Scripturally journey on the road to **Emmaus**. All **6-8<sup>th</sup>** graders are welcome. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month.

**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!

📧 **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 next on **April 12** as we begin our study on the **Acts of the Apostles**.

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## VOCATIONS CORNER



**"The Lord is risen, it is true!"** Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world.

Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests,  
brothers and sisters.

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) or (717) 657-4804 Ext. 282

*The Vocation Cross will be in the home of:*

*Bob & Pam Meinert: April 16-23*

*Christopher & Denise Grudi: April 23-30*

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



# SAINT JOAN OF ARC 49TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL

JUNE 8 – 9 – 10  
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 5-9:30 pm

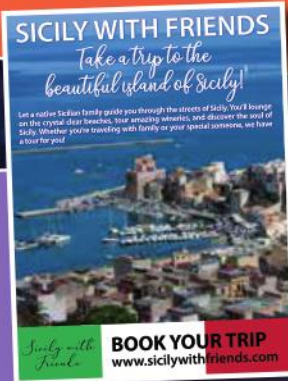
## 2023 SILENT AUCTION FEATURES

*Our Silent Auction features some very special offerings that you won't want to miss!*



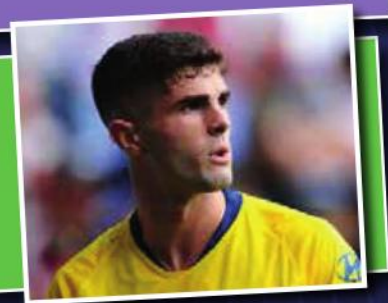
*Father Al's Dinner for 10 includes appetizers, 4 course meal, drinks and dessert! Priceless!!*

*Father Josh's Slushy Party!  
Priceless!!*



*Sicily with Friends  
Family & Friends trip, valued at \$1498  
OR Wine Tour valued at \$2200*

*Christian Pulisic Autographed Jersey  
Priceless!*



Scan this QR code for festival information

**Volunteers Needed: [www.SJAFestival.com](http://www.SJAFestival.com)**  
Please consider giving us a couple of hours of your time!  
Our Festival is a great community event, but an even better place to volunteer and catch up with your fellow parishioners.

**We can't do this without YOU!**



## Contributions for the Silent Auction and Basket Raffle

The **St. Joan of Arc Summer Festival** annually brings together its parishioners and the Hershey, PA community in a celebration of faith, fellowship, fun and friendship and, of course delicious festival food.

Back again is the very popular **Silent Auction and Basket Raffle** which are favorites for many attendees who look forward to taking chances on or bidding for special themed baskets, unique items, and special experiences.

**The festival's past success has come from the generosity of ministries, individuals, companies, and organizations in our community who graciously donate items, gift cards, services, and monetary gifts. We hope we can count on you to donate a service, gift card, free pass, monetary donation, or something memorable.**

All proceeds go to supporting parish ministries including those that foster the needs of youth (education, faith formation, scouting, and sports programs), the elderly and shut-ins, the non-profit organizations utilizing our space, our sister parish in Haiti, local organizations such as the Hershey Food Bank, and community members who are in need.

Our Summer Festival is attended by families and individuals from St. Joan of Arc, other churches, surrounding communities, and many visitors who come to Hershey for the start of their summer vacations. Your support is a great way to advertise and highlight your mission/purpose. We acknowledge all sponsors via social media, The Sun, and our Sunday bulletin. We'll also place your business card/logo next to your item(s).

We respectfully ask that you provide any donations by **May 7, 2023**. Please contact us at [makingbear1@gmail.com](mailto:makingbear1@gmail.com) to pick up any donation or simply drop it off or mail it to St. Joan of Arc Parish Office at 305 W. Areba Avenue, Hershey, PA 17033. Our Tax-Exempt Number is 23-1352456.

On behalf of our Pastor, Father Al Sceski, parish staff, and Festival Committee, we sincerely thank you for your consideration and generosity to St. Joan of Arc Parish. Please help us achieve our financial goals so we can continue to help those in need and ministry work.

With our gratitude and prayer,

Mary Ann King, Karen Czarny, Mary Parsons, and Jean Marie Fischer, SJA Festival Silent Auction & Basket Committee

**SJA SCHOOL  
"NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS"**



**Annual Night of Knights Gala**  
Saturday, April 22

Please visit the school website:  
<http://school.stjoanhershey.org/night-of-knights-gala.html>

**St. Joan of Arc School Enrollment is NOW OPEN!**  
Visit: <http://school.stjoanhershey.org> or call the school at (717) 533-2854, ask for the Office of Development, Mrs. Deb Rizzotto.

**St. Joan of Arc School STEM summer camp registration is NOW OPEN!**

Please visit the school website or scan the QR code to register.



**SJA Alumni** are invited:

*Mass and Mingling; an Alumni Event*

on Saturday, **May 13** 5:00 pm Mass at the School on Sand Hill followed by a Beef and Beer Reception. **RSVP:**  
<https://www.greenelope.com/event/2023-SJA-Alumni-event>

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**Mother's Day**

**Hanging Basket Flower Sale**

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The Parish office is **CLOSED** Monday, April 10 and will reopen on Tuesday, April 11 at 8:00 am.

**GEORGE'S**  
INTERNATIONAL TOURS



**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**

You are invited to join Father Josh Weaver on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **January 2-12, 2024**. The pilgrimage includes: Daily Mass at holy sites; licensed Catholic guide; hotel accommodations for five nights in Jerusalem, three nights in Tiberias on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, one night in Netanya; breakfast and dinner daily; land transportation by deluxe motorcoach; roundtrip motorcoach from Harrisburg to Washington Dulles Airport; roundtrip economy airfare from Washington Dulles with Lufthansa; and more.

**For complete details:** contact Karen Hurley at [k.m.hurley1@gmail.com](mailto:k.m.hurley1@gmail.com) or George's I International Tours at (800)-566-7499, [sales@georgesintl.com](mailto:sales@georgesintl.com) or visit [www.georgesintl.com](http://www.georgesintl.com).

**2023 Ministry List-Update**

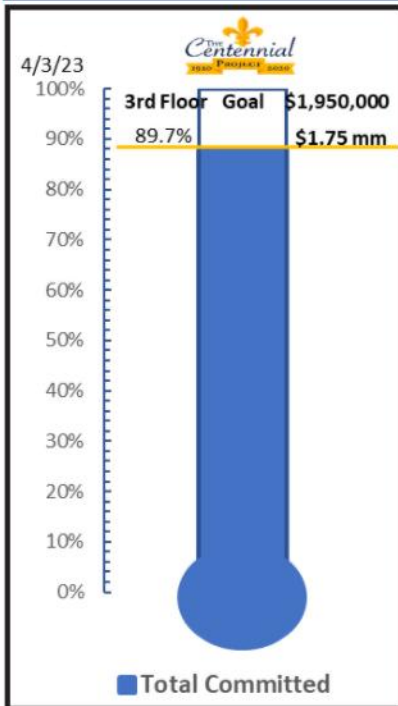
Stop by the parish office if you would like an updated copy of the Ministry Contact List. Any questions, call Bridget at (717) 533-7168 Ext. 112.

2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign



We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin:  
**CREEKVIEW LAWN & LANDSCAPE LLC**

## CENTENNIAL PROJECT



Happy Easter to you and your families. May you experience the joy and renewal of the Resurrection and the beauty of Spring!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor renovation project will soon be underway. The last piece needed for commencement is the General Contractor selection. Bids were due on April 6<sup>th</sup>, and of this Easter date, the choice has likely been made. The next two weeks will be focused on obtaining permits and we anticipate

beginning plumbing mods by mid-month. Other trades will start as needed to facilitate plumbing operations until the full mobilization of all contractors by June 9, 2023.

In other news, St. Joan of Arc School underwent a Middle-States accreditation audit during the week of March 20<sup>th</sup>. This three-day review occurs every seven years. We are pleased to report that the audit team verbally recommended recertification of our school in their exit meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. A special note of thanks to admin., faculty, and volunteers who spent countless hours over several years in preparation for this important achievement.

Accreditation, along with our Blue-Ribbon status and S.T.E.M. certification clearly underscore that the academic curriculum at St. Joan is second to none. More importantly, an education at St. Joan is not only academically rigorous, but also grounded in our Catholic faith.

The success of our new school would not be possible without your financial support. Your dollars are an investment in the mission of our Parish, that is, passing on our Catholic heritage to the next generation through education and worship.

You can view a three and a half-minute video on the positive impact of the new school on the students:

<https://www.youtube.com/watchv=7Sm0ELXDZhk>

or enjoy a virtual tour of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor expansion at:

<https://youtu.be/S0zANsm3Xvo>



## STEWARDSHIP

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

**Weekly Tithing: \$27,086**

**Weekly Budget: \$28,269**

**Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,493**

**Catholic Relief: \$4,281**



*Week of March 26, 2023*



The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, **April 12** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Social Hall to stuff envelopes for our Festival mailing. Please consider joining us for our planning meetings. **Any questions, contact Karen at [karencwilley@gmail.com](mailto:karencwilley@gmail.com).**

### Festival Jewelry Committee

We are currently accepting jewelry donations. Please bring your "treasures" to the parish office. **Any questions or desire to work with the committee, contact Aura at (717) 503-1889.**

### Fun Festival Fact

*Did you know that we sell sausage sandwiches and meatball subs at the festival? Our sausage comes from the famous Pronio's Market and our meatballs are homemade!*

### Visit [www.SJA Festival.com](http://www.SJA Festival.com)

You will find a form in the back of the church that will have questions regarding all the fun facts that are published. **How to win a prize:** Drop off your completed form at the festival. You must fill out the form in its entirety and be correct in your answers to win. Several winners will be chosen each night.

**Should you have any questions, contact Katie & Stephen Katsch at [kkatsch1019@gmail.com](mailto:kkatsch1019@gmail.com).**

### Sign Up Genius

**Sign up to volunteer ~**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a45aeaa2ba6fb6-stjoan>

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