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August 13, 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 Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm 5:00-5:30 pm

Ordinary Time

"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14:31

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Dearest Mother, assumed into Heaven, you are the Immaculate Conception, the Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. As we honor your glorious Assumption into Heaven, please pray for me and all your children. In Heaven, you are honored by your Son and your prayers are most effective. I believe this with all my heart and entrust myself, my family, our Church, and the entire world to your motherly care and intercession. Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.



















PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: Bob Rock, Martha Duquette, Gloria Venezia, Donna Miller, Kelly Hennigan Campbell, Christine Brunn, Elizabeth Sauthoff, Maggie & Dave Dull, Christopher Jordan, Fred Bender, Barbara Kayser and Mary Beth Sheehan.

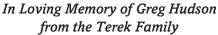
Call the parish office to add a name to the prayer list. Reminder: Names will remain on the list for six weeks.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Blessed Mother

In Loving Memory of Dolores Gensemer from the Gensemer Family

Saint Joseph





The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MONDAY, AUGUST 14 VIGIL MASS AT 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 MASS AT 6:45 AM, 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners & guide us on the way that leads to heaven

Pope Francis



Holy Family Radio will hold a 12th Anniversary Open House on Thursday, August 24 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The day will feature studio tours, refreshments, and door prizes. It's a chance for you to meet the staff and volunteers of your Catholic Radio Station.

Radio AM 720 WHYF

Holy Family Everyone is invited to this free celebration at the WHYF Broadcast Center, 8 West Main Street, Shiremanstown.

For more information contact the station at (717) 525-8110 or visit: https://www.720whyf.com/

PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY SUNDAY FOLLOWING 9:30 AM MASS



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, AUGUST 14: MEMORIAL OF SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR

Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

6:45 AM Charles McElwee 9:00 AM Tom Sotack, Sr. 6:00 PM Robert Alwein

Tuesday, August 15:

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

6:45 AM Antonio Marciano 9:00 AM Ian Christopher DeWolf

7:00 PM Henry Ettel and Kenneth Ettel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16:

MEMORIAL OF ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGRY

Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

6:45 AM Tillie Stover

9:00 AM Scott C. Lewandowski

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17:

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 - 19:1

6:45 AM Mary Detweiler

9:00 AM Emily Shifflet

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18:

Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

6:45 AM For the Intentions of all our Parish Volunteers

9:00 AM Matthew Santorsiero

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19:

Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

9:00 AM Edward & Dorothy Lewis

5:00 PM Stanley H. Nowicki

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20: TWENTIETH SUNDAY

All peoples are invited to worship the Lord and know his ways. God's gifts and his call are to Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus comes to recognize the universality of God's call in granting the request of the Canaanite woman.

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

7:30 AM Deceased Members of

the Perry and Blose Families

9:30 AM Joseph M. Holubek

11:30 AM Josephine Testa

5:00 PM People of the Parish

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen: Leading Teens Closer to Christ

This Week: No Life Teen

Next Week: "Back to School Prayer Service"-Let's prepare our hearts and minds for the school year.

2023 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

Aug 20Life Teen-Back to School Prayer ServiceAug 27Life Teen-"Fit for a King"Sept 3No Life Teen-Labor Day WeekendSept 10Life Teen-"Power Packed"

EDGE (Middle School): EDGE returns September 6. Invite your friends for a fun night as we celebrate the beginning of a new year. All 6-8th graders are welcome to join us. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the Youth Room.

Donations Always Appreciated:

Donations of *single-serve: water, juice, soda, and snacks* for our youth ministry gatherings are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you!

Sunday Night 5:00 PM Life Teen Mass:

Attention high schoolers, if you are interested in helping at the mass, please consider volunteering to pass out song sheets, usher for the mass, and lector.

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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 **August 23** as we continue our study on the *Acts of the Apostles*, **chapters 16-17**.

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VOCATIONS CORNER

Jesus is with us to help us do what may seem impossible. Have faith that you will not sink. Listen for his voice of encouragement.

If God may be calling you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, visit our website at www.hbgdiocese.org, or

Contact Fr. Joshua Weaver, Vocation Director: frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org or (717) 657-4804 Ext. 282



The Vocation Cross will be in the home of: Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Buser & Family: Aug. 20-27 Eugenie Gangl: Aug. 27-Sept. 3

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

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HAPPENINGS & EVENTS



Festival Volunteer Appreciation Party! August 26

(following the 5:00 pm Mass at the Areba Campus near the playground)

Save the Date



With your help, we had our best Festival ever and we want to thank our volunteers, and celebrate our success, and hear your ideas for our 50th Anniversary Festival!

We'll serve burgers and dogs. You bring a covered dish to share, beverage and a lawn chair.

We look forward to seeing all of our volunteers!

RSVP to Karen at karencwilley@gmail.com **no later than August 18** so we know how many to plan for and what you might bring.

Harrisburg Council of Catholic Women Save the Date



All women of the Diocese are invited to join us at the Fall Mini Retreat, a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist on Saturday, September 16.

The retreat will be held at the Saint Katherine Drexel Church, 1 Peter Drive, Mechanicsburg. Our keynote speaker will be Betsy Schaedler. The day begins with registration (info. to follow) at 8:45 am.

If you have questions, please contact Terri Gelles at (717) 398-9023 or email:tgelles@comcast.net.



Partner with Morning Star Pregnancy Services to help women, children and families in Central PA. Held on **Saturday, September 16**, at Harrisburg's City Island, Morning Star's annual Shooting Star 5K Run and Walk for Life is a fun event for the entire family. There will be musical entertainment, City Island train rides and carousel, bounce house, free pancake breakfast and more! Prizes and medals will be awarded to the top overall male and female runner and the first place runners in each age category, and medals to the second and third place runners. Special prizes will be awarded to the top fundraisers!

Go to <u>www.SupportMorningStar.com</u> for more information and to register.

Women of Grace Foundational Studies

Seven Sorrows Catholic Church in Middletown will host Saturday Mornings 9:00-11:00 am beginning **September 9 through November 11**. (Excludes October 21) **Contact Chris Arnold**

at carnold@womenofgrace.com or (717) 379-6041.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Training Sessions

The following training sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held in the Diocese:

- Saturday, August 19, 2023 Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Gettysburg, Father Stephen Kelley, 10 AM to Noon
- Tuesday, August 29, 2023 Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Gettysburg, Father Stephen Kelley, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- Tuesday, September 5, 2023 Diocesan Center, Harrisburg, Father Joshua Weaver, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- Saturday, September 16, 2023 Corpus Christi Parish, Chambersburg, Deacon Daniel Signore, 10 AM to Noon
- Wednesday, September 20, 2023 Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Gettysburg, Father Stephen Kelley, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Diocesan Center, Harrisburg, Father Joshua Weaver, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- Thursday, October 19, 2023 Diocesan Center, Harrisburg, Father Joshua Weaver, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Please register by going to the Diocese of Harrisburg's website. The training sessions can be found under Welcome, Office for Divine Worship, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

 $\underline{\text{https://www.hbgdiocese.org/liturgy-worship-and-prayer/liturgical-catechesis-and-ministry-training/extraordinary-ministers-of-holy-communion/}$

MINISTRY NEWS



Areba Club

Join the Areba Club on **Tuesday**, **August 15** at 1:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall for an ice cream social. We hope to see you there! **Please contact Yvonne Martin at (717) 838-1535 with any questions**.

Hershey Food Bank & Monetary Collection:

Next Collection: September 2 & 3



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 12:30 pm in Room 316. Any questions, contact Peggy Stapleton at (717) 838-9729.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Saint Joan of Arc music ministries are actively seeking parishioners who may be interested in one or more of the following:

SJA Adult Choir:

The choir is actively seeking to increase the number of members in the group. All voice parts are needed at this time, especially sopranos and altos. High school and college students are more than welcome to participate as their individual schedules permit. Choir regularly sings at the 9:30 am Sunday Mass in addition to special Holy days and liturgies throughout the year. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:15, September through early May.

Resurrection Choir:

The Resurrection Choir is composed of volunteers who, as their individual schedules allow, participate in the funeral liturgies at St. Joan of Arc. The function of the Resurrection Choir is to lead and support the singing of those in attendance at funeral Masses. Presently, the Resurrection Choir does not schedule rehearsals.

Cantors:

Cantors lead the singing for Sunday and holyday liturgies. The main function of the cantor is to proclaim the Responsorial Psalm from the ambo and chant the verse of the Gospel Acclamation. Assistance is always available to cantors both in learning new music and reviewing what is familiar. Cantors are scheduled as their time permits.

If you are even slightly interested and/or have any questions regarding these ministries, please contact Mike Davis, Director of Music, through the parish office or directly following any of the weekend Masses.

Faith Enrichment-Room 321

We will be watching "The Chosen" mini series beginning:

- Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30 pm
- Thursday, September 7 at 10:00 am

Join us as we explore this very well produced telling of the Gospels from the perspective of the Apostles. Any questions, please contact Earl Tropp at (717) 533-7168 Ext. 122.

RCIA-Room 321

Sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 in Room 321. Come join us to explore the beauty of the Catholic faith. If interested, contact Earl Tropp at (717) 533-7168 Ext. 122.

Grief Companion Support Group Social

Have you recently lost a loved one? Please know you are not alone. Counter isolation and meet others. Find continued meaning in life and living and provide hope for healing. For more information, call or text Christine Stickler at (717) 514-2560.

Road to Kindness

August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let's recognize Mary with a special prayer that many children learn as they go



through school and the religious education program. You can teach your children to say this prayer. There is a special plaque by the Blessed Mother's grotto that has this prayer engraved on it in memory of Anthony R. Bellezza. Anthony learned this prayer from his Nanny (grandmother), and he loved to recite it after Sunday masses in the Blessed Mother's grotto.

"LOVELY LADY DRESSED IN BLUE"

Lovely Lady dressed in blue – Teach me how to Pray!
God was your little Boy, tell me what to say!
Did you lift Him up, sometimes, gently on your knee?
Did you sing to Him the way Mother does to me?
Did you hold His hand at night?
Did you ever try telling stories of the world?
O! And did He cry?

Do you really think He cares if I tell Him things – Little things that happen?

And, do the Angels' wings make a noise? And can He hear Me if I speak low?

Does He understand me now? Tell me – for you know. Lovely Lady dressed in blue – Teach me how to pray! God was your little Boy and you know the Way.

Mary's Kindness and Teachings continue to carry us through our days! Thank you for following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!"

Caelorum: There will be no Caelorum in August. You have our prayers for a fruitful summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in September. If you have any questions, please call Lou at (717) 215-4175.

EMPLOYMENT





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

First Grade Teacher

- **Second Grade Teacher**
- Middle School Religion **Teacher**

Cafeteria Kitchen Helper: 9:00-1:15 or even longer if willing to clean the cafeteria after lunch.

Cafeteria Monitor: 10:30-1:15

Call Sister Eileen at (717) 533-2854 or email: sreileen@stjoanhershey.org.

REP registration is now Open!

Registrations can be made from the Church website under Education Tab.

2023 Tuition: \$100 for 1 child; \$115 for 2 children; and \$130 for 3 or more.

Catechists needed: We are currently looking for Catechists for Wednesday afternoon REP sessions. We currently have openings for $3^{rd}/4^{th}/5^{th}$ & 6th grades. We also have an opening for 4^{th} grade on Sunday mornings. If interested please call Earl Tropp at (717) 533-7168 Ext. 122 or etropp@stjoanhershey.org.



Our religious education program makes every effort to accommodate those with special needs. Currently we do not have a dedicated class, but options are available for students which could include a helper to provide 1:1 assistance in the regular REP class based on the needs of the

child, or identifying a volunteer to provide instruction to your child outside of the classroom.

For more information, please contact Earl Tropp.

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

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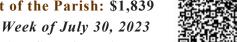


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Peter's Pence September 10, 2023



For more information and to register, visit: https://www.hbgdiocese.org/creation/ There are flyers at the back of the church with the schedule for your convenience.



Calendar Collection

Calendars are being collected for Spring Creek Nursing Home Residents now through November. Donations can be placed in the box at the back of the Church.

Any questions, call Marie Bowman at (717) 679-5729.

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