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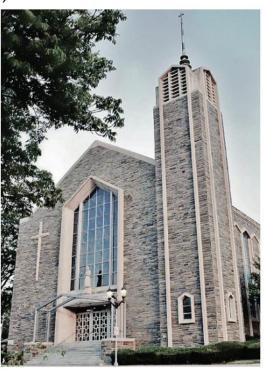
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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)

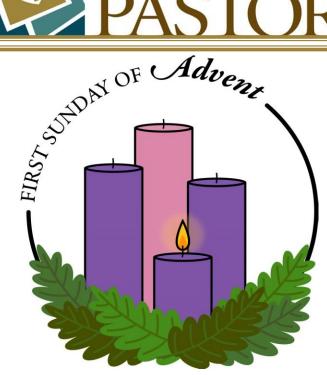
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 5:00-5:30 pm

Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm







Advent Prayer

Lord, send down Your Spirit to guide me during Advent this year. May the Holy Spirit help me journey closer to You and lift me up when I feel down and lead me when I feel lost. I may stumble at times, but, I know my ultimate journey is to draw closer to You and build Your kingdom here on earth—a kingdom that Jesus's birth, life and death helped secure. Amen.

WATCH, THEREFORE; YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE LORD IS COMING

Mark 13:35

SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of *Lawrence Santana* who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy to his family 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: Ann Cavanaugh, Michael Fleming, Julie Fogarty, Anne Severs, Barb McCarthy, Elizabeth Sauthoff, Joe Zugay, Kathleen Weiss, Christine Brunn, Maggie & Dave Dull, Christopher Jordan, Fred Bender, Barbara Kayser and Mary Beth Sheehan.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Saint Joseph

In Loving Memory of
Joseph & Patricia Nestico
from their loving family

Blessed Mother

In Loving Memory of
Rose & Silvio "Zack" Zaccagnini
from their loving family



HOLY HOUR of GRACE

Friday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation.

There will be a holy hour from noon to 1:00 pm in the church. After the 7:00 pm

evening mass there will be an evening Holy Hour to pray for the end of abortion with exposition and benediction of the blessed sacrament.



2023 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24

CHURCH (AREBA AVE)
4:00 PM livestream | 8:00 PM | MIDNIGHT
SCHOOL GYM (SAND HILL CAMPUS)
4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25

CHURCH (AREBA AVE)
9:00 AM livestream | 11:00 AM

New Year's Day JANUARY 1 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, December 4: SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST

Is 2: 1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Robert Joseph Billy 6:45 AM

9:00 AMPeggy Sillner

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5:

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

6:45 AM Rosemary Best

Vassar Cooper 9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6: SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Terry Boyd 6:45 AM

For the deceased and living members of the 9:00 AM

Deaven & Meyers Families

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND **DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

6:45 AM Pat Martin 9:00 AM Mary Butch

6:00 рм Pat & Ruthmarie Tierney

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8:

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

6:45 AM Mary Lebo

9:00 AM Theresa K. Freisen 7:00 рм Aaron David Vargo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Marie Rafferty 9:00 AM

5:00 рм Lou Santangelo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we await new heavens and a new earth, let us make clear the way of the Lord by being servants of justice, truth and peace.

Second Sunday

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Matthew 3:3

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

7:30 AM Special Intentions for all our Parish

Volunteers

9:30 AM People of the Parish 11:30 AM Josephine Testa

5:00 PM Mary Wendling

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen: Leading Teens Closer to Christ

This Week: "How to Read Scripture"- We will learn how to read the Bible in the context in which is was written. Bring a bible and I'll bring the crayons.

Next Week: "White Elephant Gift Exchange"-Bring a small, wrapped gift worth around \$5 to participate in this hilarious night of exchanging gifts among your friends. If you can't afford one, I'll have extra gifts, so everyone is included.

2023 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule



Dec 17

Dec 10 Life Teen-"White Elephant Gift Exchange" Reconciliation Service-We join

the parish for the Advent

Reconciliation Service.

No Life Teen-Merry Christmas! No Life Teen but we will have the Life Teen Mass-Happy New Year!

EDGE (Middle School): Invite your friends for a fun night. We will meet next on December 6 & 20. All 6-8th graders are welcome to join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the Youth Room from 7-8:15 pm.

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 December 13 for the annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a wrapped gift of not more than \$10 to share with the group.

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VOCATIONS CORNER

Advent Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and ever living God, in this Holy Season of Advent, time of anticipation for the coming of Your Son, time filled with hope, love and peace, may the hearts of many men and women be moved to follow you in priestly or religious vocations. May this time of preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, the Word of God, the Light of Nations, give them grace to generously respond to God's plan in their lives. Amen.



The Vocation Cross will be in the home of: Mary Parsons: Dec. 10-17 John & Karen Shiffler: Dec. 17-24

"Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert." Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at (717) 657-4804 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org

HAPPENINGS & EVENTS



Hand-Carved Olive Wood Gifts from the Holy Land

Proceeds benefit Catholic schools in the Holy Land. December 2 & 3 Church/Social Hall (weather dependent)

Did you know that 600 Christian families living in Bethlehem are completely dependent on carving olive wood figurines for their livelihood? The recent clashes in the Middle East and Covid-19 have stopped the tourism industry in Bethlehem, causing most of

those families serious harm in earning their living and forcing many of them to leave their homeland. In addition to Covid-19, the local government didn't offer any help for the families who make these holy items, simply because they are Christians. As a result of these actions by the local government, the Christian families are devastated. Emptying the land of Christ from Christians can have tragic consequences on the Holy sites. Ramzi from "Bethlehem Arts" came to the United States with a mission to help those families by selling their beautiful religious handicrafts. The cost of goods goes to benefit the Christian carvers to keep them working in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the profit from sales goes directly to the needy Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land. The Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops and dioceses of Jerusalem.

Seven Sorrows Parish Presents Live Nativity: A Journey to Bethlehem on December 8

Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Middletown is presenting a live nativity on the parish grounds on **Friday, December 8** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place in the church parking lot, which will be transformed into Bethlehem, the place of Jesus's birth. Parking is free and available in the school lots. Overflow parking is available at GIANT and along side streets. All visitors must go through the school's Door #4 to enter the queue. The live nativity is located on the campus of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish at 360 E. Water Street, Middletown, PA 17057.

For more information go to https://www.ssbvm.org/live-nativity

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

Charismatic Healing Mass-St. Theresa's

The next Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing will be held on Tuesday, **December 5** at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa in New Cumberland. Rev. Matthew E. Cannon, Parochial Vicar will be the Celebrant. **For more information, call Mary Ann at (717) 512-3628 or Vicki at (717) 364-6260**.

Christmas Bake Sale Saint Ann Byzantine Catholic Church

Selling Homemade nut rolls, Perohi and Smoked Kielbasa in the parish hall at 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA on **Saturday, December 9** from 9 am to noon. The Homemade nut, apricot and poppy seed rolls will be sold for \$12. The Perohi are sold frozen by the dozen, flavors are, potato & cheese, cabbage, sauerkraut, and prune. Farmer Cheese perohi are 10 per bag. The Perohi are \$7 per bag and the kielbasa is \$8. Cash, personal checks with ID & most credit cards are welcome. No orders will be taken, sale is on a first come, first served basis.



Collection bins are in the back of the church and at the parish office. Drop off new, unwrapped

toys by December 10. Any questions, call the school at (717) 533-2854 or email Deb Rizzotto at drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org



THE EPIPHANY ITALIAN MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 AT 12:15 PM
SAINT PATRICK CATHEDRAL
212 State Street, Harrisburg
Reverend Joshua Brommer, Celebrant
Please join us for the Holy Mass
Italian reception after Mass
For information please contact:
Maria DiSanto at (717) 554-5698
disanto1@comcast.net
Mariella Amato at (717) 278-9420

PRAY THE ROSARY
EVERY SUNDAY FOLLOWING
9:30 AM MASS

MINISTRY NEWS

Building a Culture of Life

"Those who advocate euthanasia have capitalized on people's confusion, ambivalence and even fear about the use of modern life-prolonging technologies. Being able to choose the time and manner of one's death, without regard to what is chosen is presented as the ultimate freedom."

Pope John Paul II

Hershey Food Bank & Monetary Collection:

This weekend: December 2 & 3

Did you know? The Hershey food bank provides food, non-perishables, meats, dairy, breads and

desserts, produce, including fruit, **paper products**, **diapers**, **and personal care items** to all registered clients. They select what they need, when they shop.

Thank you for your support.

Road to Kindness

Advent Season is such a special time in our church year and one that connects perfectly into our Kindness Program. We are excited to commence our 7th annual Advent Kindness Program.

The Listing of the 25 Acts of Kindness will be posted on the St. Joan of Arc website. Keep a printed copy so you can track all the kindness acts that you and your family do during this Advent Season. The more you participate, the more the beauty of the Advent Season will brighten your hearts and the hearts of those who are the receiving your Kindness!

Kindness activities and gifts are also being coordinated at our school, REP, Life Teen, and the Edge programs! These gifts are being given on behalf of the Anthony R. Bellezza Memorial. We get so excited to see our students enjoyment during the Advent Season and watching them perform Kindness Acts!

Become inspired and show someone that you Care - - this is God's Way - "The Road to Kindness!" Embrace Kindness this Advent Season and it will become contagious! Blessings to you! Enjoy this wonderful Advent Season and have a week filled with Kindness!

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Girl Scouts with their Poinsettia Sale this year! The Scouts wish you all a very Merry Christmas!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1:00-3:00 pm in Room 314. Join us to knit or crochet prayer shawls and lap robes. No experience necessary! We are happy to teach beginners. Please contact Norberta (Bert) Curran at (302) 228-9735 or Kathy Palmer at (717) 566-1481 with any questions.

Caelorum

Please join us in the Church at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 13. Father Key will preside. Join your Brothers and Sisters in Christ as we praise, worship and adore our Lord Jesus Christ in his most holy presence in the Eucharist. A reception will be held afterwards in the Library. If you have any questions, please call Lou at (717) 215-4175.

Grief Companion Support Group Social

Join us for a holiday luncheon on **Saturday**, **December 9** at 11:30 at Mangia Mangia in Hershey. All are welcome. RSVP requested. All are welcome. **Call or text Christine Stickler at (717) 514-2560**.



The Knight of Columbus are offering beautiful, accurately true images of Our Lady of Guadalupe in an effort to spread the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote the charitable works of the Knights. The icon is made by a Catholic business in

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.

We have three sizes available:

Miniature (5"x 8.5") - \$12 Family (35" x 20.5") - \$59 Original (67" x 41") - \$199

If you are interested in bringing Our Lady of Guadalupe into your home or business contact a Knight and we can arrange a time to meet at the church so you can inspect the icon and answer any questions you would have. In addition, look for us during the monthly food collections at the masses where the original sized tilma will be on display.



We thank you for your support of the Knights at St. Joan of Arc and spreading the message of the beginning of Catholic evangelization in the Americas.

Visit: https://www.kofc6693.org/our-lady-of-guadalupe

Sensory Friendly Mass

A mass for persons with sensory sensitivity or other disabilities will be held on **Sunday**, **December 17** 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.



Catholic War Veterans will meet in Room 311 on **Tuesday, December 12** at 5:30 pm. All Veterans are welcome to attend and learn more about our organization.

Any questions, contact Robert DeSousa at cpjag@yahoo.com.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Giving Tree Program 2023 is underway! The parishioners of St. Joan of Arc have been very generous in the past in creating a blessed Christmas for our neighbors in need.

Trees decorated with ornaments listing recipients and suggested gifts are in the church.

If all the ornaments are

taken before you have chosen one, you can make a donation to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul or the Hershey Food Bank and bring it to the Parish Center Library during the gift collection times listed below. You can also give electronically on the St. Joan of Arc online giving page under St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree.

Gifts and donations with the ornament attached will be collected in the LIBRARY ONLY before and after Masses on Saturday, December 9 (5:00 pm Mass only) & until 1:00 pm on Sunday, December 10.

Please note we cannot collect gifts before and after the Sunday, Dec. 10th 5:00 Mass as the organizations pick up the gifts earlier in the day.

Gifts will be distributed to local families in need, Morningstar (pro-life pregnancy center), Catholic Worker House, and various Catholic Charities: Lourdes house (home for pregnant women and infants), Interfaith Shelter (homeless families), Foster Care (for children to be placed), Shalom House (shelter for abused women and children), Evergreen (substance abuse shelter), Our twinning St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Jamaica, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at SJA and the Hershey Food Bank.

Thank you for your continued support.



Oplatki Wafers are available at the Parish Office or at the back of the church. The wafers are \$3 per pack or 2 packs for \$5.

The Festival Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office to plan our Parish's 50th Annual Festival! If anyone would like to attend, we'd love to have you! Or, if you cannot attend but would like to share some ideas of how we can incorporate '50' into the planning, or if you have any memories or photos of our first festival, and / or what you'd like to see at our 2024 Festival, please contact Karen Willey at karencwilley@gmail.com.



STEWARDSHIP

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Weekly Tithing: \$37,273 Weekly Budget: \$28,846

Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$2,745

Week of November 19, 2023



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DECEMBER 10 SPECIAL COLLECTION



Please donate to help thousands of elderly religious individuals retire with dignity. Your donation will provide essential care, medicine and other necessities for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have served for decades-

usually with little or no pay. Let us show our appreciation by generously supporting those who have given so much.

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

Christmas at the Barn

On **December 16** from 6-8 pm at the school on Sand Hill. Enjoy the live nativity, a visit from St. Nicholas, crafts, hot chocolate and cookies and several local vendors. Don't miss this special event!

Night of Knights Gala

Save the date for April 20, 2024 for the Night of Knights Gala. This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize, dine and bid on fantastic auction items to benefit St. Joan of Arc School. More details to follow. Call the school with any questions and how to donate.

EMPLOYMENT

WINGS Program: Positions available for our after-school program from 3-6:00 pm.

- Monday through Friday; Flexible Hours
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