Advent SECOND WEEK

St. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 10, 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
5:00-5:30 pm	4:00-4:45 pm







I mentioned in my homily last week that this year's Season of Advent is the shortest one possible. The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on December 24th, which means that what is normally a week long is only around four hours this

year! As of today, we have two weeks to prepare for Christmas! As you do all the things in preparing for Christmas—shopping, putting up the *Christmas tree, decorating the house, sending Christmas cards, planning travel, etc.—don't* forget to prepare spiritually as well! Take some time to pray that this will be a peaceful *Christmas*—*peace in your family, in our country* and in the world, especially in those places where there is anything but peace—only more war and violence and bloodshed. We proclaim Jesus Christ as the "Prince of Peace." He tells his disciples that the peace he gives is different than that which the world can give. The world can achieve a ceasefire in war, a commitment to non-aggression between nations, and a laving down of arms. As *important as those things are, it does not bring* peace to our troubled souls. Jesus brings the peace that can only come from faith, hope and love. Even when the world is "going to hell in a handbasket," we can experience peace. The saints understand this. Pray, trust, give your energies to that which is truly important—family, friends, worship of God and right living. Only then will you experience the peace that the Advent and Christmas Seasons are truly all about!

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

SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of Joseph Clark, Lillian Vigliotta, Helen Randazzo, Ronald Spillman, father of Betsy Gensemer, Thomas Rakszawski, father of Kevin Rakszawski and Rita Ruggiero, mother of Fran Ruggiero who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy 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: Sheila Curley, Ann Cavanaugh, Michael Fleming, Julie Fogarty, 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



Main Altar Vase In Loving Memory of Josephine Testa from Kathleen & Dick Saint Joseph & Blessed Mother In Honor of our Parents

from Milton & Edna Brice





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



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, December 11: Saint Damasus I, Pope

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

6:45 AM Special Intentions for Mary Kate Grzyboski 9:00 AM Shirley Delinsky

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12:

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 6:45 AM Edna Mae Tuschak

9:00 AM Donald Eline

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR Is 40-25-31; Mt 11:28-30

6:45 AM John Mihalik 9:00 AM Steno Verrazzani

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

6:45 AM Phyllis DeAngelo 9:00 AM Ofilia Taraschi Schaeffer

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15:

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

 6:45 AM In celebration of Tim & Justine Matas' 28th Wedding Anniversary
 9:00 AM Edward Bixler

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

9:00 AM Scott Joseph Newkam 5:00 PM Emily Shifflet

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he, one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God.

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

7:30 AM John & Margaret Welsh
9:30 AM Francis J. Nooney
11:30 AM People of the Parish
5:00 PM Mary Detweiler

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen: Leading Teens Closer to Christ

This 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.

Next Week: "Parish Reconciliation Service"- Happy Advent! Life Teen will join the rest of the parish in a Reconciliation Service. It's always a great idea to go to Confession before Christmas.

2023 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule



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.



Life Teen Band: If you enjoy the type of music at the 5pm Sunday mass and can sing, Life Teen music ministry is seeking a female vocalist. The band rehearses one night a week and you must at least be a freshman in high school. Interested or questions, contact Greg Rozman at (717) 571-8066 or email rozman@roz-man.com.

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. **()** John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org **()** (717) 533-7168 Ext.128

VOCATIONS CORNER

The Vocation Cross will be in the home of: John & Karen Shiffler: Dec. 17-24 Chris & Maribeth O' Hara & Family: Dec. 24-31

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

"A voice is calling." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at(717) 657-4804 or via email: yocations@hbgdiocese.org



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Third Sunday

HAPPENINGS & EVENTS



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 cptjag@yahoo.com**.

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.



The **Knight of Columbus** are offering beautiful, 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 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.

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: <u>https://www.kofc6693.org/our-lady-of-</u> guadalupe

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



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 <u>disanto1@comcast.net</u> or Mariella Amato at (717) 278-9420

SAVE THE DATE HDCCW 98th ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women would like to invite all women of the Diocese to hold the date for the 98th Annual Convention. Our theme this year is "Be Still & Listen". The convention will take place **Saturday, April 6, 2024**, with registration and continental breakfast beginning at 8:00 at the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg. Annie McHugh will be our keynote speaker. Please watch for additional details.

SAVE THE DATE 2024 Men's Conference

Mark your calendars, gentlemen! The 2024 Men's Conference is **Saturday, April 20, 2024**. Bring your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your cousins, your friends, your co-workers, and join us for "St. Joseph: The Carpenter's Table," featuring Jon Leonetti. Registration opens soon.



Thank you for the donated items for the Personal Care Closet. St. Joan has been very generous. Here is an updated list of items most needed:

- \Rightarrow Ladies Deodorant
- \Rightarrow Women's Razors
- \Rightarrow Overnight Feminine Pads
- \Rightarrow MAX Incontinence Pads
- \Rightarrow Kleenex/Facial Tissues
- \Rightarrow Paper Towels
- \Rightarrow Dish Detergent
- \Rightarrow Liquid Laundry Detergent (20-30 loads)

There is a plastic tub in the Church vestibule where you can drop off your donations. Thanks again for your generosity!

MINISTRY NEWS

Building a Culture of Life

"Euthanasia and assisted suicide are never acceptable acts of mercy. They always gravely exploit the suffering and desperate, extinguishing life in the name of the 'quality of life' itself."

Pope John Paul II



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 1:00 pm in Room 316. Any questions, contact Peggy

Stapleton at (717) 838-9729.

Road to Kindness

There are wonderful Kindness Acts included in the **25 Acts of Kindness (visit the Church website)** for the Advent Season. One kind act that can be done



every day is to Say a Prayer for a family member, friend or for anyone that may need our prayers! Who will you say your prayer for?

Saying a prayer for someone is an Act of Kindness. Mother Teresa said that "Every Kind Act is A Prayer!" Coming from the website, One Million Act of Kindness. "Kindness is belief and faith in action, embodied by prayer. Every time you perform a kind act, it fulfills someone's need, someone's wish, someone's prayer. Having someone's prayer answered because of your kind actions is the power behind prayer. A Kind Act is a prayer, and a prayer is a Kind Act."

Can you imagine if everyone said a prayer every day this week or every day this Advent Season for someone? It's so easy to take a few moments and say a prayer! We know several people that are in need of our prayers, and we are committed to saying a special prayer for each of them! Blessings to you! Enjoy this wonderful Advent Season and have a week filled with Kindness!

Respect Life Resource Center

in the Lending Library area! (off the main church vestibule)



For help with an unplanned pregnancy: Morning Star Clinic (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 prm@hbgdiocese.org

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, location TBD. If you have any questions, please call Lou at (717) 215-4175.

Hershey Food Bank & Monetary Collection:

Thank you for your support. We will resume collections for 2024 beginning in February. Collections will be the first weekend of each month.



Arimathea Ministry

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 helps 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.

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.

THIS WEEKEND'S 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-

Retirement Fund for Religious

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

2023 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.



Through the intercession of Saint Elizabeth Ann, the lives of many people have been forever changed. The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a prayer line available with staff who will speak with and pray with you. Call us toll free. We are here for you.

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

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Tithing: \$27,897 Weekly Budget: \$28,846 Weekly Heart of the Parish:\$1,824 Week of November 26, 2023



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 <u>karencwilley@gmail.com</u>.

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

CHRISTMAS AT THE BARN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th 6:00PM – 8:00PM Barn is behind SJA School on Sand Hill Rd



Night of Knights Gala Save the date April 20, 2024

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
- Supervise students for snacks, homework and play.
- Great work environment

Cafeteria Monitor: Wednesdays from 10:30-1:15, Paid position or volunteer position

Contact Sister Eileen at sreileen@stjoanhershey.org

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