

Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

John 9:39

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

MARCH 26, 2017

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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: 5:15PM

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:30PM

Daily Mass: Monday- Friday: 6:45AM & 9:00AM, Saturday: 9:00AM

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 6:30 PM everyday

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 9:30AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday 5:00 to 5:30 PM, Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM

Sacrament of the Sick: Call the office.

Sacrament of Baptism: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. Parents are required to attend one class. Call the office to register.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the office 9 to 12 months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Fourth Sunday of Lent



**MASS SCHEDULE,
READINGS & INTENTIONS**

Monday, March 27th

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

6:45 AM Phyllis Burkhart

9:00 AM Michael Koslosky

Tuesday, March 28th

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

6:45 AM Special Intention for Pat Gamble

9:00 AM John Spicjarich

Wednesday, March 29th

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

6:45 AM Mary Horetsky

9:00 AM Deceased Cialone Family

Thursday, March 30th

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

6:45 AM Special Intention for Barbara Falk and her Family

9:00 AM Sr. Amy Ambrose, George and Barbara Ambrose

Friday, March 31st

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

6:45 AM Philip Zaccagnini

9:00 AM Special Intentions of the Savini and Benedict Families

Saturday, April 1st

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

9:00 AM Chris Cusatis

Vigil, April 1st

5:15 PM Clif Padiál

Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 2nd

Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Jesus is our resurrection and our life. Because he has given us of the Spirit, we are no longer because of sin, but alive. In Jesus is the fullness of redemption.

Mass Intentions:

7:30 AM John Welsh

9:00 AM Marguerite Caso

10:30 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Emily Maga

5:30 PM Frank Ferguson



VOCATIONS: "The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Please Call Father Brian Wayne at (717) 657-4804 or email: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.



It is hard to believe that we are at the Fourth Sunday of Lent already! I don't know whether this has been a good Lent or not for you but it certainly is flying by so quickly. The readings for Year A during the Season of Lent remind us that following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, the call to discipleship, is never easy and is a life-long process of conversion. From the temptation of Jesus in the desert to the transfiguration of Christ on the mountain to the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, we realize that the Christian life is a turning away from sin, the recognition that suffering is an inevitable part of life and, and that a relationship with Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is at the heart of a disciple. Today's beautiful Gospel of the man born blind asks us to look at the blind spots in our lives and to turn to Jesus for healing and a new way of seeing. Ultimately, we are called to see with the eyes of Jesus, to let his vision to be our vision. As we look back on this Lent (and our lives), let us see the places where we have been blind to the presence of Christ in our lives and may we be always open to the healing grace that he offers us!

Father Al



**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF
STUDENTS ENTERING 7TH GRADE:**



If you are the parent of a student entering the 7th grade and intend for them to be confirmed in 2019, please remember to register your child for R.E.P. (our Parish Religious Education Program). There is a 2 year preparation required by the Diocese to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is open now. Information can be found on the parish website or by calling the Religious Education Office at 533-7168 Ext. 306.

With Much Gratitude...

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

QUALITY DIGITAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for April 1 & 2, 2017

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
Lector	J. O'Hara	S. Petrina	F. Ruggerio	N. Ott	K. Shovlin	S. Gutshall
EMHC	J. Pantalone	M. Spaeder	D. Morgan	D. Sheehan	K. Robison	L. Rogers
	A. Reeves	K. Willey	Sr. Salvatoris	M. Wetherhold	K. Samson	M. Rogers
	M. Rothermel	C. Yakstis	K. Burkhart	R. Barry	M. Waiter	V. Ruiz-Velasco
	M. Totaro		S. Cordaro	G. Bixler		J. Triscik
Servers	J. McInerney	M. Neves	M. Yee	A. Hamilton	R. Abraham	D. Bagatta
	T. McInerney	A. Stinson	V. Yee	N. Hamilton	T. Abraham	M. Bagatta
	J. Larkin	M. Tice	D. Matas	L. Hamilton	A. Samson	T. Brown
MC	C. Larkin	N. Martin	M. Matas	L. Hamilton	M. Abraham	F. Sallusti

Money Counters: R. Deiling, B. Deiling, A. Pavone, M. Rogers



Stations: Liturgical Schedule

March 31st at 7:00 PM: [Lector] B. Meinert
[Servers] J. Pegher & B. Seeholtz [MC] M. Keeler



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the souls of: **Thomas Nolt, Margaret Panco & Carol Meridionale** (Mother of Michelle Gutshall and Denise Grudi) who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc Church extends our deepest sympathy to their families and friends on their loss.

THE PILGRIM CROSS:

If you would like to take the Pilgrim Cross into your home for one week per year and pray for vocations, please call the parish office. The Pilgrim Cross will be in the home of:

Week of 3/20 - 3/27: Julie Fogarty

Week of 3/27 - 4/3: Sisters of St. Joan of Arc




STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts

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

To be updated next week...

NEXT WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION:
Catholic Relief Services

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL:
We would like everyone to participate and help our parish reach its financial goal of \$246,800. By doing our part to give generously to those who are in need and are suffering, we continue to share Christ's love by supporting the mission of the Church through this year's Appeal.
Reminder: Every dollar that we exceed our goal is refunded to our parish.



The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of the parish, in your prayers:

Vincent Savini, David Liddy, Kaitlin Buser, Lily Carney, Ashley Tatangelo, Mary Smith, Nancy Stewart, Steve McCracken, Kelly Velesaris, Barry Boyer, Benjamin Yohn, Leo Kopec, Kevin Rakszawski, Deborah Nizinski, Donna Marino, Terence Singer, Rose Marie Smith, and Sr. Mary Magdalene (SIJ)



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Friday, April 7th, immediately following the 9am Mass, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, closing with Benediction at 9:45 PM.

Please Note: There will be NO Evening Prayer or Prayers of Healing at 7 PM due to Stations of the Cross.

All parishioners are encouraged to come for an hour of adoration so that our Eucharistic Lord is attended throughout the day.

MASS ATTENDANCE: March 18 & 19 Total: 1843

5:15pm	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	Noon	5:15pm
317	148	373	385	288	332



SUNDAY, MARCH 26th

- 9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6
- 6:30 PM Life Teen [Y]
- 7:00 PM Confirmation Prep

MONDAY, MARCH 27th

- 9:45 AM Legion of Mary [LH]
- 1:00 PM Pivotal Players Series [LH]
- 3:00 PM Daisy & Brownie Scouts [L]
- 7:00 PM EDGE [Y]
- 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study [LH]
- 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul [MA]
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [C]

TUESDAY, MARCH 28th

- 9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture Study [LH]
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry [LH]
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Bridge Ceremony [C]
- 7:00 PM Pivotal Players Series [Y]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29th

- 7:15 AM Wednesday Morning Coffee [LH]
- 7:45 AM Gospel Reflection Group [LH]
- 1:00 PM Pivotal Players Series [LH]
- 4:15 PM REP K - Gr 6
- 5:00 PM Confessions
- 6:30 PM R.C.I.A. [LH]
- 7:00 PM Young Adults Group [Y]
- 7:00 PM I Thirst Prayer Group [C]

THURSDAY, MARCH 30th

- 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MARCH 31st

- 9:30 AM Mom's Group [LH]
- 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 PM Junior Legion of Mary [LH]
- 7:00 PM Soup & Stations Presentation [C]
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 1st

- 6:30 AM TMIY: That Man Is You [C]
- 10:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 6:00 PM Blood Pressure Screenings [L]

SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd

**Blood Pressure Screenings in the Library*

- 9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6
- 1:00 PM Baptisms
- 6:30 PM Life Teen [Y]
- 7:00 PM Parish Penance Service
- 7:00 PM Confirmation Prep

***Blood Pressures will be taken Sunday, April 2nd following these Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 10:30am.**

[C] Cafeteria [L] Library [G] Gymnasium [R] Rectory
 [LH] St. Lucy House [Y]: Youth Room (Meeting Room C)
 [MA] Meeting Room A [MB] Meeting Room B

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN & EDGE...



This Week: "The Life" To live out the Paschal Mystery means to follow Jesus' final command to His followers, 'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.' We must first make disciples of ourselves.

Next Week: Parish Reconciliation Service - Life Teen joins the rest of the parish for Confession. We'll have time afterwards for some food and fellowship.



EDGE: All 6th - 8th graders are invited to EDGE on Monday nights from 7 - 8:15 in the Youth Room (Meeting Room C). Our next EDGE nights will be: **March 27, April 3 & 10.**

Youth Coordinator: John Triscik [Phone] 533-7168
 Ext: 128 [Email] stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS...

REP 2017-18 REGISTRATION: Two more weeks to get the deep discounts on your REP registration! If you have school-aged children (upcoming K-8th graders) in need of Religious Education, OR if you did not receive our mailing, please contact the REP office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
 [Phone] 533-7168 Ext. 306 [Email] rep@stjoanhershey.org
Directors of REP: Earl Tropp & Marcie Warner

SCHOOL & P.T.O. NEWS...

ANNUAL GALA: Tickets are now on sale for the 2017 Night of Knights Gala! Please join us at the Hershey Country Club on Saturday April 1st for a night of food, dancing and bidding at the silent auction. This year we are celebrating our school's blue ribbon designation. Tickets are \$75 each. Please contact Deb Rizzotto.

TUITION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM: A Catholic Education is a wonderful gift you can give a child who would like to attend St Joan of Arc School, but needs financial help. Please consider sponsoring a child in part or in full. Please contact Deb Rizzotto.

Deb Rizzotto [Phone] 533-2854 Ext: 123
 [Email] drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org

BULLETIN REMINDER: Bulletin requests are due **Mondays by 9:00 am.** All requests must include the date(s) of the bulletin(s) you would like your information included and be submitted exactly as you would like the information to appear. Forms are available on our parish website.



If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one at Easter, please complete the form below and return it to the parish office no later than Monday, March 27th by 3:00 PM. This form is also available on our parish website.

Requests will not be taken over the telephone. Please do not return this form through the collection basket.



EASTER FLOWER REQUEST FORM

Please print when completing this form.

Flowers are in loving memory of:

Five horizontal lines for writing the name of the loved one.

Submitted By:

*Please list as you would like the information to appear in our Easter bulletin.

Two horizontal lines for writing the submitter's name.

Daytime Phone: _____

Donation Enclosed of: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: St. Joan of Arc

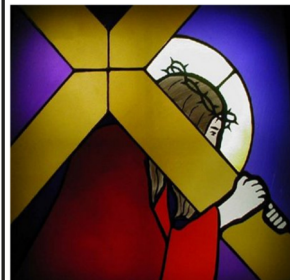
Confession & Absolution

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

April 2, 2017 at 7:00pm

Soup & Stations LENTEN SERIES

March 31st & April 7th



A meal of hot soup will be served beginning at 6pm in the cafeteria.

Father Al will be presenting "When I was hungry you gave me to eat!"

Stations of the Cross will follow in the Church at 7pm.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Vacation Bible School can't run without dedicated leaders and volunteers.

- Are you Crafty? We need a Crafts Coordinator!
• Like to share simple Bible stories? We need several Leads for the various age levels!
• Games your thing? Coordinate outside activities & play!
• Is the Kitchen your favorite place? We need a Snacks Lead!

Those ages 18+ must have clearances, which we will help you attain. Come check out our program and consider how you can help us make this event a huge success for our children: June 26-30, 6-8:30pm. Contact Marcie at mwarner@stjoanhershey.org or 533-7168 ext. 112

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS & MEETINGS

HAITI MINISTRY - SISTER PARISH UPDATE

The newly formed Haiti Committee is working on bringing awareness to St. Joan of Arc regarding our sister Parish in Haiti, Our Lady of Lourdes. Please join us on Friday, **March 31 from 6-7 PM** in the school cafeteria before stations for soup and a short presentation highlighting our efforts so far, as well as the current needs of this humble parish and school.

CAELORUM: APRIL 5th, 7:00pm

The next Caelorum at St. Joan of Arc will be held on **Wednesday, April 5th at 7pm**. Come adore Jesus through prayer, praise, worship and music.

YOUTH CHOIR

The St. Joan of Arc Youth Choir will rehearse on Saturdays, March 25, April 1, and April 8 at 10 AM in the choir loft in preparation for the 10:30 AM Mass on Easter Sunday, April 16. **All young people are invited to sing with this ensemble.** There are no auditions nor age limitations. All youth are welcome! Questions: contact Beth Palmer, Director of Music, in the parish office, Ext. 109.

NEW MOM'S GROUP!!!

Calling all moms of babies and toddlers: Interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to chat and share some snacks while the kids play? Please join us for our first play date at the St. Lucy House on Friday, **March 31** from 9:30-11:30am. Stop by whenever works for you! Questions, please email: Sarah.Bonavia@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS

Calling all Young Adults of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church between the ages of 21-35, married or single!!! Young Adults will gather on **March 29th** and **April 12th** as we continue a **Lenten Journey through the Gospel of St. John**. We will meet from 7 - 8:30 pm in Meeting Rm C. If you are interested or have any questions, contact John in the Youth Office at 533-7168 Ext. 128.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Were you married in 1966? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass celebrated by our Bishop, Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer with a reception following. This will take place on Sunday, July 9th, 2017 at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. To receive a special invitation, contact the Parish Office or visit the CCW page of our parish website. If you are unable to attend, you will receive a certificate in the mail acknowledging this wonderful occasion.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

How would you like to create a beautiful prayer shawl or lap robe? Come enjoy the fellowship of our Prayer Shawl Ministry. These very special handmade items are distributed to those who need prayers and comfort.

Where: St. Lucy's Hall

When: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 1-3 pm

Contact: Kathy 566-1481 or Norberta (Bert) (302) 228-9735

"I THIRST" PRAYER GROUP



Please join us to deepen your faith and relationship with Jesus through prayer, song, worship and praise on Wednesday, **March 29th** at 7p.m. in the cafeteria. We will continue with the "Wild Goose" Series. Come quench your thirst for God!

PARISH FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

21st Anniversary of the Parish Festival's Silent Auction! The Silent Auction & Basket Raffle needs your donations to be a success. We are accepting themed baskets or just individual donations which can include: Tickets, passes, collectibles, gift cards, new unused items or even lottery tickets. Monetary gifts will be used to purchase items for either the silent auction or for the baskets.

No donation is too small. Please help us have a successful year. Items can be dropped off at the parish office marked "Attn: Silent Auction/Baskets". Due to changes in the state law, we can no longer accept alcohol of any kind. No exceptions can be made. We can accept gift certificates from beer depots, wineries and PA State Store.

Any questions about the Silent Auction please call Mary at 533-7168 Ext. 115 or Jean Marie Fischer at 512-4253.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CCW CONVENTION

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the Harrisburg Diocesan CCW 92nd Convention to be held Monday, May 1, 2017 at Cardinal Keeler Center. The morning session will feature Maribeth Steward, President-elect of NCCW, as the keynote speaker. Luncheon is chicken parmesan, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, garden salad, rolls, assorted pies. The afternoon workshops will be presented by Linda Plummer, Director of Morning Star Pregnancy Center and Ginny Duncan, Director of Office for Ministry for People with Disabilities. Pre-registration is required by April 16. Cost is \$25 for all activities. Call Janet Polto at 533-3368 to register.

ATTN: BOY SCOUTS & GIRL SCOUTS

Registration for the Diocesan Scout Mass to be held on April 30, 2017 is now open. The mass will be held at St. Patrick's in York, PA. Register on the Diocesan website at: www.hbgdiocese.org. Deadline to register is April 1.