

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

359 West Areba Avenue • Hershey, PA 17033
Fifth Sunday of Easter April 24, 2016

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

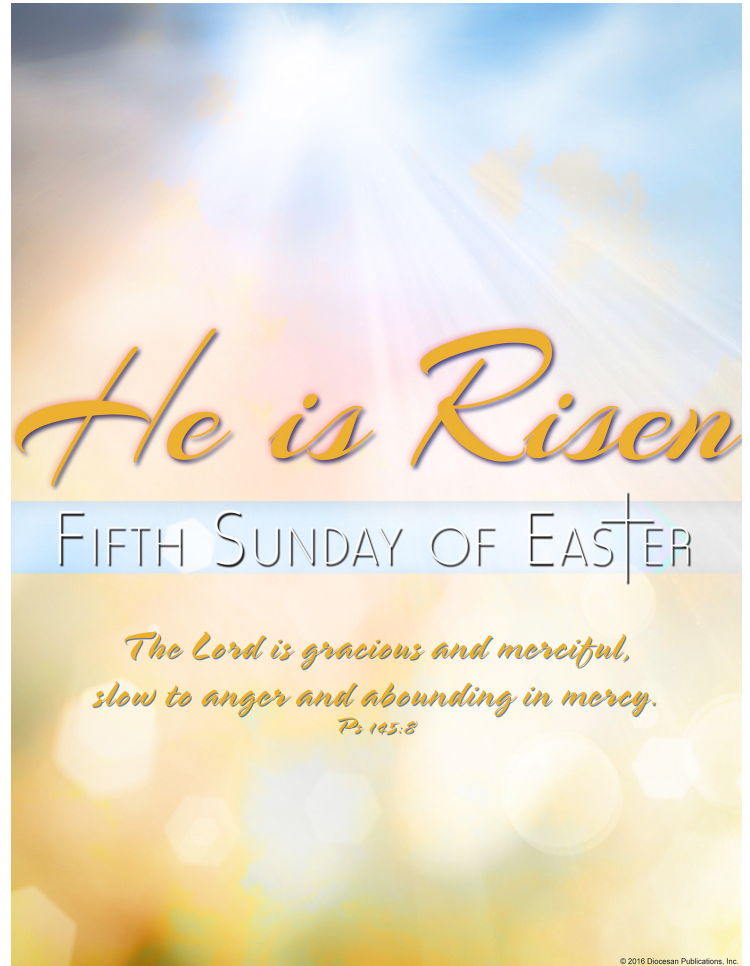
Sacrament of the Sick: Call the Parish Office.

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

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

Parish Membership: Welcome to St. Joan of Arc Parish. Please register on our website or stop in the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday before publication date by 9:00 AM.
Bulletin email: bulletin@stjoanhershey.org



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM

Sunday Masses:

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00, 5:30 PM

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

Saturday: 9:00 AM

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 9:30 AM everyday

Holy Days: Please refer to the website for information

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday of each month from after 9:00 AM Mass until 9:45 PM closing with Benediction.

Prayer Service at 7:00 PM during Exposition on First Friday.



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 Intentions For The Week



Monday, April 25-St. Mark

6:45 AM Dr. David Cunningham
9:00 AM Helen Cooke

Tuesday, April 26

6:45 AM Nicholas & Lucy Bellezza
9:00 AM Dr. Kate Donahue

Wednesday, April 27

6:45 AM Judith Swanderski
9:00 AM Jim Warfield, Jr.

Thursday, April 28-St. Peter Chanel,

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

6:45 AM Sylvia Pennesi
9:00 AM Harold Fogarty

Friday, April 29-St. Catherine of Siena

6:45 AM Frank Santry
9:00 AM Donna Boova

Saturday, April 30-St. Pius V

9:00 AM NO MASS

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 1, 2016

Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23;
Jn 14:23-29

By listening attentively to the Spirit promised by Jesus, the early Church resolves the question whether Gentile converts need to observe certain Jewish ritual practices. All are called to dwell in the heavenly Jerusalem, founded on the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Vigil, April 30

5:15 PM Attilio & Maddalena Nucci

Sunday, May 1

7:30 AM Maria A. Rossi
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the CCW
10:30 AM Raymond & Edna Barger
12:00 PM People of the Parish
5:30 PM Joseph Marino

Readings for the Week of April 24, 2016

Monday 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96; Jn 15:9-11
Friday Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21

Today, April 24th, Father Chuks, the former Chaplain to the Hershey Med Center, celebrates the 40th Anniversary of his priestly ordination. Please keep him in your prayers!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

FROM THE PASTOR

Just a few words on some of the projects we started here in the parish. The renovations in the house we bought behind the convent for the sisters is almost completely finished. It looks great! A special thanks to Matt, our maintenance man, who did a large part of the renovation; the Knights of Columbus who helped do some work in the house; and all those on our clean-up day who helped to move furnishings into the convent. This past week Mother Beatrix, the Superior General of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, was making a visit from Italy and toured the house with other Sisters from the motherhouse in New Jersey. They were very appreciative of the work we have done and are happy that our Sisters here in Hershey have this new, lovely home! (And our own Sisters Eileen, Joanne, and Salvatoris are very grateful too!) After the Sisters move in completely, we will be looking at the present convent and what needs to be done to renovate it into parish meeting space and offices. All good things! I will keep you up-to-date on all that is happening. And if you have any questions and/or suggestions, I am all ears!

Father Al



The May Procession which is scheduled for Sunday, May 1 at 1:30, will begin in the Church with prayers. We will then process around the block praying the Rosary and ending at the Grotto. All are invited to participate. The **First Holy Communicants** are encouraged to participate in the Procession. Please wear your First Holy Communion outfit and meet in the school at 1:00.



Prayers

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, Jo Anderson, Lily Carney, Mae Piconi, Rose Marie Smith, Terrence Singer, Mark VanZandt, Eleanor Gaspari, Barbara Ford, Nancy Hoffman
Reminder: Names will remain on the list for six weeks. Please call to have them placed back on the prayer list.



ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

BLESSED MOTHER:

In loving memory of Theresa Barletta
from Lisa & Ben Barletta

RESPECT LIFE ROSE:

In loving memory of Thomas & Veronica Dunlavey
from their family
In thanksgiving from the Ortiz Family

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for May 1, 2016

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
Lector	J. Dezagottis	M. Gette	J. O'Hara	A. Gould	L. Kayser	J. Yee M. Yee
EMHC	J. Pantalone J. Phillippy K. Robinson M. Totaro	D. Sheehan M. Spaeder K. Willey	V. Saplala M. Waiter Sr. Salvatoris R. Barry	M. Rothermel G. Bixler K. Burkhart S. Cordaro	J. Nolan J. Traini M. Wetherhold	L. Rogers M. Rogers V. Ruiz-Velasco S. Susi
Altar Servers	G. Gurney M. Gurney T. Abraham R. Abraham	J.P. Katzenmoyer J. Katzenmoyer A. Kulina D. Kulina	D. O'Hara M. O'Hara M. O'Hara E. Lamoreaux	N. Hamilton A. Hamilton M. Bagatta D. Bagatta	J. McGregor S. Mimmagh M. McQuillan L. Hamilton	M. Brooks A. Stinson M. Kodua C. Edwards
MC	M. Abraham	K. Zachary	A. Aluquin	P. Bagatta	L. Hamilton	N. Silvis
Money Counters: R. Deiling, B. Deiling, A. Pavone, M. Rogers						



This Week in our Parish

SUNDAY, April 24

9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6
6:45 PM Life Teen
7:00 PM Confirmation Prep

MONDAY, April 25

9:45 AM Legion of Mary
3:00 PM Jr. Girl Scouts
3:30 PM 1st Holy Communion Rehearsal
7:00 PM EDGE
7:00 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Monday Evening Bible Study
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul

TUESDAY, April 26

9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture Study
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry mtg
3:30 PM 1st Holy Communion Rehearsal
6:30 PM Bereavement Support Group
6:30 PM Cub Scouts
7:00 PM Festival Mailing

WEDNESDAY, April 27

7:15 AM Wednesday Morning Coffee
9:30 AM Bereavement Support Group
4:15 PM REP K-Gr 6
5:00 PM Confessions
6:30 PM RCIA
7:00 PM Life in the Spirit Seminar
7:00 PM Young Adult Ministry

THURSDAY, April 28

7:00 PM Adult Choir

FRIDAY, April 29

3:00 PM Jr. Legion of Mary

SATURDAY, April 30

NO 9AM MASS
10:00 AM First Holy Communion
2:00 PM First Holy Communion
4:00 PM Confessions

SUNDAY, May 1-Blood Pressure Screening

9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6
10:00 AM CCW Communion Breakfast
1:30 PM May Procession beginning in Church
6:45 PM Life Teen
7:00 PM Confirmation Prep

MASS ATTENDANCE

April 16 & 17, 2016

5:15 - 278 7:30 - 241 9:00 - 350

10:30 - 460 12:00 - 238 5:30 -

TOTAL - 1567



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 at 533-7168.

This week **April 25-May 2** the Pilgrim cross will be in the home of the Sisters of St. Joan of Arc.

Next week **May 2-May 9** the Pilgrim cross will be in the home of the Mr. & Mrs. Paul Shiffler.

**Eucharistic Ministers**

According to Diocesan regulations, all Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion need to have their mandate renewed every three years. For those ministers who had their mandates renewed in 2013 or earlier, it is time to have your mandate renewed. This requires filling out paperwork and attending a training session. Please call the parish office or visit www.stjoanhershey.org/extraordinary-ministers.html for more information.

Because of First Holy Communion this Saturday, there will be NO 9AM Mass on April 30. Congratulations and may God bless our second graders who will receive Jesus' Body & Blood for the first time.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION NEWS



LIFE TEEN

This Week - "Connections"- Despite Christ's prayer for unity, we have many Christian denominations and religions. We will talk about the importance of ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue.

Next Week - "Family Portrait"-Our model for family life is the Holy Family. We can learn about our roles in family from the examples given to us by Joseph, Mary, and Jesus.

EDGE is for grades 6-8 and meets on Monday nights in Meeting Room C from 7-8:15. We will meet on May 2 and 16.



Calling all Young Adults between the ages of 21-35, married or single!!! We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 in Meeting Room C. We will continue our series April 27 with "The Great Adventure Bible Study."

If you have any questions about any of the above items, please call John at 208-0157 or email at stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com.

SCHOOL Sponsor a Child Seeks Donations

A Catholic Education should be available to every child whose parents choose it. Unfortunately, the cost of tuition sometimes precludes some families from making that choice. That is why SJA started the Sponsor a Child Program. Gifts may be made in a lump sum, or in monthly or quarterly payments. For more information please contact Deb Rizzotto at 717-533-2854 or drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org.

OPPORTUNITY - St. Joan of Arc School is in need of cafeteria/recess/playground aides from 11:30-12:30. If you can do one day a week or several days, please contact Sister Eileen at 533-2854 or sreileen@stjoanhershey.org. We will be happy to help you to obtain the necessary clearances.

CLASS OPENINGS

There are still openings available in our half day and full day preschool programs, full day kindergarten program and grades 1-8. Please contact Deb Rizzotto for more information at 717-533-2854 or drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org.

DINNER FOR DOLLARS

The Café on Cocoa is generously hosting this Sunday, April 24 from 8 AM – 2 PM
10% of the cost of your meal will benefit our kids
Café on Cocoa is located in the Cocoplex Complex
find vouchers at the back of the church

Thanks to all who contributed in any way to the success of our Gala! We were happy to honor our Daughters of Mercy and welcome their Superior General from Italy, Mother Beatriz.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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

Weekly Tithing: \$32,436

Weekly Budget: \$27,308

Year to Date Budget Variance: \$18,993

National Volunteer Appreciation week was April 10th through 16th. We celebrated by mailing cards to our treasured volunteers and inviting them to attend one of two Masses where the intention being offered was for the generous volunteers of our parish community.

You may be curious as to why volunteers are so important to us. Without the generosity of the dedicated parishioners who volunteer and give the gift of their time on a regular basis, our parish would not be able to offer all that it does. The Priests and parish staff are humbled and appreciative to witness those who selflessly continue to give their time and talents to our church. A gift of time truly allows us to extend our resources to their absolute fullest potential.

At the end of our lives, the talk will likely be about the depth and expression of our generosity. How did we live and give for God and for others? In this way, what we keep forever is only what we give during our lifetime - and the spirit with which we give it. This certainly doesn't pertain only to monetary giving. Stewards see that all they have in life is a gift, including their time & talents. They are freed to give with joy and find God's peace and purpose in their generosity. Real generosity requires real sacrifice in proportion to our blessings.

If you are not already offering your time to the parish in some capacity, we ask you to prayerfully consider getting involved in a parish ministry or offering your services in another way that could benefit our parish community. Everyone has something to offer, no matter how small you may feel it is. If you are struggling to determine what your gifts are, we would be happy to discuss with you what opportunities may fit you.

We challenge you to ask yourself how you can become a more generous person in the ways that will matter most in this world and for all of eternity.



Parish Nurse Ministry Parish Nurses will be taking Blood Pressures next weekend after the Saturday 5:15PM and Sunday 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30AM Masses. Look for them in the School library, except after the 9:00 Mass, they will be in the cafeteria. It takes only a few minutes. All are welcome.



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 Palmer 566-1481

Norberta (Bert) Curran (302) 228-9735

HERSHEYPARK®

Last chance to order discount tickets to Hersheypark!! Information and order forms are available at the back of the church, lobby of the parish office and on the parish website at: www.stjoanhershey.org/parish/.

Orders must be received at the parish by Monday, April 25 by 4:00 PM.

John Waverka Memorial Golf Tournament

Sponsored by the St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus

Benefits the Pennsylvania Special Olympics

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Deer Valley Golf Course Hummelstown, PA

8:00 AM Shotgun/Four Man Scramble

\$75 Per Golfer

Includes cart, green fees, steak dinner and beverages

Entry Deadline May 7, 2016

>> Hole Sponsorships Available <<

For more information contact:

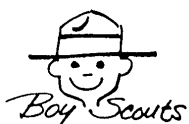
Mike Waverka at 717-520-1687 or mikewaverka@aol.com

Ed Gliot at 717-566-3529 or evgvmg@verizon.net

or www.stjoanhershey.org under upcoming events

Life in the Spirit

"I THIRST Prayer Group's Life in the Spirit Seminar continues with Lesson 6, Growth, on Wednesday, April 27, in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m. Remember to complete your daily Prayer Journal and bring your bibles. We look forward to seeing you!



Troop 108 Boy Scouts will be selling Apple dumplings outside St. Joan of Arc Church Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 after every Mass.



SAVE THE DATE!!!!
SJA Festival 2016
June 16, 17 and 18

HELP NEEDED

Help is needed stuffing this years Festival Raffle mailing on April 26th at 7:00 pm in Meeting room "C". All ages are welcome.

DONATIONS

The summer Festival needs you help. The Silent Auction and 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 baskets. No donation is too small. Please help us to have a successful year. Items can be dropped off at the parish office attn. Silent Auction/Baskets. Any questions please call Mary in the Parish Office at 533-7168 x115.

CCW

Women's Communion Breakfast Deadline

Tuesday, April 26 is the last day to purchase your Communion Breakfast ticket. Don't miss an excellent breakfast and inspiring message by Fr. Brian Wayne. Tickets are available in the Parish Office or by calling Barb McCarthy at 534-1858 to reserve your seat.

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with our Parish*

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If Only I Had Someone to Talk To?

Are you feeling this way? We all know someone who is going through a difficult time in their life - someone who is tense, upset, worn out - needing someone to talk with. Call Diane Sheehan 717-533-2285 or Casey Sheeha 717-579-7871 if you think your needs can be best served by a Stephen Minister. Confidentiality is the foundation of the Stephen Ministry.

8th Annual Mission Classic Golf Outing

Hershey Food Bank is pleased to announce its annual golf outing.

The Hershey Food Bank is an all volunteer organization currently serving over 325 registered families, representing approximately 1,150 individuals. The food bank provides an average of 23,000 lbs. of food every month to the families it serves.

The golf outing will be held May 21, 2016 at 8:00 am at Deer Valley Golf course. It will consist of a four person scramble with lots of contests. If you don't have a foursome, please sign up and we will make a group for you.

In order to make this fundraiser a success we need golfers, sponsors, and contributions from non golfers. For more information and to register please go to www.hersheyfoodbank.com or contact Greg German, volunteer golf organizer at (717)512-0659 or email gkkagerman@gmail.com

We thank you in advance for your support!

HDCCW WOMENS RETREAT

"The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) cordially invites all women of the Diocese to join us for the SIXTH ANNUAL WEEKEND RETREAT being held on the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland. It is from Friday evening on June 10 until noon on Sunday, June 12, 2016 . The Retreat Master is the Father Dwight Schlaline, Pastor of Our Lady of Visitation, Shippensburg, PA. Registration forms are available in the parish office and on the HDCCW website <http://hdccw.webs.com/calendar>. The registration deadline is May 30, 2016 . Contact Barbara McCarthy at 717-534-1858 or FranBarbMc@aol.com with questions or to register."



Thank you for your support of our Parish team's trip to Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center the week of April 10th. Seven of us made this trip which included our Pastor, Fr. Al. We spent all four days working on a home for a family near Inez, Ky. We began our work

by reinforcing and leveling floors. We added a drainage pipe in front of the home to retard the flow of water under the house. We replaced three windows and reinforced the walls. We also replaced flooring where necessary, and replaced the kitchen counter and cabinets.

Thanks to the generous response of our Parish, we were able to buy the three windows and build a 4 by 8 foot deck and stairs at their kitchen door. We were also able to repair or replace some of the electrical wiring. In addition, your financial support helped cover the cost of transportation and a few meals, which was very much appreciated.

Our thanks must also include the staff at Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center. They prioritize requests for help, assign the work to be done for each family and provide direction to the volunteers. The Mission Center also provides us with a place to stay while working on the homes of the poor in Eastern Kentucky.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.
May God Bless you!

Catholic Charities Come and See Dinner

Mark your calendars now for the annual Catholic Charities Come and See Dinner that will take place on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at the Cardinal Keeler Center. We are pleased to welcome Linda Schaefer as our guest speaker. Linda is a photographer by trade, and she was the last photojournalist to be given permission by Mother Teresa herself to photograph the work of the Missionaries of Charity, and her journey 21 years later as a witness of Mother Teresa's legacy. In addition, Linda was the very first Come and See Dinner speaker in 2006. With the upcoming canonization of Mother Teresa this September 4th, Linda's story will undoubtedly be timely and insightful. More event details will follow as the event approaches.

"We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other."

~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~



We wish to thank the sponsor of the week
Travel Dreams Unlimited, Cecile Mortel
for advertising in our bulletin.