

# St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

359 West Areba Avenue • Hershey, PA 17033

Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 3, 2016

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** Sundays 9:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:00-1:00 PM)  
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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Wednesday - 5:00 to 5:30 PM, Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM

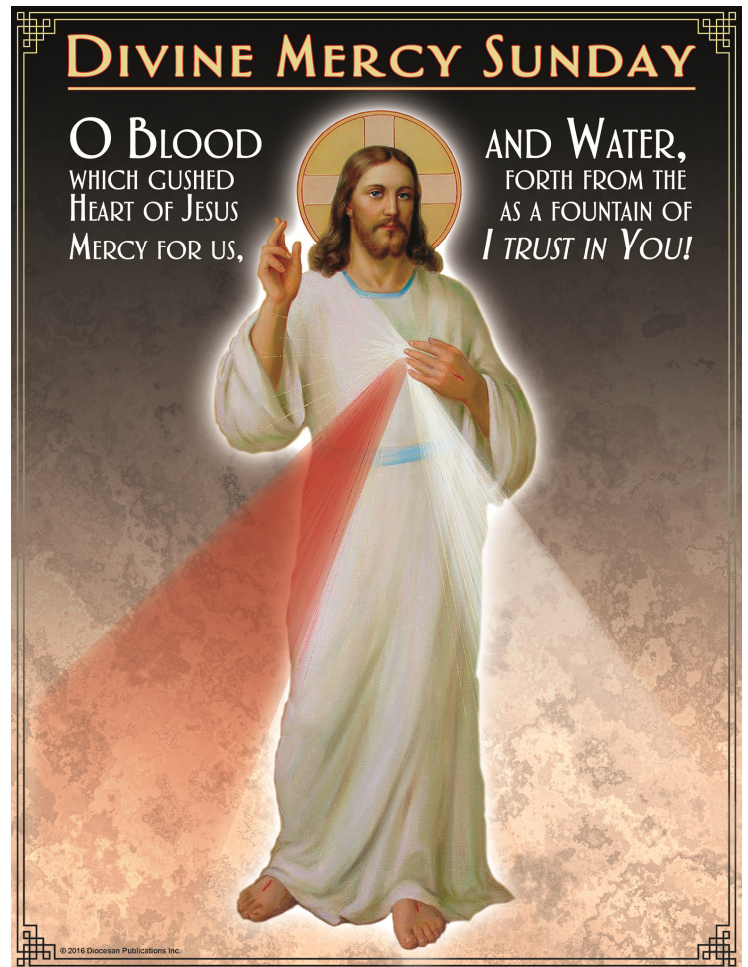
**Sacrament of the Sick:** Call the Parish Office.

**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 4-The Annunciation of the Lord

6:45 AM Miles Schaeffer

9:00 AM Pat McLaughlin

### Tuesday, April 5- St. Vincent Ferrer

6:45 AM Special Intention for Pete Foschetti

9:00 AM Dick Ingaglio

### Wednesday, April 6

6:45 AM John & Ana Spaeder

9:00 AM Andrew Gaydos

### Thursday, April 7-St. John Baptist de la Salle

6:45 AM Ed Maloy

9:00 AM Marsha Caldwell

### Friday, April 8

6:45 AM Patricia Jacaruso

9:00 AM Chris Cusatis

### Saturday, April 9

9:00 AM Barbara Frola

### Third Sunday of Easter April 10, 2016

*Readings:* Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30; Rv 5:11-14;  
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Jesus appears to seven of his disciples, among them Peter who proclaims his unfailling love for the Lord. Jesus commissions him to feed the sheep. Later, in the face of persecution, Peter and the apostles proclaim the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and who rescues us from death.

### Vigil, April 9

5:15 PM Divo DiClemente

### Sunday, April 10

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM Shimkonis and Malasavage Families

10:30 AM Jonathan Barger and Marion Vavro

12:00 PM Nicholas, Sr. & Rose DiNunzio

5:30 PM Special Intention for Terence Singer

### Readings for the Week of April 3, 2016

**Monday** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; Jn 6:16-21

## FROM THE PASTOR

For the past week we have been celebrating the Octave of Easter. Running from Easter Sunday to The Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), we celebrate each day just like Easter Sunday. It is as if the Church needs eight days to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead! The number eight has a great tradition in the liturgical life of the Church. The day of the Lord's Resurrection was referred to in the early Church as the "Eighth Day". We all know of the seven days of creation. By referring to the day of the Lord's Resurrection as the "Eighth Day", early Church Fathers were linking Easter to a 'new creation' in Christ. This is much more than symbolic language. The fact is that the world was changed forever on that first Easter Sunday. Jesus Christ, through his death on the cross and rising in glory, broke the power of sin and death and the world has a new hope, a new beginning. Something new and wonderful has been accomplished in Christ. Through his Incarnation, his Crucifixion, and his Resurrection, heaven is indeed united to earth. The gates of heaven are opened and the grace and mercy of God are available to all who seek it. May this Easter Season be a time of grace for each of us, a new beginning, a new placing of hope in the Risen Lord!

*Father Al*



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,  
Diane Holubek, Ralph Keller, Valeria Szurdi,  
Meghan Johnson, Charles John Raab, Jo Anderson,  
Rachel Neves, Lilly Carney, Mae Piconi,  
Rose Marie Smith, Terrence Singer**

Reminder: Names will remain on the list for six weeks. Please call to have them placed back on the prayer list.



All are invited to participate  
in the Parish May Procession  
Sunday, May 1 starting in the Church at 1:30



### ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

#### SAINT JOSEPH:

In loving memory of Pietro Rossi  
by his daughters

#### RESPECT LIFE ROSE:

In loving memory of David Bogrette by mom and dad  
In appreciation to Our Lord and Blessed Mother  
for all the prayers answered for Assunta Agresto  
from her brothers & sisters

### ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS AVAILABLE FOR:

**MAIN:** April 10, 17, 24; May 15, 22, 29; June 5, 12

**BLESSED MOTHER:** April 17, 24; May 8, 15, 22, 29

**SAINT JOSEPH:** April 10, 17, 24; May 8, 15, 22, 29

**RESPECT LIFE ROSE:** May 1, 8, 22; June 5

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule for April 10, 2016

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
<b>Lector</b>	J. Dezagottis	G. Duval	A. Gould	S. McDonough	D. Hennigan	E. Abraham
<b>EMHC</b>	D. Morgan	J. Pantalone	K. Harbaugh	K. Robinson	C. Mortel	J. Phillippy
	J. Nolan	D. Sheehan	L. Rogers	M. Waiter	V. Saplala	A. Reeves
	M. Rothermel	M. Spaeder	M. Rogers	M. Wetherhold	G. Kaiser	V. Ruiz-Velasco
	M. Totaro		L. Kayser	C. Mortel		S. Susi
<b>Altar Servers</b>	J. J. McInerney	J. P. Katzenmoyer	A. Kulina	M. Tice	St. Michael's	M. McQuillan
	A. Stinson	J. Katzenmoyer	D. Kulina	J. Pegher	Guard	L. Ruiz-Velasco
	J. Wilson	D. Kreiss	B. Seesholtz	C. Larkin		T. Abraham
	E. Lamoreaux	D. Matas	G. Harbaugh	J. Larkin		R. Abraham
<b>MC</b>	K. Zachary	M. Matas	C. Vargo	P. Larkin		M. Abraham

**Money Counters:** M. Rothermel, C. Frank, S. Boova, V. Peracchia, C. Yakstis, G. Zemba

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

March 26 & 27, 2016

8:00 - 360      7:30 - 575      9:00 - 882

9:15 - 101      10:30 - 750

10:45 - 327      12:00 - 575

**TOTAL - 3570**



**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 4-April 11** the Pilgrim cross will be in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Eric Salley.

Next week **April 11-April 18** the Pilgrim cross will be in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Yaklowich.

Intentions of Pope Francis for the month of April



**Universal:** That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

**Evangelization:** That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

**WELCOME**

*New Members*

**New Parishioner Welcome Reception**

Are you and your family new to St. Joan of Arc in the last six months? Please join Father Al, the Welcome Committee, and other new members of the parish for a Reception in the Rectory following the Saturday night 5:15 pm Mass on April 9, 2016. We are all members of this parish family and we would like to get to know you! Light refreshments will be served as we share in fellowship. If you are able to attend, please RSVP by going to the parish website and click on New Parishioner Welcome Reception.

**Caelorum** will be held on Wednesday, April 6 at 7 PM. Join us in celebrating Christ's resurrection this Easter Season by adoring Jesus through prayer, praise, worship and music.



**This Week in our Parish**

**SUNDAY, April 3-Blood Pressure Screening**

9:00 AM      REP K-Gr 6  
1:00 PM      Baptisms  
2:45 PM      Divine Mercy Devotions  
6:45 PM      Life Teen  
7:00 PM      Confirmation Prep

**MONDAY, April 4**

9:45 AM      Legion of Mary  
6:00 PM      Daisy Troop 11291  
7:00 PM      Boy Scouts  
7:00 PM      EDGE

**TUESDAY, April 5**

9:30 AM      Little Rock Scripture Study  
6:30 PM      Bereavement Support Group

**WEDNESDAY, April 6**

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      Caelorum

**THURSDAY, April 7**

6:00 PM      Girl Scout Troop 12171  
7:00 PM      Adult Choir  
7:30 PM      Knights of Columbus meeting

**FRIDAY, April 8**

3:00 PM      Jr. Legion of Mary

**SATURDAY, April 9**

4:00 AM      Confessions

**SUNDAY, April 10-Second Sunday Social**

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



## YOUTH AND EDUCATION NEWS



**This Week - "Life Teen Social"** - We will celebrate the Lord's Resurrection with a little fun and games next week.

**LIFE TEEN Next Week - "Universal Outlook"**- The teens will understand why we consider the Catholic Church to be the universal Church and help them understand their role in the Church and the importance of sharing their faith with others.

**EDGE** is for grades 6-8 and meets on Monday nights in Meeting Room C from 7-8:15. We will meet on April 4, 18 and 25.



Calling all Young Adults of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church 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 new series April 13 and 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](mailto:stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com).

## SCHOOL 2016 Night of Knights Gala

Tickets are now on sale! Please join us at the Hershey Country Club on Saturday, April 16 for a night of food, dancing and bidding at the silent auction. Tickets are \$75 each. To purchase a ticket, call Deb Rizzotto at 533-2854 or [drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org)

### 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.

Parishioners, alumni, and others can "adopt" a child in full or in part. 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](mailto:drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org).



Eat at the Hershey Chipotle on April 12, 2016 from 4-8 PM and 50% of the cost of your meal will benefit our kids through the St. Joan of Arc School PTO. Last year we earned over \$800 from Chipotle. Let's beat it this year!

### MENTOR COUPLE TRAINING

The Office of Marriage & Family Ministries will host a Mentor Couple Training in either April or May for parishioners interested in helping to prepare couples for marriage. To qualify, couples should be married at least three years (preferably five); be fully committed to and knowledgeable about Church teachings regarding marriage, family, and human life; be warm, welcoming, and engaging; and be willing to work with their parish to mentor couples in their home in preparation for marriage.

Please contact Mary Butch at 717.533.7168 ext. 115 or [mbutch@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:mbutch@stjoanhershey.org) to volunteer.



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

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

Weekly Tithing: \$19,220

Weekly Budget: \$27,308

Year to Date Budget Variance: \$13,270

## STEWARDSHIP



### Time & Talent

*What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.*

*- Nelson Mandela*

When people hear the term "Stewardship" they tend to relate it to money or monetary gifts. While it is true that this type of stewardship is greatly needed to support the Church and our parish community, it often seems to overshadow the gifts of time and talent. We are called to share all of God's gifts... Time, Talent and Treasure.

St. Joan of Arc is a very large parish (*the third largest in our Diocese!*) supporting about 70 individual ministries. If you have any time or talents you are willing to share, we could greatly benefit from your generosity. Please prayerfully consider this request. If you are unsure where your gifts can best be used, please contact Jackie Abel in the parish office at 533-7168 ext. 121 or email [jabel@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jabel@stjoanhershey.org)

As with the gift of treasure, anything you have to offer is always appreciated. Even the smallest gifts can make a significant impact.



Were you married in 1966? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 10, 2016, at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill.

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant and homilist. To receive an invitation, please contact your parish office with the following information: first names, last name, address, phone number and wedding date.



### Diocesan Conference: Partners in Faith Formation of Children with Autism and Other Disabilities

Catechists, parish leaders, teachers, parents and interested individuals are invited to attend this conference on Saturday, April 23, from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Diocese of Harrisburg's Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg. Lunch fee is \$5. Teachers and catechists who attend will receive six elective hours for catechetical certification in the Diocese of Harrisburg. RSVP due by April 15, 2016. To register or for more information, call Kate Neri at (717) 657-4804, ext. 317 or email [kneri@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:kneri@hbgdiocese.org). You can also register and get more information online at [www.HbgDiocese.org/events](http://www.HbgDiocese.org/events).



The movie **HUSH**...one woman's investigation into the untold effects of abortion on women's health, connections with breast cancer, premature birth and psychological problems. This movie has won several awards, including the Golden Globe World Documentary Award for 2015.

The Pro-Life Ministry invites you to a one day special showing of this film at the Allen

Theater in Annville on Sunday, April 10 at 1:00 P.M. Doors open at 12:30 P.M. Admission is free.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** From the 40 Days for Life campaign - "There are 471 reasons to celebrate now that this 40 Days for Life campaign has drawn to a close! That's how many babies have been saved from abortion – that we know of! Here are more reasons to celebrate – 40 Days for Life locations where abortion centers have closed!

(There was a) . . . celebration in Jacksonville, North Carolina after an abortion facility that had been in business for decades suddenly announced its closure.

Plus ... an abortion business in Indiana where numerous 40 Days for Life vigils were held over the years closed its doors in just the past month!

Earlier in the campaign, two facilities in Georgia – in Augusta and Marietta – also shut down.

Praise God for these blessings!" Will Harrisburg be Next?

### CCW

Our next CCW meeting is **Thursday, April 14** at 6:30 PM in our school cafeteria. We will be serving light refreshments at 6:30 PM followed by a message from Renee Ramp, a caseworker from Lourdeshouse who will tell us of the Catholic social justice work they perform.

Please plan to join us to support this very worthy cause and bring with you an unwrapped baby gift from the following **Lourdeshouse Wish List**: baby bottles, new born diapers/size 3 & 4, onsies, swaddlers, bibs, rattles, Pack and Plays, Pack and Play sheets, car seats, strollers, boys/girls clothing (all sizes). Monetary donations are also appreciated to purchase the above items. If you are not able to come to the meeting, please drop off your unwrapped baby gift or monetary donation in our parish office marked for Lourdeshouse. Hope to see you on April 14th.

### TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Our annual Women's Communion Breakfast will be held on May 1 in the cafeteria after the 9AM Mass. A delicious breakfast will be served by the Knights of Columbus. Our speaker will be Rev. Brian Wayne our former parochial vicar. His topic will be "Bringing a Lost Sheep Home". Purchase a ticket for \$9 from any CCW member or in our parish office. Mark your calendar and plan to join us.

### Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center

There will be eight men traveling to Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center in Louisa, KY on April 10 for a week of service.

We have been asked to repair and replace flooring, kitchen sink and cabinets, bathroom window, and repair exterior walls at a family's house. Also we are going to build a deck and a 35 foot ramp for an elderly couple.

Most of the major materials will be available through the mission center. Their preliminary estimate for materials on these two jobs is \$1,980. As usual, our volunteers take along all their own tools and pay for their own meals, travel and incidental expenses throughout the week. In addition, we almost always buy a variety of small items needed to complete the jobs we have accepted.

If you would like to help cover some of the costs, please send your donation to:

Larry and Jan Duckart  
5455 Ridge Road  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

For our records, please note on your check that this is for FBAMC.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

We wish to thank the sponsor of the week  
*Lisa's Cafe*  
for advertising in our bulletin.



**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 Sheehe 717-579-7871 if you think your needs can be best served by a Stephen Minister. Confidentiality is the foundation of the Stephen Ministry.

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION**

Fr. Al and Parishioners,

The grace of our lord Jesus Christ be with you all, this Holy season of lent.

I am short of words to express my profound gratitude for the great love I received at the "going away mass and reception" held for me on Valentine's Day. What a coincidence one may say, to have this massive show of love on a day we celebrate and cherish love.

I have decided to write a general letter to all because I have for the past week being searching for the appropriate "thank you" card that has the perfect words to convey my joy, but could find none. Even this letter falls short of that qualification.

I am so thankful to all, the pastor, Fr. Sahd, the staff, my wonderful children whom each took the time to send me the most beautiful hand made birthday and goodbye cards ever, my brother Knights, my mothers in the CCW, Legionaries, I thirst prayer group and most importantly, those whom I am unable to mention here because of the lack of time and space. Thank you so very much.

I wish my heart were a mirror so that I can show you how much you all mean to me. Only God in his infinite Mercy will reward and bless you abundantly.

Like I did say, St. Joan of Arc is Home for me, you will be seeing more of me than you ever thought.

Thank you is never enough! God bless you all! Always in my prayers.

*Rev. Fr. Pius Tukura Michael, OP*



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

Fr. LaVoie's Address:

Chaplain (CPT) Raymond LaVoie  
 KFOR 21 (MNBG-E) HHC 2-28  
 Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo  
 AP, AE 09340

**Bishop McDevitt presents The Wiz**

Bishop McDevitt Crusader Players will perform the musical, "The Wiz" on April 15 at 7:30 and April 17 at 3 PM. Tickets can be purchased at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com) and searching Bishop McDevitt.

**First Annual Walk for Clean Water**  
**Sunday, April 10, 2016**  
**from 1 to 3 PM**

The Hershey High School Key Club is sponsoring this event. Everyone interested in making a difference is invited to walk the 3.75 miles course around the Derry Township School District campus. Our goal is to fully fund a groundwater well for an entire village. Cost is \$12,000, but this will provide 600 people with clean water for life. In addition to the walk, there will be food, stands with local businesses, games for kids, a silent auction, fire engines, musical performances and more fun activities for the entire family! To register to walk, donate or learn more about the walk, visit our website, [walk4cleanwater.com](http://walk4cleanwater.com)

Give thanks to the **LORD**  
 for He is **GOOD**;  
 His **LOVE** is everlasting.

***"Laudato Si" Revealed***



Holy Spirit Parish in Palmyra is offering a 7-week study of Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si: On Care For Our Common Home." Addressed to all the people of the world, Pope Francis' letter calls for a radical transformation of economics, politics, and individual lifestyles to confront environmental degradation, pollution and climate change.

**On Monday, April 4, 2016, at 7:00 pm**, Rev. James Podlesny, Pastor of Holy Spirit, will provide an overview and summary of Pope Francis' letter.

**On April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, and 23 from 7 - 8:30 pm**, a parishioner-led study group will read and discuss how Pope Francis' benchmark statement, the biblical texts, and the scientific consensus on major environmental change, might inform and impact our local community, and how we might once again treat this world as our beloved home. Participants will read each of the six chapters prior to the discussion session. Both the overview and the 6-week study are free and open to all interested. Please enter at the East Entrance of the Social Hall/Classroom Building.

To register, call the Holy Spirit Parish Office: 717 838 3369, x9; or email:

[Church@HolySpiritPalmyra.com](mailto:Church@HolySpiritPalmyra.com).

To arrange a car pool from St. Joan of Arc parking lot, contact:

Anne Searer, [asearer@comcast.net](mailto:asearer@comcast.net), 717 533 9636.

