



2nd
Sunday
of
Easter

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

APRIL 8, 2018

“Blessed are
those who
have not seen
and have
believed.”

John 20:29

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM *Closed 12:00-1:00 PM
Sundays: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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(717) 857-5695

CONVENT

(717) 533-2864

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.



FROM THE PASTOR

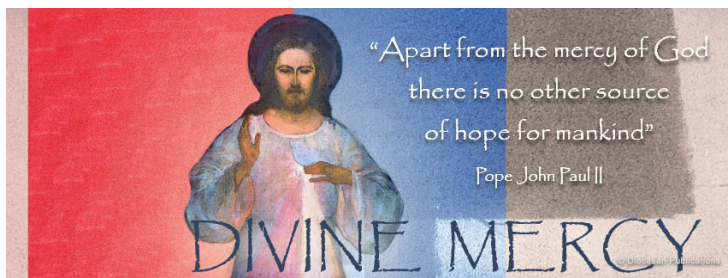
A few years ago I had the privilege to lead a pilgrimage to Poland. One of the highlights of the journey was to be at the Divine Mercy Shrine outside of Krakow. There, in a very modern-style church, was the painting of Christ as Divine Mercy which was revealed to Saint Faustina. We had a lively talk from one of the sisters at the shrine in which she spoke to us of the unconditional love and mercy of Christ for us poor sinners. We are all sinners in need of God's mercy and Jesus is the face of Mercy itself! The phrase at the bottom of the Image of Divine Mercy is "Jesus I trust in you!" What a perfect prayer! And act of faith! Put all your trust in Jesus. He wants only for you to turn to him and accept his love, receive his forgiveness and be his friend. And he wants to be with you forever in heaven! Enjoy this Easter Season and draw close to Jesus, our Risen Lord!

Father Al

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Please Pray

Please pray for our 2nd graders who will have their First Holy Communion Retreat experience on Saturday, April 14.



Divine Mercy Devotions will take place on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3:00 pm in the Church.

MASS ATTENDANCE: 3/31 & 4/1					Total: 2209
<u>8:00PM</u>	<u>7:30AM</u>	<u>9:00AM</u>	<u>10:30AM</u>	<u>Noon</u>	
N/A	N/A	644	740	525	



ALTAR FLOWERS:

Respect Life Roses: [Rose 1] In loving memory of son Michael W. Shaffer from Bill & Janet Bratina.

[Rose 2] In loving memory of granddaughter Sarah Mary Shaffer from Bill & Janet Bratina.

THE PILGRIM CROSS:

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

April 9 - 16: Tim Palmer & Family

April 16 - 23: Michael & Christie Corado & Family

 **Parish - Pilgrim Cross**

PARISH PRAYER LIST:

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of the parish, in your prayers: **Bill Mattern, Agnes McCarty, Rose Marie Smith, Carol Merlo-Knackstedt, Terry L. Hand, Jr., Vincent Savini, David Liddy, Kaitlin Buser, Lily Carney, Ashley Tatangelo, Barry Boyer, John Seaton, Carl Robinson, Frank Bolduc.**

STEWARDSHIP: Managing God's Gifts To Us



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

Weekly Tithing: \$24,509
 Weekly Budget: \$29,615
 Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$10,758
 Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$2,155
 Holy Land: \$3,283
 Easter: \$37,085
 Holy Thursday: \$1,060

VOCATIONS

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you."

Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, sister or brother who proclaims the truth and peace of Jesus Christ? Talk with Fr. Al or contact Fr. Brian Wayne (717) 657-4804, frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org



WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 9: ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

6:45 AM Clare Doty
9:00 AM Barbara Frola

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

6:45 AM Doris Lenkevich
9:00 AM Heart of the Parish & Church Memorials

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11: SAINT STANISLAUS

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

6:45 AM Richard Annibali
9:00 AM Frank Macus

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

6:45 am Stanley Stewart
9:00 am Jeanne Spagnolo

FRIDAY, APRIL 13: SAINT MARTIN I

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

6:45 am Jean Baiocchi
9:00 am Deceased Members of the Crocci,
Butch and Mintz Families

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

9:00 AM Francis Koslosky
5:15 PM Volunteer Appreciation

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Peter proclaims the wonders of the Lord: The suffering Messiah is raised from the dead and has been glorified. This Jesus is our intercessor, and our offering for sin, our peace.

MASS INTENTIONS:

7:30 AM Volunteer Appreciation
9:00 AM Volunteer Appreciation
10:30 AM Volunteer Appreciation
12:00 PM Volunteer Appreciation
5:30 PM People of the Parish



With Much Gratitude...

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

RE/MAX - JOE GALLO

This Week In Our Parish

❖ MONDAY, APRIL 9		
9:45 AM	Legion of Mary	SLC
3:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop 11535	SLC
7:00 PM	Evening Bible Study	SLC
7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul	LIB
7:00 PM	Edge	MRC
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop Meeting	CAF
❖ TUESDAY, APRIL 10		
9:30 AM	Little Rock Scripture Study	SLC
1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	SLC
6:00 PM	Cub Scouts	CAF
7:00 PM	Faith Enrichment Program	PC
❖ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11		
7:15 AM	Wednesday Morning Coffee	SLC
7:45 AM	Gospel Reflection Group	SLC
1:00 PM	Faith Enrichment Program	HFC
6:00 PM	Festival Planning Meeting	HFC
6:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	PC
7:00 PM	Young Adult Ministry	MRC
7:00 PM	"I Thirst" Prayer Group	CAF
7:30 PM	Respect Life Meeting	LIB
❖ THURSDAY, APRIL 12		
7:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	CHR
❖ FRIDAY, APRIL 13		
3:00 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	SLC
❖ SATURDAY, APRIL 14		
6:30 AM	That Man Is You	MRC
9:00 AM	First Holy Communion Retreat	CAF
❖ SUNDAY, APRIL 15		
9:00 AM	REP: K - Gr. 6	-
2:00 PM	Patricians	SLC
6:45 PM	Life Teen	MRC
7:00 PM	REP: Confirmation Prep	-
📍 Room Locations: Parish - Facilities & Scheduling		

✠ LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: APRIL 15, 2018 ✠

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	NOON	5:30 PM
Lector	J. Dezagottis	J. Goodpaster	J. Nantz	J. Gusherowski	C. Gassert	A. Raugh L. Musante
EMHC	J. Larkin	B. McCarthy	W. Lutz	K. Harbaugh	T. Mayan	J. Phillippy
	J. Larkin	K. McCarthy	P. Mooney	A. Gould	C. Mortel	L. Rogers
	D. Morgan	D. Sheehan	J. Pantalone	A. Reeves	J. Nolan	M. Rogers
Servers	G. Gurney	O. Strader	N. Hamilton	G. Harbaugh	B. Seesholtz	J. McInerney
	M. Gurney	C. Edwards	A. Hamilton	A. Gusherowski	J. Wilson	T. McInerney
	M. Coyle	J. Katzenmoyer	L. Hamilton	L. Gusherowski	E. Roche	L. Ruiz-Velasco
MC	J. Pegher	J.P. Katzenmoyer	L. Hamilton	E. Gusherowski	C. Roche	A. Aluquin

Money Counters: J. Traini, J. Banks, T. Kilcoyne, J. Storm, D. Ryan, J. Thomas

S. J. A. YOUTH NEWS...

LIFE TEEN - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

📞 **John Triscik:** Ext. 128 ✉ youth@stjoanhershey.org

This Week: "Made to Last" Pope Francis is the successor to St. Peter, the first pope. This week we will take a look at the apostolic nature of the Church and the call to guard and pass along the deposit of faith.

Next Week: Life Teen Social - It's been awhile so let's celebrate the Easter Season with a night of fun. Pray for good weather so we can be outside. Invite your friends!

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

📞 **John Triscik:** Ext. 128 ✉ youth@stjoanhershey.org

Are you not in High School but want to be part of a Youth Ministry? **EDGE** is for you and your friends! EDGE is for grades 6 - 8th and meets on Monday nights in the Youth Room (Meeting Room C) from 7 - 8:15. Invite your friends! **Upcoming EDGE nights: April 9, 16, & 30**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS...

📞 (717) 533-7168 Ext. 306 ✉ rep@stjoanhershey.org

First Holy Communion Retreat - April 14th:

Students need to arrive & be signed in to begin by 9 am.

2018-2019 Session Registration:

Please register now - Discounted Tuition is in effect through April 30th! Registering early also gets you your first choice of class day! Please make sure to get your child(ren) registered prior to August 31 to avoid them missing any class time.

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

9th Annual St. Joan of Arc School Gala:

This year's Gala will be held Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Hershey Country Club. Event begins at 5:00 pm. All are welcome. 📞 **Deb Rizzotto:** (717) 533-2854 Ext. 123 ✉ drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org

2018 STEAM Summer Camp: This is a 10 week camp taught by Saint Joan of Arc teachers. Details are on the school's website: www.school.stjoanhershey.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...



Vacation Bible School: June 25 - 29, 2018

Children age 4 through Grade 5 are invited to attend **SPLASH CANYON**, our 2018 Vacation Bible School, June 25-29, 6 - 8pm. Bibles stories, Crafts, Music & Fun as we learn about God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride! (Adults and teens volunteers are needed.)

Register online: www.stjoanhershey.org/vbs
Forms are also available in the church & parish office, or see us in the school during REP on April 15 or 18. A registration fee of \$15 per child is due at the time of registration (this helps to cover materials). Please contact Marcie with questions or to volunteer!

📞 **Marcie Warner:** Ext. 112 ✉ stjoanhershey.org/VBS



Our Faith Enrichment program offers opportunities to enrich your faith and grow in your spiritual life. There are presentations scheduled each week with flexible session times for you to attend:

- Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm (Parish Center)
- Wednesday afternoons, 1:00 pm (Holy Family Center)

April 10/11: Shroud of Turin

April 17/18: "David the King" - Bishop Barron

The schedule of upcoming presentations can also be found on our parish website.

☪ [Education - Faith Enrichment](#)

HERSHEYPARK®

Discount tickets to **Hersheypark** are available to the friends & families of our parish at a **significant savings**. Add-on meal tickets and snack vouchers are also available at a savings of up to 30% off retail prices. There are some changes to the program this year. Full details and order forms are available on our website. Order forms can also be picked up in the church or parish office. Orders and payments must be received in the parish office by **Monday, April 23, 2018**. All checks should be made payable to "St. Joan of Arc".

☪ [Communications - Announcements](#)

AVAILABLE ALTAR FLOWERS

We have several dates for Altar Flowers available...

Main Altar: April 15, 22, 29; May 6; June 10, 17, 24

Blessed Mother: April 15, 22; May 6, 27; June 10, 17

Saint Joseph: April 15, 22; May 6, 27; June 10, 17, 24

Respect Life Roses: April 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20, 27;
June 3, 10, 17

To reserve dates for any of the available altar flowers, please call the parish office or visit the parish website. We recently added the ability to view and reserve dates of available altar flowers instantly online. Check it out!

☪ [Contact Us](#) ➤ [Request Altar Flowers](#)



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

2018 FESTIVAL



2018 Festival is coming quickly...

Please save the dates!

JUNE 14, 15, 16

As our only major parish fundraiser, we need your help! Do you have any unused Gift Cards that you'd like to donate? Do you have a business that offers Gift Certificates? Or do you have a favorite restaurant or shop that you frequent? If so, please consider donating a gift card or new gift item that we can include in either our Silent Auction or Basket Raffle.

Or, if you prefer, we can shop for you if you'd like to make a monetary contribution.

Also, we're in need of large baskets or tubs.

Please drop off your donations to the Parish Office no later than May 15. If you have questions, email: festival@stjoanhershey.org

For more information on our Festival, visit our festival website at www.sjafestival.com, or check us out on Facebook at [Facebook.com/sjafestival](https://www.facebook.com/sjafestival).

Thanks, in advance, for your generosity and support of Festival 2018!



BULLETIN REMINDERS

Requests for information to be included in the parish bulletins must be received by Monday at 9:00 am. Forms are available on our website under the "Contact us" menu. Requests need to be submitted exactly as you would like the information to appear and include the desired dates for it to be published. Thank you!

✠ PARISH MINISTRY: NEWS, EVENTS, MEETINGS ✠

NOTICE OF CHANGE FOR MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS:

Beginning in May the Nurse Ministry will no longer be offering blood pressure screenings following the Saturday evening Vigil Mass. Blood pressure screenings are held in the Library on the first Sunday of the month (unless it is a holiday weekend and then it will be the second Sunday) after these Masses: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 10:30 am.

🔗 [“Nurse Ministry” Ministry Page](#)

CCW UPCOMING EVENTS:**🔗 GREAT GARDENS FOR LESS - APRIL 19th**

All ladies of the parish are invited to the next CCW meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm in our SJA Cafeteria. Our speaker, George Weigle, will present "Great Gardens for Less Work" to help you get a great start on your Spring Gardening.

🔗 WOMEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Our day begins April 22 at 9:00 am with Mass, followed by breakfast and a presentation by Father Al on **“The Centennial Project: Celebrate 100 Years of Our Catholic Faith in Hershey”**.

Ladies, this is your chance to learn about the exciting upcoming projects that will take place in our parish. Tickets are available now for \$9. See a CCW member, go to the Parish Office or contact Barbara McCarthy at (717) 534-1858, email: FranBarbMc@aol.com.

🔗 [“CCW” Ministry Page](#)

YOUNG ADULTS EASTER CELEBRATION:

Adults age 21-35, married or single! We meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Youth Room (Meeting Room C). To celebrate the Easter Season, we will meet at the Hershey Biergarten on April 11th. Please contact John with questions.

📞 John: Ext. 128, jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org

🔗 [“Young Adults” Ministry Page](#)

AREBA CLUB MONTHLY MEETING:

The Areba Club will meet on Tuesday, April, 17 at 4:00 pm in the cafeteria. We will have our annual sub luncheon after the meeting. Cost is \$7.00 per person. You may pay at the meeting. To make reservations, contact Janet Polto (717) 533-3368. A collection will be taken for the March of Dimes in memory of our member John Bricker's son.

🔗 [“Areba Club” Ministry Page](#)

POT LUCK DINNER TO CELEBRATE OUR RISEN CHRIST:

“**I THIRST**” Prayer Group invites all to attend our Family Resurrection Party/Night of Thanksgiving. Please bring your family and join us Wednesday, April 11, at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria for a "Pot Luck" Dinner to Celebrate our Risen Christ! Bring a snack or covered dish as we all share what we are thankful for.

📞 Lou Felice (717) 583-0240

🔗 [“I Thirst” Prayer Group Ministry Page](#)

NURSE MINISTRY NOTES:

🔗 For those in need of durable medical equipment, we are able to provide some items. Please contact Carol O'Hara at (717) 579-8014.

🔗 Please look for upcoming information about **“Stop the Bleed”**. This is a program to learn techniques to help someone who is severely bleeding and how to deliver assistance while awaiting advanced medical care.

🔗 [“Nurse Ministry” Ministry Page](#)

God's Way: “The Road to Kindness” 

This week we celebrate one year of following God's Way – “The Road to Kindness!” We want to Thank You for your support and dedication and for making our Kindness Mission come alive during the past year! Your Kindness is impacting the lives of so many! As we celebrate one year of our Kindness, we reflect back on the first bulletin article that commenced our program on April 2, 2017:

Pope Francis recently said “How Marvelous it would be if at the end of the day, each of us could say: Today I have Performed an act of charity towards others!”

This is the perfect statement as we commence our “Road to Kindness” Program! The goal of this program is to inspire you to Be Kind. After all, Kindness starts with you – you have the ability to impact someone's life today! How would you feel if you knew that one act of kindness could affect a person's life for a day, a week, a month or even a year? Being Kind to someone is contagious. When you do an act of kindness, you are following the path that God outlines for each of us. You are demonstrating your love and compassion for your neighbor!

Become inspired and show someone that you Care - this is **God's Way!** **“The Road to Kindness”** starts now! Please pick up a Kindness Card in the back of the church and spread your Kindness.

**In Loving Memory of Anthony R. Bellezza,
Because Anthony's way of sharing
love and kindness should continue.**