

# St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

359 West Areba Avenue • Hershey, PA 17033  
Sixth Sunday of Easter May 1, 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



*6th Sunday of Easter*

## 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, May 2-St. Athanasius

6:45 AM Antonio & Maria Modesto  
9:00 AM Joseph P. Nocera

### Tuesday, May 3-Saints Philip and James

6:45 AM Deceased Santeusanio Family  
9:00 AM Mrs. Dorothy Bowman

### Wednesday, May 4

6:45 AM Donald Fox  
9:00 AM Bill Myers  
6:00 PM James Rafferty

### Thursday, May 5-The Ascension of the Lord

6:45 AM Theresa Ogden and Fr. Louis P. Ogden  
9:00 AM Doris Blouch  
7:00 PM People of the Parish

### Friday, May 6

6:45 AM Ana Spaeder  
9:00 AM Theresa Cortelazzi

### Saturday, May 7

9:00 AM Marsha Caldwell

### Seventh Sunday of Easter May 8, 2016

Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20;  
Jun 17:20-26

Stephen, the first martyr of the infant Church, washes his robe in the blood of the Lamb, the Alpha and the Omega. He proclaims Jesus Lord and King, Most High over all the earth. In him may all become one.

### Vigil, May 7

5:15 PM Charles Covage

### Sunday, May 8

7:30 AM Nicholas Gustafson  
9:00 AM Leona Berzinski  
10:30 AM People of the Parish  
12:00 PM Herman & Irene Rossi  
5:30 PM Heart of the Parish and Church Memorials

### Readings for the Week of May 1, 2016

**Monday** Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

**Wednesday** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or  
Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

**Friday** Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday** Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

### Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

Please pray for the soul of **Jean Gaspari** and **Margit Yetter** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc Church extends its deepest sympathy to their family and relatives on their loss.

## FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend we celebrated First Holy Communion in our parish. Eighty-seven children received Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist for the very first time. We are so happy for our little brothers and sisters who join us around the table of the Lord and thank their parents and families for their faithfulness to Mass and the religious education of their children.

On Sunday, May 1, at 1:30 pm our First Holy Communion class will gather for our Annual May Crowning. Jesus and Mary are so intimately connected that it is only appropriate that as we celebrate Jesus in the Holy Eucharist we also honor his mother in this beautiful traditional devotion. (Unfortunately, I will not be here for the May Crowning. I will be in Falls Church, Virginia, preaching the 25th Anniversary Mass of my classmate and friend, Father Pat Posey. I am glad to be with Father but I will miss being here for our May Crowning.)

Which reminds us of all the other things happening in May: The Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord on May 5th a Holyday of Obligation; Ordinations to the Diaconate and Priesthood (in June); Pentecost Sunday; and we cannot forget the Feast of Saint Joan of Arc on May 30th. This is a great month to be a Catholic (but all months are, aren't they?) Let us give thanks to the Lord for all that we celebrate, especially for our faith and for our families!

*Father Al*

### 1ST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

On Friday, **MAY 6**, immediately following the 9 AM Mass, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, closing with Benediction at 9:45 PM. Evening Prayer is held at 7 PM. If you would like to have your name mentioned in the healing prayers, please notify the parish office by Thursday, May 5. Please keep us updated each month if you want your name on the list.



- All parishioners are encouraged to come for an hour of adoration so that our Eucharistic Lord is attended throughout the day.
- If you would like to be a regular Adorer or a substitute, call John (533-9529).



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

Next week **May 9-May 16** the Pilgrim cross will be in the home of the Mr. & Mrs. Edward Meyers.

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule for May 8, 2016

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
<b>Lector</b>	N. Stewart	P. Graybash	B. Hasson	K. Shovlin	B. Hopstetter	P. Starner
<b>EMHC</b>	K. Harbaugh	C. Eimer	J. Gusherowski	T. Kilcoyne	G. Kaiser	V. Felice
	L. Kayser	A. Reeves	W. Lutz	E. Frauenhoffer	J. Kreider	C. Evans
	P. Mooney	M. Spaeder	C. Malloy	C. Mortel	R. Meinert	J. Evans
	D. Morgan		J. Pantalone	J. Phillippy		M. McGruder
<b>Altar Servers</b>	G. Gurney	St. Michael's Guard	L. Gusherowski	C. Roche	J.J. McInerney	N. Hamilton
	M. Gurney		E. Gusherowski	S. Mimmagh	E. Lamoreaux	A. Hamilton
	B. Seesholtz		M. Yee	M. McQuillan	T. Abraham	M. Bagatta
	G. Harbaugh		V. Yee	D. Matas	R. Abraham	D. Bagatta
<b>MC</b>	T. Harbaugh		J. Yee	M. Matas	M. Abraham	P. Bagatta

**Money Counters:** F. Wetherhold, E. Gliot, J. Detweiler, J. Albanese, J. Tobias, M. Duval



## This Week in our Parish

**SUNDAY, May 1-Blood Pressure Screening**

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

**MONDAY, May 2**

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

**TUESDAY, May 3**

9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture Study  
 6:30 PM Bereavement Support Group  
 7:00 PM Extraordinary Minister Renewal Training

**WEDNESDAY, May 4**

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

**THURSDAY, May 5**

8:00 PM Schola Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, May 6**

9:30 AM 1st Friday Adoration  
 3:00 PM Jr. Legion of Mary

**SATURDAY, May 7**

10:00 AM New Extraordinary Minister Training  
 4:00 PM Confessions

**SUNDAY, May 8 - SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL**

1:00 PM Baptisms

We wish to thank the sponsor of the week  
*Quality Digital Office Solutions*  
 for advertising in our bulletin.

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

April 16 & 17, 2016

5:15 - 226      7:30 - 211      9:00 - 345  
 10:30 - 420      12:00 - 236      5:30 - 342

**TOTAL - 1780**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD on MAY 5 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are May 4 at 6 PM and May 5 at 6:45, 9 AM and 7 PM.**



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, Lily Carney, Mae Piconi, Rose Marie Smith, Terrence Singer, Mark VanZandt, Barbara Ford, Nancy Hoffman, Frank McNamara**

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

**ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS****MAIN ALTAR:**

In loving memory of Donald Fox  
 from his family

**BLESSED MOTHER:**

In loving memory of Maria A. Rossi from her daughters

**SAINT JOSEPH:** In thanksgiving from Lisa Balanda

**RESPECT LIFE ROSE:**

In celebration of our grandmothers,  
 Lydia Ocamb & Joan Bennett from Iam & Sean Ocamb

**ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS AVAILABLE FOR:**  
**MAIN:** May 22, 29; June 5, 19, 26; July 17, 24, 31

**BLESSED MOTHER:** May 15; July 3, 17, 24, 31

**SAINT JOSEPH:** May 8, 15, 22, 29; June 12, 26; July 17

**RESPECT LIFE ROSE:** May 8; June 5, 12, 19, 26

The **May Procession** on 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. 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.

**ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY 25th Anniversary Celebration!!!**



Congratulations to our pastor, Fr. Al, who will observe his 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Fr. Al will celebrate the noon Mass on May 15 (Pentecost) and following the service, our parish will honor him with a reception in the cafeteria. Please plan to join us for a light lunch.

**FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - MAY 29**

Procession immediately following the noon Mass on that day, the Corpus Christi procession with the Blessed Sacrament will stop for adoration at the home of two parishioners—one on Granada Ave and one on W. Areba Ave. before ending at the grotto with solemn benediction. Everyone is invited to participate.

We are extending a special invitation to all children who received the Most Precious Body of Christ for the first time on April 30. This is an excellent occasion for them to recall this great mystery of faith. They will walk immediately before the Blessed Sacrament since a special function is reserved for them during the procession.

For more details on the role of the first communicants, please call Fran Wagler at 533-4142.



Living Our Faith Social Justice Ministry announces two trips to God's Vineyard. Our first trip, on May 25th, will take us to the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families and Lourdeshouse Maternity Home. We will tour the

facilities and chat with some of the residents for a first-hand account of what these homes mean to them. We will carpool from St. Joan of Arc at 10:00 am. After the visit we will have time to share our experiences and enjoy light refreshments from the vineyards at St. Lucy's Center at St. Joan of Arc.

On June 28th, our second trip will take us to the Joshua House in the Allison Hill area of Harrisburg. This oasis for young children and teens provides hope and support for at-risk city youth through educational and vocational opportunities year round. Joshua House grads (now college students) are hired to run the Summer Learning Program that once gave them hope and support. Talk to these great role models and be inspired. We will also visit the Joshua Community Garden. This trip will leave St. Joan of Arc at 9:00 am. We will again share experiences after the trip and enjoy light refreshments from the vineyards.

Please contact Anne Searer at asearer@comcast.net or 533-9636 by May 12th for more information and/or to reserve your spot for either or both trips.



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

**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.



**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](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/extraordinary-ministers.html) for more information.

**Intentions of Pope Francis for the month of May**



**Universal:** That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

**Evangelization:** That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.

**Mother's Day isn't easy for those who have lost a child or a friend to abortion ...**



"My husband insisted on the abortion. My doctor didn't give me any information on fetal development, and I, being so young and foolish, hadn't asked."

"My sister was crying when she went into the clinic, she cried throughout the procedure, and was sobbing as she left. No one at the clinic asked her questions ... Her three children are growing up without their mom because no one wanted to ask questions."

"His family pushed for the abortion — because I was in their home and they had to help care for my children while I was bedridden ... I felt obligated, totally helpless. ..."

"A part of me died that day."

**But if you give Him the broken pieces, God can make all things new.**

"She refuses to be consoled because her children are no more. The Lord says: Cease your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward. There is hope for your future." — *Jeremiah 31: 16-17*

"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." — *Psalms 34:18*

**HEALING IS POSSIBLE. LEARN MORE.**  
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TheUnChoice.com

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Unwanted. Unsafe. Unfair.

## YOUTH AND EDUCATION NEWS



**This 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.

### No Life Teen Next Week

**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 May 11 and 25 with "The Great Adventure Bible Study."

If you have any questions about any of the above items, please call John at 533-7168 x128 or email at [stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com).

## SCHOOL DINNER FOR DOLLARS

It's another big one!

Eat at Subway in the Hershey Tanger Outlets on May 2 from 4-8 PM and 40% of the cost of your meal will benefit our kids through the SJA School PTO. Find vouchers at the back of the church.



### Hersheypark Opportunities

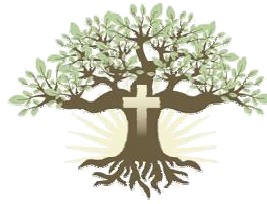
Volunteer opportunities in the food, ride, and game operation venues are available through the school. Volunteers receive park tickets for their service and the school receives revenue. If you want a calendar of available dates, let us know so that you can be put on the contact list. Contact Sr. JoAnn for details at [srjoann@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:srjoann@stjoanhershey.org)

### KUDOS

We congratulate Mary Parker who won honorable mention in the Hershey Story writing contest.

The following students represented the school in the Diocesan Speech Tournament: Lindsay Aluquin, Mary Parker, Julia Sallusti, Maria Tice, and Kennedy White. Julia was awarded an honorable mention for her persuasive speech.

The following students were recently recognized with Good Knight Awards: Amelia Yurich, Tommy Messing, Michael Gurney, Christopher Hopstetter, Evie Kopp, Anna Edwards, Kaitlyn Hoffman, Jacobi Hamn-Tate, and Rowan Tressler. Congratulations!



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

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

Weekly Tithing: \$21,930

Weekly Budget: \$27,308

Year to Date Budget Variance: \$13,616

## 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.



*May these children who have received the “Bread of Life” for the first time continue to receive the special blessing of Jesus each day of their lives.*

Julia Aluquin  
Sebastian Angelo  
James Argento  
Carter Barbieri  
Olivia Barder  
Abigail Bennett  
Matilda Bennett  
Katherine Bird  
Norah Bolton  
Sophia Bozell  
Elise Brelsford  
Samuel Brickley  
Anthony Bruno  
Tran Bui  
Declan Burdette  
Ford Carnes  
Audrey Cercega  
Noah Chetlen  
Matthew Clark  
Jillianna Cowan  
Brady Cox  
Teagan Crozier  
Patrick Curley  
Braedin Deardorff  
Patrick Denisco  
Claire Dion  
Emilee Dunkle  
Isabella Edwards  
Kiara Ferguson  
Lucas Fernandes

Elizabeth Foley  
Ryan Foley  
Reygan Gantz  
Peter Grutza  
Alexis Hahn  
Emily Hampton  
Jackson Hauer  
Makenna Hobe  
Taylor Hoffman  
Weston Huffman  
Carter Hughes  
Emily Jackson  
Zachary Jackson  
Aidan Jaskulski  
Madison Jones  
Christos Karantonis  
Bridget Levenick  
Grace Lindsay  
Johana Lombardo  
Alessandra Luna-Marengo  
Nicholas Marella  
Matias Maurer  
Sofia Maurer  
Daniel McGurrin  
Munachiso Mmuo  
Emma Morgan  
Elizabeth O'Donnell  
Katherine O'Hara  
David Otto  
Isabella Owens

Kendall Pavone  
Mia Pegher  
Gabrielle Pham  
Matthew Polinski  
Keegan Redmond  
Nathan Rose  
Emma Roush  
Alexis Schulz  
Bennett Sheppard  
Morgan Silber  
Tessa Stager  
Ryan Swallow  
Cameron Sweeney  
Julieta Tapia  
Ephraim Triscik  
Laurel Unger  
Cooper Wiedman-Krosnar  
Jesse Willi  
Avery Wolfe  
Cody Woodring  
Alyzza Yazinski  
Jack Zakovitch  
Milee Zarate-Bayani  
Conner Zarra  
Kyra-Jeanne Zmuda