



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

AUGUST 27, 2017

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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HOSPITAL EMERGENCIES:

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.





**MASS SCHEDULE,
READINGS & INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, AUGUST 28: SAINT AUGUSTINE

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

6:45 AM Fred, Hilda, Lidia and Regina Pronio

9:00 AM Enrico Rossi

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29:

THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29

6:45 AM Vincent Pronio

9:00 AM Brianna Nearey

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

6:45 AM Genevieve Seaton

9:00 AM Maggie Harris

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

6:45 AM Special Intention for Mary & Jim Hesburgh

9:00 AM Special Intention for Christine & Michael Brunn

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

6:45 AM Shirley Pell

9:00 AM Tami Miller

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

9:00 AM Anthony DiVittore

5:15 PM Kenneth Riley

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Following the Lord means nothing less than the cross: offering ourselves with Jesus as a living sacrifice and not conforming ourselves to this world. Following him will entail derision and scorn, yet the Lord is our help.

MASS INTENTIONS:

7:30 AM John & Margaret Welsh

9:00 AM Terrence Freisen

10:30 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Patricia Bray

5:30 PM John & Bessie Devine and Patricia Neuroth

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



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 4th in observance of the Holiday.

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.



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, John Hines, Rose Marie Smith, Richard Settino, Judy Czynnik, Virginia Bateman, Elizabeth Chelak, Barry Boyer, Sheila Curley, Charles Ohrnberger, Joseph Fagnani, and Tiffany Fagnani.

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



VOCATIONS:

"Who has known the mind of the Lord?" Through prayer our minds become better aligned with the mind of Christ and His will for us. If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call Fr. Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or email: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

With Much Gratitude...

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

ADVENT COUNSELING SERVICES

MASS ATTENDANCE: Aug. 19 & 20 **Total:** 1750

| <u>5:15pm</u> | <u>7:30am</u> | <u>9:00am</u> | <u>10:30am</u> | <u>Noon</u> | <u>5:30pm</u> |
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| 277 | 183 | 314 | 395 | 258 | 323 |

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for September 2 & 3, 2017

| | 5:15 PM | 7:30 AM | 9:00 AM | 10:30 AM | 12:00 Noon | 5:30 PM |
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| Lector | G. Duval | M. Spaeder | B. Williams | R. Ruggiero | K. Shovlin | M. Yee |
| EMHC | A. Gould | C. Eimer | K. Burkhart | K. Harbaugh | T. Kilcoyne | V. Ruiz-Velasco |
| | S. Cordaro | J. Larkin | M. DeAngelis | G. Bixler | J. Traini | C. Evans |
| | M. Duval | J. Larkin | T. DeAngelis | B. Frola | R. Barry | J. Evans |
| | E. Frauenhoffer | | | J. Frola | | V. Felice |
| Servers | G. Gurney | J. Katzenmoyer | C. Edwards | V. Foley | St. Michael's | A. Stinson |
| | M. Gurney | J.P. Katzenmoyer | B. Tressler | M. Tice | Guard | B. Seesholtz |
| | M. Coyle | S. Loser | D. Matas | G. Harbaugh | | L. Ruiz-Velasco |
| MC | A. Aluquin | N. Silvis | M. Matas | N. Martin | | F. Sallusti |

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



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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

Weekly Tithing: \$33,014
 Weekly Budget: \$29,615
 Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$6,825
 Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$1,542

Special Collections

Holy Day - Aug. 15: \$5,074
 Missionary Co-Op: \$14,505

Thank you for your generosity!



ALTAR FLOWERS:

Main Altar: In loving memory of Jack Kalasky from wife, Gee and family

Blessed Mother: In loving memory of Josephine Testa by her daughter

Saint Joseph: In loving memory of Doris Katsonis from Joseph & Mary Moyer and Sara Jennings

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:

8/28 - 9/4: **Mr. & Mrs. James Dezagottis**

9/4 - 9/11: **Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kilcoyne**



LABOR DAY MASS

September 4, 9:00 AM

[Lector] B. Frola
[EMHC] W. Lutz, Sr. Eileen, Sr. Salvatoris
[Servers] A. Gusherowski, E. Gusherowski, L. Gusherowski

Cleaning Crew Needed

We are looking for substitute custodians to assist with cleaning the school.

Contact Barbara Hasson at 533-7168 Ext. 107 or email: bhasson@stjoanhershey.org



SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Monthly Food Bank Collection

2:15 PM Altar Server Training [CHR]
6:45 PM Life Teen [MRC]

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

First Day of School! ☺

9:45 AM Legion of Mary [SLC]
7:00 PM EDGE [MRC]
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop Mtg [SLC]
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul [LIB]

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

No Scheduled Events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:15 AM Wednesday Morning Coffee [SLC]
7:45 AM Gospel Reflection Group [SLC]
5:00 PM Confessions [CHR]
6:30 PM RCIA [PC]
7:00 PM "I Thirst" Prayer Group [CAF]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

No Scheduled Events

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:30 AM First Friday Eucharistic Adoration [CHR]
3:00 PM Jr. Legion of Mary [SLC]

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

4:00 PM Confessions [CHR]

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

1:00 PM Baptisms [CHR]

[CHR] Church [CAF] Cafeteria [CHP] Chapel
[GYM] Gymnasium [LIB] Library [PC] Parish Center
[MRC] Meeting Room C (Youth Room) [SLC] St. Lucy Center

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION:

We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **Friday, September 1st**, immediately following the 9am Mass, closing with Benediction at 9:45 PM. Evening Prayer is held at 7 PM. If you would like your name mentioned in the healing prayers, please notify the parish office by Thursday, August 31st.

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



The Resurrection Choir that sings at Funerals and Memorial Services would benefit from additional members. If you are interested in joining us, please call Kit Ryan at 717-533-4731.

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



LIFE TEEN

This Week: "School Year Kick-off"
Before the school year begins, we will be having one last hurrah with a Life Teen Selfie Scavenger Hunt. Invite your friends and wear some good shoes. Running around will be involved.

Next Week: No Life Teen - Enjoy the Labor Day holiday with your family & friends!

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH



EDGE

EDGE is for grades 6-8th and meets on Monday nights in the Youth Room (Meeting Room C) from 7-8:15. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to our next EDGE night on **September 11th** with our school year kick off.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS...

REP classes are approaching or at capacity, especially Wednesday sessions. If your child's grade is full when we receive the registration, you will be notified of a change to the alternate class day.

- **Religious Education Program registrations are DUE.** If you have not registered your K-8th grade students for REP, please do so today. Forms are available in the rear of the church and at the parish office. You may also register and pay online at: www.stjoanhershey.org No child will be admitted on the first day of classes in September without pre-registering.
- **REP For Students With Special Needs:** SJA's REP program supports all students, including those with special needs. Our program includes a special needs class that utilizes a small group instruction format on Sunday mornings at 10:15. Another option for students would include a helper to provide 1:1 assistance in the regular REP class based on the needs of the child. A third option would be to help identify a volunteer to provide 1:1 instruction to your child outside of a classroom.

Parents and guardians, for more information, please contact Marcie Warner at 533-7168 ext. 112 or email: mwarner@stjoanhershey.org

Volunteers: If you have a background in special education and willingness to learn and volunteer for this important ministry, we would welcome your support. Please contact Marcie, Thank you!

✠ PARISH & MINISTRY: NEWS, EVENTS, MEETINGS ✠

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY:

To increase awareness of the sacred origin of human life and reestablish a true Culture of Life we need additional members. Membership will enable you to contribute ideas and effort as appropriate for you. We meet once a month on the second Wednesday in the evening. This issue has become critical and political with disregard for morality. If interested, contact Gerry Kaiser by (717) 533-6608, gerardkaiser@aol.com, or Mary McInerney (717) 533-4846.

"I THIRST" PRAYER GROUP:

Please join us to deepen your faith and relationship with Jesus through prayer, song, worship and praise on Wednesday, **August 30th at 7p.m.** in the Cafeteria. We will be celebrating a night of thanksgiving. Come quench your thirst for God! Find us on Facebook at: **ITHIRSTSJA**.

"THE GIFT", A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:

"I Thirst" presents **The Gift, A Life In The Spirit Seminar**, Wednesdays 7 p.m. starting September 13, St. Joan of Arc Church Cafeteria, Hershey.

Are you looking for real Joy in your life? The GIFT is an inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and deepen their relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. The teachings are relaxed, personal and informative. The GIFT will include a series of talks and discussions which will take place over a period of seven weeks. To register, or if you have any questions, contact Lou at (717) 583.0240 or email: mathfamily1@yahoo.com.

THAT MAN IS YOU!:

Men mark your calendars. Year 2 of That Man Is You! Begins Saturday, **September 9, 2017 at 6:30am**. This is year has been completing redone and updated. Modeled on some of the country's leading men's programs, That Man Is You! Combines Scripture, solid secular research and a little fun to address the pressure and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

The program will be hosted every Saturday morning at 6:30am in the school cafeteria or Meeting Room C. We gather at 6:30am for breakfast, coffee and fellowship. The video presentation starts at 7:00 and small group discussion starting at 7:30.

Please contact the parish office or website to signup or email Chad Brickley at chadabrickley@gmail.com to register or inquire about the program.

CAELORUM - SEPTEMBER 6:

Come join us at Caelorum at St. Joan of Arc Church on **Wednesday, September 6 at 7 PM** as we adore our Lord through prayer, praise, worship and music. Fr. Modestus will preside. An ice cream reception will immediately following in the St. Lucy House. For more information, please call 583-0240. All are welcome.

DAUGHTER'S OF MERCY - RAFFLE WINNERS:

This week's local winner of the Daughter's of Mercy Annual Calendar Raffle: **No local winners this week.**

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - ADULTS AGE 21-35:

Calling all Young Adults of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church between the ages of 21-35, married or single!!! Young Adults will meet on **September 13th & 27th** as we continue a bible study on the Gospel of St. Luke. If you are interested or have any questions, please call John in the Youth Office at 533-7168 Ext. 128 or stjaonofarclifeteen@gmail.com.

MOM'S GROUP - SEPTEMBER DATES:

Attention moms of babies and toddlers: Are you interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to chat and share some snacks while the kids play? Please join us for play dates on September 8th, 15th, and 25th from 9:30 - 11:30am. For location or questions, please email Sarah at: Sarah.Bonavia@gmail.com.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY:

This fall we are planning on studying The Mysteries of the Rosary using a new series from Little Rock Bible Study. We will use New Testament verses to explore how each mystery connects to Jesus and Mary. This is a short session of about 5 weeks. If you are interested in learning more about the rosary and how it can be meaningful for your life, please come and join us. We plan to begin on Tuesday, **September 12th**, following the 9:00 am Mass, in the Saint Lucy Center. There are books and a DVD to help us better appreciate the rosary today. If you would like to join us, please contact Jeanie Vey at 533-2246 or 599-9805.

FR. BEITING APPALACHIAN MISSION CENTER:

Our next Parish sponsored trip to Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center is scheduled for the week of October 15, 2017. We will leave after 7:30 am Mass on the 15th and return late the following Friday evening. If you would like to join us or would like more information about this trip please contact Larry and Jan Duckart 367-1546 or email them at duckart@comcast.net.

INVITATION - BREAST CANCER WALK:

Join fellow parishioner and breast cancer survivor Kathy Geller Myers at the **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk** on Saturday, Oct. 21 on City Island. We need your feet and spirit! Please sign up at the link below to create your own team or to donate. See you there!
www.makingstrideswalk.org/harrisburg



Lord, you are good and forgiving.

✠ DIOCESAN WIDE EVENTS ✠

ANNUAL WHITE MASS FOR THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION:

The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites all Catholic physicians, healthcare workers, medical students, residents and their families to attend the **Annual White Mass:**

Date: Sunday, September 17, 2017

Time: 9:30 AM

Location: St. Patrick's Cathedral, Harrisburg

Celebrant & Homilist: Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Harrisburg.

Light breakfast to follow in lower hall. Please RSVP for the reception to: CathMedHbg@aol.com

DIOCESAN CHARISMATIC DAY OF RENEWAL: THE HOLY SPIRIT: FOUNTAIN OF GRACE

The Holy Spirit & the Renewal - The Last 50 Years and Beyond

Saturday, September 16, 2017, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg

Keynote Speaker: Rev. William "Bill" Cosgrove Liaison
Registration: aliveinthepirit.net or hbgdiocese.org/renewal
Questions? Call Mary Ann 717-564-7709. Please do not call the Diocesan Office.

LEFT TO TELL - FAITH, HOPE & FORGIVENESS:

Left To Tell: A Story of Faith, Hope & Forgiveness
Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 280 N. Race St. Middletown will be hosting **Immaculee Illibagiza**, an award-winning author who is a survivor of the genocide in Rwanda. All parishioners are invited to come **September 27 or 28**, at 7:00 pm to hear about her 91 days of confinement and how prayer transformed her life from fear to courage, hatred to love, and gave her the ability to forgive those who murdered her family. There will be a free will offering, book signing, fellowship and refreshments after her presentation.

PRO-LIFE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE:

People dedicated to the sanctity of life are invited to attend the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children at St. Benedict the Abbot Church (Lebanon) Saturday, **September 9, 2017**. Join us for Holy Mass at 9:00 am. Following Mass, we will gather on the church grounds at the Pro-Life Memorial for a prayer service and recitation of the Rosary. Please join us to remember and pray for all the innocent lives lost to abortion and to beg the Lord for healing and mercy for women and their families.

This event was begun in 2013 by Priests for Life, Pro-Life Action League, and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society to encourage people to visit, honor, and conduct prayer vigils at gravesites or at memorials to pray for and remember our unborn brothers and sisters lost to abortion. More information, contact Sandra at 717-838-5243.

God's Way - "The Road to Kindness" 

There are many wonderful books that talk about Kindness. One that we want to highlight today is **"The Power of Kindness"** from the Simple Truths collection.

The "Power of Kindness" book describes "Kindness as a snowball that's rolling down a hill. Each unselfish act or word is another snowflake that greets the others...creating something much larger than itself in the process." The book's introduction continues with "Kindness and honesty create trust, improve relationships, and make you feel good about yourself. So why aren't more people Kind? Almost everyone understands the power of kindness because we've all been on the receiving end of it. But perhaps we haven't been motivated to practice this virtue in our daily lives."

With so many different types of Kindness Programs in circulation today, why is it that we still see and hear stories of where people are not kind? This has to change! *When we kicked off our Kindness Program in April, our goal was to inspire you to **Be Kind**. After all, Kindness starts with you – you have the ability to impact someone's life today! We can make a difference -- let's inspire others to embrace God's Way – The Road to Kindness!*

We realize that our **Kindness Program** is in its infancy. We can feel the momentum picking up – it takes everyone in our parish community to be the Kindness voice! While at mass on Sunday evening, we heard a wonderful story of how a young boy's kindness and care towards his friends inspired the rest of the boys to work on a project that helped the entire neighborhood. How exciting!

If you want some inspiration, then we encourage you to get a copy of "The Power of Kindness" from the Simple Truths collection. The heartwarming stories will move you and in turn inspire others to spread some **Kindness** today!

This week's Act of Kindness:

"I was going thru a drive-thru and paid for the person behind me."

-Anonymous

Let's fill our email box with your stories and acts of Kindness! Please share your act of kindness by emailing them to:

kindness@stjoanhershey.org