



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You too go into my vineyard,
and I will give you what is just.”

Matthew 20:4

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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, SEPTEMBER 25

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

6:45 AM Joseph Nestico
9:00 AM Daniel DeVito

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: SAINTS COSMAS & DAMIAN

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

6:45 AM Deceased Arlotta Family
9:00 AM Wayne Foust

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

6:45 AM Sarah M. Lutz
9:00 AM Nicholas J. Duffy

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: ST. WENCESLAUS AND ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

6:45 AM Josefina Bigalli
9:00 AM Donald Eline

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

6:45 AM Vincent Pronio
9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: ST. JEROME

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

9:00 AM Sarah M. Lutz
5:15 PM Joseph Yashinsky

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Jesus was obedient to the Father, even to death on a cross. We need never fear if we turn away from the path of virtue for the Lord is ever ready to forgive us, if we but repent. Remember, the Lord's compassion and kindness are from of old.

MASS INTENTIONS:

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Agatha Andreani
10:30 AM Jeane Nowicki
12:00 PM Effie, Joseph, James and William Butch
5:30 PM Roger R. Perreault

 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, Sheila Curley, Charles Ohrnberger, Joseph Fagnani, Tiffany Fagnani, Charles Wingerson, Barry Boyer, Doris & Frank Bolduc, Jaime Hobe, Agnes McCarty



FROM THE PASTOR

Next week we celebrate Our Annual Eucharistic Devotions here at Saint Joan of Arc. Known also as “Forty Hours”, we come together as a parish family to recognize the great gift we have in the Holy Eucharist. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the altar calls us to take time from our busy schedule, make a visit to the church during this time and, if possible, make the evening devotions. Please sign up for a half hour of adoration at the back of the church.

Starting on October 6th, we will have our First Friday Exposition in the Saint Lucy Chapel in the new parish Center. Immediately after the nine o'clock Mass we will gather in the chapel and expose the Blessed Sacrament. We will continue with Evening Prayer and Prayer for the Sick at 7:00 pm and Night Prayer at 9:45 pm. We will do this during October, November and December and then assess how it is working for the new year. There are two reasons why we are doing this: first, the chapel is a much more intimate space and, second, there are times when no one is in the church when the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar which is strictly forbidden by the Church. In the Parish Center, there are people around all the time which is necessary for prolonged adoration.

We really have a week dedicated to the Holy Eucharist! Stop in and make a visit!

Father Al



With Much Gratitude...

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

BUDGET BLINDS



VOCATIONS:

“Seek the Lord while He may be found...” While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, Contact Fr. Brian Wayne at (717) 657-4804 or email: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2017

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
Lector	J. O'Hara	S. Petrina	N. Ott	K. Shovlin	F. Ruggiero	A. Raugh
EMHC	C. Mortel	B. McCarthy	T. Samson	M. Stamilio	R. Meinert	J. Triscik
	K. McCarthy	F. McCarthy	L. Rogers	G. Bixler	P. Mooney	Sr. Eileen
	J. Nolan	K. Harbaugh	M. Rogers	K. Burkhart	J. Traini	Sr. Salvatoris
	D. Morgan			S. Cordaro		R. Barry
Servers	G. Gurney	C. Chardo	A. Samson	C. Hopstetter	St. Michael's	A. Stinson
	M. Gurney	G. Harbaugh	S. Yurich	E. Roche		M. Yee
	M. Coyle	J. Katzenmoyer	J. Wilson	C. Edwards		V. Yee
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Money Counters: G. Kaiser, B. Moglia, G. Kaiser, V. Gunnells, K. Willey



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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

- Weekly Tithing: \$31,353
- Weekly Budget: \$29,615
- Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$11,973
- Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$2,372

**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION:
EDUCATION COLLECTION**

**Benefiting our parish Mustard Seed Fund*

Our children are of primary concern and responsibility. As a parish community, we reach out to pass the faith onto our children through our: Religious Education Program (REP), Youth Ministry, and Catholic School. The Mustard Seed fund was established to help support these programs and benefit the faith formation of youth in our parish community.

**NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION:
HURRICANE IRMA EMERGENCY COLLECTION**

A special collection is being held in all parishes of the Diocese of Harrisburg for Hurricane Irma relief efforts. This is a part of the U.S. Catholic Bishops emergency collection to assist the millions of persons affected by this devastating weather event through the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA.

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer of the Diocese of Harrisburg shares Pope Francis's trust that the Catholic faithful here in the United States will respond to the needs presented by these disasters with a 'vast outpouring of solidarity and mutual aid in the best traditions of the nation. The Bishop added, "I encourage the good and faithful people of our diocese to respond generously with prayers and financial support. It is so urgently needed."



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the soul of **William Levine**, father of Kathy Gourley, who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy to his family and friends on their loss.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

There are several dates available for altar flowers. Please call the parish office or visit the parish website.

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:

- 9/25 - 10/2: Harry & Carolyn Devine
- 10/2 - 10/9: Crystal & Matt Wright

MASS ATTENDANCE: Sept. 16 & 17						Total: 1813
5:15pm	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	Noon	5:30pm	
306	204	311	400	231	361	



Director of Music
POSITION AVAILABLE

**Director of Music for
St. Joan of Arc Church:**

This position is responsible for planning, coordinating and executing the music program at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Must be accomplished in the following areas: organ, piano/keyboard, voice, and choral direction. This position requires a mature, professional, responsible, committed individual with excellent communication (oral and written) skills as well as excellent organizational and managerial talents. Hours and salary negotiable. Experience in direction of music for Catholic liturgies preferred. Interview and audition are required. To request an interview, complete the form on our parish website at: www.stjoanhershey.org/DM or contact Father Al Sceski at (717) 533-7168, Ext. 102.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6
- 2:00 PM Soccer Challenge
- 6:45 PM Life Teen [MRC]
- 7:00 PM Confirmation Prep

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 9:45 AM Legion of Mary [SLC]
- 7:00 PM Bible Study [SLC]
- 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul [LIB]
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop Meeting [CAF]

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture Study [SLC]
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry [SLC]

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 7:15 AM Wednesday Morning Coffee [SLC]
- 7:45 AM Gospel Reflection Group [SLC]
- 4:15 PM REP K-Gr 6
- 5:00 PM Confessions [CHR]
- 6:30 PM RCIA [PC-M]
- 7:00 PM Young Adults [MRC]
- 7:00 PM "The Gift", Life In The Spirit Seminar [CAF]

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal [CHR]

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 3:00 PM Jr. Legion of Mary [SLC]

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 6:30 AM That Man Is You [CAF]
- 12:00 PM Oktoberfest
- 4:00 PM Confessions [CHR]
- 6:00 PM Blood Pressure Screenings [LIB]

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

- *Monthly Blood Pressure Screenings* [LIB]
- 9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6
- 1:00 PM Baptisms [CHR]
- 3:00 PM Holy Hour - Respect Life Sunday [CHR]
- 6:45 PM Life Teen [MRC]
- 7:00 PM Confirmation Prep
- 7:00 PM Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotion [CHR]

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

📍 Room locations can be found on the parish website under the "Parish" Menu. Select "Facilities & Scheduling".



MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURES
 Parish Nurses will be taking Blood Pressures in the library following the 5:15pm Mass on Saturday (9/30), and following these Masses on Sunday (10/1): 7:30am, 9:00am, and 10:30am.

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



This Week: "Life Teen Social"

We'll be having a great night with some fun and games, including kickball in the school gym. Invite your friends for a great night of fellowship.

Next Week: "Restore" We all experience brokenness in our body and our soul. Next week we'll take a close look at how Christ is present in our suffering and heals us through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing the Sick.

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH



EDGE is for grades 6-8th and meets on Monday nights in the Youth Room (Mtg. Room C) from 7-8:15. EDGE nights will be **October 2nd, 16th, 23rd**. Invite your

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS...

Reminder: No Sunday REP Classes on October 8 due to Columbus Day.

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

† You are invited to the 90th Anniversary Celebration of St. Joan of Arc School on Sunday, **October 8, 2017**. Details & RSVP online at: school.stjoanhershey.org/alumni or call Deb Rizzotto at (717) 533-2854, Ext. 123.

† Our St. Joan of Arc Blue Ribbon Awarded School welcomes new students for this school year. Contact Deb Rizzotto, Director of Development, for more information and to schedule your personal tour (717) 533-2854, Ext. 123. Come and see why our school is great!



CATECHIST WANTED!

REP is seeking an additional Grade One catechist for Sunday morning classes, to enable us to register more children without overcrowding.

If you have a love of children and our beautiful faith, please contact Marcie for more information on how you can serve. 717-533-7168, Ext.112

† UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS †



Saturday, September 30th
Noon to 7:00 PM

ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH
Areba Ave. Parking Lot

**FOOD, DRINKS, FELLOWSHIP,
 & LIVE OOMPAH MUSIC!**

MENU FEATURES:

Beer Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, Soft Pretzels,
 Schmidt's Hot Sausage, Fried Potato Cakes,
 Hot Dogs, Root Beer, & October Brew!

**Food & beverages are available "A La Cart"
 or as a Meal Package.*



**FREE
 ADMISSION!**



**This event is hosted by the
 Knights of Columbus Council 6693**

*Proceeds from this year's event will benefit Warrior
 to Lourdes, France Fund - Sponsored by the SJA Knights
 of Columbus to send a wounded warrior on a pilgrimage.*

New Location

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION:
 OCTOBER 6, 2017**

Beginning in October, and continuing through December, our First Friday Exposition will be in the **Saint Lucy Chapel** (located in the new parish Center) on Friday, October 6th. Immediately after the 9:00 am Mass we will gather in the chapel and expose the Blessed Sacrament.

We will continue with Evening Prayer and Prayer for the Sick at 7:00 pm and Night Prayer at 9:45 pm. If you would like your name mentioned in the healing prayers, please notify the parish office by Thursday, October 5.

**Please refer to Father's column on Page 2 for more details.*



40 HOUR EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS
October 1, 2, 3

Our Annual Parish 40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions next Sunday. Our Homilist will be Father Sam Dubois. This is a grace filled opportunity for our parish. Please plan to spend some time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, which will be exposed on the altar:

Sunday, October 1: Following the Noon Mass until 4:00 pm, then again at 7:00 pm.

Monday & Tuesday, October 2 & 3: Following the 9:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm.

SEPT. 30: BLUE MASS

A "Blue Mass" to honor, pray for, and bless all Police Officers, Firefighters, and EMS Responders will be offered on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 5:15 pm. Emergency Responders are encouraged to wear their uniforms. A special blessing will be given towards the end of Mass.

OCT. 1: RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - HOLY HOUR

In observance of Respect Life Sunday our parish will be hosting a Holy Hour for Life at 3:00 pm. We will be dedicating an hour of prayer, with exposition of the Holy Eucharist, to the sanctity of human.

OCT. 1: PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank Mobile Unit will be accepting donors after Masses on Sunday, October 1st from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm.

OCT. 7: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Blessing of the Animals will take place Saturday, October 7th, 9:45 am in front of the Parish Center. Please remember to bring water and clean-up bags for your pet.

OCT. 22: HEALING MASS

A special Healing Mass will be celebrated at 2:30 pm on Sunday, October 22, 2017. Anointing of the Sick will take place during the Mass. If you or anyone you know is seriously ill, elderly, or handicapped, or will be undergoing surgery within the next several days, please come and/or bring them to the Mass.

Full information for these events can be found on the "Upcoming Events" page under the "Calendar" menu.

✠ MINISTRY NEWS ✠

Full information regarding these items can be found on our parish website by visiting the page listed below each article.

DAUGHTER'S OF MERCY- RAFFLE WINNERS:

This week's local winner of the Daughter's of Mercy Annual Calendar Raffle: **No local winners reported this week.** Please check back next week. God bless you!

HAITI COMMITTEE MEETING - OCT. 3:

Please join us for our next Haiti committee meeting. Learn what you can do to help and what we have been doing! Next meeting is Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm and will be at the Oparowski's home located at 129 E. Areba Avenue, Hershey. Parking is in the back.

☪ ["Haiti Committee" Ministry Page](#)

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER CHAIN - OCT. 1:

On Respect Life Sunday, October 1, individuals and families are invited to be a prayerful witness to life. We will line the front property of Holy Name of Jesus Church, Harrisburg and pray for the unborn and their families from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. Stand with thousands of pro-life individuals throughout the United States and Canada, and pray for people in crisis situations and for our nation. Bring your whole family. Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas are welcome. Signs will be provided. ☪ ["Respect Life" Ministry Page](#)

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 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.

☪ ["Young Adults" - Ministry Page](#)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

"Bless my hands...Often just appendages at the end of my arms. These instruments of love have done mundane tasks, yet also create beauty." This is part of a prayer we say at every meeting. Come join us, so your hands can create a beautiful prayer shawl or lap robe. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:00 -3:00 pm in the St. Lucy Center. Questions? Contact Kathy Palmer (717) 566-1481 or Norberta "Bert" Curran (302) 228-9735.

☪ ["Prayer Shawl" - Ministry Page](#)

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: **9/25, 10/9, 10/20, 10/27** from 9:30 -11:30 am. For location & any questions, please email Sarah: Sarah.Bonavia@gmail.com.

☪ ["Mom's Group" - Ministry Page](#)

JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY:

Would you like to learn more about your faith? Would you like to become closer to Jesus and His Mother Mary? Then the Junior Legion of Mary is for you. Any student in 2nd grade through age 18 is invited to join us on Fridays in the Saint Lucy Center from 3:00 - 4:30 pm as we pray the rosary and visit people in the name of the Blessed Mother.

☪ ["Junior Legion of Mary" - Ministry Page](#)

THE GIFT, A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:

Are you looking to grow closer to God, receive more spiritual nourishment or healing? The I THIRST Prayer Group invites you to attend the Gift, a Life in the Spirit Seminar. "It is a catechesis that produces, by the work of the Holy Spirit, a personal encounter with Jesus who changes our life." - Pope Francis. Held this Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. Contact: Lou (717) 583-0240 or Lynn (717) 503-1600. All are welcome!

☪ ["The Gift Seminar" - Upcoming Events](#)

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Full information for these events can be found on the "Upcoming Events" page under the "Calendar" menu.

ANNUAL FISHERS OF MEN DINNER:

On Friday, October 6, 2017 the Annual Fishers of Men Dinner will be held at the Cardinal Keeler Center. Proceeds of this dinner will benefit the Patrons of our Seminarians that aid the formation of priests. Please help support the seminary formation of our future priests so that the work of Christ may continue for generations to come. If you are not able to attend, donations are welcome. Information and RSVP are available in the back of the church and on the Diocesan website at: hbgdiocese.org/fisherofmen.

HARRISBURG CATHOLIC H.S. CLASS OF 1955:

The Harrisburg Catholic High School Class of 1955 is having a luncheon reunion on Friday, October 6, 2017 at Noon. The event will be held at the Wharf Restaurant (Harrisburg). To add your name to the reservation list, contact Ginny Zimmerman at (717) 534-2366.

Bishop McDevitt H.S. - Coaches Wanted:

The Athletic Department is seeking the following Coaches: Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, Track and Field Hurdling Coach, (2) Junior Varsity Softball Coaches. Contact Tommy Mealy at (717) 236-0204 or tmealy@bishopmcddevitt.org

3rd Annual Aaron's Rhythm & Brews Festival:

Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 3:00 - 10:00 pm at the St. Cecilia's Parish Center (State Drive, Lebanon)

"Get Connected" Young Adults Event:

Saturday, October 7, 2017. 5:30 pm Vigil Mass (St. Patrick Cathedral) followed by a party at Bridge's Social Club (2nd St., Harrisburg). Open to adults in their 20's & 30's.

St. Margaret Mary "Monte Carlo Night":

Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 7:00 - 10:30 pm at Bishop McDevitt H.S. Event benefits St. Margaret Mary Parish.