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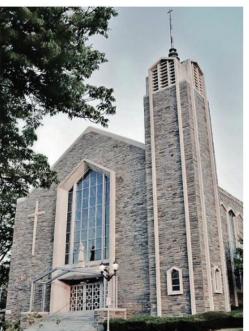
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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 5:00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

7:30 am 9:30 am (livestreamed) 11:30 am 5:00 pm

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 6:45 am & 9:00 am (*livestreamed*) Saturday 9:00 am (livestreamed)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 5:00-5:30 pm Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm

6th Sunday Ordinary Time

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow."

Matthew 5:33

Diocesan



In last week's bulletin, Jerry Crawford, our Parish Manager, laid out in full detail where we are regarding the completion of the 3rd Floor of our School. Basically, what is happening is that we have the money to finish the project, but it will deplete our savings to such an extent that we will not have savings for a rainy day. Also, since we started in January paying down the principal and the interest on our loan (during the Capital Campaign, we were only paying the interest and a small amount on the principal), we really will be strapped if the economy takes another beating. What was decided by me and the Parish Finance Council and approved by the Diocesan Building Committee, the Diocesan Finance Committee, and the College of Consultors, is that we will complete half of the project this year (the classrooms) and delay finishing the chapel until we have the money to complete it AND not put ourselves into a financial bind. Disappointing, I know, but I think it is the right decision. The good news is that we do not have to slow down the growth of the school. What we need to do to finish the whole project is threefold:

- Everyone needs to finish paying on their pledge to the Centennial Project
- Ask those who have not given to make a pledge and/or a one-time contribution
- Reach out to new parishioners and new school families and let them know more about our wonderful project and ask them to give

We are doing fine as a parish spiritually, socially and financially. Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither is a parish! It is generations of good men and women like yourselves that determine the legacy of a parish. It is going to be okay. As the steward of our resources, I must make decisions that are for the good of the parish now and for years to come. The School will be finished but not this year.

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PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: Edith Epler, Kathleen Weiss, William Claypoole, Maggie & Dave Dull, Diane Holubek, Rosemary Connolly, Christopher Jordan, Fred Bender, Rosemarie Marone, Barbara Kayser and Mary Beth Sheehan.

Call the parish office to add a name to the prayer list. Reminder: Names will remain on the list for six weeks.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Respect Life Rose In Loving Memory of John E. Austin From your loving wife, Pam



Volunteer Opportunity-**Collection Counters**

Are you searching for an opportunity to help out your parish? Do you have a few hours on a Monday morning?

We are looking for money counters to help out on a Monday morning with the collections. Approval is required by Fr. Al. If you are interested and are available at that time, please email Michelle Gutshall at mgutshall@stjoanhershey.org



SOUP SALE This Weekend

SOUPER CCW is selling homemade quarts of soup for Catholic Charities after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses this weekend. Please come early to get the best choice! We'll have lots of varieties to choose from! It's a great deal and you're helping a great cause while supporting the Homes for Healing! Suggested donation is \$10.00 per container of soup.



We will collect last year's palms the weekend of February 12 and February 19. Look for baskets in the vestibule of the Church.

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

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MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13:

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

6:45 AM Nancy Santeusanio

9:00 AM Carol Williams

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14:

MEMORIAL OF SAINTS CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:41-21

6:45 AM Jim Grap

9:00 AM Eleanor McElhinney

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

6:45 AM Special Intentions for Marie Straw

9:00 AM John & Janet Polto

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16:

Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

6:45 AM Deacon Mortel

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Ortenzi and

Cramer Families

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17:

Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34—9:1

6:45 AM Special Intentions for Diva Passalacqua

9:00 AM Paul Shiffler

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18:

Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

9:00 AM Irene Petrina

5:00 PM Marjorie Osborne

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Offer no resistance to one who persecutes you. Rather, love your neighbor as you love yourself. As the Lord is gracious and merciful, treat others in the same way, humbling yourself before the Lord.

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

7:30 AM Regina Pronio & Pete Bowman

9:30 AM Pete & Elsie Marcucci and Matthew Pritchett

11:30 AM Mae Zajac and her son Barry Zajac

5:00 PM People of the Parish

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen

This Week: "Chipotle and Bingo"-It is finally here! We continue a Life Teen tradition with bingo and Chipotle as we watch the Super Bowl. We will meet in the Youth Room from 6:15-8:30 pm. Invite your friends!

Next Week: No Life Teen-Have a great holiday weekend.

2023 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

Feb 19	No Life Teen-President's Day Weekend
Feb 22	Ash Wednesday-Lent begins!
Feb 26	Life Teen-"Forever Young"
March 5	Life Teen-"Get Rich Quick"

EDGE (Middle School): EDGE meets next on February 15 for a night of fun and games. All 6-8th graders are welcome. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Bring your friends!

Donations Always Appreciated: Donations of water, juice, soda, and snacks for our youth ministry gatherings are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you!

Summer Mission Trip: Register now for the 2023 Catholic Heart Workcamp in the Pittsburgh area from June 18-23 for our Summer Mission Trip. The cost of the trip is \$200 with \$100 due at registration.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH

Calling **Young Adults** between the ages of 21-39, married or single! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Youth Room. Young Adults will gather next on **March 22** as we finish our study of the Book of Ruth. **We will not meet on February 22 due to Ash Wednesday Mass.**

1 John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org

2 (717) 533-7168 Ext.128

VOCATIONS CORNER

You have heard God's commandments. Keep them and pass them on. Nurturing the faith is part of the Christian vocation.

If God may be calling you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, visit our website at www.hbgdiocese.org, or

Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki, Vocation Director: frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org

(717) 657-4804 Ext. 282

The Vocation Cross will be in the home of: Mary Parsons: Feb. 19-Feb. 26 John & Karen Shiffler: Feb. 26-March 5

Consider being a part of the Vocation Cross Rotation, call the Parish office for details.

MINISTRY NEWS

Building a Culture of Life

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to these things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

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Girl Scouts-Family of God

Calling all Catholic Girl Scouts who are in 2nd or 3rd grade! Earn the National Religious Emblem called "Family of God" and be recognized by Bishop Gainer at the Annual Scout Mass on April 23rd. This program will help children learn about themselves and God's love for them, their families and the world. Cost \$10.00 plus the cost

of the medal if the scout finishes the program.

Meetings will take place at St. Joan on Areba Ave. in Room 318 from 3:45 pm-5:00 pm on:

Fridays, February 17, 24 and March 10, 17, 24, & 31.

Contact Betty Roksandic by February 15 to save your spot at b.roksandic@yahoo.com or call (717) 648-8631.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry:

February 24 & March 10 in the parish social hall. \$12-Adult Meal \$8-Child Meal

Come and enjoy, Fish, Fries and Mac & Cheese.



Knights of Columbus: Super Bowl Sub

Sale PICKUP

Sunday, **February 12** in the parish social hall 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Knights of Columbus-Hershey Food Bank & Monetary Collection

Thank you for your support of the Hershey Food Bank and Monetary Donations. The next collection will take place the weekend of March 4 & 5. See any Knight for questions.

Road to Kindness

We have several special days to celebrate this week. Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) week starts on February 12-18, with RAK day on February 17. You also know the other special



holiday during this week... Valentine's Day! We hope that you thought about how to make these days special for your family, friends, and those in need.

Sharing an excerpt from National Kindness Today — "The idea behind Random Act of Kindness Day is to cultivate feelings of **KINDNESS** and brighten up someone's day. Every small act of **KINDNESS** is significant. It may seem like it doesn't accomplish much but, just like the domino effect, one act of **KINDNESS** can lead to more positive outcomes. Don't hold back from uplifting others with compliments and compassion on this day."

Here are examples of ways to make RAK week special:

- ⇒ Parents, hug your children and children, hug your mom and dad.
- ⇒ Help a neighbor with their groceries.
- ⇒ Donate clothing to a local drive or to the Salvation Army.
- \Rightarrow Make dinner for a family that is in need.
- \Rightarrow Pay for someone's lunch.
- \Rightarrow Smile and hold a door open.
- ⇒ Be Kind to everyone during the week.

This week, let's make our Kindness mission come alive in our parish and in our community by following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!" God Bless you for sharing your Kindness!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1:00-3:00 pm in Room 314. Join us to knit or crochet prayer shawls and lap robes. No experience necessary!



We are happy to teach beginners. Please contact Norberta (Bert) Curran at (302) 228-9735 or Kathy Palmer at (717) 566-1481 with any questions.

Faith Enrichment-Room 321

Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm and Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. There will be no charge for this program. We will be presenting Bishop Barron's "Pivotal Players." Any questions, please contact Earl Tropp at (717) 533-7168 Ext. 122.

Please join us for the following schedule:

February 14: St. Augustine

February 21: St. Benedict

February 28: St. Ignatius of Loyola

March 7: Flannery O'Conner

March 14: St. Bartolome of De Las Casas

March 31: GK Chesterton

2023 PARISH FESTIVAL



2023 Parish Festival

The Festival Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center (former Convent) and every second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm through May. Please consider joining us for our planning meetings. Any questions, contact Karen Willey at karencwilley@gmail.com.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Women of Grace

The Women of Grace Foundational Study will be offered at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Room 321 beginning Saturday, February 18, following the 9:00 am Mass for nine weeks. Discover the gift of authentic femininity, holiness of life, and God's awesome purpose and mission for you in the world today! Questions, Contact Chris Arnold at carnold@womenofgrace.com or (717) 379-6041.

Join "The Women of Grace Foundational Study" via Zoom from the comfort of your own home. Begins Tuesday, February 28, from 6:30-8:30 pm for eight consecutive weeks, omitting Holy Week, ending Tuesday, April 11. For more information contact Linda K. Keister at lkanzlei@msn.com or (717) 514-9419.

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February 12 Black and Indian/ **Poor Missions** Thank vou!





We are happy to announce a continued partnership and remind parishioners that donations keep this ministry available. Please call Bridget at (717) 533-7168

Ext. 112 if you are interested to oversee the display located in the vestibule of the Church.

HAITI SISTER PARISH

Our Sister Parish in Haiti needs your help. Ash Wednesday, Feb 22, offers a great opportunity to make a difference, since 100% of the collection will benefit our Sister Parish in Haiti.





Donations can also be made at the parish office or online by clicking here: https://www.stjoanhershey.org/store/p68/ donations-haiti.html

For more information about our Sister Parish or to join the Haiti Committee please click here:

https://www.stjoanhershev.org/haiti-sisterparish.html

2022 was a difficult year with the ongoing socioeconomic and political crisis in Haiti which brought civil unrest against the government of Haiti, armed gang violence and fuel shortages. Our pastor, Father Mario, continued construction on a new rectory in the first half of the year, but it was halted due to unsafe conditions. Sadly in the fall, we received word that Father Mario had passed away suddenly due to illness. He will be greatly missed as we keep him in our prayers. We now have a new pastor, Father Jean Mérat, whom we are in communication with and look forward to getting to know better in 2023. He is continuing construction of the rectory and will ensure that the school children are fed and the teachers are paid.

CENTENNIAL PROJECT

February 12, 2023

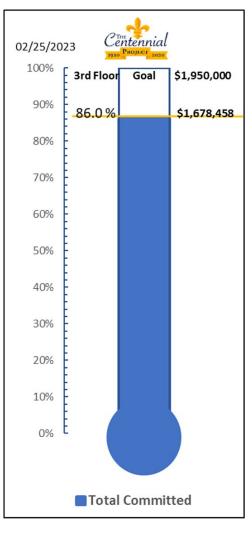
entennial Final project approval was granted by Bishop Gainer, a week ago Wednesday, Feb 1st, for the completion of the classroom area on the third floor. Soon, detailed

blueprints along with a construction application will be submitted to Derry Township code officials, in order to secure a building permit. This review process should take another three or four weeks, at which time we will solicit bids. This is the third renovation since we have relocated to the Sand Hill Campus.

Three years ago, at this time, we were anxiously awaiting the start of our first construction project. Little did we realize how quickly fortunes could change. Just five weeks later, the entire nation was shut down. That experience lends a little perspective to the disappointment of not being able to finish the chapel this year. "There is a time to every purpose under heaven," as the 1960's ballad paraphrases Ecclesiastes. For two months we remained in limbo, but God was faithful and our prayers were answered. Construction was completed and the new school opened on time.

Let us refocus our attention on prayer, and the work right in front of us. Thank you to all for your increased support over the last couple of months. We are making good progress on our goal. We are in the home stretch. We are blessed!

Please share our story with your friends, co-workers, relatives, and all those who have an interest in a Catholic education. Academically, socially, and spiritually there is no better school than St. Joan of Arc. The capital campaign officially runs until May. If you can juggle your budget, and are able, please consider a gift or an extended pledge to our appeal. Our children's and grandchildren's futures are calling.



You can view a three and a half-minute video on the positive impact of the new school on the students:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Sm0ELXDZhk or enjoy a virtual tour of the 3rd floor expansion at:

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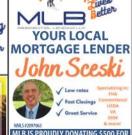
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