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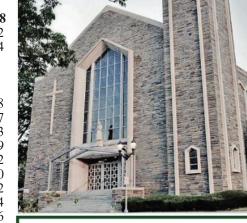
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:44

Diocesan



My trip to the Holy Land was an amazing journey! The travel and pace of the pilgrimage was brutal and I came back with a horrific cold but I wouldn't change the experience for anything in the world. To walk in the footsteps of Jesus was deeply spiritual for me. It made it very clear to me that the incarnation of God in Jesus of Nazareth is the greatest act of love the world has ever known. One becomes very aware of the poverty, the politics, and the human drama of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus; very much like our own world.

While I was there:

- I remembered St. Joan of Arc at every Mass.
- On Mount Carmel, I offered Mass for all Carmelites, especially the sisters whom I served as chaplain in Elysburg.
- On Mount Tabor, the place of the transfiguration, I offered Mass for our school and religious education program and for the success of our third floor project.
- In Bethlehem, I offered Mass for my Mom and gave thanks for the gift of life she gave to me.
- I offered Mass in the Garden of Gethsemane for my family and all those who have fallen away from the faith.
- At Mount Calvary, I offered Mass this past Sunday for our parish of St. Joan of Arc and for an increase of holiness in all of us.
- On the last day, I offered Mass for our Bishop, the priests and deacons of our diocese, an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for a good and holy Bishop in the future.

I look forward to sharing with you many other details of my pilgrimage!

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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: Elizabeth Sauthoff, Edith Epler, Kathleen Weiss, Maggie & Dave Dull, Diane Holubek, Rosemary Connolly, Christopher Jordan, Fred Bender, Rose Marie 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

Blessed Mother & Saint Joseph In Thanksgiving for a Blessing received from Milton & Edna Brice

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE: 6:45 AM /9:00 AM / 7:00 PM

Join us for **Stations of the Cross** this Lenten Season, on Fridays, *February 24–April 7* at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Join us for **Soup & Stations** on the Fridays of: *March 3, 17 & 31*

Enjoy a light meal of soup and bread at 6:00 pm in the parish social hall. Deacon Dozy will present a discussion on "The Three Temptations of Jesus in the Wilderness" each evening. All are Welcome!



Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service & Luncheon

February 22, Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service at 12:00 pm in the Church. John Triscik, Youth Minister, will be preaching. Luncheon immediately following in the parish social hall. Goodwill offering graciously accepted. All are welcome

Assistance to help serve the lunch is needed, contact Ruth Zemba at sjaccwpres@gmail.com

Donation of desserts are appreciated. Drop off anytime on February 22 after the 9:00 am Mass in the social hall.

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 20:

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29 6:45 ам Terrance Weir Special Intentions for Rose Marie Marone 9:00 AM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21:

Sir 2:1-11:Mk 9:30--37

6:45 AM Clem Fure

For the Intentions of All Parish Volunteers 9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22: ASH WEDNESDAY

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:45 am	Richard P. Spagnolo
9:00 am	Soul of Elizabeth Sherbine Frola
7:00 рм	Mary Butch

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23:

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

6:45 ам	Dolores Ortenzio
9:00 am	Mary Curtin

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

- 6:45 ам Pete Marcucci
- 9:00 AM Special Intentions for the McDonald Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25:

Is 58:9b-14: Lk 5:27-32

9:00 ам Р	hyllis DeAngelo
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5:00 рм Johanna Krizan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Like Adam and Eve, Jesus was tempted, but did not sin. Our sinfulness is acquitted through one man, Jesus Christ, in whom we are justified.

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

7:30 ам People of the Parish 9:30 AM Joan Spandra 11:30 AM Francis O'Rourke Janet Polto 5:00 рм

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen

This Week: No Life Teen-Have a great holiday weekend. Lent begins this Wednesday.

Next Week: "Forever Young"-We enter Lent through the imagery of Ash Wednesday and ashes, inspiring us to view the Lenten season in a new way. Join us as we begin a new liturgical season.

2023 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

Feb 22	Ash	Wednesday-Lent	begins!
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- Feb 26 Life Teen-"Forever Young"
- March 5 Life Teen-"Get Rich Quick"
- No Life Teen-Daylight Savings. Don't forget March 12 to change your clocks.

EDGE (Middle School): EDGE meets next on March 1 as we join Caelorum for a night of prayer. 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 view Holy Week in Mark's Gospel. We will not meet on February 22 due to Ash Wednesday Mass.

() John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org **(**717) 533-7168 Ext.128

VOCATIONS CORNER

Have you tried what Jesus directs us to do? Love of enemy, no payback, and going beyond what is asked are difficult to observe in our world. Be attentive to these commands and ask for the grace to live them.

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 or (717) 657-4804 Ext. 282

The Vocation Cross will be in the home of: John & Karen Shiffler: Feb. 26-March 5 Chris & Maribeth O'Hara & family: March 5-11 Consider being a part of the Vocation Cross Rotation, call the Parish office for details.

MINISTRY NEWS

Building a Culture of Life OPTIONS FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgement (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

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Caelorum

We look forward to seeing everyone at Caelorum on Wednesday, **March 1** at 7:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc Church. Join your Brothers and Sisters in Christ this Lenten Season as we come together to adore, praise and worship our Lord and Savior. Please join us! If you are unable to attend you may watch the live stream or recording at the Caelorum Facebook page-https://fb.watch/gJnpuh3Pay/. For more information, contact Lou Felice at (717) 215-4175.

Little Rock Scripture Study

On Tuesday, March 7, we will be starting a new study on Angels in the Bible. Angels speak for God, direct the course of nations and protect God's people. Join us every Tuesday in the Adult Education Room, #321 at 9:30 am. If you are interested in joining our friendly class, please call Jeannie Vey at (717) 599-9805 or (717) 533-2246 for more information.

Pray & Play Group/Meal Train

Interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to pray, chat, and share snacks while the kids play? Want to support young parents of the parish welcoming a new baby by donating a meal? For location of group meetings and/or information to sign up for a meal train, please email vanya.f.murdaugh@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



\$12-Adult Meal

\$8-Child Meal

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry: February 24 & March 10 in the parish social hall from 5:00-8:00 pm Come and enjoy, Fish, Fries and Mac & Cheese.

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**.

Road to Kindness

Beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 22, the Lenten Season is the perfect time to reflect on God's love for us and to pass that love on. To share a very special quote from Mother Teresa:



"God has created us so we do small things with great LOVE. I believe that in great LOVE, that comes, or should come from the heart, should start at home; with my family, my neighbors across the street, those right next door. And this LOVE should then reach everyone."

We are excited to kick off our sixth annual **Lenten Kindness Program** with our children and teens in our School, REP, The Edge and Life Teen classes and also our parish community. We are again providing a Lenten Kindness Activity Guide for the 40 Days of Lent. The Guide is filled with Kindness Activities that you can do individually or as a family. The Guide will be provided to each student and included on the St. Joan Parish website.

Let's all show our caring heart and make it the most beautiful Lenten Season. Let's all get inspired and share your Kindness with someone. Enjoy this week and the beauty of the Lenten Season by bringing Kindness to every day and by following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!"

CCW-Cupcake Decorating Class

On **March 11**, at 2:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall the CCW will be hosting a 90 minute class with Moore Desserts by Julie. For \$45 per person, you will leave class with 6 cupcakes and the skills to make future cupcakes. *Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.*

Minimum age for children is 5 years old. Deadline to register is February 28. Email your name(s) to Mary Ann King at makingbear1@gmail.com

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 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

For help with an unplanned pregnancy: Morning Star Clinics, (717) 901-2799; www.morningstarclinics.com

For the Abortion Pill Reversal Network: 1-877-558-0333; www.reverseabortionpill.com

For healing after an abortion: Project Rachel, (717) 857-2282 or Email: prm@hbgdiocese.org

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EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Women of Grace

Join "The Women of Grace Foundational Study" via Zoom. 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.

Charismatic Healing Mass-St. Theresa's

The next Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing will be held on Tuesday, **March 7** at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa in New Cumberland. Very Reverend William C. Forrey, Vicar General, will be the Celebrant. For more information, call Mary Ann at (717) 512-3628 or Vicki at (717) 364-6260.

ITALIAN MASS FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

LA SANTA MESSA PER LA FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE Sunday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m. CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

300 West Pine Street, Palmyra, PA 17078 Reverend Joshua R. Brommer Reverend Anthony Dill

Through the generosity of the Collura and Manzella families we will have a traditional Saint Joseph Altar created in the social hall where The Italian Apostolate Ministry Committee will provide a dinner reception after Mass.

For more information please contact: Maria Disanto @ (717) 554-5698 or disantoto1@comcast.net or Mariella Amato @ (717)278-9420



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Weekly Tithing: \$30,905 Weekly Budget: \$28,269 Weekly Heart of the Parish:\$2,133

Week of February 5, 2023

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.**



Volunteer-Collection Counters

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

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.

WE LOVINGLY REMEMBER THE LATE FR. MARIO & WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR, FR. MÉRAT





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

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

https://www.stjoanhershey.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.

The Parish Office will be closed on February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, February 21st for normal business hours.

CENTENNIAL PROJECT

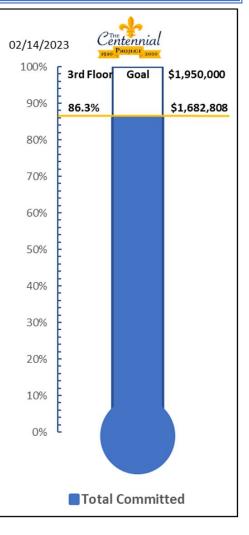


Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season begin this week. Although it may feel like a long time ago, it's only been entennial three years since our church was shuttered by the Covid-1920 PROJECT 2020 19 lockdown. The stress of isolation, especially from the

Eucharist, tested our faith. Lent provides the opportunity for introspection and renewal. Let us re-examine our lives now in light of what we felt back then. Suffering is certainly part of the human condition, but so is resilience. Let us not forget to exercise our prayer life, and work on our spiritual conditioning. It will pay dividends when we face difficult times.

Saint Joan of Arc School is a safe harbor for the academic and spiritual formation of our children. Intuitively, we recognize the importance of educating them in the traditions of our faith and guiding them to become responsible citizens serving the needs of the greater community. Whether it's our Religious Education Program (REP), or our parochial school, our children develop the internal compass required to navigate the secular culture. If we are to safeguard the integrity of the family as the core fabric of our society, it is our duty as parents to provide them with the spiritual, moral, and academic tools to enable their success.

The rapid expansion of our school to meet the great demand for a St. Joan education would not have been possible without your financial support. For those who are still on the fence or have not yet considered a gift, we invite you to visit us, in order to experience the loving and nurturing environment. You will witness firsthand the fruits of your generosity.



You can view a three and a half-minute video on the positive impact of the new school on the students: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Sm0ELXDZhk</u> or enjoy a virtual tour of the 3rd floor expansion at: https://youtu.be/S0zANsm3Xvo

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