# **St. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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DAYS

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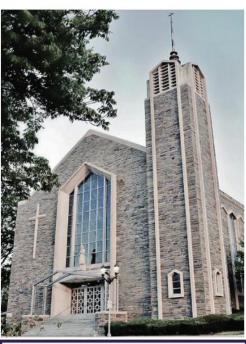
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#### **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

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



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<u>Palm Sunday</u> Regular Weekend Schedule

#### Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Masses - 6:45 & 9:00 AM

## <u>Tuesday</u>

Tenebrae - 8:00 PM

#### Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer - 8:00 AM Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM Adoration in the Church until 10:00 PM

#### Good Friday

Morning Prayer - 8:00 AM Office of Readings - 12:00 Outdoor Stations of the Cross - 12:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy - 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM

### Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer - 8:00 AM Blessing of Easter Food - 10:00 AM The Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM

### Easter Sunday

7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 AM in the Church 9:30 AM at the School on Sandhill (There will be <u>NO</u> 5:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday)



The **DAC** provides resources, expertise, guidance and support for more than 90 ministries and programs throughout the 15 counties of the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Gifts from donors like you sustain, expand and support our ongoing evangelization efforts, provide continuing education programs for our Catholic schools and

Religious Education programs, seminarians, clergy and permanent deacons, and investments in pro-life activities.

The programs and ministries that received funding from the Diocesan Annual Campaign need your prayers and steadfast support. Your gift, no matter the size, truly makes a difference. On behalf of those who benefit from our ministries, please accept our heartfelt appreciation and deep gratitude.

#### SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of *Rosemary Connolly and Emily Shifflet* who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to their families and friends on their loss.

Parishioner Milestones - Eternal Life



## PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: Christine Brunn, Julie Fogarty, Mary Ann Miller, Elizabeth Sauthoff, Edith Epler, Maggie & Dave Dull, Diane Holubek, Christopher Jordan, Fred Bender, 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.



Join us for **Stations of the Cross** every Friday through *April 7* at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Join us for the upcoming Soup & Stations the Fridays of: March 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!

*Friday, March 24* at 6:00 pm in the parish social hall join us for a **Meatless Pasta Dinner**. Choice from a red or white sauce. Good will offering accepted.

LENTEN PARISH PENANCE SERVICE SUNDAY, MARCH 26 @ 7:00 PM



Easter Raffle tickets due to the parish office no later than April 5th.





# MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, March 20: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

6:45 AM Patricia Jones9:00 AM Josefina Bigalli and America Rodriguez

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 21:

#### **Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16** 6:45 AM William Mattern

9:00 AM Paul Bixler

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22:

Is 49:8-1	15; Jn 5:17-30
6:45 ам	Joseph Nkurunziza
9:00 am	Daniel McCarthy

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 23: SAINT TORIBIO DE MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

#### Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

6:45 am	Charles McElwee	
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9:00 AM Andrew Dougherty

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 24:

#### Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

6:45 AM Eleanor McElhinney 9:00 AM Andrew Hricak

SATURDAY, MARCH 25: SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

#### Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

9:00 AM Miriam Fletcher 5:00 PM Jeanne C. Nowicki

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 26: THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus is our resurrection and life. Because he has given us of the Spirit, we are no longer dead because of sin, but alive. In Jesus is the fullness of redemption.

#### Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

- 7:30 AM People of the Parish
- 9:30 AM Phyllis Burkhart
- 11:30 AM Paul Shiffler
- 5:00 PM Rev. Louis Ogden and Josephine Ogden

## YOUTH NEWS

#### Life Teen

*This Week:* "Painless"-Next week all high school teens are invited to join us as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage with a look at the Passion of Christ through the eyes of St. Peter. It's anything but painless.

*Next Week:* "Confession"-Life Teen will join the parish for our Lenten Reconciliation Service. Lent is a great time to go to confession before we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. We will continue the tradition of Primanti Bros. and Penance.

#### **2023 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule**

March 26	Life Teen Reconciliation
April 2	Life Teen-"Look Mom, No Hands!'
Âpril 9	No Life Teen-Happy Easter!
Âpril 16	Life Teen-"The Road to Emmaus"

**EDGE (Middle School):** EDGE meets next on April 5 as we Scripturally journey through Holy Week in the Gospel of St. Mark. All 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month.

**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:** Registration is closed but you can be added to the waitlist if a space opens up. **John Triscik:** jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org

## YOUNG ADULT FAITH

Calling **Young Adults** between the ages of 21-39, married or single! We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Ĵohn Triscik:** jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org
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## **VOCATIONS CORNER**

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The Lord looks into the heart. What does he see? We are given the gift of sight and insight. Look into the heart with love. 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: Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Buser & Family: March 26-April 2 Eugenie Gangl: April 2-9 Consider being a part of the Vocation Cross Rotation, call the Parish office for details.

## MINISTRY NEWS

## **Building a Culture of Life**

"God, our Father, you always bear the cry of the poor. How many times have Christians themselves not recognized you in the hungry, the thirsty and the naked, in the persecuted, the imprisoned, and in those incapable of defending themselves, especially in the first stages of life. For all those who have committed acts of injustice by trusting in wealth and power and showing contempt for the 'little ones' who are so dear to you, we ask your forgiveness: have mercy on us and accept our repentance. We ask this through Christ our Lord." *St. John Paul II* 

## **CCW-Communion Breakfast**

On Sunday, April 23 after the 9:30 am Mass the CCW will hold our annual Communion Breakfast in our lovely parish social hall. Tickets are \$12.00 see a CCW lady or pick up in the parish office. We hope you can join us! Contact Ruth Zemba at sjaccw@stjoanhershey.org with any questions.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



The Knights of Columbus extend a heartfelt thank you for the parish support of the Lenten Fish frys. A special thanks to all the volunteers, young and old, who gave their time to make it a successful parish event!

## 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 **April 1 & 2**.

## Areba Club

The Areba Club will meet on Tuesday, **March 21** at 1:00 pm in the parish social hall. Entertainment by a local dance troup. Light refreshments will be served. **Please contact Yvonne Martin at (717) 838-1535 with any questions**.

For information on a day trip to Seton Shrine & Mount St. Mary's University Grotto on Thursday, April 13 contact Al Casciotti at (717) 533-3275 or visit www.stjoanhershey.org/areba-club.html

## Faith Enrichment-Room 321

The last session will be held on March 21. We will finish presenting Bishop Barron's "Pivotal Players." Any questions, please contact Earl Tropp at (717) 533-7168 Ext. 122. Please join us: March 21: GK Chesterton

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

## Anne F. Adams, DDS

The Lenten Season is the perfect time to reflect on God's love for us and to pass that love on. In our 40 Days of Lenten Kindness Program,



we have five (5) common acts of Kindness that you can do. These include: Saying a prayer for someone; Saying "The Our Father" as a class or family; Lighting a candle in church and saying a prayer for someone; Praying a decade of the Rosary; Saying a prayer for a family member. The common theme in all of these is to Pray!

You might ask, why is Praying an Act of Kindness? We call this an Intercessory Prayer, which is the form of prayer where you pray for someone else's needs instead of your own needs. This is a demonstration of your Kindness for that person, and you can intercede in prayer for one person, for your brothers and sisters, family members, groups of people, for those that are ill, etc.

Praying is so powerful! When you say a prayer for someone or for a family member, you are sending them your love and compassion. Prayers are always appreciated, even when they are said in private. Why... because God hears them! Also, as you know through our readings and in the Bible, Jesus prayed and performed many acts of Kindness. To wrap up this article, we want to share a prayer from Christian Community:

"Tender Jesus, so meek, so mild, teach us to be like You in all our ways. Teach us kindness, gentleness, generosity, and to be giving, forgiving, loving, and caring. Teach us to Pray for every person that comes across our path or enters our mind today!"

Thank you for your prayers and for following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness" during these 40 days of Lent!

### **Respect Life-Lourdeshouse Fundraiser**

The Feast of the Annunciation, the day when our Savior, Jesus Christ, became incarnate in Mary's womb, is on March 25, falling exactly 9 months before the date of Christmas. In honor of this great Feast Day, St. Joan's Respect Life Ministry will be collecting funds for the Lourdeshouse Maternity Home after all Masses on March 25 & 26.

"Lourdeshouse provides quality services to pregnant women and their babies who have nowhere else to turn. The program symbolizes the commitment of the Catholic Church to uphold the dignity and sanctity of all human life. All the residents at Lourdeshouse are provided with childbirth and parenting classes, case management, and transportation. In addition, case managers assist residents in obtaining employment, housing, education, and counseling. Women can stay throughout the term of their pregnancy and up to six months after the birth. Mothers and infants continue to receive support through the baby's first year."

Please support this important work by donating next weekend, **March 25 & 26** at the Church or dropoff at the parish office.

## **EVENTS & HAPPENINGS**



Visit www.SupportMorningStar.com

## **Catholic Medical Association Guild**

All Health Care Workers are invited to the Annual Lenten Morning of Reflection: Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer, Penance Service and Reflection by Deacon Gregory Amarante. Light refreshments will be served. Saturday, March 25 from 8:30-Noon at the Diocesan Conference Center. **RSVP to KNeri@hbgdiocese.org** 



https:// www.hbgdiocese .org/come-alivevoung-adultretreat/

Friday, May 26 - Sunday, May 28

SJA SCHOOL **"NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS"** 



Please visit the school website: http://school.stjoanhershey.org/ night-of-knights-gala.html

#### St. Joan of Arc School Enrollment is **NOW OPEN!**

Visit: http://school.stjoanhershey.org or call the school at (717) 533-2854. Please ask for the Office of Development, Mrs. Deb Rizzotto.



St. Joan of Arc School STEM summer camp registration is **NOW OPEN!** 





JUNE - 8 - 9 - 10 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 5-9:30 pm

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Social Hall to stuff envelopes for our Festival mailing. Please consider joining us for our planning meetings. Any questions, contact Karen at karencwilley@gmail.com.

## **Fun Festival Fact**

Did you know that our Festival Planning Committee includes about 40 fun, enthusiastic parishioners? We meet once a month through May and we'd love to have you join us!. You will find a form in the back of the church that will have questions regarding all the fun facts that are published.

How to win a prize: There will be a booth at the festival where you can drop your completed form off for a chance to win a prize. You must fill out the form in its entirety and be correct in your answers to win. Several winners will be chosen each night.

Should you have any questions, contact Katie & Stephen Katsch at kkatsch1019@gmail.com.

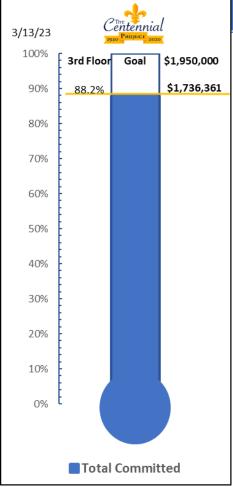
## **Sign Up Genius**

Sign up to volunteer  $\sim$ https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/60b0a45aeaa2ba6fb6-stjoan

Or use your phone to scan the OR code. All are welcome and no experience is necessarv!



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## **CENTENNIAL PROJECT**

I'm not quite sure of its origin, but my mother often said, "a watched pot never boils," referring to our presence in the kitchen, waiting on dinner. Put another way, and perhaps taking some literary license, this old adage can be adapted for our purposes as a "watched fundraising campaign thermometer barely moves." Looking back on our "Third-floor Initiative," it began on Columbus Day, October 12, 2021 with the purpose of creating a matching pool of \$750,000. Benevolent donors quickly pledged \$700,000, and we successfully met the overall donor/ match goal of \$1,500,000 in just a little over a year.

Since that milestone in November 2022, we have been blessed with \$236,000 in additional gifts and we have made great strides toward our overall third-floor goal of \$1,950,000. The thermometer is published week-in and week-out. Sometimes there is a big jump. Sometimes it looks to be in the same place. If you follow the progress of the last seventeen months, measures of success have been both surges and increments. We were blessed with a tremendous start, and most recently, large gifts have spiked again. In between, progress was steady and consistent. We continue to rely on both of these tracks of funding to meet our goal. By any measure it has been a huge success and without you, it wouldn't be possible. Thank you for your tremendous support!

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Ordinarily, we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, but it's pre-empted by Sunday Mass, so it moves to Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. Let us petition St. Joseph to intercede on our behalf for the success of our last few months of the campaign, and more importantly, in the moral development of

our children. This request is right in his wheelhouse since we know that His primary role on earth was that of guardian of Mary and Jesus. Today, moral relativism has infiltrated our modern education system and our society as a whole. Truth is subjective. Priorities are upside down. Let us pray to St. Joseph to ask Christ to blanket our children with His Mantle of Protection by guiding them in prudence and discernment.

If your budget permits, please make room for the Centennial Fund. We still need \$214,000 to complete our 3<sup>rd</sup> floor project, while the rapidly moving calendar signals the end of the campaign in May. Thank you.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor expansion at:

### https://youtu.be/S0zANsm3Xvo

## **Did You Know?**

The Hershey Company will match \$-Dollar for \$-Dollar your gift to a qualified non-profit provided that it is paid in full and you submit a written receipt from the charity. For more details check with your HR Department.



# **HERSHEYPARK**®

Discount tickets to HERSHEYPARK are available to the friends and families of our parish at a significant savings. Order forms are available at the back of the church, from the parish website or at the parish office. Orders and payment MUST be received in the parish office by Friday, March 24. Please make checks payable with EXACT

amount to: St. Joan of Arc.



