



## ANNUAL REPORT 2012–2013

# a letter from the pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

What a great year to be Catholic! We celebrate the conclusion to our Year of Faith and at the same time the fiftieth anniversary of St. Joan of Arc church - our worship space formed from the people of this community with a generous heart and a spirit which strived to glorify God. As we enter into another year, this is a great time to count the blessings we have experienced throughout this last year.

Often, I will offer as a penance to take a rosary and on the beads of the rosary to thank God for some gift. As I thumb through the beads, I think in that first decade of the rosary, of the many offerings made in the last year and the people who participated. We experienced the scourged Christ statue and the Eucharistic Miracles display. We had a public Rosary in the square at Hershey and an Advent reflection on the documents from Vatican II. We celebrated "Breakfast in Bethlehem" and enjoyed a volunteer banquet. We were visited by some Sisters for the reparation of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus and walked through the Passion narratives during Lent. We brought new members into the church and ended the year with a phenomenal Parish festival.

As far as the church building is concerned, the stained glass windows were repaired and the plaster was patched. We painted the church and stripped the floors. We received brand-new Hymnals and refurbished the statue of St. Joan of Arc. We installed a new first floor restroom for the handicapped and a confessional as well. We paved the way for two handicapped entrances to the church and installed awnings on the outside. We have some more to do as of yet, but what a year!

Because of your generosity, we continue to make efforts to ensure that this church building will be around for years to come. Our commissions also continue to make great strides and I would suggest that it is due to the efforts of these commissions and the tirelessness of Dr. Hasson that these things have been accomplished as quickly as they have. We continue to "Grow into Christ" here at St. Joan of Arc. I know with your continued faithful support both by your time and your resources (both are part of your investment) we will only grow better. I wish you only blessings and graces in this New Year, and pray that the Lord will continue to illumine our minds and hearts to know what is His will.

With love as your brother and servant in Christ,



Fr. Michael Rothan

Pastor





# GETCONNECTED

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH

## 5 Ways to Connect with us

There are many ways for you to connect with St. Joan of Arc and keep up with what is going on all around the parish... and the school!

*Thank you!*

We would like to extend a very gracious thank you to Christine Chardo for the stewardship of time and talent she so generously shared with us.

Christine recently captured some great pictures of the Church building and some of our other "landmarks". She made multiple trips to the parish, sometimes several times a day, to capture countless shots until she found them to be "just right".

Christine, please know the time and talent you invested in capturing and editing each of these images will be enjoyed and treasured by many for years to come.

*Thank you!*

- 1 Get Involved:** One of the best ways to get connected to our Church is to get involved. By attending Mass, joining a ministry or even coming to one of our special events you will stay connected - and meet new people!
- 2 Weekly Bulletin:** The weekly bulletin is loaded with important information from upcoming events to our list of prayer intentions. This great resource is brought to you each week by the generous sponsors listed on the back.
- 3 Website:** The most powerful tool available to you right now is our parish website. Some of the resources are: Parish Ministry Directory, Calendar, Our Blog, Announcements, Sunday Homily Videos and Liturgical Schedules.
- 4 Email Listing:** Have you joined the parish email list? Email allows our parish to deliver special announcements & monthly electronic newsletters directly to you while conserving our resources—materials, time and finances.
- 5 Social Media:** You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Google+ and YouTube (Sunday Homilies!). Direct links are posted on our website.

## We're Listening...

If you would like to share your thoughts or feedback on this report, the newsletter, website or any of our other parish publications, we would like to hear from you! We are also always looking for volunteers to assist in preparing and promoting our communication efforts. Please contact Jackie Abel in the parish office.

## NEW Website!

[WWW.STJOANHERSHEY.ORG](http://WWW.STJOANHERSHEY.ORG)

If you have not had a chance to check out the new website yet, we hope you take a few minutes to do so. The main objective of the redesigned website was to make it a more user friendly resource for you to locate information. It has also provided us with a platform to communicate more timely information to you beyond the weekly bulletin.





## Addressing The Needs of Parishioners and Planting the Seeds for a Secure Future

### Commissions

† Liturgy & Worship

† Evangelization & Faith Formation

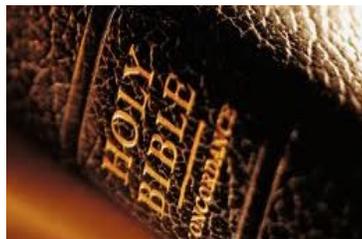
† Pastoral Care & Outreach

† Community Life

† Stewardship & Development

*The central focus of **Growing Into Christ** is to inspire each parishioner to recognize his or her identity as a sacred child of God and passionate member of the Body of Christ, bringing God's presence into our broken world.*

*Each parishioner is invited to live as a loving disciple of Jesus— Praying, serving, sharing, and inviting others by their witness.*



*Through **Growing Into Christ** we accept the challenge to develop to our greatest potential. We know that this is a journey that continues throughout our lives, finding it's perfect end only in heaven.*



Each ministry and organization of the parish is aligned to one of the five Commissions listed on the left, to foster greater collaboration among parishioners and to connect every ministry to the larger missionary agenda of the parish.

Every commission has prepared a mission statement that is unique to their group and best describes their focus. They have also compiled a list of goals that they are working towards, as well as outlined some of the items they have already accomplished.

If you are not already involved in one the commissions through a ministry within which you are currently serving, we encourage you to prayerfully consider this opportunity. Each commission has its own dedicated page on our website. To learn more about the “Growing into Christ” Initiative or any of the five commissions, please visit our website.

# Online Ministry Directory

There are many organizations within our parish (referred to as ministries) that pull together in order to help meet the needs of the parish and our church community. If you are not already involved with one of these great groups, we invite you to consider learning more about any of them that may spark your interest.

Did you know a full ministry directory is available on our website? Just click on the Ministry link.



## Ministries

- Adult Ministry
- Altar Servers
- Areba Club
- Athletic Association
- Baptism Prep Program
- Bereavement
- Bible Study
- Bible Study—Little Rock
- Boy Scouts
- Brownie Scouts Troop
- Children's 1st Friday
- Consolation Ministry
- Council of Catholic Women
- Cub Scout Pack
- Cursillo
- Extraordinary Ministers
- Finance Council
- Funeral Sacristans
- Eucharistic Adoration Society
- Girl Scout Troop
- Hershey Food Bank & Community Outreach
- Knights of Columbus
- Lector Ministry
- Legion of Mary
- Lending Library
- Liturgical Music
- Liturgy Committee
- Meals on Wheels
- Natural Family Planning
- Neighborhood Christian Community
- Nurse Ministry
- Pastoral Council
- Parish Outreach Program
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Religious Education
- RCIA
- SJA Homeschoolers
- Special Needs
- Spring Creek Manor
- Stephen Ministry
- St. Michael's Guard
- St. Vincent DePaul
- Ushers
- Youth Ministries

## Dates to Remember

Visit the parish website for times and locations.

\* Holy Day of Obligation.

### October

- 1 Closing of Forty Hours
- 5 Blessing of the Animals
- 12 Public Square Rosary Crusade
- 12 Mass of Healing for the Sick

### November

- 1 All Saints Day\*
- 2 Mass of Remembrance
- 9 CCW Christmas Bazaar

### December

- 1 First Day of Advent
- 7 Breakfast in Bethlehem
- 8 Immaculate Conception
- 15 Parish Penance Service
- 24 Christmas Vigil Masses
- 25 Christmas Day\*
- +Fridays During Advent: Adult Education

### January

- 1 Solemnity of Mary\*
- 2 Epiphany
- 22 Pro Life March

### February

- 3 St. Blaise (*Blessing of Throats*)

### March

- 5 Ash Wednesday
- 9 First Sunday of Lent
- +Fridays During Lent: Adult Education
- Note: During Lent Stations of the Cross at 2pm and 7pm each Friday.

### April

- 6 Parish Penance Service
- 13 Palm Sunday
- 18 Good Friday
- 19 Holy Saturday (*Blessing of Easter Food*)
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 27 Divine Mercy Sunday

### May

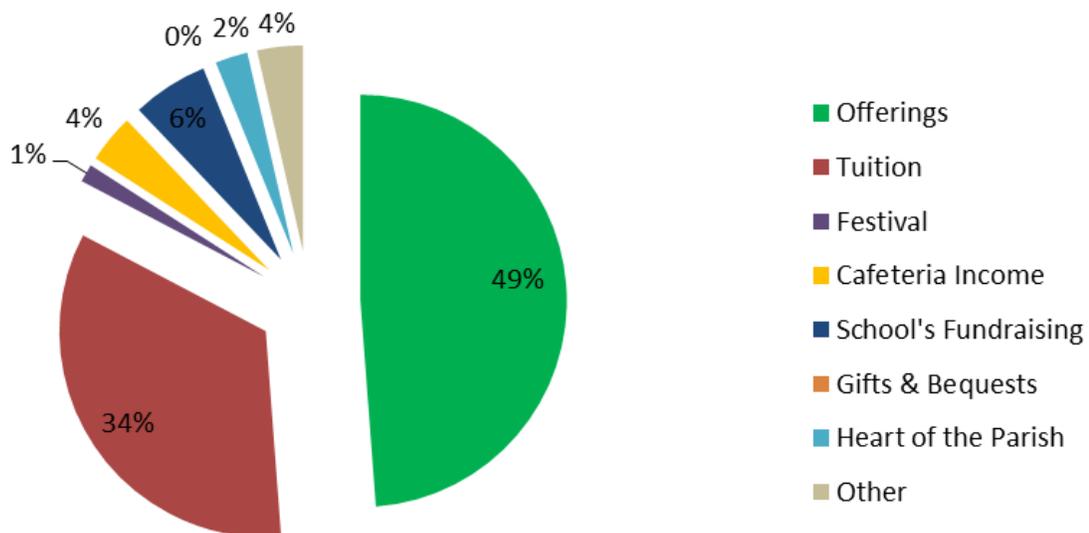
- 29 Ascension Thursday\*

### June

- 8 Pentecost
- 19-21 Parish Festival
- 22 Corpus Christi

| INCOME              | 2013               | 2012               | INC / (DEC)      |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Offerings           | \$1,535,969        | \$1,490,537        | \$45,432         |
| Tuition             | \$1,066,316        | \$946,163          | \$120,153        |
| Festival            | \$44,500           | \$40,000           | \$4,500          |
| Cafeteria Income    | \$119,837          | \$121,006          | (\$1,169)        |
| School Fundraising  | \$187,400          | \$184,152          | \$3,248          |
| Gifts & Bequests    | \$0                | \$3,286            | (\$3,286)        |
| Heart of the Parish | \$80,308           | \$93,746           | (\$13,438)       |
| Other               | \$112,717          | \$91,220           | \$21,497         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>\$3,147,047</b> | <b>\$2,970,110</b> | <b>\$176,937</b> |

### Income



| EXPENSES             | 2013               | 2012               | INC / (DEC)      |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Salaries & Benefits  | \$2,069,980        | \$1,922,653        | \$147,327        |
| Purchased Services   | \$406,634          | \$382,808          | \$23,826         |
| Supplies             | \$240,405          | \$219,940          | \$20,465         |
| Assessment #1*       | \$179,213          | \$171,223          | \$7,990          |
| Assessment # 2**     | \$36,667           | \$18,521           | \$18,146         |
| School Fundraising   | \$25,744           | \$27,457           | \$1,713          |
| Interest & Donations | \$47,143           | \$45,541           | \$1,602          |
| Property Maintenance | \$18,364           | \$27,864           | \$9,500          |
| Debt Repayments      | \$25,368           | \$25,368           | \$0              |
| Other                | \$115,213          | \$114,088          | \$1,125          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>\$3,164,731</b> | <b>\$2,955,463</b> | <b>\$209,268</b> |

## Assessments

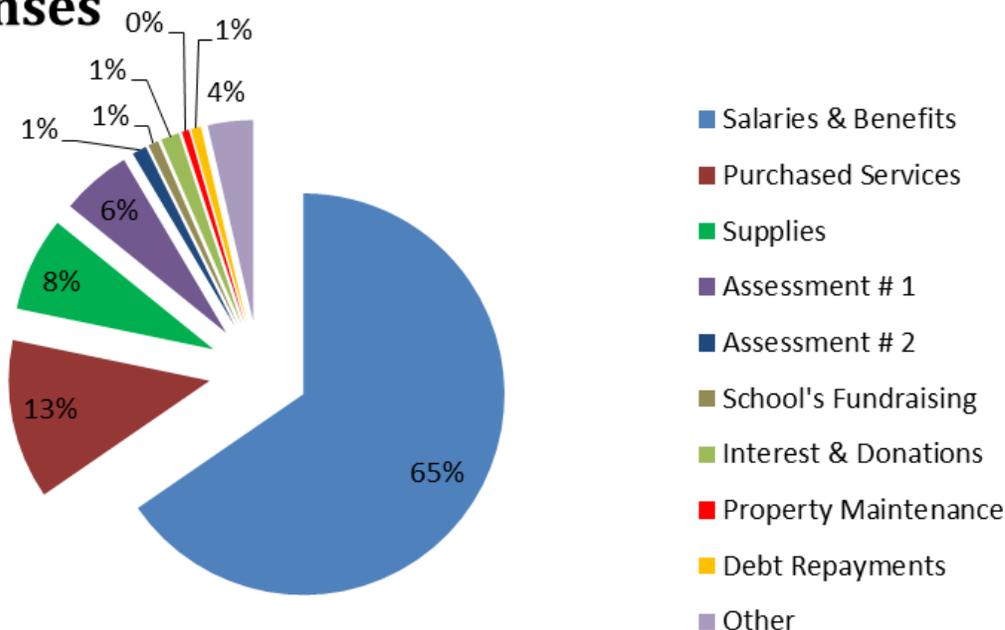
**\*Assessment # 1:  
Diocesan High School as-  
sessment**

**\*\*Assessment # 2:  
The prior year's Lenten  
appeal assessment**

*+ Since we have met our  
goal for this coming year,  
this item will be zero next  
year.*

|                       | 2013       | 2012     | INC / (DEC) |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|-------------|
| Total INC/DEC In Cash | (\$17,684) | \$14,647 | (\$32,331)  |

## Expenses





ST. JOAN OF ARC  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

The office is closed for lunch from Noon to

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### Pastoral Staff

- Rev. Michael Rothan, Pastor
- Rev. Brian Wayne, Parochial Vicar
- Rev. Pius Tukura Michael, In Residence
- Rev. Chukwubikem Okpechi, O.P., In Residence
- Deacon Rodrigue Mortel
- Connie Egan, Director of Religious Education
- John Triscik, Youth Coordinator
- Beth Palmer, Director of Music

### Office Staff

- Barbara Hasson, Parish Manager
- John Curley, Finance Manager
- Jackie Abel, Director of Stewardship & Development
- Susan Robison, Secretary
- Mary Butch, Secretary
- Michelle Gutshall, Bulletin Editor

### School Staff

- Sr. Eileen M. McGowan, D.M., Principle
- Deb Rizzotto, Development Director



On August 26th we welcomed back 350 students to the start of another school year. School is in full swing as students already had their first Pep Rally and are now gearing up for the Annual Race for Education! Please join us in praying for a happy and healthy school year.