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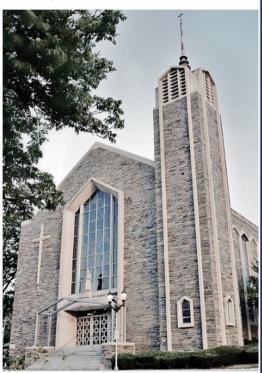
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

REP Program

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





This weekend we celebrated First Holy Communion for 74 of our precious young children in the parish. It is always a wonderful day as we see the boys and girls in all their finery receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time. At these Masses, I always remind the children (and their parents) this is their FIRST Holy Communion but not their LAST! There are some Sacraments of the Church which are celebrated only once: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders. These sacraments leave an indelible mark on the soul of each Catholic Christian.



In Baptism, you become a Christian, in Confirmation you receive the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit, in Holy Orders you become a deacon, priest or bishop. They are constitutive so they can be done only once. The other sacraments (Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick) can be done over and over throughout life (marriage is allowed again only after the death of a spouse) because they give the grace necessary to live a good, Catholic Christian life. We are always in need of being nourished by the Eucharist weekly, of experiencing the Lord's mercy when we have sinned, of receiving the healing power of the Lord in those times we are sick and dying. The best thing we can do for those children who have received their First Holy Communion is to help them receive it each and every week!

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember the following parishioners and all the sick of our parish in your prayers:

Jerome Hudak, Ken Schaffer, Kathleen Weiss, Kaila Franco, Kathleen Green, Caeleigh Smyth, Larry & Jan Duckart, Fran & Barb McCarthy, Maria Ettel, Jenny Fasnacht, Ann Cavanaugh, Fr. Charles McCann, Bernie & Kit Ryan, Mike & Christine Brunn, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Blessed Mother

In Loving Memory of Maria A. Rossi from her daughters

Respect Life Rose

In Loving Memory of
Alvaro, Mary and Thomas Bianchini
from the Family



Join us on **Sunday, May 12**immediately following the 9:30 Mass as we celebrate the life and loving memory of Deacon Rod Mortel.

The Mortel family generously memorialized the Social Hall for our Centennial Project.

A plaque dedication will be held in the Parish Library.

Coffee and Donuts will be served.



First Friday Adoration

Join us for Adoration on **Friday, May 3** following the 9:00 am Mass in the St. Lucy Chapel with Benediction at 7:00 pm.

First Saturday Devotion

For the conversion of Russia, join us after 9:00 am Mass in the Church on **May 4** for First Saturday Devotions and Rosary. This month's intention is in reparation for offenses:



committed by men who publicly attempt to instill indifference, scorn and even hatred for this Immaculate Mother in the hearts of children.

We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin:
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MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, April 29:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

6:45 AM Sheila Curley

9:00 AM Joyce Mione

TUESDAY, APRIL 30:

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

6:45 AM Tony Marciano

9:00 AM Rosemary Smith Leiss

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1:

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

6:45 AM Deceased Members of the Souchak Family

9:00 AM Maria A. Rossi and Deceased Members of

the Capone Family

THURSDAY, MAY 2:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

6:45 AM Diva Passalacqua

9:00 AM Alvaro Bianchini

FRIDAY, MAY 3:

FEAST OF SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

6:45 AM Deceased Members of the Nace & Phillips

Families

9:00 AM Lisa Knaby

SATURDAY, MAY 4:

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

9:00 AM Donald Fox

5:00 PM Thomas Carney

SUNDAY, MAY 5:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Let us love one another as Christ has loved us by offering himself for our sins. His love is to be revealed to all the world, as Peter himself taught.

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Vargo Family

11:30 AM Joan Spandra

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Maloni and

Spingola Families

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen: Leading Teens Closer to Christ

This Week: "Senior Banquet'- We celebrate The Class of 2024 with a banquet in their honor in the youth room from 6:15-7:30. All high school students are invited as we pray for them and wish them well on their future endeavors. Please RSVP with John via text or email at itriscik@stjoanhershev.org.

Next Week: "Spring Clothing Drive"-Before Summer hits let's clean out those closets and donate to those in need. We will be collecting Summer Clothes before and after all the masses this weekend to serve several missions in Harrisburg. Thank you in advance for your donations.

2024 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

May 5 Life Teen Spring Clothing Drive-Clean out your

closet for those in need.

May 12 No Life Teen-Happy Mother's Day

May 19 Life Teen—Let's celebrate the end of the school year

EDGE (Middle School): The last EDGE night of the school year will be on May 1 as we have pizza, fun and games. All 6-8th graders are welcome to join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the Youth Room from 7-8:15 pm.

1 John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org

(717) 533-7168 Ext.128

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 **May 28** as we continue our series on Psalm 43.

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VOCATIONS CORNER



The Vocation Cross will be in the home of:

Mary Lou Fox: May 5-12 Tim & Kathy Palmer: May 12-19

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

Religious Brothers Day-May 1 "He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus."

Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at (717) 657-4804 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org

QUO VADIS DAYS June 23-28





Festival T-Shirts
Last chance to order! 50th Anniversary T-shirt order forms are due by April 30th. We have extra order forms at the parish office or you can find the form on the church website at www.stjoanhershey.org

JEWELRY

Celebrate SJA Festival's Golden 50th Anniversary by donating your old, new, gently worn (even broken) jewelry to add even more sparkle to this auspicious event! Drop off your "treasures" at the church office.

Consider joining the Jewelry Team, helping to sort, clean, price, repair, display and sell.

Call Aura with any questions; leave a message at (717) 533-6317.

DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation for the 50th Annual Parish Festival you can drop it off or mail it to: St. Joan of Arc Parish Office 305 W. Areba Ave., Hershey PA 17033 no later than May 10, 2024.

Contact makingbear1@gmail.com to make arrangements for pick up of your donation.

FESTIVAL MEETING

Considering getting involved here at the parish and just aren't sure where to volunteer your talents? Join us for the final Festival Committee on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office to prepare for our Parish's 50th Annual Festival! We would love to have you! **If you have** any ideas or questions, contact Karen Willey at karencwilley@gmail.com.



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Registration for the 2024-2025 REP term is now open. If you have students that participated in this year's program no new forms are required. Tuition can be paid on the Parish website at www.stjoanhershey.org under the Education tab. If your student is new to our system please complete the registration form also on the website. Any questions, contact Earl Tropp.



SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE SJA KNIGHTS

The SJA Community Student Garden has come to life! With the leadership of Jessica Severs, 4th grade teacher, the guidance of Pat Reilly, Dauphin County Master Gardener, and student and parent volunteers, four garden beds were set up, filled with compost and soil. Michael Livigne, a parent, constructed the beds. This project came to be due to the donations by the CCW and the PTO. The Lions Club donated a park bench. The next steps are to plant the started seeds and put up a fence. We eagerly await vegetables in late spring and summer. For more information, please contact Jessica at jsevers@stjoanhershey.org.



MINISTRY NEWS

Building a Culture of Life

"Biblical Revelation teaches that all human beings possess inherent dignity because they are created in the image and likeness of God: "God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness' [...] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Gen. 1:26-27). With this, humanity has a specific quality that means it is not reducible to purely material elements. Moreover, the "image" does not define the soul or its intellectual abilities but the dignity of man and woman. In their relationship of equality and mutual love, both the man and the woman represent God in the world and are also called to cherish and nurture the world. Because of this, to be created in the image of God means to possess a sacred value that transcends every distinction of a sexual, social, political, cultural, and religious nature. Our dignity is bestowed upon us by God; it is neither claimed nor deserved. Every human being is loved and willed by God and, thus, has an inviolable dignity."

> -Declaration of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith "Dignitas Infinita" on Human Dignity

Road to Kindness

This week, we want to prepare for some very special days in the month of May.



- Saturday, May 6 is Nurse's Day recognize all our nurses for their dedication
- Sunday, May 12 is Mother's Day recognize all Mother's and our Blessed Mother
- Tuesday, May 23 is PA's 5th Annual 1-4-3 Day statewide kindness, generosity and love to honor the beloved Fred Rogers of Mister Rogers Neighborhood
- The month of May is Mental Health Awareness Month

 pray for and offer help to all those struggling with
 mental health challenges

Plan ahead for these special days. You can find some wonderful kindness ideas on many websites for each of these areas. May you be blessed for sharing your Kindness with someone today, on these special days and every day! Afterall, when we do, we are following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!"

1st and 3rd Saturday Prayer Ministry

All are invited to join us after the 5:00 pm Saturday evening Mass on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Our small prayer group will pray with any individual desiring physical and spiritual healing. Any questions, contact Susan Susi at (717) 421-6338.

Play & Pray Group

Interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to pray, chat, and share snacks while the kids play? We meet on Tuesdays as well as the first and second Saturdays of each month. For location of group meetings and more information, email: sjahersheyplayandpraygroup@gmail.com



Catholic War Veterans will meet in the Parish Library on Tuesday, May 14 at 5:30 pm. All Veterans are welcome to attend and learn more about our organization. Any questions, contact Robert DeSousa at cptjag@yahoo.com or Linda Lehman at kb3rcy@gmail.com.

Caelorum

Please join us in the Church at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 1. Father Key will preside and a reception will be held afterwards in the Parish Library. Join your Brothers and Sisters as we praise, worship and adore our Lord Jesus Christ in his most holy presence in the Eucharist. If you have any questions, please call Lou at (717) 215-4175.





Knights of Columbus-LAST Chance! Mother's Day Flower Sale

See a Knight to order from 8 different varieties of hanging baskets in time for Mother's Day.

\$18.00 each. **Deadline to order is April 28**. Pickup in the social hall beginning at 4:00 pm on 5/11 and after all morning masses on 5/12. **To reserve a basket, contact a Knight or call (717) 298-7197**.

Hershey Food Bank & Monetary Collection:

Next collection is May 4 & 5. Collections will be the first weekend of each month. Did you know? The Hershey food bank provides food, non-perishables, meats, dairy, breads and desserts, produce, including fruit, paper products, diapers, and personal care items to all registered clients. They select what they need, when they shop. Thank you for your support.

Legion of Mary

Come join the Legion of our Blessed Mother. We visit the sick, nursing homes, hospitals, the homebound, children and anyone who needs our help. Sister Salvatoris is our Spiritual Advisor and helps us with our duties and Bible studies. We meet every Tuesday at 1:00 pm in Room 316. Any questions, contact Peggy Stapleton at (717) 838-9729.

Respect Life Resource Center

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EVERY LIFE IS WORTH LIVING

For help with an unplanned pregnancy:

Morning Star Clinic (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

Congratulations and God Bless our Communicants who received their First Holy Communion on April 27, 2024.



Lauren Antonio
Giovanni Aprile
Margaret Aynardi
Adalyn Baab
Leo Bassounas
Dominic Battaglini
Margaret Grace Beck
Frances Bevan
Layla Blauch-Donato
Zac Boyer
Emorie Bradley
Matilda Brennan
Charlotte Cios
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