



Year In Review



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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Parish Mission Statement

We, the Eucharistic Community of St. Joan of Arc Parish, by the grace of God and throughout 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.



Rev. Philip Burger, Pastor

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Christine Chardo Photography.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year it is important that as a parish community we review how we are responding to the mission of our parish. It is our mission to build bridges of opportunity for people to encounter the presence of God through sacraments, prayer and one another.

Providing the financial report each year assists in understanding a basic overview and accountability of how St. Joan of Arc is continuing to spread the Word of God and support the spiritual growth of its members. Once again, the report is an example of the seriousness our people take supporting the mission of the church.

Because the people of our parish are good stewards, willing to give sacrificially, we are able to continue the mission of Jesus Christ for our young people through our School, Religious Education program and Youth Ministry. Your generous stewardship enables the many programs and services of the parish to function in well maintained buildings. While taking care of what God has blessed us with at St. Joan of Arc Parish, we are also able to reach out to those less fortunate and assist them with their needs.

I continue to be edified by the willingness of our people to support the mission of the church with your financial contributions. Thank you all for your continuing support shown in so many wonderful ways. It is my hope that those who are able, after prayerfully reviewing their contributions, will be able to increase their donations to help us remain ahead of the costs - and those who are not able to increase their contributions, will continue to give as in the past. Your continued dedication and support is crucial to the vitality of our parish.

May God continue to bless us abundantly and inspire us all in our mutual journey as we support the mission of the church.

Fr. Philip Burger

Year IN REVIEW

This last year was very fruitful for our 5 Growing Into Christ Commissions

LITURGY & WORSHIP

Sunday Masses – 6
Weekday Masses – 2 each day
Eucharistic Adoration – First Friday each month
Confessions – Every Wednesday at 5pm; Every Saturday at 4pm
Masses celebrated in neighborhoods - 15

COMMUNITY LIFE

Registered Households – 2,500
Individuals – 7,000

PASTORAL CARE & OUTREACH

Parishioners reach out to help others through Derry Township Social Ministries, St. Vincent dePaul, and helping in Harrisburg, Appalachia, Haiti.
Consolation and Bereavement Ministry – reaching out to 55 grieving families

EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION

Baptisms – 73
Received into the Church (RCIA) – 8
Holy Matrimony – 27
St. Joan of Arc School Enrollment – 359
St. Joan of Arc Religious Education Program – 600

STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

Increased communication efforts
Supporting more than 45 Active Ministries
Implementation of more opportunities and ways to give to the parish



Stewardship *focus*

HEART OF THE PARISH
MUSTARD SEED FUND
PLANNED GIVING

HEART OF THE PARISH

The *Heart of the Parish* is a special fund to support the many repairs and maintenance needs of the parish's buildings and grounds. With such a large church property and many older buildings, there is currently great need for repairs and upgrades in many of the facilities for which the general operating budget simply does not allow.

Our aging buildings require additional maintenance. This fund will also be used to maintain the projects completed through the recent capital campaign. Your support of *Heart of the Parish* is greatly appreciated!

The *Heart of the Parish* was established many years ago by Msgr. Bierster to help pay down the debt of the parish. We have been blessed over the years with very generous tithing contributions and bequests. Due to this generosity we were able to pay off the debt of the parish and we are currently debt free. This fund has since been repurposed for general repairs and maintenance as mentioned above.

Mustard Seed Fund

The *Mustard Seed Fund* was established in August of 2004 to help fund tuition assistance and programs for the youth of St. Joan of Arc. The donations received are divided between the School (50%), Religious Education Program (25%), and Youth Ministry (25%).

All the donations collected for this fund will stay here and be used for the children of our parish.

TITHING

We are a tithing parish following God's plan for giving. Tithing is God's plan to support His Church.

The word *tithe* in the Bible means "the tenth". God funds his work in the world by His people giving a tenth of their income. The traditional Catholic tithe asks that you contribute half of that tenth (5% of your gross income) to the Church; and the other half to a charitable organization to help those in need.

Together, we are called to be co-stewards of the mission of the Church, accountable ultimately not only as individuals, but as part of the faith community. We are connected to each other as the Body of Christ. Our financial support helps the community of faith to continue growing and faithfully share in the ongoing mission of Christ.

You can contribute to your parish through offertory envelopes or by our Online Giving system.

Ministry Opportunities

Don't just go to church. Be the Church.

- Adult Ministry
- Altar Servers & MC's
- Areba Club
- Athletic Association
- Baptism Prep Program
- Bereavement
- Bible Studies
- Boy Scouts
- Brownie Scout Troop
- Children's 1st Friday
- Communication Ministry
- Consolation Ministry
- Council of Catholic Women
- Cub Scout Pack
- Cursillo
- Eucharistic Adoration Society
- Extraordinary Ministers
- Finance Council
- Funeral Sacristans
- Girl Scout Troop
- Hershey Food Bank & Community Outreach
- Jr. Legion of Mary
- Knights of Columbus
- Lector Ministry
- Legion of Mary
- Lending Library
- Liturgy Committee
- Marriage Mentors
- Meals on Wheels
- Music Ministry - Liturgical Music, Cantors, Choirs
- Pastoral Council
- Natural Family Planning
- Nurse Ministry
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Religious Education
- RCIA
- School - Board of Education, PTO, SCRIP, Tech Team, Educational Excellence Committee
- SJA Homeschoolers
- Special Needs Ministry
- Spring Creek Manor
- Stephen Ministry
- St. Michael's Guard
- St. Vincent dePaul
- Ushers
- Youth Ministries—Life Teen, EDGE

TIME AND TALENTS

We are called to give the gift of our time and talents to expand God's kingdom. At St. Joan of Arc we are blessed with many parishioners who exemplify this. There are so many ways to share your gifts from our ministries to volunteering in the parish office. There are always many unique ways to contribute such as photography and writing. If you would like to share of your time and talents with the Church, please contact the parish office and we will be happy to guide you in the right direction.

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL

2014 STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



Registration for the 2014/15 school year will be held on January 25th at 10am in the cafeteria.

For more information please contact Deb Rizzotto.

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL

St. Joan of Arc School fosters academic excellence, in keeping with our Catholic tradition of discipline in Christian values, to the students of St. Joan of Arc Parish and the surrounding communities.

We place special emphasis on developing a community of faith, hope, and charity in the lives of our students in a spirit of mercy.

Sponsor a Child Program

We are truly grateful to the many families who have participated in the Sponsor a Child Program. We have earned over \$14,000.00 to help families who truly believe in Catholic Education, but could use some financial help. We would also like to thank the following families that have requested that monies be sent here to the school for tuition assistance in lieu of flowers in memory of their loved ones that have passed: Freda Memmi, Elizabeth Fraunhouffer, Alma Modesto, Regina Pronio and Silvio Zaccagnini. We pray for all of our donors and thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts.

We would also like to thank Mr. Gabe Plebani for establishing the "Sister Rosella Sponsor a Child Fund". This fund is in memory of Sister Rosella a former Principal of St Joan of Arc School.



2nd grade students on a trolley ride after learned about Mr. Milton Hershey.



Race for Education

The 16th annual Race for Education was held on October 17. The proceeds from this event supported the Jeffrey Hahn gym floor memorial, was a huge success raising over \$33,000. Thank you to all the school families, parishioners, community partners and friends.

Endowment... A gift that keeps on giving

A huge thank you is extended to Dr. and Mrs. Mortel for establishing a \$10,000 endowment fund for tuition assistance at St. Joan of Arc School. This is a great example of Christian stewardship.

The endowment support at St. Joan of Arc is used to support the mission of the school by providing tuition scholarship through interest earned each year. In the efforts to grow our endowment, we are encouraging donors to set up or make a contribution to our endowment fund. Please contact Deb Rizzotto in the Office of Development.

Save the Date

The 6th Annual
**NIGHT OF
KNIGHTS GALA**

April 18, 2015

This event is held at the
Hershey Country Club
from 5pm-10pm
Tickets are \$75 per person

Contact Deb Rizzotto
717.533.2854
drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org

PRAYERS FOR THE POPE

Saint Joan of Arc School extended an invitation to Pope Francis to visit them while he is in Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Family.

Included were some Hershey Kisses!





Financial *focus*

THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF
ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH
FOR JULY 2013 - JUNE 2014

CHURCH INCOME	2013-14	2012-13	INC / (DEC)
OFFERINGS	\$1,515,339	\$1,535,969	(\$20,630)*
REP TUITION	\$20,215	\$24,152	(\$3,937)
FESTIVAL	\$45,000	\$41,500	\$3,500
PLANNED GIFTS, BEQUESTS	\$600,988	\$0	\$600,988
CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND	\$2,679	\$9,160	(\$6,481)
HEART OF THE PARISH	\$94,544	\$80,308	\$14,236
LENTEN APPEAL REFUND	\$9,849	\$771	\$9,078
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$83,712	\$432,933	(\$349,221)
OTHER	\$32,512	\$27,156	\$5,356
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$2,404,838	\$2,151,949	\$252,889
SCHOOL INCOME	2013-14	2012-13	INC / (DEC)
TUITION	\$1,003,946	\$996,689	\$7,257
WINGS	\$79,961	\$77,134	\$2,827
FUNDRAISING & MISC.	\$121,413	\$107,430	\$13,983
GIFTS & BEQUESTS	\$141,419	\$0	\$141,419
DIOCESAN SUBSIDY	\$75,301	\$71,715	\$3,586
CAFETERIA	\$116,408	\$119,837	(\$3,429)
OTHER	\$77,141	\$48,555	\$28,586
TOTAL SCHOOL INCOME	\$1,615,589	\$1,421,360	\$194,229

*Offerings: There were 53 weeks in 2012-2013 rather than the normal 52. This accounts for the decrease shown from year to year.

Finance Council *June 2013 – June 2014*

Chair: Milton Brice

Members:
Richard Deiling, Don Fox

Pastor: Fr. Rothan

Finance Council *June 2014 – June 2015*

Chair: Milton Brice

Members:
Richard Deiling, Don Fox,
Matt Koepfer, Mark Rogers

Pastor: Fr. Burger

Finance Manager: Michelle Gutshall

Development

Parish Development: Jackie Abel

School Development: Deb Rizzotto

CHURCH EXPENSES	2013-14	2012-13	INC / (DEC)
ASSESSMENT #1	\$177,777	\$169,311	\$8,466
ASSESSMENT # 2	\$0	\$36,667	(\$36,667)
ASSESSMENT #3	\$9,851	\$9,902	(\$51)
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$656,937	\$581,364	\$75,573
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$238,323	\$222,709	\$15,614
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$26,064	\$17,746	\$8,318
SUPPLIES	\$139,635	\$115,751	\$23,884
DONATIONS	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
DEBT	\$129,117	\$25,368	\$103,749
INTEREST	\$2,090	\$7,143	(\$5,053)
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$342,625	\$226,740	\$115,885
OTHER	\$98,294	\$128,904	(\$30,610)
TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES	\$1,860,713	\$1,581,605	\$279,108
SCHOOL EXPENSES	2013-14	2012-13	INC / (DEC)
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$1,492,363	\$1,488,616	\$3,747
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$132,488	\$144,367	(\$11,879)
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$2,574	\$618	\$1,956
SUPPLIES	\$155,239	\$131,420	\$23,819
SCHOOL FUNDRAISING	\$21,349	\$25,744	(\$4,395)
OTHER	\$78,722	\$30,864	\$47,858
TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES	\$1,882,735	\$1,821,629	\$61,106

ASSESSMENT NOTES:

*Assessment # 1:

Diocesan High School
Assessment (*Lebanon Catholic*)

**Assessment # 2:

The prior year's Lenten appeal
Assessment

**Assessment # 3:

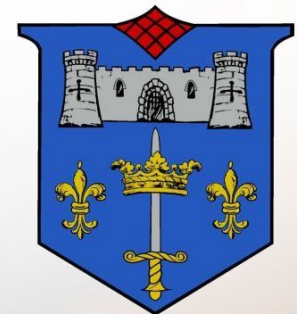
Hospital Chaplaincy

+ Since we have met our goal
last year, this item is zero.

SCHOOL

Each year the parish supports our
school by designating about 27% of
our ordinary giving to their annual
budget.

Your generosity to our church not
only supports our parish, but allows
us to grow our school programs to
enrich the children of our parish
even more.



PARISH DEBT UPDATE:

St. Joan of Arc received a very generous bequest this year following the death of one of our dear parishioners. This benevolent gift allowed the parish to pay off the remainder of our debt. We were truly honored to be the recipient of such a gracious gift.

If you would like to discuss a gift to the Church, or are considering one, please contact Jackie Abel in the parish office.





Our Sister Parish in Tarasse, Haiti

The sister parish of St. Joan of Arc, Hershey is located in Tarasse, Haiti. Our parish has had a partnership with this church for over 20 years now. As a parish, we built a school there for the children of their home parish and community. Deacon Rod Mortel and the priests of St. Joan of Arc visit often.

There is more information and photos from recent visits available on our website, including a video of the Corpus Christi celebrations. Just click on "Sister Parish" under the Parish menu.



Mario, Pastor of St. Joan of Arc, Haiti

Thank You To Our Treasured Volunteers!

We would like to extend a very special "Thank You!" to all of our wonderful and amazing volunteers! You each do so much for our parish community throughout the year. Without your dedication St. Joan of Arc would not be what it is today. The gifts of your time that you share with us is what makes our parish so special. Your generosity is truly a testament to your love and desire to serve God.

Our parish is made up of countless volunteers that serve God through our numerous ministries and outreaches. It is difficult for our clergy and parish staff to thank each of you individually.... though we intend to make every effort possible to express our heartfelt gratitude.

On a final note, thank you to all the volunteers who served in any way to support the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) and Festival Committee, both of which generated significant funding for our parish this year.

SAYING GOODBYE...

When June arrived, Father Rothan and Father Wayne moved on to other parishes and Father Chuks prepared for his return to Nigeria. Each of these holy men brought something very unique and special to our parish. They will be greatly missed!

Pictured left to right: Father Rothan, Father Wayne, Father Chuks, Father Pius



UPDATE: Youth Ministry

Youth Director *John Triscik*

It's been a great year for both Life Teen and EDGE. This past year, 145 teens were involved in Life Teen and in EDGE. Last year, the ministries learned about the Catholic Church's teaching on Social Justice. The teens served in many different ways from helping parishioners in need, the Special Olympics, and our annual Life Teen/EDGE clothing drive to help those in need in the Harrisburg community. EDGE even had a party where the entry fee was canned goods to benefit the Hershey Food Bank. We finished off the year with 27 teens and 6 adults going to Providence, RI to serve the community through Catholic Heart Work Camp. We also had a weekly Bible study going through the Book of Daniel. The teens have amazing hearts. Please keep them in your prayers as Life Teen and EDGE lead teens closer to Christ and form disciples in His great Holy Name.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Confirmation Class Project:

Learning to Serve by Serving Those Who Protect & Defend



After discussing doing an act of kindness for someone or a group it was decided to send a “care package” to our Servicemen and women. The students wanted to send thoughts/prayers/and goodies to someone with a connection to St Joan of Arc.

The contact was Captain Galen Landis, USMC. He is one of our “own”. He grew up here in Hershey and was once just like our candidatesin middle school, going to REP, preparing to be confirmed. He played sports: football, wrestling and lacrosse. Captain Landis graduated from Hershey High School in 2004, and went on to the Naval Academy. He had a strong desire to serve, and become a pilot. He married Lena Voelmle in November, 2010. Lena also was once an 8th grader at St Joan of Arc School, busy with activities and sports, completing her service projects, in preparation to be confirmed.

Captain Landis is a Huey Pilot with Squadron #369, nicknamed the “Gunfighters”. At the time, they were stationed at Camp Bastion in Afghanistan from Nov, 2013 thru May, 2014. The climate there is pretty similar to our weather. It is also extremely dusty (sandy).

Students were asked to send a note, expressing their thoughts of thanks, or words of encouragement, etc. More important, the students were encouraged to tell these Marines that they are praying for them.



As a result, 12 boxes were filled and shipped. Boxes were sent staggered to arrive weekly with the notes written by the students divided into boxes so that they were consistently greeted with our thoughts and prayers.

In appreciation, the Squadron sent a flag that was flown from their helicopter while on a mission over Afghanistan and two of their patches. The flag, certificate and patches will be on display in the parish education center.

PARISH CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 4 Blessing of the Animals
- 11 Public Square Rosary Crusade
- 18 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- 26 Mass of Healing for the Sick

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints Day*
- 1 CCW Christmas Bazaar
- 3 Mass of Remembrance
- 11 Closing of Forty Hours
- 22 PTO Spaghetti Dinner
- 30 First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER

- 8 Immaculate Conception*
- 13 Breakfast in Bethlehem
- 14 Parish Penance Service
- 24 Christmas Vigil Masses
- 25 Christmas Day*

JANUARY

- 1 Solemnity of Mary*
- 4 Epiphany
- 22 March For Life

FEBRUARY

- 3 St. Blaise (*Blessing of Throats*)
- 18 Ash Wednesday
- 22 First Sunday of Lent
- +Fridays During Lent: Adult Education
- Note: During Lent Stations of the Cross at 2pm and 7pm each Friday.*

MARCH

- 22 Parish Penance Service
- 28 PTO Easter Egg Hunt
- 29 Palm Sunday
- +Fridays During Lent: Adult Education
- Note: During Lent Stations of the Cross at 2pm and 7pm each Friday.*

APRIL

- 2 Holy Thursday
- 3 Good Friday
- 4 Holy Saturday
(Blessing of Easter Food)
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 12 Divine Mercy Sunday

MAY

- 2 First Holy Communion
- 3 May Crowning
- 14 Ascension Thursday*
- 24 Pentecost

JUNE

- 4 Corpus Christi
- 18-20 Parish Festival
- * Holy Day of Obligation.

Are You Registered?

The parish office receives calls each day from people intending to get married or wishing to baptize their children, only to find out that they are not registered within the parish. If you grew up in the parish registered under your parents, and have not registered as an adult, you may not currently be registered in the parish.

The good news is registration is easy and only takes a few minutes. To register, visit our website and select the "**Register with our Parish**" option under the "**Parish**" menu. You may also stop in the parish office to complete a paper form.



You can catch up with what each of our parish's GIC Commissions have accomplished this year by visiting our website.

Please consider getting involved in one of these wonderful groups that are actively improving our parish community.

UPDATE: Special Needs Survey

In 2009, St. Joan of Arc parish conducted a Special Needs survey to better understand the needs of our parishioners, especially those with a disability or special need. The following needs were identified as most important:

- Restroom accommodations on the same level as the church building
- Assistance with religious education and sacramental preparation for children with special needs
- Improved accessibility to the church for those with physical disabilities
- Improved public address system in the church

We are pleased to report that all of these concerns have been addressed over the past few years culminating with the recent opening of the new handicapped accessible entrance, restroom and confessional on the East side of the church building.

At this time, we wish to invite our disabled brothers and sisters to join us in active participation in the life of the parish. If you are a person with a disability or special need, and would like to become more involved in the ministries at St. Joan of Arc, please let us know by contacting the parish office at (717) 533-7168.

Be assured that we will follow up with you and provide the necessary assistance for you to share your time and gifts with the parish.

This update was brought to you by the Pastoral Care and Outreach Commission.

Pastoral Council

On behalf of the entire parish, we would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the members of our Pastoral Council who served in guiding our parish this past year, which includes:

President: John Phillippy

Vice President: Brian Deiling

Secretary: Martha Rupert

Members: Pete Bowman, Tom DeAngelis, Jamieson Gill, Denise Grudi, Denise McCracken, Pat Mooney, Andrea Neves, Susan Petrina, Karen Willey



Are you one of our secret admirers? Have you chosen St. Joan of Arc as part of your legacy giving through a bequest in your will or other planned giving option? If you have and not yet informed us, you are one of our secret admirers!

Please consider informing us of your gift to ensure we can honor your contribution in the way you wish!

COMMUNICATIONS

As a parish, our goal is to provide you with communications that allow you to stay informed as to what is going on around our parish in a way that is easy for you. We currently have several options currently available to you to keep tabs on us:

- **Website Announcements:** We have a page of our website designated specifically for parish announcements. Everything you want to know is all in one place... waiting for you.
- **Social Media Sites:** In the last year our parish social media sites have grown tremendously! We encourage you to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Google+, LinkedIn, or Pinterest. You will be able to see parish news and network with others in our parish community. Join the FUN!
- **Daily Blog:** Each day we post a variety of parish announcements, current events from a Catholic perspective, faith formation materials, religious inspiration, and other exciting materials to our blog. You can read it on our website by visiting the Blog page, or you can subscribe via email to receive the updates at the end of each day... Delivered straight to your inbox.



- **Monthly Newsletter:** Each month an electronic newsletter is sent out via email with important highlights of what is happening in the Parish. Reminder - you must sign up to receive this! You can sign up on our website.
- **Online Parish Bulletin:** Did you know we post the parish bulletin on our website every Friday morning? If you are out of town for Mass or misplace your copy, you can access right from our website.
- **Mobile Website:** Our website is mobile friendly! If you have a smart phone or tablet and try to use our website, everything will be ready to go for you!



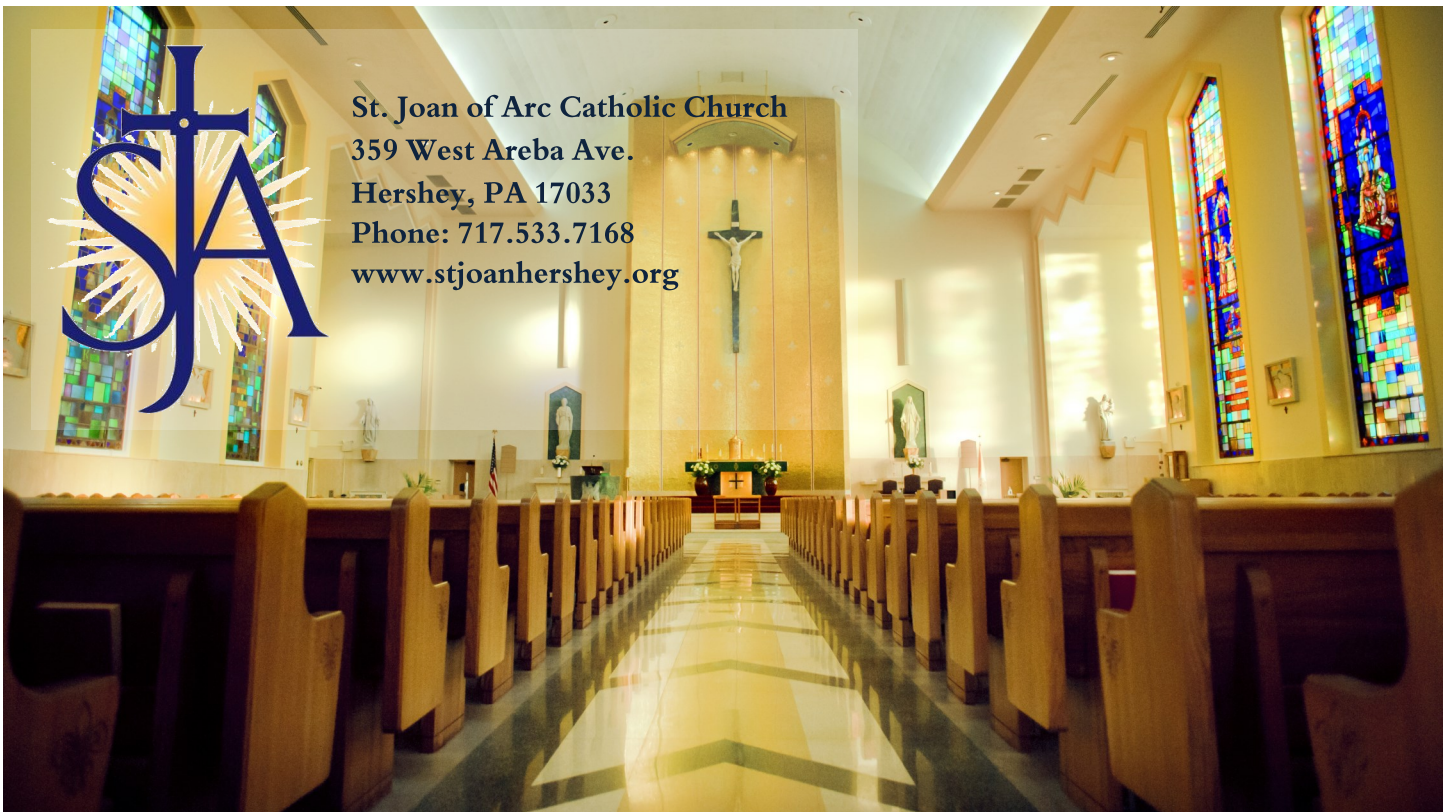
We have an exciting announcement for you..
A new St. Joan of Arc Parish Mobile App
will be available in January!

FEATURES WILL INCLUDE:

NOTIFICATIONS
PARISH CALENDAR
MASS TIMES
BULLETINS
HOMILIES
READINGS
MESSAGES
GIVING



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Pastoral Staff

- Very Rev. Philip Burger, Pastor
- Rev. Kyle Sahd, Parochial Vicar
- Rev. Pius Tukura Michael, Hospital Chaplain
- Deacon Rodrigue Mortel
- Connie Egan, Director of Religious Education
- John Triscik, Youth Coordinator
- Beth Palmer, Director of Music

Office Staff

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

School Staff

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

For Your Information

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday:

8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Closed for lunch from Noon to 1:00 pm.

Sunday:

9:00 am to Noon.

