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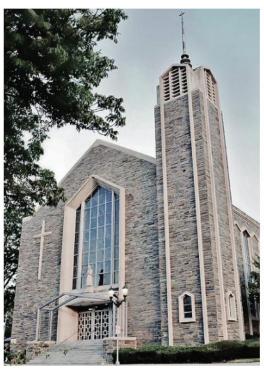
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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 Saturday 5:00-5:30 pm 4:00-4:45 pm

FROM THE PASTOR

Someone recently sent me this beautiful prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary (which I did not know). How appropriate as we begin the month of May, Mary's month, to offer this prayer each day of May.



Holy Mary, Mother of God, Preserve in me the heart of a child, Pure and transparent as a spring. Obtain for a me a simple heart That does not brood over sorrows, A heart, generous and giving itself, Quick to feel compassion. A faithful, generous heart that forgets no favor And holds no grudge. Give me a humble, gentle heart, Loving without asking anything in return, A great indomitable heart, That in gratitude can close. A heart tortured by its desire, For the glory of Jesus Christ: Pierced by his love with a wound That will heal only in heaven! (Fr. Leonce de Grandmaison, SJ)

SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of *Joseph Luciani and Kenneth Schaffer* who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy to their family and friends on their loss. *Parishioner Milestones - Eternal Life*

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Janice Camacci Crum-Ewing Jerome Hudak, 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



Saint Joseph
In Thanksgiving
from Lisa Balanda





THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THURSDAY, MAY 9 MASS AT 6:45 AM/9:00 AM/7:00 PM VIGIL MASS ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 AT 6:00 PM



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.



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, May 6:

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

6:45 AM Henry Ettel and Kenneth Ettel

9:00 AM Special Intentions for

All of our Parish Volunteers

Tuesday, May 7:

Acts 16:22-34: Jn 16:5-11

6:45 AM Joseph Clark

9:00 AM Hans Gangl

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8:

Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15

6:45 AM John Mihalik

9:00 AM Ernesto & Perseveranda Balolong

6:00 PM Dominic Nestico

THURSDAY, MAY 9:

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

6:45 AM Clyde Gibson

9:00 AM Silvio "Zac" Zaccagnini 7:00 PM Claudio & Maria Rossi

FRIDAY, MAY 10:

Acts 18:9-18: Jn 16:20-23

6:45 AM Shirley Burger

9:00 AM Mary & Anthony Kucan

SATURDAY, MAY 11:

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

9:00 AM Rev. Louis P. Ogden

5:00 pm Jeane C. Nowicki

SUNDAY, MAY 12:

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

As a witness of Jesus' resurrection, Matthias is chosen to replace him "who was destined to be lost". Let us bless the Lord who has so loved us and in whom we are called to love one another.

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26;1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Plebani and Bills

Families

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Bergloff and

Saragosa Families

5:00 PM Special Intentions for our sister parish

school, St. Jean d'Arc

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen: Leading Teens Closer to Christ

This 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.

Next Week: No Life Teen-Happy Mother's Day to all the moms and moms to be.

2024 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

May 12 No Life Teen-Happy Mother's Day

May 19 Life Teen—Let's celebrate the end of the school year with a party.

May 26 No Life Teen-Happy Memorial Day

June 2 Life Teen-Help set up for the parish festival

Donations Always Appreciated:

Donations of *single-serve: water, juice, soda, and snacks* for our youth ministry gatherings are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you!

EDGE (Middle School): Thank you all who made this year so much fun. **EDGE** will return in September. Have a great summer. 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

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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 8** as we continue our series on Psalm 40.

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2 (717) 533-7168 Ext.128

VOCATIONS CORNER



The Vocation Cross will be in the home of: Tim & Kathy Palmer: May 12-19 Dr. & Mrs. Robert Hamilton: May 19-26

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

"The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening."

Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at (717) 657-4804 or via email: wocations@hbgdiocese.org







Sign up to volunteer!

Sign up to volunteer at the parish festival!

It is never too early!!

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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 <u>makingbear1@gmail.com</u> 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.



Weekly Tithing: \$25,088 Weekly Budget: \$28,846

Weekly Heart of the Parish:\$1,817 Week of April 21, 2024

Upcoming Second Collection: Pentecost Collection May 19, 2024 For Online Giving, Scan QR code:



DAUGHTERS OF MERCY FUNDRAISER



The Sisters will be selling raffle tickets after masses on May 11 & 12.

Tickets can be purchased for \$20.

Cash or Check only

20 weeks of chances to win!

Any questions, contact Sister Eileen or call the parish office.

Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser!



SIGN UP NOW!

Religious Education Program

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

<u>Registration for the 2024/25 School Year</u> Registration is open! Contact us for a private tour or attend an open house on 5/16. Please visit our website at <u>school.stjoanhershey.org</u> or call the school at (717) 533-2854 for more information.

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

Pope Francis tirelessly reminds us of the need to respect human dignity: "Every human being has the right to live with dignity and to develop integrally; this fundamental right cannot be denied by any country. People have this right even if they are unproductive or were born with or developed limitations. This does not detract from their great dignity as human persons, a dignity based not on circumstances but on the intrinsic worth of their being. Unless this basic principle is upheld, there will be no future either for fraternity or for the survival of humanity."

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

Parish Lending Library

All are welcome to visit the new parish lending library with expanded resources in the parish center (old school library) anytime the building is open. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pam at (717) 304-6238.

Road to Kindness

"How beautiful a day can be when Kindness touches it!" We want to first congratulate our 74 wonderful children that received First Holy Communion last Saturday! Our special prayers are always with you!

Let's recognize our Nurses for all they do to take care of us. Let's also recognize all caregivers for caring for the needs of those in the hospital, in elderly communities, etc. Let's keep all our nurses and caregivers close at heart as we say this prayer (taken from 15 Inspirational Prayers for Caregivers from www.biblekeeper.com):

Lord God.

By your grace, fill the hearts of every caregiver and grant their souls the kindness and compassion required in their line of work. Let your mercy and wisdom teach them the great importance of their profession.

Despite all the challenges, help them serve with a compassionate heart. May the work of every caregiver help others feel loved and

harbor no feelings of anxiety or despair. In all these prayers for caregivers, I pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

This is God's Way – The Road to Kindness. Have a week filled with Kindness!

Respect Life Carnation Fundraiser

Mothers are beautiful! Buy her a carnation-or a whole bunch- on Mother's Day, May 12 after all masses. Just \$1 each, to benefit Pennsylvanians for Human Life, which promotes pro-life education, supports local pregnancy centers and provides transportation to the



D.C. March for Life. Donations are welcome!

St. Michael's Guard

St. Michael's Guard is seeking courageous adult men to join us and stand guard at the Holy Altar of the Lord. No prior altar serving experience is necessary.

For more information, please contact John Shiffler (717) 395-8004 or email: john@stmichaelsguard.com





Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Flower Basket Pickup

Pickup in the social hall beginning at 4:00 pm on 5/11 and after all morning masses on 5/12.

Any questions, contact a Knight or call (717) 298-7197.

Hershey Food Bank & Monetary Collection:

This weekend, 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.

Join the Knights of Columbus

Founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New



Haven, Conn., and a group of parishioners. Their intent? To bring financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families. To join, scan the QR code and enter 6693 under preferred local council. Any questions, talk with a Knight.

We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin:
Rick Yazinski, DMD

HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

Pentecost Collection

The Diocese of Harrisburg was blessed to sponsor 11 Seminarians for priestly formation this past year. Please continue to pray for them, so that they may be formed as good and holy priests. If you are able, please also financially support their formation through the Pentecost Collection the weekend of **May 19**. The cost to educate one candidate for the priesthood is over \$46,000 per year. Gifts can be made using the special parish envelope or online at www.hbgdiocese.org/pentecost-collection.



2024 Ordinations

With praise and gratitude to Almighty God, the Diocese of Harrisburg invites you to attend the Ordination to the Diaconate on **May 18** and the Ordination to the Priesthood on **June 1**. Both ordinations are at 10 a.m. at Saint Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg. Free parking will be available in the South Street Parking Garage (220 South Street, Harrisburg). Not able to attend in person? Join us via livestream at www.YouTube.com/hbgdiocese. Visit the Diocesan website for more details.

8 Days of Eucharistic Joy

Bishop Senior invites all Catholics in the Diocese to join him for 8 Days of Eucharistic Joy, **June 1-8**. This week is dedicated to worship surrounding the Holy Eucharist with special events throughout the Diocese. Highlights include – Priesthood Ordination on June 1; National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and food fest, Hanover area, on June 4; Consecration of the Diocese to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus by Bishop Senior, 12 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral on June 7; and on June 8, a Solemn Mass at 9:30 a.m. on the steps of the Capitol, followed by a Eucharistic Procession and food festival. See the full schedule at www.hbgdiocese.org/event/8days.

Quo Vadis Days

Quo Vadis Days, **June 23-27** is a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer, and discussions to help you explore our Lord's call in your life. There will be priests, seminarians, and other young men like yourself gathered together for these days. Activities will include prayer (Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, etc.), games, bonfires, recreation and sports (soccer, capture the flag, volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, flag football), talks, great food, and discussions. https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/quo-vadis-days/



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