



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF *L*ENT



### ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday:** 8:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

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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.

Jesus took Peter,  
James, and John  
and led them up  
a high mountain  
apart by  
themselves. And  
he was  
transfigured  
before them,  
and his clothes  
became dazzling  
white.

*Mark 9:2,3*

# LENT

PRAYER PENANCE ALMSGIVING



### 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

# FROM THE PASTOR

The traditional penitential practices for the Season of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. To do any of these involves humility because they entail the denying of self, which is never easy. Saint Teresa of Calcutta gave ten ways for us to practice being humble. Let us put some or all of these into practice in our daily lives starting this Lent.

- To speak as little as possible about yourself.
- To mind one's own business.
- To not want to manage other people's affairs.
- To avoid curiosity.
- To pass over the mistakes of others.
- To accept insults and injuries.
- To accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked.
- To be kind and gentle even under provocation.
- To never stand on one's own dignity.
- To always choose the hardest path.

We live in a world where humility is disparaged and self-denial is considered abnormal. The world tells us to put ourselves first. Jesus teaches us another way. To take up your cross, to put another person first, to not always be offended, to accept misunderstanding and rejection is to walk in the footsteps of the Master. The Christian way is never easy but it leads to holiness and peace of heart.

*Father Al*



## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Sheila Curley** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy to her family 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: **Kaila Franco, Emily Ortiz Morales, Ken Schaffer, Jennifer Trostle, Bernie Ryan, Julie Fogarty, Barb McCarthy, Elizabeth Sauthoff, Joe Zugay, Kathleen Weiss, Christine Brunn, Christopher Jordan, Fred Bender, Barbara Kayser and Mary Beth Sheehan.**

*Call the parish office to add a name to the prayer list.*

## PARISH SURVEY- CLOSES 3/14

### DISCIPLE MAKER SURVEY LINK & QR CODE

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b28p05>



## First Friday Adoration

Join us for Adoration on **Friday, March 1** following the 9:00 am Mass in the St. Lucy Chapel with **Benediction at 5:00 pm** due to Soup & Stations and Stations of the Cross.

## First Saturday Devotion

For the conversion of Russia, join us after 9:00 am Mass in the Church on **March 2** for First Saturday Devotions and Rosary. This month's intention is in reparation for offenses: **committed against the Virginity of Our Lady.**



2024 Diocesan Annual Campaign  
**NOURISHED**  
by **FAITH**







## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26:

**Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38**

6:45 AM Martin "Oliver" Mullarkey

9:00 AM John Cambus

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27:

**Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12**

6:45 AM Lou & Antonette Corado

9:00 AM Robert S. Robenseifner

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28:

**Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28**

6:45 AM Rosalind Gennaro-Cambas

9:00 AM Joan Spandra

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29:

#### FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, APOSTLE

**Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31**

6:45 AM Audrey Devine

9:00 AM John Mihalik

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1:

**Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46**

6:45 AM Glen Knackstedt

9:00 AM Mason Brady

### SATURDAY, MARCH 2:

**Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**

9:00 AM Suzan Decker

5:00 PM Thomas F. Balanda

### SUNDAY, MARCH 3:

## Third Sunday of Lent

*The law liberates and leads us to freedom. It is to be trusted for it is a source of wisdom. Jesus speaks of the ultimate freedom to be won for us by being raised up. He is the sign of power and wisdom of God.*

**Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25;**

**Jn 2:13-25**

7:30 AM Virginia & Daniel Rittelmann

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Kambic Family

11:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Gemma Rose Macchioni

**PRAY THE ROSARY  
EVERY SUNDAY FOLLOWING  
9:30 AM MASS**

## YOUTH NEWS

### Life Teen: Leading Teens Closer to Christ

**This Week:** "Seeing the Word"-We begin our Lenten series on the life of Jesus. We will look to understand the lasting implications of the Incarnation so we may continue to trust in God more fully.

**Next Week:** "Seeing the Kingdom"-We continue our series on the life of Jesus by taking a look at the public ministry of Jesus so we might be inspired to become His disciple.

### 2024 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

**March 3** "Seeing the Kingdom"-Continue Lenten series with a look at Jesus' public ministry

**March 10** No Life Teen-Daylight Savings Time

**March 17** Reconciliation Service-7:00 pm in the Church

### 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):** Invite your friends for a fun night. We will meet next on March 20. Edge will not meet March 6. All 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month in the Youth Room from 7-8:15 pm.



**Life Teen Band:** If you enjoy the type of music at the 5pm Sunday mass and can sing, Life Teen music ministry is seeking a female vocalist. The band rehearses one night a week and you must at least be a freshman in high school. **Interested or questions,** contact Greg Rozman at (717) 571-8066 or email [rozman@roz-man.com](mailto:rozman@roz-man.com).

## 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 **February 28** as we begin our series on the Psalms.

📞 John Triscik: [jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org)

☎ (717) 533-7168 Ext.128

## VOCATIONS CORNER



*The Vocation Cross will be in the home of:*  
**The Schnupp Family: March 3-10**  
**Steve & Mary Ann King: March 10-17**

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

**"This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!"**

Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him or talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at (717) 657-4804 or via email: [vocations@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@hbgdiocese.org)



### JEWELRY

Celebrate SJA Festival's Golden 50<sup>th</sup> 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.**



## STEWARDSHIP

*We Are A Tithing Parish Following God's Plan For Giving*

**Weekly Tithing: \$28,395**

**Weekly Budget: \$28,846**

**Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,980**

*For Online Giving,  
Scan QR code:*



*Week of February 11, 2024*

## HAPPENINGS & EVENTS



Were you married in 1974? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on **Sunday, July 7** at 2:00 pm at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Timothy C. Senior will be the celebrant. **To receive an invitation, please contact the SJA parish office by April 5<sup>th</sup>.**



### Life Giving Wounds Retreat

HEALING FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

**APRIL 12 - 14, 2024**

DIOCESAN CENTER

Register today: [www.hbgdiocese.org/event/life-giving-wounds-retreat/](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/life-giving-wounds-retreat/)

FOR MORE INFO: [MMALESKI@HBGDIocese.ORG](mailto:MMALESKI@HBGDIocese.ORG)

### Italian Mass for the Feast of Saint Joseph

An Italian Mass for the Feast of Saint Joseph will be held on **Sunday, March 17** at 1:00 pm at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 300 West Pine Street, Palmyra, PA 17078. Reverend Anthony Dill will be the Celebrant and Homilist. The Italian Apostolate Ministry Committee will provide a dinner reception after the Mass.

**For more information, please contact Maria DiSanto at (717) 554-5698 [disanto1@comcast.net](mailto:disanto1@comcast.net) or Mariella Amato at (717) 278-9420.**

### Pronios Collection for Ukraine

Pronios is accepting donations of :

- Warm Winter Clothing, Boots, Gloves & Blankets
- Wheel Chairs, Walkers & Crutches
- First Aid Supplies
- Personal Hygiene Items

Pronios is working with the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee in Philadelphia. **Any questions, call Mike at (717) 533-2869.**



Thank you for the donated items for the Personal Care Closet. St. Joan has been very generous. Here is an updated list of items most needed:

- ⇒ Feminine Hygiene Liners
- ⇒ Overnight Feminine Pads
- ⇒ Kleenex/Facial Tissues
- ⇒ Dish Detergent
- ⇒ Toilet Paper
- ⇒ Laundry Pods

**Please NO Hotel sized toiletries!**

There is a plastic tub in the Church vestibule where you can drop off your donations. Thanks again for your generosity!

### Pillows of Hope

Our Mission is to support women and children in local shelters (Lebanon, Lancaster, and Dauphin Counties) with a gift of a beautiful pillowcase and Bible as a message of Hope. Since 2004, when the first pillowcase was delivered to Bethesda Mission, Pillows of Love has distributed over 50,000 handmade pillowcases and bibles to women and children in shelters who are in crisis.

Help us to keep growing by supporting us through a donation of money or time. Thank you!

Our website is <https://pillowsoflove.com>



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



### Lenten Parish Penance Service Sunday, March 17 at 7:00 PM

## 2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday

Regular Weekend Schedule (9:30 live-stream)

### Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Masses - 6:45 & 9:00 AM

### Tuesday, March 26

Tenebrae - 8:00 PM

### Holy Thursday, March 28

Morning Prayer - 8:00 AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM

Adoration in the Church until 10:00 PM

### Good Friday, March 29

Morning Prayer - 8:00 AM

Office of Readings - 12:00 Noon

Outdoor Stations of the Cross - 12:30 PM

Good Friday Liturgy - 2:00 PM

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM

### Holy Saturday, March 30

Morning Prayer - 8:00 AM

Blessing of Easter Food - 10:00 AM

The Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM (live-stream)

### Easter Sunday, March 31

7:30, 9:30 (live-stream) & 11:30 AM in the Church

9:30 AM at the School on Sandhill

(There will be **NO** 5:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday)

## SOUP & STATIONS/FISH FRY

All are invited to join us for **Soup & Stations** on **Friday, March 1 & 15**. We will gather in the parish Social Hall at 6:00 pm to enjoy a light fare of soup and bread. Father Key will offer a short presentation (March 1) and Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:00 pm in the church.



**Knights of  
Columbus®**



The Knights of Columbus are hosting the Parish Lenten Fish Frys on: **Friday, March 8 & 22** from 4:30-7:30 pm in the Parish Social Hall.

### ***Dine in or Take out Menu Items:***

Choice of : Baked Fish or Fried Fish, Choice of one: Fresh cut French Fries, Macaroni & Cheese or Pierogies

Choice of: Applesauce or Coleslaw.

Prices are: \$12.00 (2-pieces of fish)

\$14.00 (3-pieces of fish)

## SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE SJA KNIGHTS

### Night of Knights Gala

***Purchase your tickets now!*** April 20, 2024

This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize, dine and bid on fantastic auction items to benefit St. Joan of Arc School. Call the school with any questions and how to donate.

Visit: <http://school.stjoanhershey.org>

### EMPLOYMENT

**WINGS Program:** Positions available for our after-school program from 3-6:00 pm.

- ◆ Monday through Friday;  
Flexible Hours
- ◆ Supervise students for snacks, homework and play.
- ◆ Great work environment

**Cafeteria Monitor:** Wednesdays from 10:30-1:15, Paid position or volunteer position



**THE DIOCESE OF  
HARRISBURG**

To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the toll free PA Child Abuse Hotline:

1-800-932-0313. To report suspected abuse of a minor by a church official, employee or volunteer, also please call the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection toll free number: 1-800-626-1608 or email: [ReportAbuse@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:ReportAbuse@hbgdiocese.org).

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

**Korch Orthodontics**



## MINISTRY NEWS



### Council of Catholic Women

*Please contact our search committee listed below to join the board or be on a commission for the Council of Catholic Women:*

- Pam Meinert: [pammeinert@gmail.com](mailto:pammeinert@gmail.com)
- Kathy Pantalone: [kapantalone@hotmail.com](mailto:kapantalone@hotmail.com)
- Catharine Scott: [cmscott0987@gmail.com](mailto:cmscott0987@gmail.com)
- Mauree Gingrich: [magingrich@verizon.net](mailto:magingrich@verizon.net)

Join the Council of Catholic Women for a Celebration of Irish Heritage and St. Patrick's Day at our March covered dish on **Thursday, March 14** at 6:00 pm in the parish social hall. Bring your favorite dish or make something green to share.



### Building a Culture of Life

**“It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. Bring love into your home, for this is where our love for each other must start.”**

Mother Teresa

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 1:00-3:00 pm in Room 314. Join us to knit or crochet prayer shawls and lap robes. No experience necessary! **We are happy to teach beginners. Please contact Norberta (Bert) Curran at (302) 228-9735 or Kathy Palmer at (717) 566-1481 with any questions.**

### Caelorum

Please join us in the Church at 7:00 pm on **Wednesday, March, 6**. Father Key will preside and a reception will be held afterwards in the Parish Library. Join your Brothers and Sisters in Christ 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.**

### Road to Kindness

This week of Lent, let's remember that there are many people that may not have a special person in their life or that special person may have passed away. We ask that you share a smile or if possible, even a hug with someone that you know is missing their special loved one. Your smile or hug could bring some joy into that person's day!

Let's all remember the verse from Corinthians:  
The Three Most Important Things to Have are:  
Faith, Love and Hope!

But the greatest of them is LOVE!

Thank you for following God's Way – “The Road to Kindness!” We wish you a week filled with Love and Kindness!



### Areba Club

Areba Travel Club is sponsoring a one-day trip by motorcoach to the Museum of the Bible in Washington DC, on **Wednesday, April 3**. Spend the day engaging with the Bible through interactive exhibits, 1000+ artifacts, VR tours of biblical lands, and more. Afterwards a stop for dinner at Buca di Beppo restaurant.

**Deadline for reservations is March 1.**

**For reservations, contact Al Casciotti at (717) 533-3275.**

### 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](mailto:john@stmichaelsguard.com)**

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Prayer Ministry

All are invited to join us after the 5:00 pm Saturday evening Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

### Hershey Food Bank & Monetary Collection:

**Next collection, March 2 & 3. 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.

### SJA Girl Scout Troops

#### Easter Flower Sale:

Order forms at the back of church or at the Parish Office. Orders and payments due by **Wednesday, February 28**.

Make check payable to Troop #10049.

Pick up at Parish Social Hall

on Saturday, March 23 from 9-11:00 am.

**Any questions, contact Betty Roksandic at (717) 648-8631 or [b.roksandic@yahoo.com](mailto:b.roksandic@yahoo.com)**



### Girl Scout Sunday

On **March 10** we will celebrate Girl Scout Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass at St Joan of Arc Church. All Girl Scouts are welcome to join us in the back of the church by 9:10 am, and process in to sit together for Mass. Please wear your Girl Scout Uniform. A Girl Scout Sunday Patch will be available for \$1.00.

### 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](mailto:sjahersheyplayandpraygroup@gmail.com)**