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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.

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH
359 West Areba Ave, Hershey, PA 17033

DECEMBER 17, 2017

A man named John was sent from God. He came for
testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe
through him.

John 1:6-7

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 5:15PM
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:30PM
Daily Mass: Monday- Friday: 6:45AM & 9:00AM, Saturday: 9:00AM
Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 6:30 PM everyday
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 9:30AM
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday 5:00 to 5:30 PM, Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM
Sacrament of the Sick: Call the office.
Sacrament of Baptism: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. Parents are required to attend
one class. Call the office to register.
Sacrament of Marriage: Call the office 9 to 12 months prior to the proposed
wedding date.
The end of the year is a good time to make charitable contributions to those in need. Here are some suggestions for giving here at St. Joan of Arc:

❖ Church Memorial Fund—This fund is used to purchase needed items in the church (and now the Saint Lucy Chapel) to beautify the space and also for the celebrating the liturgical life of the parish.

❖ Heart of the Parish Fund—This fund supports the many repairs and maintenance needs of the parish buildings and grounds. These monies are restricted to capital improvements in the parish.

❖ Mustard Seed Fund—This fund supports all the programs that benefit the youth of our parish such as REP, Lifeteen, Edge, Young Adult Ministry and our parochial school.

❖ Love Thy Neighbor Fund—This fund supports the poor and needy in parish community.

As you make your Christmas donation to the parish, please consider an additional contribution to support these various needs and ministries in the Church. All checks can be made out to St. Joan of Arc. Please indicate in the memo or on an envelope where you want these monies to go. As always, I am very grateful for your great generosity! God bless you!

Father AL

BULLETIN REQUEST DEADLINES FOR HOLIDAY PRINTING SCHEDULES:
Dec. 23/24: Due by 9:00 am Thursday, December 14th
Dec. 30/31: Due by 9:00 am Thursday, December 21st

BULLETIN REMINDER: Requests for information to be included in the parish bulletins must be received by Monday at 9:00 am. Forms are available on our website under the “Contact us” menu. All requests need to be submitted exactly as you would like the information to appear and include the desired date(s) to be published.

MASS SCHEDULE, READINGS & INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**
Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
6:45 AM    Dolores Milewski
9:00 AM    Donald Hayward and Rev. Msgr. Leo N. Bierster

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
6:45 AM    Mary “Beta” Hixon
9:00 AM    Anthony R. Bellezza

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**
Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
6:45 AM    Heart of the Parish & Church Memorials
9:00 AM    Mauro & Adelina D’Eramo

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21: ST. PETER CANISIUS**
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
6:45 AM    Living & Deceased of the T.J. Murphy Family
9:00 AM    Rev. Louis Ogden and Dr. Julius Ogden

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**
1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
6:45 AM    Carmen & Jean Ranerio
9:00 AM    Dionisio Castelli

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23: ST. JOHN OF KANTY**
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
9:00 AM    Philomenia Greenawalt
5:15 PM    Joseph Nestico

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
David’s posterity shall endure forever. His kingship finds its fulfillment in the son of Mary, Jesus the Christ. To him be glory and praise forever.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**
7:30 AM    Daniel and Joan Marie Rittelman
9:00 AM    Joe Allegrini
10:30 AM   People of the Parish
12:00 PM   Terence Withers
5:00 PM    Celebrant’s Intention
5:15 PM    Celebrant’s Intention
5:30 PM    Celebrant’s Intention
8:00 PM    Celebrant’s Intention
Midnight   People of the Parish

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**
Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
6:45 AM    Celebrant’s Intention
9:00 AM    Celebrant’s Intention
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SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES:
Please pray for the soul of Hal Hoffman (husband of Jean Hoffman) who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy to his family and friends on their loss.

ALTAR FLOWERS:
Blessed Mother: In loving memory of Josephine Testa from Kathleen & Dick.
Respect Life Roses: (1) In loving memory of Mary Hixon from Linda Warfield. (2) In loving memory of Austin Nowicki and Coleman Families from Pam Austin.

THE PILGRIM CROSS:
If you would like to take the Pilgrim Cross into your home for one week a year and pray for vocations, please call the parish office. The Pilgrim Cross will be in the home of:
Dec. 18 - 25: Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Bagatta & Family
Dec. 25 - Jan. 1: Mr. William Lutz

MASS ATTENDANCE: December 9 & 10  Total: 1902

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**Correction:** In last week’s bulletin the collection amounts for two special collections were inadvertently switched. The Matthew 25 Collection raised $10,320 and the Thanksgiving Collection benefitting the Hershey Food Bank raised $3,742. We apologize for the error.

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of the parish, in your prayers:
Dale Von Stein, Jeffrey Pavone, Michael Danzis, Rose Marie Smith, Paul Mara, Weston Hoffman, Vincent Savini, David Liddy, Kaitlin Buser, Lily Carney, Ashley Tatangelo.

Reminder: Names will remain on this list for six weeks. Please call to have them placed back on the prayer list.
In observance of the Christmas holiday, the parish office will close from December 24 - 26. We will reopen Wednesday, December 27.
**Parish News & Notes**

**Oplatki Christmas Wafers**

Oplatki wafers are an Advent/Christmas tradition. They are available in the back of the Church and the parish office. Each pack contains 3 wafers. Suggested donation is $3 per pack or $5 for 2 packs.

**Notice of Change in Hours for First Friday Adoration:**

Beginning in January, First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will close with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7 pm. During Evening Prayer we will continue to have the prayers for the sick of our parish.

**Parish Manager Position Available**

St. Joan of Arc Parish is accepting applications for the Position of Parish Manager. This important position is responsible for the day-to-day running of the parish office with respect to personnel, scheduling, and administrative concerns such as the implementation of diocesan and parish policies and guidelines. This position will also involve the overseeing of plans for building and property enhancement and/or expansion according to diocesan and governmental agencies. In sum, the Parish Manager will assist the pastor in the overall administration of the parish. At least three years of experience in business administration and personnel supervision is required. Salary, hours and benefits are negotiable.

Application forms are available on our parish website at [www.stjoanhershey.org/pm](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/pm) or contact Father Al Sceski at (717) 533-7168, ext. 102. Please submit application by January 15, 2018.

**Vocations:**

“The One who calls you is faithful.” Will you be faithful to His call? If God may be inviting you to be a priest or in the consecrated life, talk to Fr. Al or contact Fr. Brian Wayne (717) 657-4804 or email: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

**Youth News**

**Life Teen – High School Youth**

*This Week:* “White Elephant Gift Exchange” It’s that time of year! Bring a small gift worth around $5 to participate in this hilarious night of exchanging gifts among your friends. Who is going to get “Smiling Jesus” this year?

*Next Week:* Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!! Life Teen will return January 7th.

**Pro-Life March - Jan. 19th:** We’ll be heading down to the Pro-Life March in Washington DC on January 19th. Cost of the trip is $10 for teens. If interested, please contact John at (717) 533-7158 x:128 or email: stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com

**Edge - Middle School Youth**

EDGE is for grades 6 - 8th and meets on Monday nights in the Youth Room (Mtg. Room C) from 7 - 8:15. EDGE nights will be Dec. 18, Jan. 8, 22. Invite your friends!

**Religious Education Program News...**

**Holiday R.E.P. Class Schedule:**

There are no R.E.P. classes on December 20, 24, 27 or 31. Classes will resume on January 3.

**School & P.T.O. News...**

**Sponsor a Child Program: “Thank You”**

St. Joan of Arc School would like to thank the Parish community for supporting the "Sponsor a Child program" by contributing to the scholarship fund in part or in full. You have help 52 students to receive a Catholic. May God Bless You.

**Save the Date! April 21, 2018**

The 9th Annual Night of Knights Gala is scheduled for April 21, 2018. For more information please contact Deb Rizzotto at: drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org or by calling (717) 533-2854 x:123.

**With Much Gratitude...**

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

**Hershey Italian Lodge**
God’s Way: “The Road to Kindness”

We are in the 3rd Sunday of our beautiful Advent Season. Thank you for embracing Our Advent Kindness Program! There are some wonderful Kindness Acts included in this week’s Advent Kindness Calendar. We have heard from several families that they are completing each daily Kindness Act in our Church’s Kindness Calendar! Many of the Kindness Acts, they are doing as a family - how exciting! You are an inspiration to all of us! Thank you to every family that is following God’s Way – “The Road to Kindness” for this Advent Season!

Several people are even doing more wonderful acts of kindness that include: helping to decorate at an assisted living facility; paying the fare for a taxi (Uber) when and elderly man’s wallet was lost; giving $50 to a family in need so they could celebrate a special birthday – and the list goes on. There is a saying that goes like this:

“KINDNESS, impossible to wrap but so easy to GIVE!”

We are blessed to have such caring people in our Church Parish! Continue to reach out - become inspired and make someone smile! Kindness = Being friendly, generous and considerate! God’s Way – “The Road to Kindness” is making a difference this Advent Season.

Please share your Kindness Acts, or those you observe, by emailing them to: kindness@stjoanhershey.org

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**CCW Holiday Dinner**

CCW holiday dinner will be held January 11, 2018 at Lazaro’s in Palmyra at 6:30 pm. $25 includes dinner, dessert and wine. Please contact Julie Groh if interested.

"Cooking is Love Made Edible" aprons are still available for $25 each. All profits go to the SJA team that will travel to the Fr. Beiting Appalachian Mission (Kentucky) in April. Contact Julie Groh to purchase.

Chef Julie Groh: (717) 566-5838 or sjaccwpres@gmail.com

**“CCW” Ministry Page**

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**Youth Ministry**

Young Adults Group (Age 21 - 35): Young Adults meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 pm in the Youth Room (Meeting Room C). Upcoming Dates: January 10th & 24th.

John Triscik: Ext. 128, stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com

**“Young Adults” Ministry Page**

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**Mom’s Group - Dec. Dates**

Moms of babies & toddlers: Are you interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to chat and share some snacks while the kids play? Please join us for play dates on: December 22 and January 5, 19 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Please email for location.

Sarah Bonavia: Sarah.Bonavia@gmail.com

**“Mom’s Group” Ministry Page**

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**Adult Indoor Soccer**

We are currently looking for adults to play in an informal soccer game one night a week. You must be a registered parishioner to participate.

John Wetherhold: wetherspoon@yahoo.com

**“Athletic Association” Ministry Page**

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**Nut Rolls Still Available**

There are still nut rolls available. To place an order, please call Janet Polto at (717) 533-3368.

**“CCW” Ministry Page**

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**Parish Ministry News**

Full information regarding these items can be found on our parish website by visiting the page listed below each article.

**Haiti Committee Meeting**

Please join us on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm for our next meeting where we will discuss details for our upcoming inaugural trip to our sister Parish in January. We will meet at 129 E. Areba Ave.

**“Haiti: Sister Parish” Ministry Page**

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**Catholic Charities Ireland Trip**

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg and visit the grave of St. Patrick, the Diocese’s Patron Saint, on a 12-day pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle with Bishop Ronald Gainer. The trip will take place August 28 - September 8, 2018. The group will depart from Dulles Airport in Washington, DC. Bus transportation from Harrisburg to Washington is available.

Mark Totaro: (717) 657-4804 Ext. 276

**www.cchbg.org online**

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**Coaching Opportunities**

- **Lebanon Catholic**: Boys Varsity Baseball - Coach
- **Bishop McDevitt**: Girls Tennis - Head Coach
- **Bishop McDevitt**: Track & Field - Throwing Coach
- **Bishop McDevitt**: Softball - Assistant Coach

**Communications - Announcements**