

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**



**ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

**FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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



**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MORNING MASSES**

359 W Areba Ave, Hershey PA

**SUNDAY**

7:30 am, 9:30 am (live), 11:30 am

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

6:45 am, 9:00 am (live)

**SATURDAY**

9:00 am (live)

**EVENING MASSES**

1525 Sand Hill Rd, Hummelstown PA

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

5:00 pm

**CONFESSIONS**

359 W Areba Ave, Hershey PA

Wednesdays: 5:00-5:30 pm

Saturdays: 3:00-4:00 pm

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*



# FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend we kick off our part of the Diocesan Annual Campaign. I say “our part” because all the parishes of the Diocese of Harrisburg support the many activities of the Bishop and the diocese. From the smallest mission to the largest parish (such as ours!), each local community shares in the work of the greater community. It is a good thing to support the life of the Church beyond our parish boundaries. I once again ask you to be generous! There will be a few changes this year because of the pandemic (what else is new?).

- Because of the much lower numbers in church each week, we will not have our normal “In-Pew” solicitation this year. We will be mailing the folder with the Bishop’s letter to you and I will include my personal letter as pastor in that mailing as well. We save money on postage that way and you get a fuller message about how the Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC) benefits both the diocese and our parish of Saint Joan of Arc.
- This year we ask that all contributions and/or pledges be sent directly to the diocese instead of to the parish. Please make sure to indicate that this contribution/pledge is toward Saint Joan of Arc’s goal. This simply helps eliminates work on both ends and gives a quicker idea of where we are at in reaching our goal.
- Our goal is the same as last year’s: \$281,490.00. Normally, we would have gone up because our goal is based upon our previous year’s ordinary income

and number of registered members but because of the pandemic during 2020 the Diocese has not raised the assessment.

- We will be sending out weekly videos and information from the diocese and from our parish via email and our website to talk about all the good the diocese is doing and also how the DAC affects our own parish. Keep an eye out for those.
- The DAC is a year-long campaign unlike the former Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal. This means that you can give throughout the year. As a matter of fact, we are suggesting that if you gave a greater gift this year, you could spread that out over 10 months. I know that when I do payments (which I do in my contribution to the DAC) it is much easier for me than if I give it all at one time in a single payment. Think about that as you make your pledge this year.

Finally, just a reminder that we did not make our goal last year. We were \$87,000 short. We were able to take out money from an endowment that a generous parishioner set up for the parish back in the 80s but we still had to take roughly \$40,000 from ordinary operating income to make up that shortfall. We are hoping to make our goal this year and I know that with the generosity you have shown to our parish and to the Centennial Project even during a difficult year, we can do it! Know of my great gratitude to all those who help the work of the Church by donating to the Diocesan Annual Campaign! I make a special plea to those who have never given to this important work to make a donation this year! God bless you and know that you are in my daily prayers!

*Father Al*



## SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Georgiana Ulseth, sister of Lorraine Pryhuber** and **Marilyn Cole, mother of Katie White** who died recently.

The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to their family and friends on their loss.

✠ Parish - 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: **Mort Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan, Barbara Mandes, Barbara Kayser, Jim Hackman, Jeff & Lori Sotack, Rose Zaccagnini, Richard "Larry" & Catharine "Kitty" Wright and members of the Wright family, and Carol Merlo-Knackstedt.**





## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

### MONDAY, MARCH 1

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

6:45 AM In Gratitude for the Sisters at St. Joan of Arc

9:00 AM Annarose Albanese

### TUESDAY, MARCH 2

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

6:45 AM Joseph McCarthy

9:00 AM Heart of the Parish and Church Memorials

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3:

#### SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL, VIRGIN

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

6:45 AM Deceased Members of the Peter J. McCarthy Family

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Spang & Mura Families

10:00 AM (School Mass) Alex Hourli

### THURSDAY, MARCH 4: SAINT CASIMIR

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

6:45 AM Mary B. Willman

9:00 AM Ezio & Lina Bigalli

### FRIDAY, MARCH 5

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

6:45 AM Kristof Frauenhoffer

9:00 AM Marianne Smith

### SATURDAY, MARCH 6

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

9:00 AM Special Intentions of the Michtich Family

5:00 PM People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, MARCH 7: 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 his being raised up. He is the sign of the power and wisdom of God.*

**Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25**

7:30 AM For the Intentions of All Our Parish Volunteers

9:30 AM Deceased Ed Smith Family

11:30 AM Jerome & Marie Boyd

5:00 PM Antonette Corado

# YOUTH NEWS

## Life Teen (High School)

Life Teen will meet in the parish social hall. Everyone will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. If you have been around anyone with COVID-19 or if you have any symptoms, stay home and check in with your family physician. If you have recently traveled outside of the Hershey area, please stay home for at least a two week quarantine period.

*This Week:* "Eye Contact"-We will take a look at how the transformational love, salvation, and identity that Jesus offers excludes no one. Jesus is still alive and acting uniquely in everyone's life

*Next Week:* "Through the Looking Glass"-We will take a look at how the Sacraments draw us closer to the love, mercy, and grace of Jesus. May we, especially this Lenten season, draw ourselves closer to Christ.

### 2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

*March 14* No Life Teen-Daylight Savings Time

*March 21* Life Teen Service Project at Cocoa Packs (In Person)

*March 28* Life Teen Palm Sunday Movie Night (Zoom)

*April 4* No Life Teen-Happy Easter!

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## EDGE (Middle School)

EDGE is for all 6-8th graders and meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom. EDGE meets next on March 3, as we begin our Lenten series on "Prayer."

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# ADULT FAITH

## Young Adults (21-39)

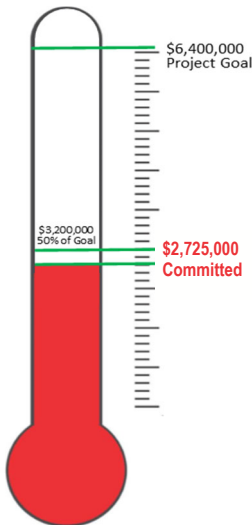
Calling all young adults between the ages of 21-39, married or single! We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom. Young Adults will gather next on March 10 as we continue our study of the "Gospel of St. Mark."

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## ✠ THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

There are just three weeks remaining until Spring begins! Daylight hours overtake the hours of darkness. Nature awakens and blooms again. Spring can't help but to instill positive feelings. New life brings new hope. The Resurrection will soon be here and with it comes our renewal.



With Easter within our sight, let us dedicate the remaining time in Lent for self-reflection and the practice of works of mercy. Let us remember our loved ones, both living and deceased. Feed the hungry. Pray for the sick and the dying. Comfort the sorrowful. Give generously to those in need. With these sign posts as our guide, we will come to understand the meaning of joy.

With God's grace we are making good progress with the pandemic. We are grateful for the tireless work of our medical and allied health sciences community. We are thankful for our blessings. Life is precious.

This epidemic is a crisis, but it is also an opportunity. If we recognize that life and loved ones are what really matter to all people, regardless of background, and if we choose to serve others first, our communities will pull together and flourish. For it is in giving that we receive. That is the formula for a strong society. That is the message of Easter.

Learn how Saint Joan of Arc Parish can assist you in your children's spiritual development, whether through parochial education, our Religious Education Program (REP), or our Youth Ministries. Our Parish has been here for one hundred years. Our two thousand year-old principles flow from the unconditional love of Christ, our Savior. We celebrate His presence in all our daily work as well as in our worship. Come and visit. You are welcome here.

For more information on how you can support the Centennial Project 2020, please visit our website.  
[www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html)

## ✠ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Holy Saviour Cemetery

The Diocese of Harrisburg, Cemetery Operations is seeking a team player with grounds keeping and maintenance experience for a full time position at Holy Saviour Cemetery, N. Susquehanna Trail.

[✉ Email Resume:](mailto:JBrlansky@hbgiocese.org) Joe Brlansky, Cemetery Manager  
[JBrlansky@hbgiocese.org](mailto:JBrlansky@hbgiocese.org)

### Diocesan CYO Director Position

The Diocese of Harrisburg is seeking an individual to fill the part-time position of Diocesan Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Director.

[✉ Email Resume and Cover Letter:](mailto:employment@hbgiocese.org)  
[employment@hbgiocese.org](mailto:employment@hbgiocese.org)

[✉ Learn More:](mailto:jgontis@hbgiocese.org) Diocese of Harrisburg Office of Evangelization and Catechesis  
[jgontis@hbgiocese.org](mailto:jgontis@hbgiocese.org)

## ✠ PARISH DIRECTORY

It is time to register online for the new Parish Directory. Each family will receive an email invitation to join the directory and create an account. Once you log in, you will enter your information and photograph. When all the information is



**Online Parish Directory**

gathered, the directory will be fully online. If you would like a paper copy, there is a PDF print option.


**Contact Peggy Schroeder, Coordinator, for questions or assistance:**

[✉ oshenanigans@aol.com](mailto:oshenanigans@aol.com)  
 ☎ (717) 215-0547

*With Much Gratitude...*

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

**MADEIRA CHRIOPRACTIC & WELLNESS CENTER INC.**



## STEWARDSHIP

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



**Weekly Tithing:** \$24,340  
**Weekly Budget:** \$26,442  
**Weekly Heart of the Parish:** \$1,518

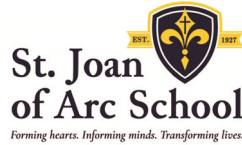
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## ✝ SCHOOL NEWS

### Night of Knights Gala (In-Person & Virtual): April 24

The Gala will look a little different this year - the in person event will be smaller, and we'll be masked up and socially distanced - but the fellowship of the event will still be there! The virtual auction will allow you to join the excitement and participate from home.

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## ✝ MINISTRY NEWS

### Respect Life

*"Public officials are responsible for not only their own personal beliefs, but also the effects of their public actions. Roe's elevation of abortion to the status of a protected right and its elimination of state restrictions paved the way for the violent deaths of more than 62 million innocent unborn children and for countless women who experience the heartache of loss, abandonment, and violence."*

--USCCB, U.S. Bishops' Pro-Life Chairman Responds to President and Vice-President's Statement on Anniversary of Roe v. Wade, January 22, 2021.

### Road to Kindness

The Lenten Season is underway and this week we want to stress the importance of being Thankful and Grateful. Life can be very challenging, and it is important to always remember and be thankful for what we have in our life.

Being thankful is the singular most important life-lesson we can learn. The sense of gratitude is capable of transforming our life experience from intolerable discord to something as sweet and enjoyable as a melodious symphony.



Gratitude puts our mind and heart at ease right away. It does wonders to the overall persona and radiance of the person. It keeps you alive and happy!

The next time you find yourself in a tricky or challenging situation be it at workplace, personal life or in social scene, take a moment of mental break - take a deep breath. Think of things that you are thankful for in your life!

If you look close enough, you will find plenty of reasons to be thankful. Instantly your mind eases... providing you with immediate calm and composure. And your heart would blossom with happiness.

So... EMBRACE GRATITUDE! No matter how hard a situation might be, you can thrive and emerge happier. This Lenten Season, think of all the good things in your life and be thankful and grateful!



**St. Joan of Arc Summer Camps**  
 ONE GREAT ORGANIZATION  
 TWO LOCATIONS

Register today at [school.stjoanhershey.org](http://school.stjoanhershey.org)

**\$200/week**



## STEM

## CAMP

SAND HILL ROAD | HUMMELSTOWN

**June 7 - August 13**  
 Monday - Friday  
 8 am - 5 pm  
Week to Week Registration

**\$2,000**



## Summer

## Camp

AREBA AVENUE | HERSHEY

**June 7 to August 13**  
 Monday - Friday  
 7 am - 6 pm  
Full Term Registration

✠ CCW

**Save The Date:**

**Lenten Retreat March 20**

All ladies of the parish are invited to join with other ladies from the Dauphin District CCW for a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 20, 2021. The retreat is entitled "Finding Joy Throughout Lent." The retreat will be offered via ZOOM. Our SJA CCW has reserved the Parish Social Hall to enjoy the day on our big screen.



**Scholarship Opportunity**

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Catholic Senior Girl for her freshman year at an accredited college, university, or trade school. Applicants must be:

- sponsored by a Mother or Grandmother/Guardian who is a member of a Parish Council of Catholic Women
- a resident of the Harrisburg Diocese
- meet all conditions established by the Scholarship committee.

The application deadline is May 1, 2021. Anyone interested in applying should contact your Parish CCW President for an application or Joyce Scott, Scholarship Chair.

**Contact:** ☑ Joyce Scott [joynbob10@aol.com](mailto:joynbob10@aol.com)  
☎ (717) 737-0927



**VOCATIONS CORNER**

"If God is with us, who can be against us?" Is the Lord strengthening you to consider the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life?

**Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki**  
[frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org)  
(717) 657-4804 ext. 282

✠ HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

**Stations of the Cross**



Join us for Stations of the Cross:

- Fridays through April 2 at 7:00 pm in the Church
- Fridays at 2:00 pm livestreamed from the School on the Church website

**Catholic Charities Oberammergau Trip September 9-20, 2022**

Catholic Charities invites you to join Bishop Ronald Gainer on a 12-day pilgrimage to Italy, Austria, and Germany in September 2022. Highlights of the trip include the Oberammergau Passion Play as well as Munich's Oktoberfest. This trip, originally scheduled in 2020, was postponed due to the pandemic. A limited number of reservations are available!

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**Men's Conference**

The Diocesan Virtual Men's Conference is March 20, 2021. The theme is, *Catholic Men: Defenders of the Faith*. Registration is \$10 per person. A full list of speakers, presentation titles, and conference agenda is available on the website.

**Learn More:** ☑ [www.hbgdiocese.org/men](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/men)

**Virtual Engaged Encounter Weekends**

This intense weekend gives couples who are planning to marry the opportunity to communicate with each other—individually, honestly, and intensively—about their prospective lives together: their strengths and weaknesses; desires, ambitions, and goals; their attitudes about money, sex, children, and family; and their roles in the Church and in society. Cost is \$155 per couple. Registration closes two weeks prior to the weekend course.

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☎ (717) 657-4804 ext. 317