

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I came into this world
for judgment, so that those who do
not see might see, and those who
do see might become blind.

John 9:39

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

MARCH 22, 2020

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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 Masses:

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Daily Mass:

Monday - Friday: 6:45 am, 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Monday - Friday: 6:00 pm

Sunday: after 9:30 am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday: 5:00 - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 4:00 - 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.



FROM THE PASTOR

While there are many things that are being done in the Church and the community to deal with the Coronavirus pandemic on a social level, there are spiritual helps that we Christians are called to do in times of crisis. I encourage all of us to do the following:

- ✠ Renew your commitment to your **Lenten promise** and add one more act of sacrifice for the sick, the dying, and for medical professionals. During this Season of Lent, **extra prayers and fasting more and giving alms** is always a good place to start.
- ✠ Pray the **Rosary** each day for an end to this crisis.
- ✠ Pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** to beg God's mercy on His people, especially for those who are sick and dying.
- ✠ If you are making the decision to not attend Mass because of your age, sickness, suppressed immunity system, or for other reasons, remember to make a **Spiritual Communion**, in which you ask Jesus to come into your heart. Savor the presence of the Lord in your spiritual communion and pray for a quick return to receiving the Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

Also, a few reminders:

- ✠ The Bishops of Pennsylvania have **dispensed with the obligation to attend Sunday Mass** during this crisis.
- ✠ All **Lenten Penance Services** have been **cancelled**. **Father Roth and I will be hearing confessions on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5:00 to 5:30 pm and on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 12:30 pm.**
- ✠ The Bishops of Pennsylvania have stated that the **preferred method of receiving Holy Communion is in the hand**. This is for practical, not theological, reasons. No one will be denied Communion if they choose to receive on the tongue.
- ✠ The school will not attend Mass on Wednesday morning. The 9:00 am Mass will still be celebrated.

More information and directives will be given as we learn more!

Father Al



With Much Gratitude...

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

PENN HOTEL



PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: **Annalise, Rose Marie Smith, Geraldine Ingaglio, Cathy Malloy, Drew Fischer, William David Mintz Chuss, Beth and Jerry Frola, Joan Spandra, and Clara Hissick.**

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS



If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one on Easter, please fill out a form and **return it to the parish office by March 26**. Forms can be found on the home page of the parish website, on the tables in the back of the church, or in the parish office.

LENTEN FISH FRY



APRIL 3
5:00 PM — 8:00 PM

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WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 23: SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

6:45 AM Thomas Carney

9:00 AM Special Intentions of Tillie Stover

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

6:45 AM Ruth M. Tierney

9:00 AM Mary E. Lewis

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25: SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

6:45 AM Joseph Sariano

9:00 AM Theodore Corcoran

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

6:45 AM Phyllis Burkhart

9:00 AM Joseph P. Spagnolo, Sr.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

6:45 AM Joe Casantini

9:00 AM Ed Rogowicz

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

9:00 AM David Szostak

5:00 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 29: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Jesus is our resurrection and our life. Because he has given us of the Spirit, we are no longer dead because of sin, but alive. In Jesus is the fullness of redemption.

7:30 AM John & Joan Silvestri-Robbins

9:30 AM Ed Smith Family

11:30 AM Lorraine Fetrow

5:00 PM Ed Maloy

This Week In Our Parish

❖ MONDAY, MARCH 23		
3:00 PM	Daisy Scouts	-
6:30 PM	Boy Scouts	-
7:00 PM	Bible Study	SJC
7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul	LIB
❖ TUESDAY, MARCH 24		
9:30 AM	Little Rock Scripture Study	SJC
9:45 AM	Legion of Mary	SJC
12:00 PM	Prayer Shawl	SJC
7:00 PM	Faith Enrichment	PC
❖ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25		
7:15 AM	Wednesday Morning Coffee	SJC
7:45 AM	Gospel Reflection	SJC
4:15 PM	REP (K-6 th)	CAF
6:30 PM	RCIA	PC
7:00 PM	I Thirst	CAF
7:00 PM	Young Adults	MRC
❖ THURSDAY, MARCH 26		
10:00 AM	Faith Enrichment	PC
7:00 PM	Adult Choir	CHR
❖ FRIDAY, MARCH 27		
3:30 PM	Jr. Legion of Mary	SJC
6:00 PM	Soup & Stations	CAF
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	CHR
❖ SATURDAY, MARCH 28		
<i>No Events Scheduled</i>		
❖ SUNDAY, MARCH 29		
10:30 AM	REP (K-6 th)	CAF
6:00 PM	Life Teen	MRC
6:30 PM	Confirmation REP (7 th & 8 th)	CHR



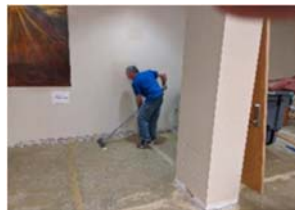
Due to the printing schedule, gift and pledge information will be updated next week.

Renovations to the new school are moving forward at a rapid pace. New tile will soon be installed on the first floor. Painting has now shifted to the second floor. Plans are on schedule. We are anxious to start the school year in our new building in August 2020. It is fitting that it now coincides with the celebration of our 100th Anniversary. Groundbreaking for the original St. Joan of Arc Church was held on August 15, 1920. Bishop Gainer will celebrate a Centennial Jubilee Mass at 11:30 am on August 9, 2020. The first day of school is scheduled for August 24.

Back at the W. Areba Avenue School, the Social Hall is growing in popularity as a place for celebrations, as it was beautifully decorated for a family birthday this past weekend. What serves as the school children's cafeteria each day was transformed in a few hours to a stunning venue for a hundred guests. If you get a chance, come take a look, and plan your next event.

The average gift so far is \$4,868 from a total of over five hundred gracious benefactors. We are asking for support from our other two thousand parish families to join in and pledge an average of \$500 each, which would meet our short term financial goals in 2020. \$500 equates to 24 monthly payments of just \$21.

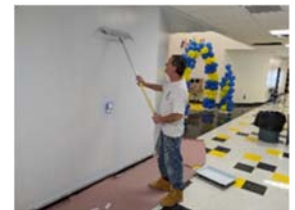
Of course we recognize that everyone's financial means are different, so we invite you to make a prayerful, sacrificial gift based on your circumstances. For those who cannot give, please pray for the success of the project. Prayer is very important. For those who have been blessed and are able, please be as generous as your budget allows.



Removing Old Glue



New Tile 1st Floor Hallway



Painting 2nd Floor

For more information on how you can help, please visit www.stjoanhershey.org/TheCentennialProject

CALLING ALL COUPLES

30-55 YEARS OLD

There is a new program we are looking to start in our parish. It's called Missionaries to the Family, and is run by Paradisus Dei in partnership with the University of Notre Dame. Missionaries to the Family is a calling to married couples to go deeper into the faith and learn to lead others into a deeper relationship with God. You will genuinely become missionaries to our world, as Pope Francis puts it, to have "a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything."

This program is a year-long online course with professors from the Notre Dame Theology Department. It consists of 52 weeks of lessons (about 1 hour of video lecture and 1 hour of classwork per week) and 3 guided retreat weekends. After the year of classes, the couples will work together to help the ministries around the parish. We are hoping to find 4 couples willing to make this commitment!

An information session for interested couples will be held on **Sunday, March 22** in the parish center after the 5:00 pm Mass. You can also find more information online.

www.paradisusdei.org/missionaries-to-the-family

Night of Knights \$80

Gala

Hershey Country Club
Saturday, April 4
5:30 pm

NEW THIS YEAR

All Gala attendees will be entered into a raffle to win \$1,000 off of tuition for the 2020-21 school year!

Purchase tickets, ads, & sponsorships online.
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First time attending the Gala? Use the code NEW to get \$20 off!

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: MARCH 29, 2020

	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
Lector	B. Meinert	B. Williams	J. Gusherowski	K. Shovlin	Ma. Waning
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Robinson	R. Plebani	D. Morgan	C. Mortel	A. Reeves
	T. Samson	M. Stamilio	L. Kayser	J. Nolan	M. Rogers
	M. Waiter	M. Wetherhold	J. Pantalone	C. Yakstis	L. Rogers
Altar Servers	B. Harbaugh	S. O'Hara	E. Jones	L. Hamilton	B. Tressler
	G. Harbaugh	M. O'Hara	M. Jones	L. Hamilton	M. Tressler
	S. Hanner	B. O'Hara	A. Gusherowski	R. Abraham	D. Stinson
MC	C. Hopstetter	D. O'Hara	E. Gusherowski	T. Abraham	V. Yee

Money Counters: C. Frank, V. Peracchia, G. Zemba, B. Brickley, D. Willey, H. Susi, R. Hoffman

APRIL 3, 2020 | 7 PM

Lector	M. Spaeder	Altar Servers	S. Loser	J. Katzenmoyer	J.P. Katzenmoyer
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📞 **Michelle:** Ext. 103 | mgutshall@stjoanhershey.org
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YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH)

This Week: "The Appointment"—We will have a night of preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the following week. When we approach Jesus and ask for healing in this Sacrament, we walk away healed.

Next Week: "Parish Penance Service"—Life Teen will join the rest of the parish for the Lenten Reconciliation Service. Use this night as an opportunity to go to Confession, especially if it's been a long time.

📞 **John:** Ext. 128 | stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com



EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH)

EDGE is for 6th-8th graders and meets at 7:00-8:15 pm in Meeting Room C on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. Invite your friends!

EDGE Nights: April 1, 15, & 29


📞 **John:** Ext. 128 | jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org



REP (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM)

REP registration is now open. Please pay your tuition to reserve your spot for next year. **Discount rates are in effect until May 31.**

📞 **REP:** Ext. 306 | etropp@stjoanhershey.org



Vocations Cross

Mar. 23-30: Mr. & Mrs. John Polly
Mar. 30 - Apr. 6: Marilyn Ferguson

The Vocations Cross is taken into the home of a parish member each week to pray for religious vocations. If you would like to join this rotation, please contact the parish office.



VOCATIONS CORNER

For all those thirsting to know their vocations in Christ, that they will be open to the waters of prayer and drink fully of the Holy Spirit who leads them, we pray to the Lord.

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✠ ADULT FAITH FORMATION

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 21 - 39)

Calling all young adults of the parish between the ages of 21-39, married or single!!! Young Adults meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm in Meeting Room C. We will gather next on **March 25** as we continue our study of the Minor Prophets with the “Book of Jonah.”

☎ **John: Ext. 128 | jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org**

☪ **Parish Ministries - Young Adults**

✠ MINISTRY NEWS

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

The Knights of Columbus will collect food and monetary donations for the Hershey Food Bank before all weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday the weekend of **March 29**.

LOURDES HOUSE BABY SHOWER

Join the CCW for a baby shower for Lourdes House on **Thursday, April 16** at 6:00 pm. Help us bless unwed mothers with the following items: clothing (newborn-6 months), diapers (newborn-size 4), formula (Similac), baby lotion & wash, gift cards to Target and Walmart.

CAELORUM

The next Caelorum will be held on **Wednesday, April 1** at 7:00 pm in the church. A reception will be held in the cafeteria afterwards.

☎ **Lou: (717) 215-4175**

PRAY & PLAY

Join us for a play date on **March 31** from 9:30-11:30 am. We will pray, chat, and share snacks while the kids play.

☎ **Sarah: sarah.bonavia@gmail.com**

RESPECT LIFE

On **March 25**, the feast of the Annunciation, we will have a half hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, following the 9:00 am Mass. We will conclude with a respect-life rosary.

CCW NUT ROLL SALE

Walnut nut rolls are available for \$16 each. Contact Mary to pre-order. Pickup is **April 5**.

☎ **(717) 370-1634 | maryabelparsons@gmail.com**

I THIRST

Join us on **Wednesday, March 25** in the cafeteria at 7:00 pm for a prayer meeting to ask God for grace to forgive those who have caused you pain and to love the way Jesus speaks of.

☎ **Lynn: (717) 503-1600**

✠ MINISTRY NEWS

THAT MAN IS YOU

We will not meet on March 28 due to the Men’s Conference at the Diocese. We will resume April 4.

SOUP & STATIONS

Soup and stations will be in the cafeteria on **Friday, March 27** starting at 6:00 pm, followed by a presentation on Lenten Spiritual Discipline by Father Roth. Stations start at 7:00 pm.

☎ **Call Maggie to donate soup: (717) 520-0241**

DIOCESAN MENS CONFERENCE

The Diocesan Men’s Conference will be on **Saturday, March 28** at Bishop McDevitt High School. Spend the day growing in the faith! Bill Donohue, the president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, will be the keynote speaker. Additionally, there are workshops, a Eucharistic Holy Hour, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer.

☪ **www.hbgdiocese.org**

ROAD TO KINDNESS

Today we want to share a wonderful story of what one family did during the Lenten season to share and bring a special kindness to their community. This family wanted to make their kindness act into a community project. They coordinated the gathering of over 15 families and created a kindness garden! Everyone had a task do: some of the children went out and gathered up rocks to paint; one family had just returned from visiting the beach and they donated all of their sea shells; one family bought the markers; and one family invited everyone to their house for a rock and sea shell painting party. These families came together and painted the rocks and shell with beautiful words of kindness and care! They selected a special location in their community where most people and cars pass by daily and these 15 families placed their rocks and shells for everyone to see! This is a beautiful demonstration of God’s Way – “The Road to Kindness” at work in this community! Let all of us share our red heart of kindness this Lenten season! We can make a difference!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

During Lent, we begin to prepare for our celebration of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday, the 8th day of thanksgiving (octave day of Easter). The faithful are reminded to go to confession as part of their preparation for celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. We should especially focus on performing works of Mercy.