



# First Sunday of Advent

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## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

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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:** 5:15PM

**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.



# Hope

So too, you also  
must be prepared,  
for at an hour  
you do not expect,  
the Son of Man  
will come.

Matthew 24:44





**MASS SCHEDULE,  
READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**Monday, November 28**

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

6:45 AM Deceased Santeusanio Family  
9:00 AM Rocco & Anna, Dominic & Norma, Dino,  
Divo and Ether DiClemente

**Tuesday, November 29**

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

6:45 AM Orville Lamirande  
9:00 AM Mary E. Lewis

**Wednesday, November 30**

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

6:45 AM Frank Macus  
9:00 AM All Souls

**Thursday, December 1**

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

6:45 AM Nan Yakstis  
9:00 AM Agnes & Luigi Pichini

**Friday, December 2**

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

6:45 AM Nicholas & Lucy Bellezza and  
Anthony Bellezza  
9:00 AM Helen Curley

**Saturday, December 3**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

9:00 AM Kristy Koons

**Vigil, December 3**

5:15 PM Deceased Members of the Dezagottis and  
Vitiello Families

**Sunday, December 4: Second Sunday of Advent**

**Readings:** Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12  
Reform your lives; live in God's peace so that justice  
may flourish.

**Mass Intentions:**

7:30 AM Jean DeRomualdo  
9:00 AM Dick Ingaglio  
10:30 AM People of the Parish  
12:00 PM Deceased Bogrette and Cedro Families  
5:30 PM George Novatnak



FIRST SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*



Father Al warmly invites the faithful volunteers of our parish to a very special Christmas gathering in honor of the time and service you graciously contribute throughout the year. We would like to thank each of you on behalf of our entire parish community.

We hope you can drop in to join us for some food, drinks and companionship as we celebrate and thank you for the blessings of time, talent, and treasure you bring to our parish of St. Joan of Arc.

**Date: Sunday, December 18**

**Time: Drop in 1:00 - 4:00pm**

**Location: Rectory**



**PARISH BULLETIN INFORMATION:**

To accommodate the Holidays and the printing deadlines of our bulletin company, ALL bulletin articles for the following weekends:

- December 24th & 25th
- December 31st & January 1st
- January 7th & 8th

**Are due to the parish office by 9:00 AM on  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13th.**

**BULLETIN INFORMATION:** Requests for bulletin announcements are due **MONDAY by 9:00am.**

**ALL REQUESTS** must be submitted as you would like the information to appear in the bulletin and include the date(s) of the bulletin(s) you would like it included. Request forms are available on the parish website and in the parish office. Your attention is greatly appreciated.

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

**Country Meadows  
Retirement Communities**

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule for December 4, 2016

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
<b>Lector</b>	F. Ruggiero	M. Spaeder	S. Petrina	N. Ott	Sr. Salvatoris	J. McGregor
<b>EMHC</b>	L. Kayser	B. McCarthy	T. Kilcoyne	J. Gusherowski	T. Mayan	J. McGruder
	C. Malloy	F. McCarthy	W. Lutz	A. Gould	R. Meinert	J. Phillippy
	D. Morgan	K. McCarthy	J. Pantalone	C. Robinson	C. Mortel	V. Ruiz-Velasco
	J. Nolan		A. Reeves	M. Rothermel		J. Triscik
<b>Servers</b>	B. Seesholtz	A. Kulina	D. Bagatta	A. Gusherowski	St. Michael's Guard	M. O'Hara
	G. Gurney	D. Kulina	M. Bagatta	E. Gusherowski		M. O'Hara
	M. Gurney	T. Brown	D. Matas	L. Gusherowski		S. O'Hara
<b>MC</b>	A. Aluquin	N. Martin	M. Matas	F. Sallusti		D. O'Hara

**Money Counters:** F. Savini, B. Zarefoss, F. McCarthy, J. Frola, H. Devine, B. McCarthy



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

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

*To Be Updated Next Week*



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them and all the sick of the parish in your prayers:

Vincent Savini, David Liddy, Kaitlin Buser, B.J.,  
Jessica Harris, Ethna Shank, Joan Ott, Amy Ott Hatfield,  
Frank Bolduc, C.J., David Harris, Lily Carney,  
Roseanne Ayala, Ken & Diane Kolovich, Nancy Stewart,  
Edward Nerino, Ashley Tatangelo, Joseph Fagnani,  
Bob Swartz, Alexa Socha, Rose Marie Smith,  
Terrence Singer, Barbara Harlacker, Julie Hoffman,  
Mary Frances McAndrews, Carol Merlo Knackstedt,  
Steven Butsko, Charles Rippon, Kevin Gleeson,  
Robert Szustowicz, Irene Schuck, Nicholas Stranges,  
Steve McCracken, Bonita Berstler, Rodger McGinley

*Reminder: Names will remain on the list for six weeks.  
Please call to have them placed back on the prayer list.*

## 2017 PARISH FESTIVAL

All are invited to an initial 2017 Festival Planning Meeting on Monday, December 12 at 7 p.m. in the Rectory.

We would like your input on Festival Dates, Location, and what you'd be interested in helping with. Please join us!



### OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the soul of Mary Vieli Whisler who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc Church extends our deepest sympathy to her family and relatives on their loss.

### THE PILGRIM CROSS:

If you would like to take the Pilgrim Cross into your home for one week per year and pray for vocations, please call the parish office. The Pilgrim Cross will be in the home of:

**Week of 12/5- 12/12:** Jeanette Duden

**Week of 12/12 - 12/19:** Gloria Eline

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**November 19 & 20, 2016 - TOTAL: 1583**

5:15 - 337	7:30 - 217	9:00 - 300
10:30 - 390	12:00 - 239	5:30 - N/A



- In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the parish office will be closed through Monday, November 28th. The office will reopen on Tuesday, November 29th.

- December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- Our Parish Advent Series of "Prayer & Pasta" is scheduled for December 9th & 16th. Please plan to join us in the cafeteria at 6:00pm.
- Parish's Advent Penance Service is scheduled for Sunday, December 18th at 7:00pm
- Fr. Al presented the Parish Annual Report for 2015-2016 at each Mass last weekend. The report is available on the parish website and in the lobby of the parish office.



It may be hard to believe, but the end of the year is quickly approaching! The parish office is already beginning preparations for year end contribution statements.

If you have had a change of address within the last year, please be sure to notify the parish office so we can update your record and ensure you receive your statement.

You can also submit a change of address on our website, just click on the "Parish" menu and choose the option "Register with Parish". You will see an option to update your information. Thank you in advance.

**CONSIDERING A YEAR END GIFT?**

If you are considering making a year end gift, please consider St. Joan of Arc in your planning. Remember you may target your gift to benefit any of our special campaigns – all are in need of your generous contributions. We invite the opportunity to discuss any special projects you may be interested in supporting. Visit the stewardship page of our website to view your giving options and some IRS Tips for Year-End Gifts to Charity, or contact Jackie Abel in the parish office.



**The Christmas Giving Tree Program** 2016, sponsored by the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**, is underway!! St. Joan of Arc parishioners have been very generous in the past in creating a blessed Christmas for our neighbors in need!!

Trees decorated with ornaments listing recipient names and suggested gifts will be placed in the church on **Saturday, Nov. 26th and remain until Dec. 4th.**

Gifts will be collected in the Cafetorium **ONLY** on the weekend of **Dec. 10th & 11th until 1 pm Sunday Dec. 11th (Please note we cannot collect after the Sunday 5:30 Mass as the organizations pick up the gifts earlier in the day.)** and then will be distributed to local families in need, Spring Creek Manor (elder care home), Morningstar (pro-life pregnancy center), Catholic Worker House, and various Catholic Charities: Lourdes house (home for pregnant women and infants), Interfaith Shelter (shelter for homeless families), Foster Care (children to be placed in foster care), Shalom House (shelter for abused women and children); Evergreen (substance abuse shelter); Hershey Food Bank. Thanks for your continued support.



# Christmas Flower Memorials

If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one on Christmas, complete this form and return it to the parish office no later than **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016 before 12:00 PM.**

**Please do not return this request through the collection basket.**  
Christmas flower requests will not be accepted over the telephone.

*\*\*\*Please Print Clearly\*\*\**

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dedicated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation enclosed of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please make checks payable to: St. Joan of Arc



This Week in our Parish

SUNDAY, November 27

Parish Office is Closed

MONDAY, November 28

Parish Office is Closed

- 9:45 AM Legion of Mary
- 7:00 PM Bible Study
- 7:15 PM St. Vincent de Paul

TUESDAY, November 29

- 9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture Study

WEDNESDAY, November 30

- 7:15 AM Wednesday Morning Coffee
- 7:45 AM Gospel Reflection Group
- 4:15 PM REP K-Gr 6
- 5:00 PM Confessions
- 7:00 PM "I Thirst" - Wild Goose Series

THURSDAY, December 1

- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts - Troop 12171
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus

FRIDAY, December 2

- 9:30 AM First Friday Adoration
- 3:00 PM Junior Legion of Mary

SATURDAY, December 3

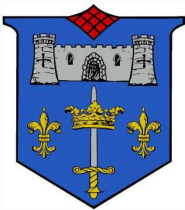
- 6:30 AM That Man Is You
- 10:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 6:00 PM Blood Pressure Screenings

SUNDAY, December 4: Blood Pressure Screenings

- 9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6
- 1:00 PM Baptisms
- 6:30 PM Life Teen
- 7:00 PM Confirmation Prep



SCHOOL: BLUE RIBBON AWARD UPDATE



Sister Eileen, School Principal, and Susan Hampton, parent and past Board of Education President, travelled to Washington D.C. to receive a 2016 National Blue Ribbon Award from the U.S. Dept of Education. St. Joan of Arc School is

proud because we are in the top 1/2 of one percent of the schools in the United States.

This award, based on present and past performance, is really the result of the efforts of teachers and students, past and present, supported by parents, past and present! We are very, very blessed, and very honored to be chosen to receive this award. We will have to have a big celebration (after the holidays) so that we can all rejoice together and be super-proud of St. Joan of Arc School.



YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN & EDGE ...



This Week: No Life Teen this week! I pray you all had a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

LIFE TEEN

Next Week: "Filled First"-Next week we take a look at receiving God's mercy. When we receive His mercy we are cared for and God's presence is known to us.



EDGE - All 6th graders- 8th graders are invited to EDGE on Monday nights from 7-8:15 in the Youth Room (Meeting Room C). Our next EDGE nights will be December 15, 12, & 19.

SJA SCHOOL NEWS...



Please join us for Breakfast with St. Nicholas on Saturday, December 10th at St. Joan of Arc School

This event will feature a delicious breakfast from the Knights of Columbus, a presentation with St. Nicholas, entertainment by the St. Joan of Arc School Choir, a Cookie Walk (where you can fill your box with a variety of homemade cookies), and Christmas Shoppe (where children can buy inexpensive gifts for their loved ones).

Choose from the 8am or 10am seating, tickets are \$5 per adult, \$3 (3-10 years old) per child (2 and under are free). Reservations may be made through payment at the SJA school office starting November 21st. Space will be limited and reservations will fill up quickly, so early reservations are recommended!

Plan to do some online shopping for Christmas? We have a no cost way for you to support St. Joan of Arc School!

SchoolStore - www.schoolstore.com - This program will cost you nothing and benefits the school. You simply enter the school store website, choose SJA and shop from your favorite online retailers. It is a WIN-WIN because you can use SCRIP giftcards or your favorite credit card for your purchase AND help the school! Information is available on the school website. Thanks for your support!

