

# A 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

### DECEMBER 3, 2017

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM \*Closed 12:00-1:00 PM

Sundays: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Rev. Modestus Ngwu, O.P., In Residence	
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Mike Davis, Director of Music	Ext. 109
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#### HOSPITAL EMERGENCIES

717-857-5695

#### CONVENT

717-533-2864

#### 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.

**Be Watchful!**

**Be Alert!**

**You do not know when the time will come.**

**Mark 13:33**



# FROM THE PASTOR

Today we begin the great Season of Advent. Father Arena and I were both talking recently about how this is our favorite Season of the Church year. Maybe it is the time of year with its short days and long nights; maybe it is the excitement of the season as people prepare for Christmas; maybe it is the liturgies of Advent with its sense of hopeful expectation. There is just something special about this time of year. When the rest of the world is celebrating Christmas from before Thanksgiving, let us Christians slow down, take a deep breath, and really experience the uniqueness of Advent. This doesn't mean that we don't get ready for Christmas but perhaps it means that we pray a little longer, reflect on God's gift of his Incarnate Son with greater intensity and... just learn to wait in quiet expectation. You can't rush the spiritual life! Don't rush Christmas by letting Advent pass you by!

*Father Al*

## MASS SCHEDULE, READINGS & INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4: ST. JOHN DAMASCENE Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

6:45 AM Special Intention for Rev. Robert Lugo  
9:00 AM Dick Ingaglio

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

6:45 AM Special Intention for Lorraine Risser  
9:00 AM Della Sonni

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6: ST. NICHOLAS Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

6:45 AM Rev. Monsignor Leo N. Bierster  
9:00 AM Hans Gangl

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7: ST. AMBROSE Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

6:45 AM Special Intention for Mr. & Mrs. Ruben Lugo  
9:00 AM Robert Dobroski  
6:00 PM Joseph Kunetz, Attilio & Maddalena Nucci

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

6:45 AM Theresa Freisen  
9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory  
7:00 PM People of the Parish

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9: ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8

9:00 AM Velvia Fischer  
5:15 PM Jeanne M. Spagnolo

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

As we await new heavens and a new earth, let us make clear the way of the Lord by being servants of justice, truth, and peace.

#### MASS INTENTIONS:

7:30 AM People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Andy Gaydos  
10:30 AM Donna L. Boova  
12:00 PM John E., John F. and Ida Feeney  
5:30 PM Lois Rogers

## A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



*Immaculate Conception*

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Vigil Mass: Dec. 7, 6:00 pm  
Dec. 8: 6:45 am, 9:00 am, 7:00 pm



WITH MUCH GRATITUDE... We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin:

## FOUR S STITCHING



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

Rose Marie Smith, Paul Mara, Danny Tobin,  
Tara Mastro, Jadon Kalp, Jade Benco,  
Weston Hoffman, Amanda Dennis, Denise Mastro,  
Tony Ferrar, John McCormick, Barry Boyer,  
Alma Hopstetter, Jadon Kalp, Jade Benco,  
Vincent Savini, David Liddy, Kaitlin Buser,  
Lily Carney, Ashley Tatangelo.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2017

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
<b>Lector</b>	Sr. Salvatoris	J. Goodpaster	D. Dix	A. Gould	M. Gette	M. Yee
<b>EMHC</b>	C. Mortel	D. Sheehan	T. Samson	A. Reeves	J. Nolan	J. Phillippy
	J. Pantalone	M. Spaeder	M. Stamilio	R. Barry	M. Rothermel	L. Rogers
	K. Robinson	K. Willey	C. Yakstis	G. Bixler	M. Waiter	M. Rogers
	M. Totaro		C. Cordaro	T. Crum-Ewing		J. Triscik
<b>Servers</b>	M. Coyle	C. Chardo	C. Edwards	B. Tressler	J. Wilson	A. Stinson
	R. Abraham	M. Stark	A. Samson	M. Tressler	O. Strader	C. Hopstetter
	T. Abraham	J. Katzenmoyer	D. Matas	L. Hamilton	E. Roche	S. Loser
<b>MC</b>	M. Abraham	J.P. Katzenmoyer	M. Matas	L. Hamilton	C. Roche	D. Kreiss

**Money Counters:** J. Traini, J. Banks, T. Kilcoyne, J. Storm, D. Ryan, J. Thomas

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

VIGIL MASS - DECEMBER 7, 6:00 PM

<b>Lector</b>	B. Frola
<b>EMHC</b>	B. Hasson, T. Mayan, D. Morgan
<b>Servers</b>	S. O'Hara, M. O'Hara, M. O'Hara [MC] D. O'Hara

DECEMBER 8, 6:45 AM

<b>Lector</b>	M. Spaeder
<b>EMHC</b>	J. Gusherowski, B. McCarthy, F. McCarthy
<b>Servers</b>	L. Gusherowski, A. Gusherowski [MC] E. Gusherowski

DECEMBER 8, 9:00 AM

<b>Lector</b>	School Students
<b>EMHC</b>	J. Nolan, Sr. Eileen, Sr. Salvatoris
<b>Servers</b>	School Students

DECEMBER 8, 7:00 PM

<b>Lector</b>	C. Gassert
<b>EMHC</b>	K. McCarthy, R. Meinert, P. Mooney
<b>Servers</b>	M. Yee, V. Yee, D. Bagatta [MC] M. Bagatta

MASS ATTENDANCE: November 25 & 26 Total: 1820

5:15pm	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	Noon	5:30pm
308	182	346	400	257	327



VOCATIONS:

“Father, we are the work of Your hands.” Is God’s work in you to be of service to Him as a priest or in the consecrated life? Talk to Fr. Al or Fr. Brian Wayne (717) 657-4804 or frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God’s Gifts To Us

We Are A Tithing Parish Following God’s Plan For Giving

Weekly Tithing: \$27,717

Weekly Budget: \$29,615

Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$19,582

Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$1,846

NEXT WEEK’S SPECIAL COLLECTION:  
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held Dec. 9-10 in the Diocese of Harrisburg. This appeal is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) and offers support for senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests whose communities lack sufficient retirement funding.



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES:

Please pray for the souls of: **Meghan Johnson, Marion Krieter** (Mother of Anne Polischuk), **Sister Angelica** (Daughter’s of Mercy & Former SJA School Teacher), **Louis Mandes**, and **Alma Delia**, who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy to their family and friends on their loss.

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. 4 - 11: Mark & Patty Katzenmoyer & Family**  
**Dec. 11 - 18: Mary Ann Gregory**

❖ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3		
<i>Monthly Blood Pressure Screenings</i>		
9:00 AM	REP: K - Gr. 6	-
1:00 PM	Baptisms	CHR
6:45 PM	Life Teen	MRC
7:00 PM	REP: Confirmation Prep	-
❖ MONDAY, DECEMBER 4		
9:45 AM	Legion of Mary	SLC
3:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop #11535	SLC
7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	LIB
7:00 PM	EDGE	MRC
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop Meeting	CAF
❖ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5		
9:30 AM	Little Rock Scripture Study	SLC
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	-
❖ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6		
7:15 AM	Wednesday Morning Coffee	SLC
7:45 AM	Gospel Reflection Group	SLC
4:15 PM	REP: K - Gr. 6	-
6:00 PM	CYO Boys Basketball	GYM
6:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	PC
7:00 PM	Caelorum	CHR
❖ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7		
7:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop #12171	SLC
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus	MRC
❖ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8		
3:00 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	SLC
❖ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9		
6:30 AM	That Man Is You	MRC
8&10 AM	Breakfast with St. Nicholas	CAF
6:00 PM	Christmas Giving Tree Collection	CAF
❖ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10		
7:00 AM	Christmas Giving Tree Collection	CAF
9:00 AM	REP: K - Gr. 6	-
6:45 PM	Life Teen	MRC
7:00 PM	REP: Confirmation Prep	-
❖ MEETING ROOMS & LOCATIONS ❖		
PC: Parish Center	CHP: Chapel (PC)	CHR: Church
SLC: St. Lucy Center	CAF: Cafeteria	LIB: Library
MRC: Meeting Room C	GYM: Gymnasium	

# YOUTH NEWS

## LIFE TEEN – HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



**This Week: Happy Advent!** We will be joining the REP students and going to a Reconciliation Service. All teens are **LIFE TEEN** welcome to use this opportunity to go to Confession before Christmas.

**Next Week: “Unexpected Gift”** We will take a look at the life of St. Gianna and what it means to be a gift to one’s family, in one’s profession, and in all aspects of one’s life. The Sacrament of Matrimony is a complete gift of self.

## 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 **December 4, 11, 18**. Invite your friends!

## SCHOOL & P.T.O. NEWS...



**Please join us for Breakfast with St. Nicholas on Saturday, December 9th 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 8 am or 10 am seating. Tickets are \$5 per adult, \$3 per child (2 & under are free). Reservations may be made through payment at the SJA School office. Space will be limited and reservations will fill up quickly, so early reservations are recommended!



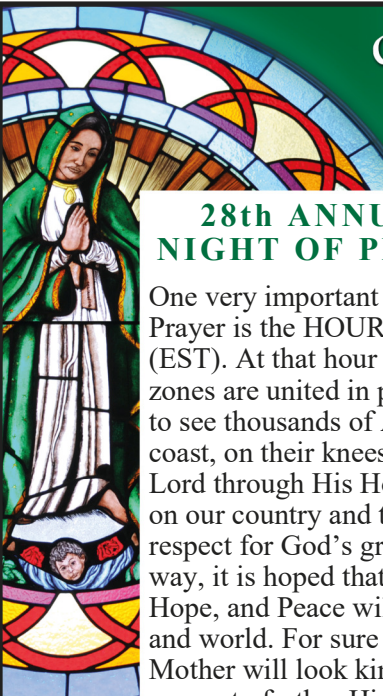
### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

**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 bulletin are due **Mondays by 9:00 am**. Forms are available on our website under the “Contact us” menu. All requests must include the date(s) of the bulletin(s) in which you would like your information included and be submitted exactly as you would like the information to appear.

✠ PARISH NEWS, REMINDERS & EVENTS ✠



**Our Lady  
of  
Guadalupe**

**28th ANNUAL NATIONAL  
NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**

One very important feature of the Night of Prayer is the HOUR OF UNITY at Midnight (EST). At that hour all four American time zones are united in prayer. What a hopeful sign, to see thousands of Americans, from coast to coast, on their knees in supplication to Our Lord through His Holy Mother, to have mercy on our country and to enkindle a new love and respect for God's greatest gift - Life!!!! In that way, it is hoped that a new era of Life, Light, Hope, and Peace will be granted to our nation and world. For sure Our Lord and His Holy Mother will look kindly on a nation united in prayer to further His Kingdom and live His Divine Will! All are encouraged to invite others to participate in this Life-Giving Apostolate.

**LET US PRAY TOGETHER!**  
Come for an hour - *or more!*  
Friday, Dec. 8th from 8:00 pm to  
Saturday, Dec. 9th until 12:15 am

Patroness  
of the  
Americas

**PRAY  
FOR  
US**

© Diocesan



**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

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 17th**  
**Time: Drop in 1:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Location: Rectory**



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS**

If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one on Christmas, requests are due to the parish office no later than **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th.**

Forms are in the back of the church, parish office or you can submit requests online at: [stjoanhershey.org](http://stjoanhershey.org)

\*Requests will not be taken over the telephone.



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
*Prayer & Pasta*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**  
**6:00 - 7:15 pm**

*Advent Series*  
PRAYER & PASTA


Join us in the cafeteria for delicious pasta and fellowship. A presentation will follow, "Behold the Lamb of God" presented by John Triscik. Everyone is invited to the Church afterwards for evening prayer.



*Please visit our website for  
Advent information & resources.*

**WWW.STJOANHERSHEY.ORG**

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**




**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
∞ 7:00PM ∞

\*This date was previously published as Dec. 10th.  
We apologize for any confusion.

**WEEKLY STUDENT CHAPERONES NEEDED:**

Volunteers are needed to help chaperone students from the Milton Hershey School at the 10:30 Mass each week. We especially need someone to meet the bus when the students are arriving before Mass. If you are interested, please contact Fran Shiffler at: [fishiffler@comcast.net](mailto:fishiffler@comcast.net)



**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.

‡ PARISH MINISTRY: NEWS, EVENTS, MEETINGS ‡

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

**BEREAVEMENT - HOLIDAY INVITATION:**

The holidays can be a particularly difficult time for those who have lost a loved one. We at St. Joan of Arc understand the loneliness and pain that come at this time of year. We invite you to join us on Saturday, **December 16** following the 9 am Mass for coffee and friendship in the Parish Center (the former convent). Please RSVP to (717) 533-2007.

🔗 [Calendar](#) ➤ [Upcoming Events](#)

**AREBA CLUB MEETING - DEC. 14th:**

The December meeting of the Areba Club will be a Christmas Luncheon held at the Holiday Inn Grantville on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Noon. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please make your reservations with Janet as soon as possible. Gala Buffet Luncheon, entertainment, door prizes and great fellowship. Hope to see you there.

📞 [Janet Polto](#): (717) 533-3368

🔗 [“AREBA Club” Ministry Page](#)

**CAELORUM - DECEMBER 6th:**

Caelorum will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 PM. Join us as we adore our Lord through prayer, praise, worship and music. A reception will be held immediately following in the Cafeteria.

📞 (717) 583-0240 🔗 [“Upcoming Events” Page](#)

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROGRAM:**

The **Christmas Giving Tree Program**, sponsored by the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**, is underway! St. Joan of Arc parishioners have been very generous in the past creating a blessed Christmas for our neighbors in need! Trees decorated with ornaments listing recipient names and suggested gifts will remain until Dec. 3rd.

Gifts will be collected in the Cafeteria **ONLY** during these times: **December 9th** before and after the 5:15 pm Mass and **December 10th** before the 7:30 am Mass until 1:00 pm. **Please note:** Gifts will not be accepted in the parish office. We cannot collect after the 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday. Thanks for your continued support!

🔗 [Calendar](#) ➤ [Upcoming Events](#)

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (AGE 21 - 35):**

Young Adults will meet on December 13th for an Advent Social / White Elephant Gift Exchange. Our group meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 pm in Meeting Room C (Youth Room).

📞 [John Triscik](#): Ext. 128, [stjoanofarcclifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:stjoanofarcclifeteen@gmail.com)

🔗 [“Young Adults” Ministry Page](#)

**CCW APRON SALE & NUT ROLLS:**

◆ The CCW is selling aprons to support the Kentucky Mission Ministry. These lovely aprons have a beautiful "Cooking is Love Made Edible" design. The cost is \$25 and all profits benefit the mission team. Aprons will be sold on December 9 & 10 following each Mass in the cafeteria, while supplies last. They make a great Christmas gift!

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

🔗 [“CCW” Ministry Page](#)

**MORNING STAR - BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:**

Please return the baby bottles with your donations to benefit Morning Star Pregnancy Services, to the parish office as soon as possible. Be assured your donation makes a BIG impact on our mission to Respect Life.

🔗 [Stewardship](#) ➤ [Special Collections](#)

**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 8, 22** and **January 5, 19** from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Please email for location.

📞 [Sarah Bonavia](#): [Sarah.Bonavia@gmail.com](mailto:Sarah.Bonavia@gmail.com)

🔗 [“Mom’s Group” Ministry Page](#)

**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](mailto:wetherspoon@yahoo.com)

🔗 [“Athletic Association” Ministry Page](#)

**GOD’S WAY- THE ROAD TO KINDNESS:**

Last weekend kicked off Our Advent Kindness Program! Advent is such a special time to share our Kindness with each other and with our community! The Advent season is a time of preparation – we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This Advent season we invite you to prepare your hearts and go on a Kindness journey. We have prepared everything you need for your Kindness journey - our church’s Advent Kindness Calendar with 25 Acts of Kindness starting December 1 and the Advent Kindness Cards for you to spread your Kindness with others. Reach out - become inspired and make someone smile! **Kindness = Being friendly, generous and considerate!**

