



# Fourth Sunday of Advent

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## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

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

**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.



Love

"Behold, the virgin  
shall be with child  
and bear a son,  
and they shall name  
him Emmanuel,"  
which means  
"God is with us."  
Matthew 1:23





**MASS SCHEDULE,  
READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 19**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

6:45 AM Joseph Casantini

9:00 AM Mauro & Adelina D'Eramo

**Tuesday, December 20**

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

6:45 AM Ira Shenk

9:00 AM Andrew Gaydos

**Wednesday, December 21**

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

6:45 AM Anthony Bellezza

9:00 AM Dionisio Castelli

**Thursday, December 22**

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

6:45 AM Carmen & Jean Ranerio

9:00 AM Joseph Nestico

**Friday, December 23**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

6:45 AM Dorothy A. Graybash

9:00 AM Kyle Quigley, Eileen and Terry Loffreda  
and deceased family members

**Saturday, December 24**

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

9:00 AM Joe Allegrini

**Vigil, December 24**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

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 Celebrant's Intention

**Sunday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord**

**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

God has spoken to us through his Son, the Word made flesh. Thus has salvation been revealed to all the nations.

**Mass Intentions:**

9:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

11:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

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

**ENHANCED HEARING SOLUTIONS**



It is rare that we have a full four weeks of Advent but since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, we are blessed. Take this week to do one or more of the following:

1. Read the Christmas story from either Saint Luke or Saint Matthew
2. Take some quiet time to take a deep breath and prepare spiritually for Christmas
3. Pray that this will be a peaceful Christmas for you and your family
4. Come to the Parish Advent Penance Service (Sunday night) and go to confession
5. Do an act of kindness without anyone knowing about it but you and God
6. Remember that the first Christmas was anything but perfect; don't expect perfection in yours
7. Decide now what Mass you and your family are going to for Christmas
8. Fast from all the sweets and treats; you will savor them more at Christmas
9. Thank God for all of the blessings in your life, especially family and friend.
10. Take another deep breath, say a prayer, and relax

May God bless you this final week of Advent!  
Remember the reason we celebrate: Jesus the Lord!

*Father Al*



In observance of the Christmas holiday,  
the parish office will close at Noon  
on Friday, December 23rd and  
reopen on Wednesday, December 28th.

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule for December 24, 2016 - CHRISTMAS EVE

	5:00 PM *Church	5:15 PM *Gymnasium	5:20 PM *Cafeteria	8:00 PM *Church	12:00 AM Midnight Mass
<b>Lector</b>	K. Shovlin M. Gette	B. Ryan	J. Dezagottis	S. Petrina B. Williams	B. Hasson B. Meinert
<b>EMHC</b>	A. Gould J. Gusherowski T. Samson J. Triscik M. Spaeder	L. Rogers M. Rogers M. Waiter M. Wetherhold	M. Rothermel M. Totaro J. Traini T. Kilcoyne	C. Robinson V. Ruiz-Velasco K. Willey C. Yakstis	Sr. Eileen Sr. Salvatoris
<b>Servers</b>	L. Gusherowski E. Gusherowski A. Samson	G. Gurney M. Gurney J. Larkin	N. Hamilton A. Hamilton L. Ruiz-Velasco	D. Kreiss M. Tice D. Matas	A. Aluquin C. Vargo C. Roche
<b>MC</b>	F. Sallusti J. Gusherowski	C. Larkin	N. Martin	M. Matas	T. Harbaugh J. Gusherowski

**Money Counters for Monday, December 26th:**

G. Kaiser, B. Moglia, G. Kaiser, V. Gunnells, K. Willey, R. Deiling, B. Deiling, A. Pavone, M. Rogers

## CHRISTMAS DAY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



**Sunday, December 25th**

**9:00am MASS****Lector:** D. Hennigan**EMHC:** P. Mooney, R. Barry, S. Cordaro, M. Duval**Servers:** St. Michael's Guard**11:00am MASS****Lector:** J. Nantz**EMHC:** C. Mortel, J. Nolan, G. Bixler, K. Burkhart**Servers:** R. Abraham, T. Abraham, C. Edwards**MC:** M. Abraham**OUR CONDOLENCES:**

Please pray for the souls of **Velvia Fischer** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy to her family and friends on their loss.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**Main Altar:** In celebration of the birthday of Richard P. Moser Jr., MD from Scott & Carolyn Smith

**Blessed Mother:** In loving memory of Josephine Testa from her daughter

**Respect Life Rose:** In celebration of the life of our granddaughter on her 5th birthday from Susan & Don  
**(Rose 2)** In celebration of the life of our son on his 30th birthday and in celebration of our 31st wedding anniversary from Susan & Don

**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 12/19 - 12/26: Gloria Eline****Week of 12/26 - 1/2: Eugenie Gangl****MASS ATTENDANCE:****December 10 & 11, 2016 - TOTAL: 1818****5:15 - 348****7:30 - 176****9:00 - 325****10:30 - 450****12:00 - 238****5:30 - 281****STEWARDSHIP***Managing God's Gifts To Us*

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

Weekly Tithing: \$38,584

Weekly Budget: \$28,462

Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$8,074

Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$1,756



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**



**HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES:**

To accommodate the Holidays and the printing deadlines of our bulletin company, bulletin articles for the weekends of **12-24/12-25** and **12-31/1-1** were due to the parish office by Tuesday, December 13th.



**Bulletin articles for the weekend of January 7/8 are due no later than Tuesday, December 27th.**



## CHRISTMAS



**Decorating Help Needed**

On Monday, December 19th we will be decorating the Church for Christmas. **Decorating will take place following the 9:00am Mass and at 7:00pm that evening.** All help is welcomed and needed. Please remember many hands make light work! Thank you for your support in making our church beautiful as we celebrate the Christmas Season.



**USHERS NEEDED!**

Ushers are needed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Masses.

Please contact Rick Barger at (717) 979-1341 or sign-up at the usher's bulletin board located in the vestibule of the church.



# YOUTH NEWS

**LIFE TEEN & EDGE ...**



**This Week:** "White Elephant Gift Exchange"- It's that time of year! Bring a small gift worth around \$5; it could be a gag gift as well, to participate in this hilarious night of exchanging gifts among your friends. Who is going to get "Smiling Jesus" this year?

**Next Week:** No 5:30 Life Teen mass or Life Teen. May you all have a blessed Christmas with your family and friends.



**EDGE -** All 6<sup>th</sup> graders- 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to EDGE on Monday nights from 7-8:15 in the Youth Room (Meeting Room C). Our next EDGE night will be **December 19.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS...**

**There are no REP classes on December 21, 25, 28, or January 1. Classes resume on January 4.**



**Vacation Bible School Planning**

**ST. JOAN OF ARC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!**

Would your family be interested in participating in a June VBS here at St. Joan's? Would you send your child, sign up to volunteer (adults and teens), help to plan and execute (many hands and ideas are needed)? Mornings or Evenings?

We'd like to hear from you. Please send your thoughts - make your voice heard! Those who express an interest in planning will be invited to a meeting in the new year. Contact Marcie at [mwarner@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:mwarner@stjoanhershey.org) or call 533-7168 Ext. 112. Thanks!



**V O C A T I O N S**

"When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717) 657-4804 or write: [frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org).

## PARISH MINISTRY NEWS, MEETINGS, &amp; EVENTS



## 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,  
Lily Carney, Ashley Tatangelo, Nancy Stewart,  
Robert Szustowicz, Irene Schuck, Nicholas Stranges,  
Steve McCracken, Bonita Berstler, Rodger McGinley,  
Edward Nerino, Andrew Monjardo, Barry Boyer,  
Millie Landis

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

Confession  
& Absolution

PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 7:00PM



The St. Vincent dePaul Society of St. Joan of Arc would like to thank all the parishioners who so generously gave this Christmas to the Giving Tree Program. Every one of the 700 plus ornaments was taken from the Giving Trees. Our local families in need

received gifts and much needed financial aid for rent and utilities.

We were also able to send donations to our sister parish in Jamaica and to the Hershey Food Bank. Some of the donations will be used by the St. Vincent de Paul Society throughout the coming year to help those in need. Over 1000 gifts and/or monetary donations were collected for local area charities, including Catholic Worker House, Morningstar (pregnancy center) and several Catholic Charities organizations: Lourdes House (mothers and infants), Evergreen House (shelter for recovering addicts), Shalom House (abused women and children shelter), Interfaith Shelter (homeless families) and the Foster Child Program.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity. Thanks from the St. Vincent DePaul Society members: Odette Bergloff, Ann Everest, Liz Frauenhoffer, Julie Fogarty, Julie Groh, Mary Ann & Steve King, Ann McInerney, Carissa Po, Kathleen Shovlin, Patti Slabonek, Patrick Taylor and Irene Youngman.

## OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS

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

Respect  
LIFE

The Christmas story teaches us to celebrate new life. Although a pregnant woman today does not nurture Christ in her womb like Mary did, each pregnant woman does nurture an unrepeatable and irreplaceable soul stamped with the image of the Almighty. Regardless of the circumstances, the presence of God's creation, which is "very good" (Genesis 1:31), should prompt us to choose as Mary and Joseph did: choose the right attitude, choose to trustingly surrender to God, and choose to protect the vulnerable. By Stephanie Gray

Our next meeting will be **January 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Lazzaro's Italian Bistro in Palmyra.** To avoid the holiday stress of too many Christmas activities we moved our annual holiday dinner to January. Festive, delicious and lots of fun! Save the date, more details will be provided nearer the time.

'tis  
the season  
for  
Giving

## 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 donations.

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.



# Call for Nominations to Parish Pastoral Council

“Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God.”  
Romans 15:17

There are five seats open on St. Joan of Arc’s Parish Pastoral Council. Each position will serve a three year term. At this time, we ask you to consider volunteering to serve or nominating a candidate to fill these Council positions.

### What does the Parish Pastoral Council do?

The role of the Council is to:

- serve as advisor to the Pastor in spiritual and temporal matters
- advance the pastoral mission plan of the parish
- unify clergy and laity in leadership and service

### Who can become a Parish Pastoral Council member?

To become a member of the Parish Pastoral Council, a nominee must:

- Be a registered active member of St. Joan of Arc Parish and at least 18 years old
- Be willing to give time and talent to the parish community
- Be willing to attend Council meetings, serve on committees, support and attend parish activities, and be open to God’s will regarding parish needs
- Be willing to share his or her unique gift of life experience

### How do I volunteer or nominate someone?

To volunteer yourself or to nominate a fellow parishioner:

- Complete the form on our website or below. All nominations are due by **January 31, 2017**.
- All nominees will receive confirmation of their nomination.
- Please note: St. Joan of Arc clergy, parish and school employees are not eligible to serve on the Council.

### Questions?

You can visit the parish website at [www.stjoanhershey.org/pastoral-council](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/pastoral-council) for a list of current members whom you can contact to learn more about serving on the Council.

✂ Cut Here and return to the parish office by **Tuesday, January 31, 2017**

## ST. JOAN OF ARC PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Contact Information (if known):

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**This nomination is being submitted by:** *Optional: You may submit a nominee anonymously*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_