

Second Sunday of Advent

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ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

December 4, 2016

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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.

Peace

"Prepare
the way
of the Lord,
make straight
his paths."
Matthew 3:3





**MASS SCHEDULE,
READINGS & INTENTIONS**

Monday, December 5

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

6:45 AM Edward Hoffman

9:00 AM John Clark

Tuesday, December 6: St. Nicholas

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

6:45 AM Carmella Cullari

9:00 AM Kathryn Spang

Wednesday, December 7: St. Ambrose

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

6:45 AM Frances Nucci DiClemente

9:00 AM Robert Dobroski

6:00 PM Kenneth Riley

Thursday, 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 Maggie Harris

9:00 AM Theresa Freisen

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Friday, December 9: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

6:45 AM Jim Murphy

9:00 AM Thomas Palko

Saturday, December 10

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

9:00 AM Pam Miller

Vigil, December 10

5:15 PM Lois Roger

Sunday, December 11: Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

In the person of Jesus, God has come to heal and save us. Patiently, yet joyfully, we await the fulfillment of his advent.

Mass Intentions:

7:30 AM Anthony DiVittore

9:00 AM Michael & Ruth Tushup

10:30 AM Pat Smith

12:00 PM People of the Parish

5:30 PM Nancy Leo



People often wonder why the Season of Advent begins with warnings about the end days and with the proclamation of John the Baptist in the wilderness? Isn't Advent all about preparing for Christmas? Well, yes and no. The Season of Advent is concerned with the two "comings" of Jesus (Advent means "coming"). We prepared at the beginning of Advent for the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time (and perhaps more personally, to our individual end of time here on earth). That is why we here the Gospel readings in which Jesus cautions us to "stay alert" or "stay awake".

Each day we should remember that we are given only such much time in this world and that we "do not know the day nor the hour" when the Lord will call us home. That is also why we hear the preaching of John the Baptist. We are called to "prepare the way of the Lord" in our lives and in our broken world. It is only on the Fourth (Last) Sunday of Advent that we begin to get around to the Christmas story. I think it is wonderful that when the rest of the world is celebrating Christmas right after Halloween (and in the stores even before!), we as Catholics are learning patience in the time up to the real season of Christmas. Remember, for us Christians, Christmas is a weeks-long celebration, not just one day! If you make Advent special, savoring its unique message and flavor, Christmas will be even sweeter this year! Happy Advent! Prepare the way of the Lord!

Father Al



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

ACCORD RESTORATION

Fire, Flood, Storm Damage

PARISH BULLETIN: IMPORTANT HOLIDAY INFORMATION:

To accommodate the Holidays and the printing deadlines of our bulletin company, bulletin articles for the weekends of: December 24th & 25th, December 31st & January 1st, and January 7th & 8th are ALL due to the parish office by 9:00 AM on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13th.

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.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for December 11, 2016

	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
Lector	M. Gette	B. Frola	G. Duval	B. Hasson	C. Gassert	A. Raugh
EMHC	R. Barry	K. Samson	L. Demers	K. Harbaugh	J. Traini	V. Felice
	G. Bixler	M. Spaeder	M. Duval	T. Crum-Ewing	M. Waiter	Sr. Eileen
	K. Burkhart	K. Willey	Sr. Salvatoris	M. DeAngelis	L. Drayer	T. Kilcoyne
	S. Cordaro		E. Frauenhoffer	T. DeAngelis		J. McGruder
Servers	A. Stinson	J.P. Katzenmoyer	C. Edwards	M. Neves	J. McGregor	L. Ruiz-Velasco
	M. Tice	J. Katzenmoyer	C. Chardo	J. Pegher	A. Hamilton	D. Kreiss
	J. Larkin	A. Samson	J. Wilson	G. Harbaugh	N. Hamilton	B. Seesholtz
MC	C. Larkin	K. Zachary	Z. Rebarchak	T. Harbaugh	C. Roche	A. Aluquin

Money Counters: M. Rothermel, C. Frank, S. Boova, V. Peracchia, C. Yakstis, G. Zemba



Immaculate Conception

DECEMBER 8, 2016
*A Holy Day of Obligation

MASS SCHEDULE:

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Dec. 7, 6:00 pm - [Lector] B. Williams
[EMHC] M. Totaro, C. Yakstis, D. Sheehan
[Servers] J. Pegher, J. McNerney,
T. McNerney [MC] N. Silvis

Dec. 8, 6:45 am - [Lector] E. Badman
[EMHC] C. Eimer, W. Lutz, F. McCarthy
[Servers] R. Abraham, T. Abraham
[MC] M. Abraham

Dec. 8, 9:00 am - [Lector] School Children
[EMHC] Sr. Eileen, Sr. Salvatoris, J. Nolan
[Servers]

Dec. 8, 7:00 pm - [Lector] J. Dezagottis
[EMHC] L. Rogers, M. Rogers,
M. Wetherhold [Servers] M. Yee, V. Yee,
M. Brooks [MC] C. Vargo



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

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

Weekly Tithing: \$22, 910
Weekly Budget: \$28,462
Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$25,822
Weekly Heart Of The Parish: \$1,511

SPECIAL COLLECTION REMINDER:
Retirement Fund for Religious
December 10 & 11, 2016



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 26 & 27, 2016 - TOTAL: 2074

5:15 - 297	7:30 - 194	9:00 - 350
10:30 - 470	12:00 - 256	5:30 - 507

REMINDER: 2016 Federal Tax Deduction For the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal
All payments on pledges made to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal must be received at the Diocese by Wednesday, December 30, 2016 in order to receive your tax deduction for your generosity.

Confession
& Absolution

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



This Week in our Parish

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

MONDAY, December 5

- 9:45 AM Legion of Mary
- 3:00 PM Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, December 6

- 9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture Study
- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, December 7

- 7:15 AM Wednesday Morning Coffee
- 7:45 AM Gospel Reflection Group
- 4:15 PM REP K-Gr 6
- 5:00 PM Confessions

THURSDAY, December 8

- 12:00 PM Hour of Grace
- 6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 PM National Night of Prayer for Life

FRIDAY, December 9

- 3:00 PM Junior Legion of Mary
- 6:00 PM Advent Series: Prayer & Pasta

SATURDAY, December 10

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

SUNDAY, December 11

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



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



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, Nancy Stewart, Kevin Gleeson, Robert Szustowicz, Irene Schuck, Nicholas Stranges, Steve McCracken, Bonita Berstler, Rodger McGinley, Edward Nerino**

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



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.

A reminder to those who shared a photo of their loved one on our Remembrance Board: Those photos can be picked up in the parish office at any time.



**PRAYER & PASTA
"Who Is God?"**

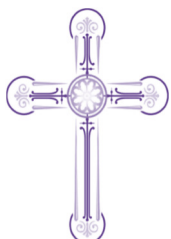
Friday, December 9th
6 - 7:15pm

Advent Series
PRAYER & PASTA

Join us in the cafeteria for delicious pasta and fellowship. A presentation by Father Arena will follow on "Who Is God?". Everyone is invited to the Church afterwards for evening prayer.

SAVE THE DATE:

The next Prayer & Pasta will be Friday, December 16th.



The next Caelorum at St. Joan of Arc will be held on **Wednesday, December 14** at 7 PM. Father Modestus will preside.

Come adore Jesus through prayer, praise, worship and music. A reception will be held immediately following the Caelorum in the Cafeteria.



YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN & EDGE ...



LIFE TEEN

This Week: "Filled First-Receiving Mercy"-This 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.

Next Week: "Trust-Trusting in God's Mercy"-Trust is one of the biggest reasons teens either do or don't trust in God. Next week we'll wander through Scripture to help us understand the power of the Cross and trusting in Jesus.



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 5, 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.** Space will be limited and reservations will fill up quickly, so early reservations are recommended!

IT'S A DINNER FOR DOLLARS!

The Café on Cocoa is generously hosting a fundraiser on Sunday, **December 18th, 8am - 2pm.** 10% of the cost of your meal will benefit our kids through the **St. Joan of Arc School PTO.** Vouchers Can be found at the back of the church.



The Areba Club Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Grantville at 12:00 noon. There will be door prizes, and entertainment by MARINO1. Call John Polto if interested (533-3368).

The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Refreshments and BINGO!

PARISH NEWS, MINISTRY NEWS, MEETINGS, & EVENTS

CONSOLATION & BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



BEREAVEMENT

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 17, after the 9am Mass in the school library for coffee and friendship. Please RSVP to 533-2007.



Christmas Flower Memorials

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

Please DO NOT return requests through the collection basket. Christmas flower request forms are available in the parish office. Requests will not be taken over the telephone.



USHERS WANTED

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.

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!

NURSE MINISTRY: ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR USE

The Parish Nurse Ministry has the following devices and supplies available for loan/use: Walkers, walkers with seats/storage and breaks, showers chairs, crutches, over-the-bed table, privacy screen, raised toilet seat, bedside commode. Adult diapers of assorted sizes free to anyone in need. Please leave a message at the Parish office for an item you could use or donate. Thank you.

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS, MEETINGS, & EVENTS



Newly Married
We congratulate & rejoice with this couple of our parish community whom recently united in marriage:

Gabriel Suherwanto and Jocelyn Mateo



Newly Baptized
Our parish community welcomes these newly baptized children of God:

Joie-Lin Krantz, Spencer Krantz, Elliana Tirol, Morgan Peterson, Matteo Eicher, Lauren Antonio, Zulum Onyemenem, Katherine Shakley, Reed Watts

**HOLY HOUR DECEMBER 8th:
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

On Thursday, December 8th, our parish will honor Our Lady with a holy hour from noon until 1:00 PM, a devotion known as the Hour of Grace. Later in the day, after the 7:00 Mass from 8:00 PM until 12:15 AM we will participate in the National Night of Prayer for Life. The purpose is to unite our prayers with Catholics throughout the country in an effort to help bring back the world to Christ and to bring about an end to abortion. The hours are chosen to coincide with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearance to Saint Juan Diego on December 9th.

Come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Give honor to Our Lady in Thanksgiving for all her gifts to us! A sign up is located in the back of the Church.



YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL
The St. Joan of Arc Youth Choir will begin practices on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 10am in the choir loft and will rehearse every Saturday morning until Christmas. The choir is open to all young people of the parish in second grade through ninth grade. The Youth Choir will be singing at the first Mass on Christmas Eve at 5pm in the church. All are welcome! There are no auditions. Questions? Contact Beth Palmer, Director of Music.

ADULT INDOOR SOCCER



We are currently looking for adults to play in an informal soccer game one night a week. Participants must be registered a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc. for more information, email John Wetherhold at wetherspoon@yahoo.com.



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 **until Dec. 4th**.

Gifts will be collected in the Cafeteria **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.



DID YOU FORGET?

Nut Rolls are still available. Please call Janet Polto at 533-3368.

MONTHLY MEETING:

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.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS (Age 21- 35)

We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30pm in Meeting Room C. Our next Young Adults will be our Christmas Party on December 14th with a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift worth \$5-10 to share.

If you have any questions, please call John in the Youth Office at 717-533-7168 Ext 128 or email him at stjaonofarclifeteen@gmail.com.