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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 MASS

7:30 am 9:30 am (*livestreamed*) 11:30 am 5:00 pm

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 6:45 am & 9:00 am (livestreamed) Saturday 9:00 am (livestreamed)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 5:00-5:30 pm Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm





When I was growing up, I remember my brothers and sisters coming home from Palm Sunday Mass and weaving the blessed palms into simple braids.

We would then put them all over the house: behind holy pictures, tucked into crucifixes in our rooms, and even hanging over mirrors and pictures. There were eleven of us (including Mom and Dad) so we had lots to place in the house. We were reminded of Holy Week whenever we looked at those drying palms throughout the year. Eventually, they would be taken to the parish a few weeks before Ash Wednesday where they were burned and used as the ashes that were placed upon our heads to start the Season of Lent. Beautiful, simple traditions and ones which we should hand on to our children and grandchildren. Passing on the Faith is not only about teaching the doctrines of our Faith but also by making the Faith part of our everyday family life. Daily prayers as a family, grace before meals, sacred art in our homes (whatever happened to crucifixes and pictures of the saints in our houses?), May Crowning of dandelions for the Blessed Mother, and blessed palms catching our eye throughout our homes. The Faith becomes real in these simple ways. And it all begins so simply. Where will you put the palm you receive today?

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

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SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of *Cheryl Fancovic* who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to her family and friends on their loss.

Parishioner Milestones - Eternal Life

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: Kathleen Weiss, Bob DeAngelis, Andy DeBroeck, Gloria J. Venezia, Magda Trabuco, Pat Cusack, Christine Brunn, Julie Fogarty, Elizabeth Sauthoff, Edith Epler, Maggie & Dave Dull, Diane Holubek, Christopher Jordan, Fred Bender, Barbara Kayser and Mary Beth Sheehan.

Call the parish office to add a name to the prayer list. Reminder: Names will remain on the list for six weeks.



Easter Raffle tickets due to the parish office no later than April 5th.



Please join us for First Friday Adoration

There will be **NO Adoration in April**. The next Adoration will be on Friday, **May 5** following the 9:00 am Mass in the St. Lucy Chapel with Benediction at 5:00 pm.







MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

Monday of holy week, April 3:

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

6:45 AM In Celebration of Mary Lou Fox's

87th Birthday

9:00 AM Dolores Rossi

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 4:

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

6:45 AM Living & Deceased Members of the

Francis McCarthy Family

9:00 AM Miles Schaeffer

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 5:

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

6:45 AM Dr. Diego Ingaglio

9:00 AM Alvesta "Vae" Tancredi

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, APRIL 6:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM John & Ana Spaeder

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, APRIL 7:

Is 52:13--53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

2:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 8: EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER

Gn 1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 PM Vincent Chaverini

SUNDAY, APRIL 9: EASTER SUNDAY

On this day of days we offer a sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM (Sand Hill) Celebrant's Intentions

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11:30 AM Celebrant's Intentions

NO 5:00 PM MASS EASTER SUNDAY

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen

This Week: "Look Mom, No Hands"- We will contemplate the significance of Mary at the foot of the Cross as we pray the Stations of the Cross. It will be a great way to enter into Holy week and prepare to celebrate the Resurrection.



Next Week: NO Life Teen or Sunday 5:00 pm Mass Happy Easter!

2023 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

April 9	No Life Teen-Happy Easter!
Âpril 16	Life Teen-"The Road to Emmaus"
April 23	Life Teen-Annual Service Project-
•	Spring clean up
April 30	Life Teen Senior Banquet-*Gulp*
•	It's that time of the year again.
May 7	Life Teen- "Mother Mary"

EDGE (Middle School): EDGE meets next on April 5 as we Scripturally journey through Holy Week in the Gospel of St. Mark. All 6-8th graders are welcome. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

Donations Always Appreciated: Donations of water, juice, soda, and snacks for our youth ministry gatherings are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you!

① John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org

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YOUNG ADULT FAITH

Calling **Young Adults** between the ages of 21-39, married or single! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Youth Room. Young Adults will gather next on **April 12** as we begin our study on the **Acts of the Apostles**.

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VOCATIONS CORNER

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Are you willing to stay with Jesus/with others through difficult times?

Pray for the strength to endure hardships.

If God may be calling you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, visit our website at www.hbgdiocese.org, or

Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki, Vocation Director: frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org or (717) 657-4804 Ext. 282

The Vocation Cross will be in the home of: Marty & Martha Rupert: April 9-16 Bob & Pam Meinert: April 16-23

Consider being a part of the Vocation Cross Rotation, call the Parish office for details.

MINISTRY NEWS

Building a Culture of Life

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person-among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270

CCW-Wreath Making Class

On **April 13** at 6:30 in the parish Social Hall we will be hosting Andrea Beitzel from A&M Growers for a Spring Wreath Demonstration/Class. If you would like to make a wreath to take home, please reserve a spot. All wreath making supplies are provided. Cost is \$30. **To register, contact sjaccw@stjoanhershey.org**.

CCW-Communion Breakfast

On Sunday, April 23 after the 9:30 am Mass the CCW will hold our annual Communion Breakfast in our lovely parish social hall. Tickets are \$12.00. See a CCW lady or pick up in the parish office. We hope you can join us! Contact Ruth Zemba at sjaccw@stjoanhershey.org with any questions.

Creative Writer's Group

Share your faith through creative writing. Come join us for 8 weeks beginning Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00 pm in room 314. Open to parishioners with all writing skill levels. If interested or for more information contact Karen at kier.karen@gmail.com

Caelorum

We look forward to seeing everyone at Caelorum on Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc Church. Join your Brothers and Sisters in Christ this Lenten Season as we come together to adore, praise and worship our Lord and Savior. Please join us! If you are unable to attend you may watch the live stream or recording at the Caelorum Facebook page-https://fb.watch/gJnpuh3Pay/. For more information, contact Lou Felice at (717) 215-4175.

Hershey Food Bank & Monetary Collection

Thank you for your support. The next collection will take place this weekend, **April 1 & 2**.

"A Knight at the Movies"

The Knights of Columbus will host a Movie Night on Tuesday, **April 25** at 7:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall. Admission is free to the film, *Mother Theresa: No Greater Love*. Light refreshments will be served. Free will offering accepted to benefit the Missionaries of Charity.



Grief Companion Support Group

Have you recently lost a loved one? Please know you are not alone. Counter isolation and meet others. Find continued meaning in life and living and provide hope for healing. For more information, call or text Christine Stickler at (717) 514-2560.



Road to Kindness

As we reflect on the beautiful meaning of Palm Sunday and Jesus's journey during Holy Week, let us ask a question: What have you done this Lenten Season to demonstrate your Kindness, your caring and your love? If you have been following and performing our 40 Days of Lenten Kindness Program, you have had many opportunities to demonstrate your Kindness, caring and your love. In Pope Francis's Message for Lent,

he said that each year during Lent:

"We are reminded that 'goodness, together with love, justice, and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day."

Let us begin Holy Week by doing good and by thinking about what Kindness offering we can bring to someone in need or to someone that needs reassurance. Our Lenten Kindness Program had five acts of prayer - let's intensify our prayers and let's share our Kindness and love with anyone that needs it. We have seven days until Easter Sunday, let's make each one special and show your Kindness each day! During this Holy Week, let's all get inspired and follow God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!"

2023 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

Regular Weekend Schedule (9:30 live-stream)

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Masses - 6:45 & 9:00 AM

Tuesday

Tenebrae - 8:00 PM

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer - 8:00 AM Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM Adoration in the Church until 10:00 PM

Good Friday

Morning Prayer - 8:00 AM
Office of Readings - 12:00 Noon
Outdoor Stations of the Cross - 12:30 PM
Good Friday Liturgy - 2:00 PM
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer - 8:00 AM Blessing of Easter Food - 10:00 AM The Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM (live-stream)

Easter Sunday

7:30, 9:30 (*live-stream*) & 11:30 AM in the Church 9:30 AM at the School on Sandhill (There will be **NO** 5:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday)



Annual Night of Knights Gala

Saturday, April 22

Please visit the school website: http://school.stjoanhershey.org/night
-of-knights-gala.html

St. Joan of Arc School Enrollment is NOW OPEN! Visit: http://school.stjoanhershey.org or call the school at (717) 533-2854, ask for the Office of Development, Mrs. Deb Rizzotto.

St. Joan of Arc School STEM summer camp registration is NOW OPEN!

Please visit the school website or scan the QR code to register.



SJA Alumni are invited:

Mass and Mingling; an Alumni Event
on Saturday, May 13 5:00 pm Mass at the School on Sand
Hill followed by a Beef and Beer Reception. RSVP:
https://www.greenvelope.com/event/2023-SJA-Alumni-event

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Week of March 19, 2023



The 49th Annual Festival Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, **April 12** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Social Hall to stuff envelopes for our Festival mailing. Please consider joining us for our planning meetings. **Any questions, contact Karen at karencwilley@gmail.com.**

Festival Jewelry Committee

We are currently accepting jewelry donations. Please bring your "treasures" to the parish office. Any questions or desire to work with the committee, contact Aura at (717) 503-1889.

Fun Festival Fact

Did you know our Jewelry sales brought in over \$6000? Jewelry is collected year around and we'd love to have you join our volunteers who collect, sort, clean, repair, and price jewelry.

Call Aura Bunn to learn more! See contact info. above.
Visit www.SJA Festival.com

You will find a form in the back of the church that will have questions regarding all the fun facts that are published. **How to win a prize:** Drop off your completed form at the festival. You must fill out the form in its entirety and be correct in your answers to win. Several winners will be chosen each night.

Should you have any questions, contact Katie & Stephen Katsch at kkatsch1019@gmail.com.

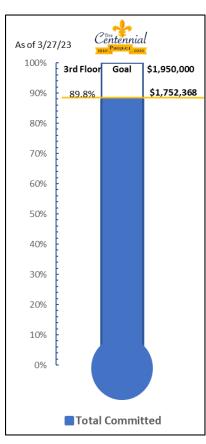
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CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. Where do we go from here? His triumphant entry belies the torture awaiting Him as the Passover Sacrifice. From adulation to abandonment in five days...from euphoria to excruciating pain in just five days... from banquet to burial in just five days. Isaiah (53:7-10) portends His fate:

"Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth. Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away, and who would have thought any more of his destiny? When he was cut off from the land of the living, and smitten for the sin of his people, a grave was assigned him among the wicked and a burial place with evildoers, though he had done no wrong nor spoken any falsehood. But the LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him."

The point of the prophet's humiliating vision of the Suffering Servant can be found in verse 10. He died that we might live. It was His life's purpose.

Evangelical Baptist Pastor Rick Warren of the Saddleback Mega Church (15 locations in California alone.) has sold more than 50 million copies of his bestseller, *The Purpose Driven Life*. For over two decades it has achieved pop culture status but its core concepts

are timeless. It is structured very similarly to the contemplative thinking of the saints and mystics of the Church-the Ignatian exercises, St. John of the Cross, St. Theresa of Avila, or Thomas Merton. They call for prayer and reflection on a daily basis. They appreciate the words of Psalms 46:10: "Be still and know that I am God." Let us be mindful this Holy Week of our personal relationship with God. Let us reawaken our connection with Him to guide us in our daily lives. Lest we think for a moment that we are lost just listen to the pleas of the famous ascetic monk:

"My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

-Thomas Merton

May you and your family have a blessed Holy Week and experience the renewal it brings.

If you are financially able, please consider supporting the Centennial Project. You can view a three and a half-minute video on the positive impact of the new school on the students:

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Sm0ELXDZhk</u> or enjoy a virtual tour of the 3rd floor expansion at:

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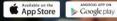
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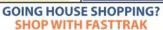
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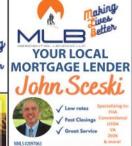
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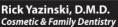
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