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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.

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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

AGood Shephera lays down his life for the sheep.







Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The Gospel for today is always one in which Jesus is referred to as the "Good Shepherd"; hence, we call this day Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also known as Vocation Sunday since we pray for more "shepherds" to lead our Church. Here at Saint

Joan of Arc, we have a wonderful history of vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and to the religious life. Each generation needs to raise up men and women to give their lives in service to the Church. Is God calling you to be a priest or deacon or sister? I think that the beginning of a religious vocation is often just a curiosity about what that life might entail. What does a priest do? What is it like to live in community as a religious sister? How do you balance your life as an ordained deacon and a husband and father? We have the enviable advantage here in our parish to have diocesan priests (Father Josh and myself), religious order priests (Fathers Christopher and John Mark), deacons (Deacon Joe and Paul...and of happy memory, Deacon Mortel), and the Daughters of Mercy (Sisters Eileen, JoAnn and Salvatoris). If you think you might have a vocation to the religious life, one of us would be more than happy to talk to you about it. It is a wonderful life for those who are called. Does that nagging question in the back of your brain keep rearing its head: what is God calling me to do with my life? Could the Lord actually be calling me to be a priest, a deacon or a sister?

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SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of *Matilda "Tillie" Stover, Mary Bowker, George Euker* and *Dorothy Smith, sister of Jim Martin* who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to their families 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: Maggie Wetherhold, Steven Wright, Elizabeth Sauthoff, Sarah Stromberg, Kathleen Weiss, Bob DeAngelis, Andy DeBroeck, Gloria J. Venezia, Magda Trabuco, Pat Cusack, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Blessed Mother In Loving Memory of Maria A. Rossi from her daughter Saint Joseph In Thanksgiving from Lisa Balanda Respect Life Rose In Loving Memory of John E. Austin from your loving wife, Pam

> *First Friday Adoration* Join us for Adoration on Friday, **May 5** following the 9:00 am Mass in the St. Lucy Chapel with Benediction at 5:00 pm.

First Saturday Devotion

For the conversion of Russia, join us after 9:00 am Mass in the Church on **May 6** for First Saturday Devotions and Rosary. This month's intention is in reparation for: **offenses committed against the Virginity of Our Lady.**



"NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS"

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*: <u>https://www.greenvelope.com/event/2023-SJA-Alumni-event</u>



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, May 1: Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18 or Mt 13:54-58

- 6:45 AM Deceased Members of the Souchak Family
- 9:00 AM Maria A. Rossi and the Deceased members of the Capone Family

TUESDAY, MAY 2:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

6:45 AM Florence Milyo

9:00 AM Joseph P. Nocera

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3:

FEAST OF SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

1 Cor 15:1-8;Jn 14:6-14

6:45 AM Baby Adrian and Baby "C" 9:00 AM Josephine & Lawrence Maloni

THURSDAY, MAY 4:

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

6:45 AM Thomas Carney 9:00 AM Donald Fox

FRIDAY, MAY 5:

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6 6:45 AM Mary Catherine Miller 9:00 AM Joe Kunetz and the Nucci Families

SATURDAY, MAY 6:

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

9:00 AM Hans Gangl
5:00 PM Deceased members of the Bergloff and Saragosa Families

5th SUNDAY, MAY 7: 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

We are a "chosen race, a royal priesthood" called to place our faith and trust in the Spirit of Jesus who guides the community of faith.

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

7:30 ам	Irene Rossi
9:30 ам	Edna & Raymond Barger
11:30 ам	People of the Parish
5:00 PM	Jerome & Marie Boyd

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen: Leading Teens Closer to Christ

This Week: "Senior Banquet"-We celebrate The Class of 2023 with a banquet in their honor in the youth room from 6:15-7:30. All high school students are invited as we pray for them and wish them well on their future endeavors.

Please RSVP with John via text or email at <u>jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org</u>

Next Week: "Mother Mary"-We will explore the dogmas and doctrines of the Blessed Virgin Mary from a biblical perspective. Please bring a Bible or one will be provided.

2023 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

May 7	Life Teen- "Mother Mary"
May 14	No Life Teen-Happy Mother's Day
May 21	Life Teen-End of school celebration!
May 28	No Life Teen-Happy Memorial Day!

EDGE (Middle School): EDGE meets next on May 3 as we close out the school year with a party and celebration. Thank you for another great year! 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!

● John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org
 ☎ (717) 533-7168 Ext.128

YOUNG ADULT FAITH

Calling **Young Adults** between the ages of 21-39, married or single! We meet on the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Youth Room. Young Adults will gather next on **May 10** as we continue our study on the *Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 5-7. **()** John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org

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VOCATIONS CORNER

Whose voice will you follow – the Good Shepherd's or a stranger's? Pray for a listening heart. 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: Jeanne McLamb: May 7-14 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Wolf: May 14-21 Consider being a part of the Vocation Cross Rotation, call the Parish office for details.

MINISTRY NEWS

Building a Culture of Life

"Beautiful is God, the Word with God...He is beautiful in Heaven, beautiful on earth; beautiful in the womb, beautiful in His parents' arms, beautiful in His miracles, beautiful in His sufferings; beautiful in inviting to life, beautiful in not worrying about death, beautiful in giving up His life and beautiful in taking it up again; He is beautiful on the Cross, beautiful in the tomb, beautiful in heaven. Listen to the song with understanding, and let not the weakness of the flesh distract your eyes from the splendor of His beauty." **St. Augustine of Hippo**

St. Michael's Guard

Diocese-wide brotherhood of men serving at the altar of the Lord during mass and other liturgies. We have a local contingent of St. Michael's Guard at St. Joan of Arc,

assisting with events like Sunday masses, Confirmation, 40 hours, Christmas, and Easter. Guardsmen can also serve for the Bishop at larger diocesan events, such as the Diocesan Men's conference and the annual Red Mass at the cathedral. St. Michael's Guard is seeking courageous adult men to join us and stand guard at the Holy Altar of the

Lord. No prior altar serving experience is necessary. For more information, please contact John Shiffler (717) 395-8004, john@stmichaelsguard.com

Road to Kindness

This week, we acknowledge upcoming special days in May.



Saturday, May 6 is Nurse's Day recognize all our nurses for their dedication to helping, caring and being kind

- Sunday, May 14 is Mother's Day recognize all Mother's and our Blessed Mother
- Tuesday, May 23 is PA's 4th Annual 1-4-3 Day • statewide kindness, generosity and love to honor the beloved Fred Rogers of Mister Rogers Neighborhood

You can find some wonderful ideas on these websites: 50 Random Acts of Kindness for any Nurse; 40 Acts of Kindness for Mother's Day; and there are videos of Kindness Acts for 1-4-3 Day!

There is also a great website on the Acts of Kindness. You Can Start Today and they offer the wonderful quote:

"Carryout a random act of kindness with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you! A little thought and a little kindness are often worth more than a great deal of money. Remember, there is no such thing as a small act of kindness!"

May you be blessed for sharing your Kindness with someone every day! After all, when we do, we are following God's Way - "The Road to Kindness!"

Hershey Food Bank & Monetary Collection

Thank you for your support. The next collection will take place the weekend of May 6 & 7.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Hanging Basket Flower Sale

- **Order until April 30**
- **Pickup May 13 & 14**
- \$17 Flower Basket
- \$19 Boston Fern

To place an order, contact a Knight or call (717) 220-3550

- Begonia (tuberous)
- Geranium
- Boston Fern
- Calibrachoa
- Fuschia
- Ivy Geranium
- New Guinea Inpatients
- Petunia



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MORNINGSTAR Donation & Cash Collection On May 13 & 14 before all masses, the Knights will collect:

- size 5 & 6 diapers
- baby socks
- bottle wash •
- baby shampoo •
- diaper rash cream
- girl/boy summer outfits, size 9mths.-2T

Any questions, contact Neil Ott at (928) 230-1620.

Pray & Play Group/Spring Brunch

Join us for food, fellowship, prayer and a spiritual reflection by Maribeth O'Hara: "Mothering With Grace." To RSVP: email sjahersheyplayandpraygroup@gmail.com.

Pray & Play Group/Meal Train

Interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to pray, chat, and share snacks while the kids play? Want to support young parents of the parish welcoming a new baby by donating a meal? For location of group meetings and/or meal information to sign up for a train. email sjahersheyplayandpraygroup@gmail.com.

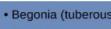
Grief Companion Support Group

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.

CCW

On Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 pm the CCW will hold its covered dish (bring a dish to share) social in our lovely parish social hall. All women of the parish are welcome.

Contact Ruth Zemba at sjaccw@stjoanhershey.org with any questions.



EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Event at St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109



Kielbasa with Sauerkraut on a Roll, with Sides of Halushki (Cabbage & Noodles) & 3 Perohi

\$12.00 All proceeds to benefit St. Ann ECF Youth Programs Saturday, May 13, 2023 11 a.m.-3 p.m. EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

Sensory Friendly Mass

A mass for persons with sensory sensitivity or other disabilities will be held on **May 14** at 2:00 pm. Dimmer lighting, no music, and a shorter homily, among other adaptations, are included in this Mass to promote a fully inclusive environment. Every effort will be made to accommodate all in attendance, and all behaviors are welcome. Families are encouraged to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy (i.e. noisecanceling headphones, wiggle seats, weighted blankets, fidgets, etc.) For more information, contact the Parish Office at (717) 533-7168.

Sacred Heart Revival

Join our nationwide campaign to invite the Sacred Heart of Jesus into your home, classroom, or business.

Visit <u>www.SacredHeartRevival.com</u> for more information on the graces of the Sacred Heart and sign up today.



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$25,342 Weekly Budget: \$28,269 Weekly Heart of the Parish:\$2,376



Today's Second Collection benefits: Catholic Home Missions Appeal

SAINT JOAN OF ARC 49th Annual Festival JUNE - 8 - 9 - 10 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 5-9:30 pm

Week of April 16, 2023

The 49th Annual Festival Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, **May 10** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center-Sister Rossello Room to finalize plans for the festival. We hope to see you there! **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 that we serve a lot of thirsty people? We sold over 1,000 bottles of soda and water; that doesn't include our beer and wine sales! For more information:

Visit www.SJA Festival.com

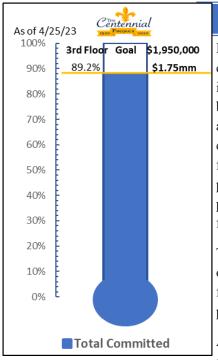
You will find a form in the back of the church that will have questions regarding all the fun facts that are published. **How to win a prize:** Drop off your completed form at the festival. You must fill out the form in its entirety and be correct in your answers to win. Several winners will be chosen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

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

Sign up to volunteer ~ https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/60b0a45aeaa2ba6fb6-stjoan

Or use your phone to scan the QR code. *All are welcome and no experience is necessary!*





CENTENNIAL PROJECT

In the next few weeks we will begin organizing Phase II, the completion of the classrooms on the 3rd floor. We hope to get a jump start this year by getting the plumbing installed before the end of the school year. The application for the building permit has been submitted. Purchase orders have been issued. Materials are on order. The first task at hand is the clearing of stored items on the 3rd floor from the areas identified for construction zones to temporary storage areas elsewhere on the floor. It's amazing how fast things accumulate. We need to reorganize and purge. If you have a current youth protection clearance, and have some daytime or evening hours available to volunteer, please help with the spring cleaning of the construction spaces. The contact at the school for scheduling volunteers is Tom Stapleton.

The first day of summer recess is June 9th. That is the target date for the commencement of demolition, wall framing, HVAC, and wiring activities. The first day of class for the fall semester is Tuesday, September 5th. The schedule has very little wiggle room. Your prayers to keep the project on track are greatly appreciated.

As far as our Centennial Project Campaign, we have made good progress to cover the cost of the planned classrooms and open space. With skyrocketing prices, we continue to

need your financial support. For those who have contributed, thank you. Your gifts are much appreciated. For those who are able, please consider a sacrificial contribution. You are investing in St. Joan of Arc Parish's mission to raise our children and grandchildren in the faith, and provide them with a superior education. Our Middle States Accredited, S.T.E.M. certified, Blue Ribbon School develops the intellectual curiosity, the communication skills, and the character necessary for future leaders and productive members of society.

Our goal is to raise another \$200,000 in new gifts and pledges by the end of May. Additionally, we have a pledge balance of \$330,000 dating back to our Campaign Kickoff Event in April of 2019. Our outstanding balance remains a significant component of our overall financing plan. In the next few weeks, we will be circulating statements to update and reconcile pledges. Please prayerfully consider restarting installments if for any reason you have stopped.

You are invited to watch a three and a half-minute video that captures the vibrancy of the new school:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Sm0ELXDZhk

You can also enjoy a virtual tour of the 3rd floor expansion at: <u>https://youtu.be/S0zANsm3Xvo</u>







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