# THIS IS MY **BELOVED SON**

with Whom I am well pleased

MATTHEW 17:5

## **St. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH**

359 West Areba Ave, Hershey, PA 17033

## AUGUST 6, 2023

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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#### PARISH OFFICE

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Address: 1525 Sand Hill Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036

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**HOSPITAL EMERGENCIES** CONVENT

#### 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

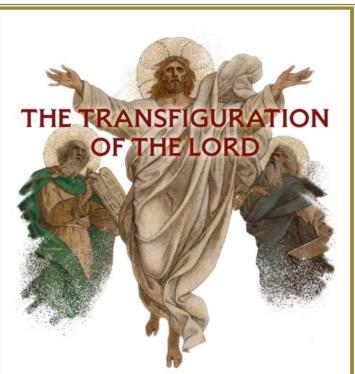
#### **DAILY MASS**

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



Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast has such importance in the life of the Church that it takes the place of the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Saint Thomas Aquinas tells us that this miracle is unique among all miracles in that it happens to Jesus. He is transfigured on Mount Tabor in the presence of not only the apostles Peter, James and John but in the presence of those Old Testament figures Moses and Elijah. It is a meeting place between the divine and the human, the mundane and the other-worldly. Moses and Elijah, the great Lawgiver and the great Prophet, represent the People of Israel acknowledging the Messiah for whom they were waiting. The very Law and the Prophets were pointing to Jesus to be the place of contact, between this world and heaven. The Apostles represent the Church who acknowledge Jesus as Lord and who are shown a glimpse of the glory that Jesus shares with all humanity through his death and resurrection. God is such a good and loving God that he allows us to share in his life—both on this earth and forever in heaven. The main message of Christianity and of the Gospel is that if we want to know the Father, we must come to know and love the Son. Quite extraordinarily, we Christians believe that in the face of Jesus we see the face of God!

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### SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of *Diane Holubek* who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy 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: Martha Duquette, Gloria Venezia, Donna Miller, Kelly Hennigan Campbell, Christine Brunn, Elizabeth Sauthoff, Maggie & Dave Dull, 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.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

## Blessed Mother & Saint Joseph

In Honor of our Parents From Milton & Edna Brice





For more information and to register, visit: <u>https://www.hbgdiocese.org/creation/</u> There are flyers at the back of the church with the schedule for your convenience.

## PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY SUNDAY FOLLOWING 9:30 AM MASS





## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

#### Monday, August 7:

MEMORIALS OF SAINT SIXTUS II, POPE AND MARTYR AND Companions, and Saint Cajetan, Priest Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

Nm 11:40-15; Mt 14:13-2

6:45 AM Andrea Valencia 9:00 AM Robert Bernardi

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8: MEMORIAL OF SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST

 Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

 6:45 AM
 John & Eithne Shank and Michelle Shank

 9:00 AM
 Janet Polto

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Nm 13:1-2, 25 – 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28

6:45 AM Patricia Nestico9:00 AM Michael Joseph Grab

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10:

FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

6:45 AM LaRoy Kern 9:00 AM Wayne Foust

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 11:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

6:45 AM Frank Coletti 9:00 AM Rudolph Martucci

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12: Memorial of Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

#### Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

9:00 AM Josefina Bagalli and Absalon Guillen 5:00 PM Ruth Myers

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13: NINETEENTH SUNDAY

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, the Lord extends his hands to us and saves us. He calms our frightened hearts through his quiet presence. May our faith in the Lord draw God's chosen people to the new covenant in Christ.

#### 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

7:30 ам	People of the Parish
9:30 am	Deceased Members of
	the Fazzini and DiObilda Families
11:30 ам	Deceased Members of
	the Bob Hoffman Family
5:00 рм	In Memory of Dave Enders and
	Justin Enders

## **YOUTH NEWS**

## Life Teen: Leading Teens Closer to Christ

*This Week:* Join us on a bit of a journey as we walk downtown for a much needed and deserved tasty treat.

Next Week: No Life Teen

**2023 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule** 

Aug 13No Life TeenAug 20Life Teen-Back to School Prayer Service

#### **Donations Always Appreciated:**

Donations of *single-serve: water, juice, soda, and snacks* for our youth ministry gatherings are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you! **(j)** John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org

#### **(**717) 533-7168 Ext.128

**EDGE (Middle School):** We will see you when **EDGE** returns September 6. All  $6-8^{th}$  graders are welcome to join us.

## 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 **August 9** as we continue our study on the *Acts of the Apostles*, chapters 14-15.

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## **VOCATIONS CORNER**

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"This is My beloved Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!" Trust in God. God nourishes us abundantly.

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

**Contact Fr. Joshua Weaver, Vocation Director:** frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org or (717) 657-4804 Ext. 282

#### The Vocation Cross will be in the home of: Crystal & Matt Wright: Aug. 13-20 Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Buser & Family: Aug. 20-27

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

## **DAUGHTERS OF MERCY**



#### 2023 Week 9 Raffle Winners:

- 1. \$100.00-Kathy Gagliardi, Vineland, NJ
- 2. \$50.00-Kathleen Surace, Vineland, NJ
- 3. \$50.00-Jackie Purvis, Naples, FL
- 4. \$50.00-Karen Cifaloglio, Vineland, NJ
- 5. \$50.00-Maryanne Ingling, Vineland, NJ

Tickets can be purchased at the Parish and School offices for a \$20 donation. For more details, contact the Convent at (717) 533-2864. **Save the Date** 

## **HAPPENINGS & EVENTS**

#### **Festival Volunteer Appreciation Party!** August 26

#### (following the 5:00 pm Mass at the Åreba Campus near the playground)

With your help, we had our best Festival ever and we want to thank our volunteers, and celebrate our success, and hear your ideas for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival!

We'll serve burgers and dogs. You bring a covered dish to share, beverage and a lawn chair.

We look forward to seeing all of our volunteers!

**RSVP** to Karen at karencwilley@gmail.com no later than August 18 so we know how many to plan for and what you might bring.



Partner with Morning Star Pregnancy Services to help women, children and families in Central PA. Held on Saturday, September 16, at Harrisburg's City Island, Morning Star's annual Shooting Star 5K Run and Walk for Life is a fun event for the entire family. There will be musical entertainment, City Island train rides and carousel, bounce house, free pancake breakfast and more! Prizes and medals will be awarded to the top overall male and female runner and the first place runners in each age category, and medals to the second and third place runners. Special prizes will be awarded to the top fundraisers!

#### Go to www.SupportMorningStar.com for more information and to register.



## School Supply Drive

Donations are needed for the Catholic Charities Immigration and Refugee Services Program School Supply Drive. Requested items include:

- Backpacks
- \* Pencils
- Simple Pencil sharpeners
- School erasers
- Pencil cases and pouches
  - **Basic calculators**
  - School Subject Notebooks
    - School Binders
      - School Glue
      - Index cards

**Drop** off rish office during regular business hours no later than August 11.

#### Harrisburg Council of Catholic Women Save the Date



All women of the Diocese are invited to join us at the Fall Mini Retreat, a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist on Saturday, September 16.

The retreat will be held at the Saint Katherine Drexel Church, 1 Peter Drive, Mechanicsburg. Our keynote speaker will be Betsy Schaedler. The day begins with registration at 8:45 am. Registration deadline:

September 5. Bring your rosary.

If you have questions, please contact Terri Gelles at (717) 398-9023 or email: tgelles@comcast.net.

## Women of Grace Foundational Studies

Seven Sorrows Catholic Church in Middletown will host Saturday Mornings 9:00-11:00 am beginning September 9 through November 11. (Excludes October 21) **Contact Chris Arnold** at carnold@womenofgrace.com or (717) 379-6041.

We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin: Lisa's Cafe

## MINISTRY NEWS

### **Building a Culture of Life**

Pro-Life quotes from Pope Francis:

"The right to life is the first human right. Abortion is killing someone that cannot defend him or herself."

-Cardinal Bergoglio with Rabbi Abraham Skorka in book 'On Heaven and Earth'



#### Areba Club

Join the Areba Club on **Tuesday**, **August 15** at 1:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall for an ice cream social. We hope to see you there!

Please contact Yvonne Martin at (717) 838-1535 with any questions.

#### Hershey Food Bank & Monetary Collection: This weekend: August 5 & 6



## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

The Saint Joan of Arc music ministries are actively seeking parishioners who may be interested in one or more of the following:

#### SJA Adult Choir:

The choir is actively seeking to increase the number of members in the group. All voice parts are needed at this time, especially sopranos and altos. High school and college students are more than welcome to participate as their individual schedules permit. Choir regularly sings at the 9:30 am Sunday Mass in addition to special Holy days and liturgies throughout the year. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:15, September through early May.

#### **Resurrection Choir:**

The Resurrection Choir is composed of volunteers who, as their individual schedules allow, participate in the funeral liturgies at St. Joan of Arc. The function of the Resurrection Choir is to lead and support the singing of those in attendance at funeral Masses. Presently, the Resurrection Choir does not schedule rehearsals.

#### Cantors:

Cantors lead the singing for Sunday and holyday liturgies. The main function of the cantor is to proclaim the Responsorial Psalm from the ambo and chant the verse of the Gospel Acclamation. Assistance is always available to cantors both in learning new music and reviewing what is familiar. Cantors are scheduled as their time permits.

If you are even slightly interested and/or have any questions regarding these ministries, **please contact Mike Davis**, **Director of Music**, through the parish office or directly following any of the weekend Masses.

#### St. Michael's Guard

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

#### Faith Enrichment-Room 321

We will be watching "The Chosen" mini series beginning:

- Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30 pm
- Thursday, September 7 at 10:00 am

Join us as we explore this very well produced telling of the Gospels from the perspective of the Apostles. Any questions, please contact Earl Tropp at (717) 533-7168 Ext. 122.

#### RCIA-Room 321

Sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 in Room 321. Come join us to explore the beauty of the Catholic faith. If interested, contact Earl Tropp at (717) 533-7168 Ext. 122.

### 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 information to sign up for a meal train, email: sjahershevplayandpraygroup@gmail.com.

**Caelorum:** There will be no Caelorum in August. You have our prayers for a fruitful summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in September. If you have any questions, please call Lou at (717) 215-4175.

**Road to Kindness** Summer is flying by, and we only have a few weeks left before the



new school year starts. Have you done a family kindness activity this summer? If not, there is still time...

Consider these wonderful books on Kindness that can be of help before the new school year starts. The first one being...*Kindness Starts with You-At School*. This book includes Kindness Bingo Game and a Weekly Kindness Challenge. It is a great book as your children get back to thinking about school.

The second book is....The *ABC's of Kindness*. "Starting with A and ending with Z, this beautifully illustrated book will show young readers the many ways they can make the world a kinder place."

The third book, *The Kindness Advantage: Cultivating Compassion and Connected Children* "is a practical compassion book for parents to teach their children empathy and compassion, how to impact and influence others, and cultivate what matters."

It is our role to help fill our children's lives with learning how Kindness can make a difference in everyone's life, and this is following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!"



Call Sister Eileen at (717) 533-2854 or email: sreileen@stjoanhershey.org.

## **NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS**

#### St. Joan of Arc School Enrollment is NOW OPEN!

Visit: http://school.stjoanhershey.org

#### "MONDAY KNIGHTS" VOLLEYBALL

Open Gym for Kids entering grades 5-8 August 7, 21, 28



Location & Time: School gym on Sand Hill Rd. from 6:30-8:00 pm \$5 cash, pay at the door Visit: <u>http://school.stjoanhershey.org/volleyball.html</u> Contact: karie.bogrette@gmail.com or 717-571-4169



## STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$29,897 Weekly Budget: \$28,846 Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$2,213 *Week of July 23, 2023* 



For Online Giving, Scan QR code: Upcoming Second Collection: Peter's Pence September 10, 2

Peter's Pence September 10, 2023



## MARRIAGE HELP WEEKEND FOR COUPLES

## September 29 Mechanicsburg, PA

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT OUR REGISTRATION TEAM @ 717-356-2185 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

## HELPOURMARRIAGE.COM

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**Open!** 





Registrations can be made from the Church website: stjoanhershey.org under Education Tab.

• 2023 Tuition: \$100 for 1 child; \$115 for 2 children; and \$130 for 3 or more.

**Catechists needed:** We are currently looking for Catechists for Wednesday afternoon REP sessions. We currently have openings for  $3^{rd}/4^{th}/5^{th} \& 6^{th}$  grades. We also have an opening for  $4^{th}$  grade on Sunday mornings.

Any questions, please call Earl Tropp at (717) 533-7168 Ext. 122 or etropp@stjoanhershey.org.



Our religious education program makes every effort to accommodate those with special needs. Currently we do not have a dedicated class, but options are available for students which could include a helper to provide 1:1 assistance in the regular REP class based on the needs of the child, or identifying a volunteer to provide instruction to your child outside of the classroom.

For more information, please contact Earl Tropp, Director of Religious Education.





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