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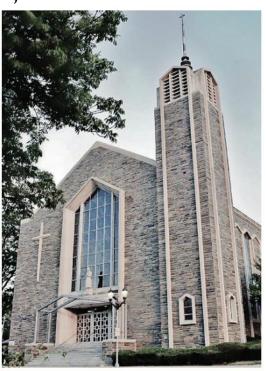
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



Next week is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church year. Like we do before the turning of a new year on January 1st, I thought it would be good to give you an "end of the year" report before Advent begins.

- If you remember a while ago, we were investigating the use of solar power at our school. I am glad to announce that Bishop Senior, at the recommendation of the College of Consultors, has given us permission to move forward with this project. Hopefully, we will begin installation in June and have everything ready for the 2024-2025 school year! We are anticipating saving quite a bit of money in utility costs.
- Our "Centennial Project" Capital Campaign came to an end this past May but we still have some outstanding pledges (\$380,000). If you can fulfill your pledge by the end of the year, it would be greatly appreciated and will help us in finishing the renovations at the school by completing the chapel on the 3rd Floor!
- Each Fall, we complete a Spiritual Report for the diocese on the life of the parish. It is extensive but just a few stats that I think are interesting:
 - ♦ We had 26 weddings in 2023, think about that...there are only 52 weeks in a year!
 - We had 36 deaths (the number for the Mass of Remembrance included funerals we did for non-parishioners)
 - ♦ We had 63 baptisms in 2023!

A good way to think of this is that if you have more baptisms than deaths, you are a thriving parish! As we start a new Church year next weekend, remember to pray daily for our parish!

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SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of *Lisa Knaby*, sister of Anne Marie Cordaro, who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy to her family and friends on their loss.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish in your prayers: Ann Cavanaugh, Michael Fleming, Julie Fogarty, Anne Severs, Barb McCarthy, Elizabeth Sauthoff, Joe Zugay, Kathleen Weiss, Christine Brunn, Maggie & Dave Dull, Christopher Jordan, Fred Bender, Barbara Kayser and Mary Beth Sheehan.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Blessed Mother

In Loving Memory of Tony Nestico from his family



In Thanksgiving from Lisa Balanda



First Friday Adoration

Join us for Adoration on Friday, **December 1** following the 9:00 am Mass in the St. Lucy Chapel with Benediction at 7:00 pm.



First Saturday Devotion

For the conversion of Russia, join us after 9:00 am Mass in the Church on **December 2** for First Saturday Devotions and Rosary. This month's intention is in reparation for offenses:

committed by men who publicly attempt to instill indifference, scorn and even hatred for this Immaculate Mother in the hearts of children.



2023 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24

CHURCH (AREBA AVE)
4:00 PM | 8:00 PM | MIDNIGHT
SCHOOL GYM (SAND HILL CAMPUS)
4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25

CHURCH (AREBA AVE) 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM

New Year's Day JANUARY 1 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, November 27:

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

6:45 AM Special Intentions for Father Jean Me'rat of

our sister parish in Haiti

9:00 AM Roseann Peak

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28:

Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

6:45 AM Edward Bielski

9:00 AM Colleen Dowling

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29:

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12, 19

66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

6:45 AM Rosemary Best

9:00 AM Mary E. Lewis

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30:

FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

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

6:45 AM All Souls

9:00 AM John Birli

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1:

Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81

Lk 21:29-33

6:45 AM Special Intentions for

Mary Kate Grzyboski

9:00 AM Jennie & Philip Fratti, Sr.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2:

Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 95, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

9:00 AM Gilda Villa

5:00 PM James Ross

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Come and save us from our sins.

Let us turn again to you and so be found blameless when you return in glory.

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 12:33-37

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Grandparents of Matthew & Jessica Schnupp

11:30 AM Deacon Mortel

5:00 PM Matthew, A.W. and Elizabeth Prang



YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen: Leading Teens Closer to Christ

This Week: No Life Teen-Have a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Life Teen will return on December 3rd.

Next Week: "Link in Bio"-We will demonstrate how we can trust the authority and wisdom of the Church in interpretating Scripture and move us to have a reliance on what Scripture teaches us.

2023 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

Dec 3 Life Teen-"Link in Bio"

Dec 10 Life Teen-"White Elephant Gift Exchange"
Dec 17 Reconciliation Service-We join the parish for

the Advent Reconciliation Service.

Dec 24 No Life Teen-Merry Christmas!

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!

EDGE (Middle School): Invite your friends for a fun night. We will meet next on December 6 & 20. All 6-8th graders are welcome to join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the Youth Room from 7-8:15 pm.



Life Teen Band: If you enjoy the type of music at the 5pm Sunday mass and can sing, Life Teen music ministry is seeking a female vocalist. The band rehearses one night a week and you must at least be a freshman in high school. **Interested or questions, contact Greg Rozman at (717) 571-8066 or email rozman@roz-man.com**.

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 **December 13** for the annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a wrapped gift of not more than \$10 to share with the group.

1 John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org

2 (717) 533-7168 Ext.128

VOCATIONS CORNER



The Vocation Cross will be in the home of: Mr. & Mrs. Ed Gliot: Dec. 3-10 Mary Parsons: Dec. 10-17

Tending the needs of others is a gift of service to God as well as those in need. Imagine that you chose to serve God as a deacon, priest, brother or sister.

What do you think/feel about this choice?

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

not know on which day

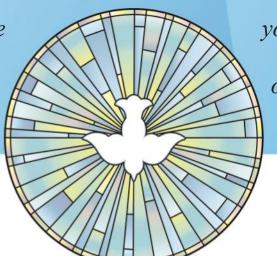
your Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42

Congratulations to the

who were Confirmed

Ethan *Xavier* Angelo
Marlee *Teresa* Bentz
Colton *Francis* Brace
Kaitlin *Therese* Buser
Sophie *Catherine* Chardo



young men and women on November 18, 2023

Anastasia *Cecelia* Milunic Jude *Francis* Mortelliti Benjamin *Michael* Nweze Julia *Augustine* Palmiery Autumn *Sebastian* Parker

Cayden *Christopher* Pastal Veronica *Esther* Paterno

Corinne *Christina* Petko

Cadence Gemma Chizmar CONFIRMATION
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Ian Andrew Coates

Teagan Alexandra Crozier

Sarah Nicholas Dahl

Sevrin *Blaisé* Dion

Michael Patrick Dugan

Cassidy Therese Dunn

Kiara Blaise DyReyes Wuite

Anthony Anthony Fogle

Ryan Patrick Foley

Claire Ava Gidusko

Ella *Rose* Gingrich

Drew Sebastian Grana

Lance Anthony Hamilton

Barack *Michael* Hassan

Vivian *Christina* Kaiser

Margaret Bridgid Katzenmoyer

Jacob Sebastian Kline

Emma **Gemma** Krom

Matthew *Luke* Krom

Justin Thomas Lagman

Benjamin Maximillian Lowden

Joseph *Edmund* Matas

Daniel Robert McGurrin

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gabrielle *Therese* Pham Rayann *Elizabeth* Purdy Grace Frances Reider Lucy Sabina Reider Blake **Sebastian** Shakal Andrew John Shiffler Benjamin Anthony Silvis Anna Francis Stoltzfus Magdalene Bridgid Strader Arthur *Augustine* Stuart Evan **Sebastian** Sullivan Rowan Sebastian Tressler Sterling *Nicholas* Weader Cole *Hubert* Weller Savannah Anne Wheeler Schuyler Sebastian Willi Erik *Albert* Wingert Riley Nicholas Woodford Lucas **Sebastian** Worrall Amelia *Catherine* Yurich Albert Lawrence Zaccaria

Ethan Patrick Zulli

MINISTRY NEWS

Building a Culture of Life

"Euthanasia is a grave violation of the law of God, since it is the deliberate and morally unacceptable killing of a human person."

Pope John Paul II

Hershey Food Bank & Monetary Collection:

Next Collection: December 2 & 3

Did you know? The Hershey food bank provides food, non-perishables, meats, dairy, breads and desserts, produce, including fruit, paper products, diapers, and personal care items to all our registered clients. They select what they need, when they shop.

Thank you for your support.

Road to Kindness

Next week starts our beautiful Advent

Season 2023! This is such a special time in our church year and one that connects perfectly into our Kindness Program. In the bulletin article next weekend, we will share the seventh Advent Kindness Program. We are excited and thank you for your support and care!

This week, in preparation, think about what you can do this Advent Season for you, your family and anyone that is close to you. Then, consider helping families that are struggling and may not be able to embrace the Advent Season. Our message today is: Become inspired this Advent Season and show your family and others that you Care. This is God's Way – The Road to Kindness. Embrace Kindness this Advent Season and it will become contagious.

CCW Thank you

Thank you to all the parishioners who so generously donated items for our CCW Christmas Bazaar. Thanks to those who came out to shop, eat and enjoy fellowship with each other. Our bazaar was a huge success because of you. Thanks to Father Al for making sticky buns and all his support to our CCW ministry. Thanks to Michelle and Jamie our custodial staff for setting up the social hall for our bazaar. Thanks to John Triscik and the youth group for helping us bring in boxes from the shed. Thanks to all the ladies of the parish who helped in anyway.

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

Companions in Care

HAPPENINGS & EVENTS



Hand-Carved Olive Wood Gifts from the Holy Land

Proceeds benefit Catholic schools in the Holy Land. December 2 & 3 Church/Social Hall (weather dependent)

Did you know that 600 Christian families living in Bethlehem are completely dependent on carving olive wood figurines for their livelihood? The recent clashes in the Middle East and Covid-19 have stopped the tourism industry in Bethlehem, causing most of those families serious harm in earning their living and forcing many of them to leave their homeland. In addition to Covid-19, the local government didn't offer any help for the families

who make these holy items, simply because they are Christians. As a result of these actions by the local government, the Christian families are devastated. Emptying the land of Christ from Christians can have tragic consequences on the Holy sites. Ramzi from "Bethlehem Arts" came to the United States with a mission to help those families by selling their beautiful religious handicrafts. The cost of goods goes to benefit the Christian carvers to keep them working in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the profit from sales goes directly to the needy Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land. The Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops and dioceses of Jerusalem.

Charismatic Healing Mass-St. Theresa's

The next Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing will be held on Tuesday, **December 5** at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa in New Cumberland. Rev. Matthew E. Cannon, Parochial Vicar will be the Celebrant. **For more information, call Mary Ann at (717) 512-3628 or Vicki at (717) 364-6260**.



HOLY HOUR of GRACE

Friday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. There will be a holy hour from noon to 1:00 pm in the church. After the 7:00 pm evening mass there will be an evening Holy Hour to pray for the end of abortion with exposition and

benediction of the blessed sacrament.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Giving Tree Program 2023 is underway! The parishioners of St. Joan of Arc have been very generous in the past in creating a blessed Christmas for our neighbors in need.

Trees decorated with ornaments listing recipients and suggested gifts will be in the church starting Saturday, November 25th.

If all the ornaments are taken before you have chosen one, you can make a donation to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul or the Hershey Food Bank and bring it to the Parish Center Library during the gift collection times listed below. You can also give electronically on the St. Joan of Arc online giving page under St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree.

Gifts and donations with the ornament attached will be collected in the LIBRARY ONLY before and after Masses on Saturday, December 9 (5:00 pm Mass only) & until 1:00 pm on Sunday, December 10.

Please note we cannot collect gifts before and after the Sunday, Dec. 10th 5:00 Mass as the organizations pick up the gifts earlier in the day.

Gifts will be distributed to local families in need, Morningstar (pro-life pregnancy center), Catholic Worker House, and various Catholic Charities: Lourdes house (home for pregnant women and infants), Interfaith Shelter (homeless families), Foster Care (for children to be placed), Shalom House (shelter for abused women and children), Evergreen (substance abuse shelter), Our twinning St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Jamaica, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at SJA and the Hershey Food Bank.

Thank you for your continued support.



Oplatki Wafers are available at the Parish Office or at the back of the church.
The wafers are \$3 per pack or 2 packs for \$5.



Collection bins are in the back of the church and at the parish office. Drop off new, unwrapped

toys by December 10. Any questions, call the school at (717) 533-2854 or email Deb Rizzotto at drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org



STEWARDSHIP

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

Weekly Tithing: \$24,888 Weekly Budget: \$28,846

Weekly Heart of the Parish:\$1,500

Week of November 12, 2023

Thanksgiving Day Collection benefits the Hershey Food Bank



For Online Giving, Scan QR code:

DECEMBER 10 SPECIAL COLLECTION



Please donate to help thousands of elderly religious individuals retire with dignity. Your donation will provide essential care, medicine and other necessities for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have served for decades-

usually with little or no pay. Let us show our appreciation by generously supporting those who have given so much.

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

Teacher Wish Lists

Teacher wish lists are available to view. These lists are provided by the teachers for much needed supplies and items for their classrooms. If you would like to donate, contact the school or view the list on the school website.



Night of Knights Gala

Save the date for April 20, 2024 for the Night of Knights Gala. This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize, dine and bid on fantastic auction items to benefit St. Joan of Arc School. More details to follow. Call the school with any questions and how to donate.

EMPLOYMENT

WINGS Program: Positions available for our after-school program from 3-6:00 pm.

- ♦ Monday through Friday; Flexible Hours
- Supervise students for snacks, homework and play.
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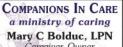
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