

# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# March 17, 2024

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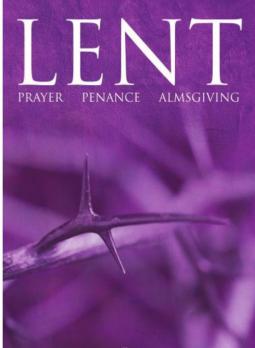
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#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." John 12: 23,24



As we all know, March 17 is the Feast of Saint Patrick. Surprisingly, here in the United States, his Feast Day is what is called an "optional memorial", meaning that it is the priest who can opt to celebrate this day liturgically or not. Of course, since Saint Patrick is the Patron of the Diocese of Harrisburg, his Feast Day is celebrated throughout our diocese and is a Solemnity in the Cathedral itself —until this year. There are certain days that replace all other celebrations. The Sundays of Lent are an example of certain days that cannot be replaced by other celebrations of the saints. So, this year, because March 17 falls on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, it is not celebrated liturgically. But that doesn't mean that we can't remember Saint Patrick and celebrate his Feast Day outside of Mass. From corned beef and cabbage to green beer to Irish Soda Bread, we can celebrate Saint Patrick's Day in all kinds of ways. But perhaps the best way to honor this great saint is to allow him to be a role model to us in the ways of Faith.

# CHRIST

BE WITH ME CHRIST BEFORE ME CHRIST BEHIND ME CHRIST IN ME

CHRIST BENEATH ME, CHRIST ABOVE ME CHRIST ON MY RIGHT, CHRIST ON MY LEFT CHRIST WHERE I LIE, CHRIST WHERE I SIT CHRIST WHERE I ARISE, CHRIST IN THE HEART

> OF EVERYONE WHO THINKS OF ME. CHRIST IN THE MOUTH OF EVERYONE WHO SPEAKS OF ME. CHRIST IN EVERY EYE THAT SEES ME. CHRIST IN EVERY EAR THAT HEARS ME.



# SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of *Gloria Fiaschetti* 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: Barb McCarthy, Maria Ettel, Jenny Fasnacht, Ann Cavanaugh, Fr. Charles McCann, Kaila Franco, Emily Ortiz Morales, Ken Schaffer, Jennifer Trostle, Bernie Ryan, Elizabeth Sauthoff, Joe Zugay, Kathleen Weiss, Christine Brunn, Christopher Jordan, Fred Bender, Barbara Kayser and Mary Beth Sheehan.

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# Lenten Parish Penance Service Sunday, March 17 at 7:00 PM



Come out for the *FINAL* 2024 Parish Lenten Fish Fry on: Friday, March 22 hosted by the Knights of Columbus from 4:30–7:30 pm in the Parish Social Hall. *Dine in or Take out Menu Items*: Choice of : Baked Fish or Fried Fish, Choice of one: Fresh cut French Fries, Macaroni & Cheese or Pierogies Choice of: Applesauce or Coleslaw. Prices are: \$12.00 (2-pieces of fish) \$14.00 (3-pieces of fish)





# SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE SJA KNIGHTS

#### **Open House**

There is an open house for prospective students on March 20, April 29, and May16. To sign up: Visit: http://school.stjoanhershey.org



# MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

#### MONDAY, MARCH 18:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11 6:45 AM Patricia Nestico

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Nocera Family

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 19:**

# SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

6:45 AM Special Intentions for the Lapioli Family9:00 AM Joseph, Peggy, Martin and Jan Stahl

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20:

**Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53-56; Jn 8:31-42** 6:45 AM Bill Cover 9:00 AM Dominick & Elizabeth Cifani and Family

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 21:

**Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59** 6:45 AM Paul Bixler 9:00 AM Daniel McCarthy

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 22:

#### Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

6:45 AM Fred & Irene Czarny9:00 AM Josefina Bigalli and America Rodriguez

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 23:

# SAINT TURIBUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

**Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56** 9:00 AM Special Intentions for the Testa Family 5:00 PM Barbara & George Ambrose

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 24:

# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his

Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spiting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.

#### Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

7:30 ам	People	of the	Parish
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- 9:30 AM For all living and deceased members of the George and Mary Holobetz Family
- 11:30 AM Andrew Hricak
- 5:00 PM Susan Young

# YOUTH NEWS

### Life Teen: Leading Teens Closer to Christ

*This Week:* Life Teen will join the parish in our Lenten reconciliation Service. Lent is a great time to go to confession before we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. We will continue our tradition of Primanti's and Penance.

*Next Week:* On Palm Sunday, we continue our series on the life of Jesus by looking at His Passion and death as we enter into Holy Week.

#### **2024 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule**

March 24	Life Teen-"Seeing the Way"
March 31	No Life Teen nor 5:00 pm Mass-Happy Easter
April 7	Life Teen- "Seeing the Unseen"
April 14	No Life Teen

#### **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 March 20 and welcome the Haiti Committee to speak on Almsgiving. All 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <u>rozman@roz-man.com.</u>

## YOUNG ADULT FAITH

Calling **Young Adults** between the ages of 21-39, married or single! We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Youth Room. Young Adults will gather next on **March 27** as we continue our series on the Psalms. **()** John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org **()** 533-7168 Ext.128

# **VOCATIONS CORNER**

The Vocation Cross will be in the home of: Robert & Mary DeWitt: March 24-31 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Wolf: March 31-April 7

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

#### "The Father will honor whoever serves me."

Are you being called to belong to Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at (717) 657-4804 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org



Celebrate SJA Festival's Golden 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by donating your old, new, gently worn (even broken) jewelry to add even more sparkle to this auspicious event! Drop off your "treasures" at the church office.

Consider joining the Jewelry Team, helping to sort, clean, price, repair, display and sell.

Call Aura with any questions; leave a message at (717) 533-6317.

# **2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

<u>Palm Sunday</u> Regular Weekend Schedule (9:30 live-stream)

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Masses - 6:45 & 9:00 AM

<u>Tuesday, March 26</u> Tenebrae - 8:00 PM (*live-stream*)

### Holy Thursday, March 28

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

#### Good Friday, March 29

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, March 30

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

### Easter Sunday, March 31

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

# **STEWARDSHIP**

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

Weekly Tithing: \$35,265 Weekly Budget: \$28,846 Weekly Heart of the Parish:\$2,298

Week of March 3, 2024

This weekend's Second Collection: March 17, 2024 Catholic Relief Services



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Total \$ Pledged and Donated:	\$ 4,702,326.44
Total \$ Received:	\$ 4,481,177.10
Pledge \$ Balance:	\$ 221,149.34

% Pledge \$ Fulfilled:

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Your continued generosity to the Centennial Campaign is amazing. Your gifts have enabled the completion of the final phase of classrooms and the construction planning for the school chapel. An important ingredient of our 2024 plan is the reconciliation of campaign pledges. As of March 11<sup>th</sup>, our outstanding pledge balance was \$221,449.34. This is an improvement of over \$12,000 since our last update! Many pledges are actively being paid down, but there are many that are idle. It is our fervent prayer that those pledges are renewed again. A pledge payment to the campaign is never late and always needed. We are also extremely grateful for the add-ons to pledges by many of our parishioners, and we invite all those who can to pitch in. "Many hands make the work light." Should you have any questions about your pledge commitment, please don't hesitate to contact Jerry at the Parish Office. Thank you!

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Discount tickets to HERSHEYPARK are available to the friends and families of our parish at a significant savings. Order forms are available at the back of the church or at the parish office.

Orders and payment MUST be received in the parish office by

# Friday, April 19, 2024.

Please make checks payable with **EXACT** amount to: St. Joan of Arc.



# MINISTRY NEWS



#### **Council of Catholic Women**

Please contact our search committee listed below to join the board or be on a commission for the Council of Catholic Women:

- Pam Meinert: <u>pammeinert@gmail.com</u>
- Kathy Pantalone: <u>kapantalone@hotmail.com</u>
- Catharine Scott:<u>cmscott0987@gmail.com</u>
- Mauree Gingrich: <u>magingrich@verizon.net</u>

### **Grief Companion Support Group Coffee**

Enjoy the community and companionship of your fellow parishioners on **Thursday**, **March 21** in the Parish Office from 6:30-8:30. Light refreshments served. All are welcome. *No RSVP required*. For more information, call or text Christine Stickler at (717) 514-2560.

#### Caelorum

Please join us in the Church at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 3. Father Key will preside and a reception will be held afterwards in the Parish Library. Join your Brothers and Sisters in this Lenten season as we praise, worship and adore our Lord Jesus Christ in his most holy presence in the Eucharist. If you have any questions, please call Lou at (717) 215-4175.



**Road to Kindness** 

In our 40 Days of Lenten Kindness Program, we have five (5) common acts of Kindness that you can do. These include: Saying a prayer for someone; Saying "The Our Father" as a class or family; Lighting a candle in church and saying a prayer for someone; Praying a decade of the Rosary; Saying a prayer for a family member. The common theme in all of these is to Pray!

You might ask, why is Praying an Act of Kindness? We call this an Intercessory Prayer, which is the form of prayer where you pray for someone else's needs instead of your own needs. This is a demonstration of your Kindness for that person, and you can intercede in prayer for one person, for your brothers and sisters, family members, groups of people, for those that are ill, etc.

Praying is so powerful! When you say a prayer for someone or for a family member, you are sending them your love and compassion. Prayers are always appreciated, even when they are said in private. Why... because God hears them! Also, as you know through our readings and in the Bible, Jesus prayed and performed many acts of Kindness. To wrap up this article, we want to share a prayer from Christian Community:

"Tender Jesus, so meek, so mild, teach us to be like You in all our ways. Teach us kindness, gentleness, generosity, and to be giving, forgiving, loving, and caring.

Teach us to Pray for every person that comes across our path or enters our mind today!"

Thank you for your prayers and for following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness" during these 40 days of Lent!

#### Join the Knights of Columbus

Founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New



Haven, Conn., and a group of parishioners. Their intent? To bring financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families. To join, scan the QR code and enter 6693 under preferred local council. Any questions, talk with a Knight.

### Hershey Food Bank & Monetary Collection:

Next collection, April 6 & 7. Collections will be the first weekend of each month. 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 registered clients. They select what they need, when they shop. Thank you for your support.

#### Knights of Columbus-Men on a Mission



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a "Men's Communion Breakfast" on **Sunday, April 28** following the 9:30am mass in the Parish Social Hall. All men in the parish and their guests are encouraged to attend. Join us to show our Catholic Brotherhood here at SJA. Father Al will be the guest speaker. **Registration information will be available in next week's bulletin.** 

#### **Parish Lending Library**

All are welcome to visit the new parish lending library with expanded resources in the parish center (old school library) anytime the building is open. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pam at (717) 304-6238.



### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Just a reminder, there are prayer shawls available at the parish office for your loved ones, stop by anytime during regular business hours to pick one up.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 1:00-3:00 pm in Room 314. Join us to knit or crochet prayer shawls and lap robes. No experience necessary! We are happy to teach beginners. Please contact Norberta (Bert) Curran at (302) 228-9735 or Kathy Palmer at (717) 566-1481 with any questions.

# SJA Girl Scout Troops Easter Flower

Pick up at Parish Social Hall on Saturday, March 23 from 9-11:00 am. Any questions, contact Betty Roksandic at (717) 648-8631 or b.roksandic@yahoo.com



# OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

# **Diocese of Harrisburg Passes Annual Youth Protection Audit**

HARRISBURG, Pa. – The Diocese of Harrisburg has once again been found in compliance with the U.S. Bishops' "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People." The annual audit was conducted in September by StoneBridge Business Partners, a Rochester, NY firm contracted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Diocese has passed this independent audit of its child protection procedures every year since the policy was adopted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002.

"The Stonebridge audit is an independent confirmation of the annual efforts the Diocese of Harrisburg takes to follow the Church's rigorous youth protection standards, demonstrating our commitment to keeping all children in our care safe. I am grateful to our clergy, consecrated religious, staff and volunteers who work daily to ensure we have safe environments in our parishes, Catholic schools and all programs," said Bishop Timothy Senior, Bishop of Harrisburg.

"I am grateful for the exemplary efforts that our clergy, staff, and volunteers make each day to keep our children safe as shown in the on-site audit results, and by their commitment to our Youth Protection Program, which is vital to the Church's pledge to do everything in our power to protect children and vulnerable adults," said Michelle Shae, Director of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Harrisburg.

StoneBridge Business Partners conducts the annual compliance audits of the nation's 195 dioceses. This year, the Diocese of Harrisburg's audit was in person with the audit team, which occurs every three years. As an onsite audit, in addition to providing written documents demonstrating our compliance with the Charter, the process also included interviews with Diocesan staff who work with our Safe Environment and Youth Protection programs, members of the Diocesan Review Board, select members of the clergy, and Bishop Senior. Site visits to randomly selected parishes and Catholic schools in the Diocese were also part of the audit process. During these visits, the auditors met with parish and school staff to review that location's youth protection procedures. Some of the written information reported this year included:

- 12,786 students enrolled in Catholic schools in the Diocese or in parish religious education programs in the Diocese received Safe Environment training.
- 150 priests, along with 71 permanent deacons and 29 candidates for ordination (seminarians and candidates for the permanent diaconate) completed background checks and safe environment training.
- 836 educators and administrators in Diocesan Catholic schools, 1,812 employees of the Diocese or its parishes across fifteen counties and 7,855 volunteers at schools, parishes and Diocesan facilities have received training on how to keep children safe.

The Diocese of Harrisburg provided all the requested information to the auditors, which they confirmed to be complete in their final report. This annual audit evaluates each diocese's efforts to ensure the protection of children, including criminal background checks and educational awareness programs on recognizing and preventing abuse.

The Diocese of Harrisburg's Safe Environment Office ensures that Charter standards are continually met. For more information on the Diocese of Harrisburg's Safe Environment Program, visit www.youthprotectionhbg.com.



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