

Ministry of Healing

Please let the parish office know if you or a family member is sick, in the hospital, or suffering. We have resources available for you. We would like to help arrange for Communion visits, phone calls, meals, etc. Please know your parish cares and wants to help. Please contact Deacon Jim or Cherry Macababbad in the parish office at (757) 898-5570. Your call is confidential; we will only put names for prayers in the bulletin if you specifically request it. Please be sure to call when it is time to remove a name from the prayer list. Thank you.



York Convalescent Center
Gabriella (Lita) Debeaulieu

Prayers for Recovery

Lois Chesley
Alex and Anne Cipriano
Alessandrea Elefante
Genevieve Graham

Christine Grosshans
Sylvia Harman
Elizabeth Johnson
Isabella Rice

Daily Readings

Sunday, April 24

Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a,
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday, April 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday, April 26

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, April 27

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, April 28

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday, April 29

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, April 30

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 1

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29;
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

*A new commandment I give
unto you, That ye love one
another; as I have loved you,
that ye also love another.*

John 13:34



Liturgies & Meetings

Sunday, April 24

- 8:30 AM Mass (Bernadette Boyd)
- 9:45 AM Food for the Poor, Kitchen
- 9:45 AM K-5 Faith Formation, Classrooms
- 11:00 AM Mass (+ Frank Murphy),
Rite of Welcome for the Already Baptized
- 6:30 PM Lifeteen/Edge Faith Formation, JP II, WS, F & H

Monday, April 25

- 6:00 PM Monday Evening Scripture Study,
WS, Rooms D, E & G
- 6:00 PM Boy Scouts, SH, JP II
- 6:30 PM Legion of Mary, F & H

Tuesday, April 26

- 9:00 AM Morning Mass
- 6:30 PM Youth Ministry, MFH, SH
- 7:00 PM RCIA, F & H, JP II

Wednesday, April 27

- 9:00 AM Morning Mass
- 7:00 PM Praise & Worship, WS
- 7:00 PM K of C Council 7469 Meeting, JP II, SH, Kitchen
- 7:00 PM K of C Ladies Auxiliary, F & H

Thursday, April 28

- 9:00 AM Morning Mass
- 10:00 AM Stitchers, F & H
- 6:30 PM Thursday Night Scripture Study, SH

Friday, April 29

- 9:00 AM Morning Mass (Rev. Michael Joly)
- 12:00 PM Annual Women's Club Luncheon, JP II

Saturday, April 30

- 9:30 AM CRHP Ladies, MFH
- 10:00 AM First Eucharist Practice, JP II
- 3:00 PM Baptism (Ziltz), WS
- 4:30 PM Reconciliation
- 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday, May 1

- 8:30 AM Mass (Deacon Phil Wilkinson)
- 9:45 AM May Crowning, WS
- 9:45 AM K-5 Faith Formation, Classrooms
- 11:00 AM Mass (The Texas Nuns)
- 12:30 PM Baptism Prep
- 6:30 PM Lifeteen/Edge Faith Formation, JP II, WS, F & H

Welcome

We welcome those who are visiting or are new to St. Joan of Arc Parish. We invite you to register as members of our parish family. Registration forms are available in the parish Commons and the Welcomer will be glad to assist you with any questions or with filling out the forms.

Note to All Those Gathered

Receiving the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, is at the heart of what it is to be a faithful, worshipping Catholic. Therefore, please receive Holy Communion only if you are **IN COMMUNION** with the Lord and His Church and have observed a fast preparing to receive the Eucharist. We are *in communion* with the Lord if we have not seriously violated our duty to worship the Lord at Sunday or Holy Day Mass nor seriously offended human life. The Eucharistic Fast involves abstaining from all food or drink for one hour (exceptions exist for those 60 years of age or older, or for those who are ill). Medicines and water do not break the Eucharistic Fast.

If the Sacrament of Reconciliation is needed so that we are readmitted to Holy Communion, we must receive that beautiful forgiveness first. Those who are not Catholic should respect what this Sacrament is to Catholics, and either remain seated and prayerfully thankful, or step forward to receive a blessing.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The R.C.I.A. process offers the opportunity for searching souls to arrive at the fullness of what Christ offers. Receive honest answers to your questions from parishioners and clergy and gradually journey closer to God in the fullness of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact the parish office at (757) 898-5570, or speak with Deacon Mark.

Vocations Chalice

Our parish began praying for vocations with the "Vocations Chalice" over five years ago. Since the beginning of this family devotion, St. Joan of Arc has received from God and "prayed into being" four seminarians studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Richmond and three permanent deacons. The "Vocations Chalice" is presented to a family, couple, or individual and is taken home and used during daily prayer as a focal point for an increase in religious vocations. Every two weeks, the "Vocations Chalice" is transferred from one prayerful family to another. If you would like your family to participate in the Vocations Chalice Ministry call Deacon Phil Wilkinson at (757) 369-5568 or email either pwilkinson@stjoanofarcva.org or jsatterwhite@stjoanofarcva.org.



Remembering Our Beloved Dead

In addition to the prayers lifted just after death and the prayers of the funeral Mass itself, a meaningful Catholic tradition is to have Masses celebrated for the faithful departed. These memorial Masses have infinite value for the souls of those journeying home to Heaven, as well as for those of us who remain and mourn. Masses may be offered at any time of the year. Catholics and non-Catholics alike may arrange to have Masses offered for their beloved departed family and friends. Please contact Cherry Macababbad at the parish office at (757) 898-5570 to schedule a Mass.



Parish News

Annual SJA Women's Club Luncheon



Friday, April 29, 2016 at 12:00 Noon
St. John Paul II Center

Entertainment by: Billy Mitchell

All ladies in the parish are invited!

This year's theme is Italian.

Bring a salad to share! Invite a friend!
RSVP to Yvonne Crow at (757) 898-5584.

Baptism Preparation Class: May 1st

The next baptism preparation class for parents will take place on Sunday, May 1st, after the 11:00 AM Mass. Please contact Deacon Jim for more information at (757) 898-5570.



Young at Heart

May dining out will be on Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:00 PM at Joe and Mimma's Italian Restaurant (Grafton Shopping Center). Telephone committee will call all regular members. Others wishing to attend, please call Bill Garber at (757) 898-4684 to confirm a reservation.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the 25 teens who were sealed with the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Tuesday, April 19th.



Faith Formation

First Eucharist

SAVE THE DATES!

Rehearsal:

April 30th from 10 AM-12 noon in the Worship Space

First Communion Celebration:

May 8th at the 11:00 AM Mass

May Crowning

St. Joan of Arc's annual **May Procession and May Crowning** will take place on Sunday, May 1, 2016, between the two morning Masses. We gather to honor Mary, the Patroness of our country, as we crown the Queen of Angels during a devotional service presented by our elementary faith formation students and the Legion of Mary. We invite family and friends to share in this devotion, and we ask all to bring flowers from their gardens that day to honor Our Lady of Grace.



During the month of May -- a month named for and dedicated to Mary -- Catholics around the world traditionally honor Our Blessed Mother with special devotional services like our May Crowning. The tradition in the United States and many other countries has been for schoolchildren to participate in a "May Crowning" ceremony, with a procession of students -- girls wearing pretty spring dresses and boys in their "Sunday best." During the service, a wreath of flowers is placed on a statue of Mary.

Our devotional ceremony begins with a procession of the elementary students, which includes our parish's First Communicants (dressed in their First Communion dresses and suits). We will have special readings, songs and prayers to honor Our Blessed Mother. She will be crowned with a wreath of fresh flowers after she has been blessed. A reception will follow in the Social Hall after the conclusion of the devotional ceremony.

A special thank you to all who have participated previously and now for helping to present such beautiful May Crownings!

Save The Date



Coming Soon!

Vacation Bible School
August 1-5, 9 AM to noon
Register online or in the Commons
starting June 1

Youth/Young Adult

SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIP

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MAY 31, 2016

Come join the St. Joan of Arc youth program this summer and help it flourish and grow by offering your time and talents to the Lord!

Interns will have many opportunities, such as:

- developing a hands-on approach in Youth Ministry
- mentorship from our youth team
- gaining leadership experience
- a part-time position in Christ's Church
- the chance to work in a high energy ministry

Interns must be in college or of college age. All interested applicants should inquire at the parish office at (757) 898-5570.

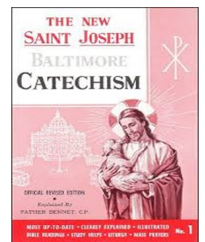
The New St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism

Question of the Month—April

Question: What is a Sacrament?

Answer: A Sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.

Catechesis: Three things are necessary to make a Sacrament. There must be: (1) "An outward," that is visible, "sign"; (2) this sign must have been instituted or given by Our Lord; (3) it must give grace. Now, a sign is that which tells us that something else exists. Smoke indicates the presence of fire. A red light on a railroad tells that there is danger at the spot. Therefore, the outward signs in the Sacraments tell us that there is in the Sacraments something we do not see and which they signify and impart. For example, the outward sign in Baptism is the pouring of the water on the head of the person to be baptized, and the saying of the words. Water is generally used for cleaning purposes. Water, therefore, is used in Baptism as an outward sign to show that as the water cleans the body, so the grace given in Baptism cleans the soul. It is not a mere sign, for at the very moment that the priest/deacon pours the water and says the words of Baptism, by the pouring of the water and saying of the words with the proper intention the soul is cleansed from Original Sin; that is, the inward grace is given by the application of the outward sign. Again, in Confirmation the outward sign is the anointing with oil, the Bishop's prayer, and the placing of his hands upon us. Now what inward grace is given in Confirmation? A grace which strengthens us in our faith. Oil, therefore, is used for the outward sign in this Sacrament, because oil gives strength and light.



Parish Ministries

Parish Council

Finance Council	Daniel Burton
Pastoral Council	Bill McHenry

Pastoral Ministry

Baptism Coordinator	Deacon Jim
Liturgy Committee	Deacon Jim & Jerry Wilkins

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers	Tom O'Reilly
EMHCs	Denis Morhiser
Hospitality	Mark Mulvaney & Marshall Bradley
MCs	Jerry Wilkins
Music	Lyudmila Syrochkina
Readers	Carl Chesley & Patti Komornik

Organizations

Knights of Columbus	Lloyd Knepp
Ladies Auxiliary	Lynda Fairman
Legion of Mary	David Cienski
Women's Club	Yvonne Craw
Young at Heart	Bill Garber

Non-Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linens	Dixie Nowak
Arts & Environment	Gerry Cannon
Bereaved	Tom Carroll & Al Jury
Building Maintenance	Hank Rose & Dave Marin
Coffee & Donuts	Joan Jacobczak
Divine Mercy	Grace Dickens & Geri Leatherbury
Emergency Needs	Linda O'Dell
Kitchen	Bill Garber
Landscape	Jim Orband
Lazarus	Cathy Fowler
Manna	Cathy Fowler
New Evangelization	David Cienski
Sick & Homebound	Deacon Mark & Cathy Mueller
Social Ministries	Chris Lадnier
Vocations Chalice	Deacon Phil
Web Master	Trey Morris

*Now there are varieties of gifts,
but the same Spirit.*

1 Corinthians 12:4



Diocesan News

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

"Mercy, then, is the foundation of the life of the Church: the first truth of the Church, indeed, is Christ's love. How then can we not desire that all Christian people – pastors and faithful – rediscover and return to the center, during the Jubilee, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy?"

"When, in the evening of life, it shall be asked of us what we did to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, equally shall it be asked of us if we have helped people to set their doubts aside, if we have committed ourselves to welcoming sinners, admonishing them or correcting them, if we have been able to combat ignorance, especially in relation to the Christian faith and the good life." (Pope Francis Speaking to the plenary assembly of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith 29 January 2016)



Retrouvaille Marriage Repair

Do you feel lost and alone in your marriage? Do you feel hurt or betrayed by your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Are you thinking about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. For more info, call Deacon Jim Satterwhite or Chris Ladnier at the parish office, (757) 898-5570, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.



Athletic Summer Camps



Peninsula Catholic is offering summer athletic camps to children ages 10-18! Please visit peninsulacatholic.com or call (757) 596-7247 ext. 102 for more information and to register.