

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
Tamera David
Alessandrea Elefante
Genevieve Graham

Christine Grosshans
Sylvia Harman
Isabella Rice
Geraldine Rose
Natividad Strother

Meetings

Monday, December 26

6:00 PM Boy Scouts, SH, JP II
6:30 PM Legion of Mary, F & H

Tuesday, December 27

7:00 PM RCIA, F & H, JP II, SH

Wednesday, December 28

6:00 PM Youth Ministry, MFH
7:00 PM K of C Council 7469, Meeting, JP II, SH, Kitchen
7:30 PM K of C Ladies Auxiliary, F & H

Thursday, December 29

10:00 AM Stitchers, F & H

***Mass will be celebrated daily
during the Octave of Christmas
(December 26th—December 30th at 9AM).***

**Please see cover page for
reconciliation and Mass schedule.**

**When Holy Mass is not available,
a prayer service will take place.**

Vocations Chalice Ministry

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.



Daily Readings

Sunday, December 25

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Monday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59;
Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday, December 27

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Friday, December 30

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday, December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday, January 1

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

The nursery will be closed

December 25, 2016 and January 1, 2017.

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.

Parish News

Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, January 5th, at 7 PM in Room F/H. Come -- bring a friend -- and join us as we continue to explore the wonderful gift of God's unfathomable Divine Mercy. What better way to start off the New Year? For more information: Grace, (757) 218-0397; Geri, (757) 890-0165; Parish Office, (757) 898-5570.



Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation Class for parents will take place on Sunday, **January 8th**, after the 11:00 AM Mass. Please contact Deacon Jim for more information at (757) 898-5570.



Holiday Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed December 23-27 and December 30-January 2, 2017.

March For Life

The Knights of Columbus Yorktown Council 7469, in conjunction with St. Bede's Father Rizer Council, is sponsoring a bus trip to the March for Life rally held in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 27nd, 2017. The bus will depart St. Joan of Arc around 6:15 AM and proceed to St. Bede's Church for a Respect for Life Mass, then proceed to DC. Bottled water will be provided, but participants must bring food for the trip, if desired. We will return to St. Joan of Arc around 8:30 PM.

Our council has been allocated 18 seats and to defray the cost of the trip we are asking for a \$35 donation per seat. If interested, sign up in the Commons or contact Garth Hallenbeck at ghjh1@yahoo.com. Checks should be made payable to Fr. Rizer Council 6828. Payment is due by January 22, 2017.



Adult Formation

Monday Night Scripture Study

In "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass," Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before. Please join us beginning Monday, January 9, 2017, at 7:00 PM. For more information, please see Deacon Mark.



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.

Faith Formation

Is Your Child Registered for Faith Formation?

It is never too late to register for the 2016-2017 Faith Formation Programs. Online registration is available on the St. Joan of Arc website and in the Commons. Faith formation is available for all those entering kindergarten through 12th grade. K-5 classes meet between the two morning Masses from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM. Middle and high school classes meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Registration is also open for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please see Jennifer Sanders for more information.

Merry Christmas!

Faith formation will not be held on Sunday, December 25, 2016, and Sunday, January 1, 2017. Faith formation will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

Parents of children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, there is a parent meeting on Sunday, January 8, 2017, during your child's faith formation time (9:45 AM-10:45 AM).

The New St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism

Question of the Month

What is faith?

Faith is the virtue by which we firmly believe on the Word of God all the truths He has revealed.

Faith is BELIEF in God. Faith says, "I believe everything God has said simply because He has said it, no matter how impossible it seems; for example, the Eucharist is really Christ's Body and Blood."

Save the Dates

FIRST RECONCILIATION FAMILIES (2nd GRADE STUDENTS)

Sunday, January 8, 2017: Parent 1st Reconciliation Session, 9:45-10:45 AM in the John Paul II Center

Saturday, January 14, 2017: Parent 1st Reconciliation Session AND Children's 1st Reconciliation Retreat, 2-4 PM

Sunday, January 15, 2017: Celebration of 1st Reconciliation for 2nd grade students, 2 PM in the worship space

Youth Ministry

Do not forget about **Youth Group!** Youth Ministry is engaging middle and high school students both socially and spiritually from 6:30-8:30 on the 1st and 2nd Tuesdays and from 6:00-8:30 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. These nights start with an Emmaus Dinner and Wednesday nights will include Praise and Worship.

We are looking for one more group to assist in donating and providing a meal for Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Please contact Andrew McCarthy at amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org or call the parish office if interested.

Upcoming Youth Events

Sunday, January 15th - Monday, January 16th: Winter Lock-In! Mark your calendar! Join us after Lifeteen/Edge for our Winter Lock-In. Come with a pillow, blanket, sleeping bag, and a snack to share. Pickup will be at 8:30 AM on the 16th. Please RSVP by January 13th.

February 10 – 12 Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC)

This is a weekend event held each year to gather high school youth from all 145 parishes located in the Diocese of Richmond in one central location. The Conference is highly energetic, engaging, and an awesome opportunity for our high school teenagers to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate the amazing richness of our Catholic Christian Faith. The cost is \$145 for the weekend which includes the conference, meals, and a T-Shirt. Registration closes on January 10th.

Young Adult Ministry

Upcoming Events

Friday, January 20th – After Holidays Party: more information to come!

Friday, January 27th – March for Life Pilgrimage: Join Young Adults from across the country in our nation's Capital to stand up for LIFE! Contact the parish office for more information.

If anyone would like more information or to get involved with the Young Adult Community here at St. Joan of Arc, please contact Andrew McCarthy at amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org or call the parish office at (757) 898-5570.

Parish Ministries

Parish Councils

Finance Council	Daniel Burton
Pastoral Council	Bill McHenry

Pastoral Ministry

Baptism Coordinator	Deacon Jim
Liturgy Committee	Deacon Jim & Jerry Wilkins

Liturgical Ministries

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

Organizations

Knights of Columbus	Ricky Sowell
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	John Bryant, III & Tom Carroll
Building Maintenance	Hank Rose & Dave Marin
Coffee & Donuts	Joan Jacubczak
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 Lادنier
Vocations Chalice	Deacon Phil
Web Master	Trey Morris



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

1 Corinthians 12:4

Other Information

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 information, call Deacon Jim Satterwhite or Chris Lادنier at the parish office, (757) 898-5570, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.



List Serve

Would you like to be notified? The Parish formed a "list serve" which will inform you of updated information: changes of times of events or Masses, cancellation due to inclement weather, etc.

- To join send an e-mail to:
stjoanva-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and leave your name/names.
- You will receive an automatic e-mail response asking to confirm your request.
- Read all instructions, so you will continue as a member [it's free but you may have to yahoo occasionally to stay current.]

Time to update!

Do you have a new address? New phone number? Additions to your family? If you have had these or any other family changes since you first registered at St. Joan of Arc, please let us know so that we can keep an accurate roll for our parish.



Please contact Cherry Macabbabad in the office to update your parish registration at cmacababbad@stjoanofarcva.org.

Food for the Poor

The Knights of Columbus have a new process for collecting food donations for the poor and needy of our community. Many of you have noticed the brown, wicker basket in front of the John Paul II Center. The basket will be used to collect your donations and taken to the York County Food Closet on a weekly basis rather than monthly. They will be gathered after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday each week. So, if you forget one week don't worry, you can bring it the next week. Please be generous as you always are!