

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 Macababba 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.

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



York Convalescent Center
Gabriella (Lita) Debeaulieu

Prayers for Recovery

Alex & Anne Cipriano
Yvonne Crow
Tamera David
Nicholas & Evelyn DeLaurentis
Genevieve Graham
Christine Grosshans

Sylvia Harman
Albert Jury
Marianna Marder
Hilda Penyak
Geraldine Rose

Daily Readings

Sunday, August 20

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28

Monday, August 21

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 22

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 23

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 24

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Friday, August 25

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22;
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 26

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 27

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 20

8:30 AM † John Bing
11:00 AM The Butler Family

Saturday, August 26

5:30 PM † Francis Ting

Sunday, August 27

8:30 AM † Harriette Jury
11:00 AM Carl Squire

Meetings

Sunday, August 20

12:30 PM Altar Server Boot Camp II, WS, SH
4:00 PM Eagle Scout Ceremony, JP II

Monday, August 21

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

Tuesday, August 22

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

Wednesday, August 23

9:45 AM Verso L'alto, MFH, WS
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, August 24

10:00 AM Stitches, F & H

Friday, August 25

6:30 PM Summer Movie Night, St. Joan of Arc, JP II, SH

Saturday, August 26

2:00 PM Parent/Confirmandi Meeting, JP II

Sunday, August 27

All Day Young Adult Richmond Pilgrimage

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

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

Upcoming Change in Mass Schedule

Beginning **Sunday, September 3rd**, the 11:00 AM Mass will be moved to **11:30 AM**. This change will accommodate "all youth K-12 receiving faith formation on Sunday mornings between the Masses," which is based on the survey that was sent out to Faith Formation families earlier this year.



Welcome

A warm welcome to you from our Lord, Jesus Christ and the People of God at St. Joan of Arc. Newcomers and visitors are invited to make this parish family your own. 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 presently not Catholic should respect the centrality of the Holy Eucharist in the life of the Catholic Church, and either remain seated and prayerfully thankful, or step forward to receive a blessing.

Parish News

Test God's Generosity!

St. Joan of Arc is a tithing Parish Family who knows that all we have is gift from God in the first place. Tithing is the practice of trusting God's promise and giving back to God first. The Lord established this spiritual exercise and trained His people how to become sound, joyful and free by giving to God first ("The tithes of the herd and the flock, every tenth animal that passes under the herdsman's rod, shall be sacred to the LORD." Leviticus 27:32; "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, That there may be food in my house. Put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, And see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you blessing without measure!" Malachi 3:10). All the faithful are directed by God to offer 10% of their "increase" (income) to the Lord. It is a profound counter-cultural statement of our gratitude to God and acknowledges our total dependence on Him from whom we receive all that is good in the first place.

Joyful Again

A new grief support group called "Paschal" is coming soon to the St. Joan of Arc Parish community. Grieving the loss of a spouse is one of the most profound experiences of life. Whether your spouse has died recently or it has been years, dealing with grief and its accompanying emotions can be complicated. It affects the physical, emotional, social and spiritual aspects of our lives. Our new ministry, Paschal, will introduce you to others who have lost a spouse and who are willing to share their experiences and how they cope with grief. Together and with God's grace, we hope to have peace, happiness, and joy restored to our lives. Please call Mary Roberti (804-505-1135 or 773-450-7312) or Carl Chesley (757-867-6873) for more information and to join our group.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation for Parents will take place on Sunday, **September 3rd**, after the **11:30 AM** Mass. The session will be conducted in one of the Religious Education classrooms. Please contact Deacon Jim for more information at (757) 898-5570.



Finance Report

July 2017

Total Registered Families as of 7/31/17	791
Operating Account: Monthly Budget (5 wks)	\$ 69,365
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 64,862
Variance	(\$ 4,503)
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (360 families)	45%
Operating Account: Year to Date Budget	\$ 69,635
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 64,862
Variance	(\$ 4,503)
Bldg./Debt Reduction: Monthly Budget (5 wks)	\$ 8,654
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 5,480
Variance	(\$ 3,174)
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (118families)	14%
Bldg./Debt Reduction: Year to Date Budget	\$ 8,654
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 5,480
Variance	(\$ 3,174)
Social Ministry: Monthly Budget (5 wks)	\$ 5,288
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 7,112
Variance	\$ 1,824
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (153 families)	18%
Social Ministry: Year to Date Budget	\$ 5,288
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 7,112
Variance	\$ 1,824
Monthly Diocese Contributions	
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 35

Adult Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA: A process of conversion for both adults and children who seek the fullness of Christ through the Catholic Church. The RCIA 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



*****NEW FOR 2017 – 2018*****

ALL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES WILL BE BETWEEN THE MORNING MASSES!

Elementary classes will meet from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM and Middle/High classes will meet from 9:45 AM until 11:00 AM.

Registration has started for 2017 – 2018 Faith Formation and Sacramental Prep. You may register online (<http://www.stjoanofarcva.org/religious-education/faith-formation/>) or in the Commons or parish office. The Faith Formation team at St. Joan of Arc is here to assist you every step along the way.

Why Should YOU be a Catechist?

Parents, please consider being a catechist. By being a catechist, you are a role model and reflect the beauty and Truth of your Catholic faith to our young people, and besides, it's fun and it's what we are called to do!

Here are the top ten reasons:

10. The best way to learn is to teach.
9. Catechists tell the Truth.
8. Sharing our Catholic Faith actually transforms us.
7. Your own faith will come alive.
6. You become an active part of the most active part of your parish.
5. A catechist is a role model.
4. You will be practicing stewardship.
3. You become a more fortified spiritual leader in your own family, whom you love so much!
2. It's fun.
1. It's what God calls us to do!

St. Joan of Arc Nursery

St. Joan of Arc Nursery is available during the Sunday morning Masses (8:30 AM and 11:00 AM) for those with children under the age of 3 years. The nursery opens 15 minutes prior to Holy Mass and closes 15 minutes after Mass. Our vision is to provide a Catholic environment with prayer and music for your child to help transition him/her to participating in Holy Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is offered at the 11:00 AM Mass for children 3—6 years of age.

The Nursery WILL BE CLOSED on holiday weekends (i.e. Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July weekend, Labor Day weekend), Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter.

For the safety and well-being of all in the nursery:

NO snacks

NO drinks

If your child has been sick within 24 hours of coming to Mass, please keep him/her with you to limit the spread of illness. If you are interested in being a parent volunteer for the nursery, please contact Jennifer Sanders (jsanders@stjoanofarcva.org/757-898-5570).

Youth Ministry

Youth Group

Remember **Youth Group!** Youth Ministry is engaging middle and high school students both spiritually and socially from 6:30 -8:30 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and from 6:00-8:30 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. These nights start with an Emmaus Dinner. Wednesday nights will include Praise and Worship. This week our youth group will meet **Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:00 PM** in the Mary Fisher House.

Confirmation 2017-2018

Saturday, August 26th—Parent/Candidate Information Session: All prospective Confirmation candidates and their parents are **required** to attend this kick-off meeting on Saturday, August 26th in the Saint John Paul II Center from 2:00 PM—4:00 PM. Come with any questions you may have about the process. At least one parent is required to attend but both are highly encouraged. Sponsors are also welcome.



Young Adult Ministry

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 27th – Richmond Day Trip: Young Adults, do you think God is calling you to be more involved in young adult ministry? Do you think you could assist in planning and executing events? If so, please join us. We will begin the day with Holy Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Following Mass we will participate in an Escape Room, participate in guided discussions, and experience many other adventures. RSVP by August 24th to amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org.

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is available. Please contact Fr. Mike, the Deacons or Chris Ladnier if you are in need.



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 Randy Vis & Tom O'Reilly
EMHCs Denis Morhiser
Hospitality Mark Mulvaney
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 Crow
Young at Heart Bill Garber

Non-Liturgical Ministries

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



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

1 Corinthians 12:4

Diocesan News

Diocesan Safe Environment Policy

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is committed to ensuring that diocesan institutions and ministries provide a safe and nurturing environment for children, young people and vulnerable individuals. The mission of the diocese *Safe Environment Program* is to create a safe environment incorporating the standards as outlined in the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. For more information visit http://richmonddiocese.org/child_protection_virtus/.

In a commitment to support and facilitate healing, individuals who have been sexually abused by a cleric, religious, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Richmond are encouraged to contact the Civil Authorities and the confidential Victim's Assistance Reporting 24 Hour Number (877) 887-9603 or in writing to the Office of the Bishop.

Be Inspired

Like us on **Facebook** and **Follow** us on **Twitter** for inspirational daily messages and the latest happenings with our Pope, Bishop, priests, deacons, seminarians, lay ministers, youth, events and general news about the Diocese. Join us in prayer and service. **Facebook** @RichmondDiocese and **Twitter** @RichmondDiocese

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Help increase your faith in your marriage by embarking on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend. The next weekends are: September 15-17, 2017 in Herndon, VA and November 10-12, 2017 in Atlantic Beach, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

Cursillo Mission

Led by the Holy Spirit, we grow the Body of Christ to be disciples through Piety, Study and Action.

Want to be a friend, make a friend or bring a friend to Christ, but don't know what to do or where to start? Consider participating in a Cursillo weekend. Cursillo is a three-day weekend that is fully sanctioned by the Catholic Church and Diocese of Richmond. The weekend is sponsored by lay Catholics with the assistance of priest and deacons. If you are interested in learning more about the Cursillo movement or participating in a weekend, email dmreaves@prismce.com or call (757) 874-5670. If you have made your Cursillo and do not currently receive emails from GHRCursillo, please also email or call to be added to our database.

The next Cursillo Men's weekend is scheduled for September 21 – 24, 2017, and the next Cursillo Women's weekend is scheduled for October 19 – 22, 2017, at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center.