

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.



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, September 3
Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27

Monday, September 4
1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 5
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 6
Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 7
Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 8
Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday, September 9
Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 10
Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 3

8:30 AM The Butler Family
11:30 AM Susan Squire

Saturday, September 9

5:30 PM The Vernier Family

Sunday, September 10

8:30 AM † Dixie Trial
11:30 AM † Patricia Ann Balsone

Meetings

Sunday, September 3

12:45 PM Baptism Preparation, Classroom

Monday, September 4

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

Tuesday, September 5

6:30 PM Youth Ministry, MFH, SH
7:00 PM RCIA, F & H, JP II, SH

Thursday, September 7

10:00 AM Stitches, F & H

Friday, September 8

6:30 PM Catholic Movie Night—*The Shack*, JP II, SH

Saturday, September 9

9:30 AM CRHP, MFH

Sunday, September 10

1:00 PM Parish Picnic, Kitchen, SH, Moat

**Please see cover page for
Reconciliation and Mass schedule.
When Holy Mass is not available,
a prayer service will take place.**

Reminder of Sunday Morning 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 our "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 have received all that is good in the first place.

You Are Welcome

Do you find yourself wanting to do more for our parish, but time is limiting factor? Do you wish you could give more, even just a bit more, and really make a difference? Is the Lord tugging at you to get involved as fully as you are able? Why not consider assisting with collections during Holy Mass? No formal training is required, just the ability to prayerfully walk down an aisle with a basket and let it pass from person to person, and then returning it to the lead Minister of Hospitality to be combined with all other offerings from the faithful at St. Joan of Arc. You may, if you would like, even carry the basket down as part of the Offertory from the people of God. We ask three things: 1. no shorts, 2. email our lead Minister of Hospitality, Mark Mulvaney(mark@harborg.com), to let us know you are interested and 3. inform the lead ministers that day that you would like to assist with the collections. It is as simple as that. You may even make it a family act of worship. Thank you for considering. God Bless.

House Blessings

God has made His HOME in human flesh. The human person is the only suitable dwelling place for the Eternal, Divine, Holy Presence of God. But, we, ourselves, also live in brick and mortar homes. What about blessing them?

The Church has a long and rich tradition of blessing the physical homes in which the sons and daughters of God (in Christ) dwell. A home blessing invites the power of God's grace essentially upon residents and visitors to the home, but also importantly upon doors, walls, floor, roof, sacred images, and all in the home. The blessing is a serious invitation for Christ to be the center and a permanent resident in the home. The blessing does several things: it consecrates the home, protects the family within, welcomes grace to lovingly heal and flourish in the family, and welcomes God's grace to impact all who visit.

This simple, yet beautiful and meaningful blessing may be performed at any time – new home (for your family) or old. If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact the Parish Office (757) 898-5570 to arrange a date and time for Fr. Mike or one of the deacons to visit and bless your home.

Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 PM in Rooms F/H. All parishioners are invited to join us as we continue to explore the Divine Mercy Message that Jesus gave to the world through St. Faustina.

For more information: Grace (757) 218-0397; Geri (757) 890-0165; Parish Office (757) 898-5570.



Young at Heart

Young At Heart Dining Out

"Young at Heart" dining out will be held on 5 September 2017 at "Smokey Bones," an American Steak House located at 12541 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, starting at 6 PM. Telephone committee will call all regular attendees. All others interested in joining the outing should call Bill Garber at 757-898-4684 to ensure accurate reservations.

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.

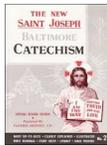
Registration has started for 2017 – 2018 Faith Formation and Sacramental Prep. You may register online (<http://www.stjoanofarcva.org/religious-education/faith-formation/>) or in the Commons or parish office. The Faith Formation team at St. Joan of Arc is here to assist you every step along the way.

The New St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism

Question of the Month for September

What is man?

Man is a creature composed of body and soul, and made to the image and likeness of God.



The likeness to the Blessed Trinity is found chiefly in man's soul, but there is a resemblance in the body too – not, however, in the body of one man alone, but in man and woman united in marriage and the child which is the normal fruit of the marriage.

“God created man in His image. In the image of God, He created him. Male and female He created them. Then God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply.’”(Genesis 1: 27 – 28).

Sacramental Preparation

Have you registered your child to receive First Reconciliation (God's mercy in Confession) and First Eucharist (Holy Communion)?

All the children in this program will be recipients of beautiful, focused preparation to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist. As per the Diocese of Richmond, “Preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion should be offered in the parish **in addition** to systematic religious education for children, as a separate and distinct program that combines parent-led home learning, with a limited number of catechist-led sessions for children, parents, or both” (Catholic Diocese of Richmond Instruction for Sacraments First Penance and First Holy Communion). You, the parent, are the “FIRST TEACHER” of your child in the Light of their Catholic faith. These preparatory sessions are for both your child **and** you, as the primary spiritual leader of your child, so that you, too, may be built up and nurtured in your own faith journey with the Lord and be better able to assess the readiness of your child to receive these Sacraments. Please see Jennifer Sanders for more information.

Youth Ministry

This has been an amazing and blessed summer filled with powerful encounters with the Risen Lord, great friends, and new experiences. We had eighteen youth join us at the start of July for the Steubenville Youth Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Through intense prayer opportunities, world class speakers, new friendships, and authentic encounters with Christ, they came away with a burning desire to “Elevate” their faith so that they fell more deeply in love with Christ in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. A few weeks later, thirteen of us drove down to Georgia again for a weeklong summer camp centered on Christ. Here, the teens were challenged not just through facing their fear during the 1,000 feet zip line, but spiritually through daily Mass, Adoration, dynamic speakers, small groups, and personal prayer. Each teen took seriously the theme and strove for a “Heart of God” in aspects of their lives. We also had four young men attend the Quo Vadis priestly discernment retreat hosted by the seminarians of our diocese.

Here at the parish, we have been busy! We have had many great youth groups this summer ranging from nights on prayer and spiritual calisthenics to Water Wars and a beach trip. We had several well attended trips to the local amusement parks which we began with worship at Holy Mass. We also had upperclassmen teens join us every Wednesday morning for Holy Mass and the Verso L'alto gathering. This group focused on diving deeper into their relationship with Christ and their understanding of the faith following the example of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati who kept his eyes focused “Toward the Top” or Verso L'alto. It has been a blessing to see many youth become more involved in the parish life serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Altar Servers, and Musicians.

Saturday, September 16th—Parent/Candidate Confirmation Information Session

Upcoming Youth Ministry Event

Saturday, September 23rd—Trip to the Adventure Park

Young Adult Ministry

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 21st – Theology on Tap - Join young adults from across the Peninsula at Jose Tequilas (615 Thimble Shoals Boulevard, Newport News), at 7:00 PM, September 21. Theology on Tap occurs on the third Thursday of every month. No RSVP required, just show up and have a great time!

Saturday, September 30th - Peninsula Frassati 5K Run/Walk – St. Joan of Arc is hosting a 5K Run/Walk for all of the Young Adults on the Peninsula! The 5K will take place on West Tour Road by the Battlefields, just down the road from the church building. The event will begin at 9:30 AM in the St. Joan of Arc front parking lot. The cost is \$15 to run or \$25 to run and receive a T-shirt. All money raised will go to the Lackey Free Clinic in Yorktown. Please register today by contacting amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org or calling the parish office at (757) 898-5570, ext. 17.

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 Terry Fairman
 Ladies Auxiliary Rachel Vis
 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

St. Joan of Arc Nursery

St. Joan of Arc Nursery is available during the Sunday morning Masses (8:30 AM and 11:30 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is offered at the 11:30 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.

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.

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 Diocesan Administrator.

Vocations Awareness

"What profit would a man show if he were to gain the whole world and ruin himself in the process."

Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Contact your parish priest or deacon or call Fr. Michael G. Boehling, Delegate for Vocations, at (804) 359-5661 or email mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.



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 Ladnier at the parish office, (757) 898-5570, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it." Learn how to more easily express love to our spouses by attending 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://renewmarriagevasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriagevasouth.org or (757) 690-1369.

