

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	Sylvia Harman
Yvonne Crow	Albert Jury
Tamera David	Marianna Marder
Nicholas & Evelyn DeLaurentis	Hilda Penyak
Genevieve Graham	Geraldine Rose
Christine Grosshans	

Daily Readings

Sunday, October 1

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11
Mt 21:28-32

Monday, October 2

Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday, October 3

Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 4

Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, October 5

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12;
Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 6

Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 7

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 8

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43

Meetings

Sunday, October 1

9:45 AM Middle/High School Faith Formation, JP II, MFH
10:00 AM Elementary School Faith Formation, Classrooms
1:00 PM Bereavement Group, MFH

Monday, October 2

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

Tuesday, October 3

10:00 AM Women's Book Group, MFH
6:30 PM Youth Ministry, MFH
7:00 PM RCIA, F & H, JP II, SH

Thursday, October 5

10:00 AM Stitches, F & H
3:00 PM York High School Football Team, SH, WS
7:00 PM Thursday Night Scripture Study, JP II

Friday, October 6

9:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration, WS
7:00 PM Young Adult Ladies Small Group, MFH

Saturday, October 7

9:30 AM CRHP, MFH
2:00 PM First Reconciliation Class # 1, JP II, F & H
5:30 PM RCIA Rite of Acceptance into the
Order of Catechumen during Mass

Sunday, October 8

9:45 AM Middle/High School Faith Formation, JP II, MFH
10:00 AM Elementary School Faith Formation, Classrooms
11:30 AM RCIA Rite of Welcome for Baptized during Mass
1:00 PM Bereavement Group, MFH

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

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 1

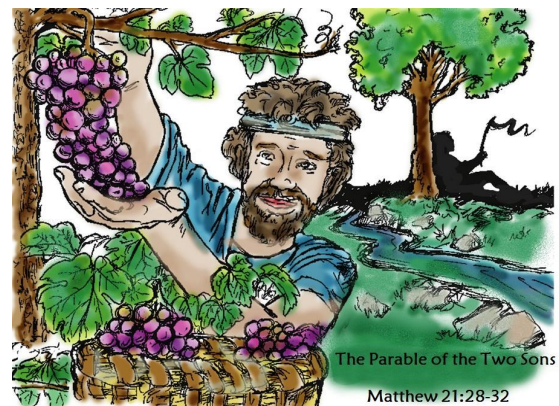
8:30 AM The Butler Family
11:30 AM † Frank Ehrhart

Saturday, October 7

5:30 PM † Doug McNeill

Sunday, October 8

8:30 AM † Ruth Riley
11:30 AM † Jay Watson



The Parable of the Two Sons
Matthew 21:28-32

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.

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).

Baby Shower

The Social Ministry is sponsoring a baby shower to benefit Catholic Charities of the Peninsula on October 14th and 15th. Please help mothers and families who have little to nothing for their precious babies. Blankets, onesies, sleepers and always appreciated are diapers. Look for our table in the Commons after Mass.

Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 PM in Rooms F/H. All are welcome to join us as we continue to explore the message of God's Divine Mercy as found throughout Sacred Scripture and in the mystic experiences of St. Faustina.



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

Pyxes

If you are no longer using a pyx to bring the Blessed Sacrament to minister to someone at home or the convalescent home, please return it to the parish sacristy. Thank you!



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

FAITH FORMATION HAS STARTED

Are your children registered?

It is not too late to register... 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.

ALL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ARE BETWEEN THE MORNING MASSES!

**Elementary classes meet from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM.
Middle/High classes meet from 9:45 AM until 11:15 AM.**

Please contact Jennifer Sanders (jsanders@stjoanofarcva.org or 757-898-5570) with any questions.

The New St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism Question of the Month for October

What is actual sin?

Actual sin is any willful thought, desire, word, action, or omission forbidden by the law of God.

On account of the sin of Adam, we, his descendants, come into the world deprived of sanctifying grace and inherit his punishment, as we would have inherited his gifts had he been obedient to God. This sin is known as original sin. Actual sin is sin which we ourselves commit.

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 week youth group will meet
**Tuesday, October 3rd at
6:30 PM** in the Social Hall.

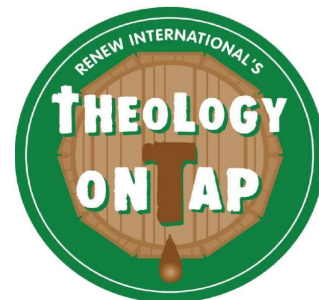
Upcoming Event

Sunday, October 29th – Middle School Youth Rally - The Middle School Youth Rally is a one-day diocesan gathering of middle school youth (grades 6-8). This event is intended to be a high-energy day filled with great talks from a keynote speaker, fun activities and games, and a chance to meet other youth from nearby parishes. This year, the rally will take place at Bishop Sullivan High School from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We will be car-pooling as a parish from St. Joan of Arc. The registration fee is \$45 and covers admission, lunch, a giveaway item, and a T-shirt. Register by October 10th by contacting amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org.

Young Adult Ministry

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 19th – Theology on Tap - Join young adults from across the Peninsula at Jose Tequilas (615 Thimble Shoals Boulevard, Newport News), at 7:00 PM, October 19th. Theology on Tap occurs on the third Thursday of every month. No RSVP required, just show up and have a great time!



Friday, October 20th – Young Adult Oktoberfest! Come and enjoy our 10th annual fall gathering at the Mary Fisher House. Enjoy traditional German food, good music, craft beer from St. George Brewery, and a bonfire! Please RSVP by noon on October 15th to amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org or call the parish office at (757) 898-5570. Childcare may be available upon request.

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
Paschal Mary Roberti
RCIA Deacon Mark Mueller
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

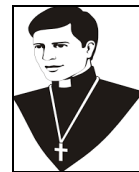
Diocesan Safe Environment Policy

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 Diocesan Administrator.

Vocations Awareness

"He humbled Himself and became obedient..."
If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? 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.



Vocations Weekend

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Discover your Call with the Benedictines!

The monks at Mary Mother of the Church Abbey in Richmond invite men 18 to 45 to a Vocations Weekend on October 20 – 22. This is an opportunity for you to discern your call through prayer, monastic liturgies, work, and recreation with the monks, Brothers and Priests. Contact the Vocation Director, Fr. John Mary, at (804) 708-9653 or vocations@richmondmonks.org or visit www.RichmondMonks.org.