

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

## Daily Readings

### Sunday, September 10

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

### Monday, September 11

Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11

### Tuesday, September 12

Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

### Wednesday, September 13

Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

### Thursday, September 14

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11  
Jn 3:13-17

### Friday, September 15

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27

### Saturday, September 16

1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

### Sunday, September 17

Sir 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7-9  
Mt 18:21-35

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, September 10

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

### Tuesday, September 12

9:00 AM Stephen and  
Teresa Wackowski

### Friday, September 15

9:00 AM † Nan Watson

### Saturday, September 16

5:30 PM † Martin Fisher

### Sunday, September 17

8:30 AM † John Bing  
11:30 AM Randy and  
Debbie Baker

## Meetings

### Sunday, September 10

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

### Monday, September 11

6:00 PM Boy Scouts, SH, JP II  
6:30 PM Legion of Mary, F & H  
7:00 PM Monday Night Scripture Study, Commons, WS,  
Rooms D, E, G

### Tuesday, September 12

7:00 PM RCIA, F & H, JP II, SH  
7:00 PM Marriage, Family & Life Committee Mtg, Room D  
7:30 PM Youth Ministry, MFH, SH

### Wednesday, September 13

6:00 PM Youth Ministry, MFH  
7:00 PM K of C Mtg, JP II, SH, Kitchen

### Thursday, September 14

10:00 AM Stitches, F & H  
7:00 PM Parish Council, MFH

### Friday, September 15

3:00 PM York High School Football Team, SH, WS

### Saturday, September 16

8:30 AM Iron Men Spirituality Group, Kitchen, SH, JP II  
2:00 PM Parent/Confirmandi Meeting, JP II  
5:00 PM Passion Play Prayer Ministry, JP II, Kitchen

### Sunday, September 17

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

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

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

## Reminder

**Our Sunday 11:00 AM Mass  
has moved to 11:30 AM.**  
This change allows all youth  
K—12 to attend faith formation  
Sunday mornings between the  
Masses. This change was based  
on the input from a survey  
sent 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.

### 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.

## 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.

## Women's Book Study Group

Are you interested in Catholic fellowship and good spiritual discussion? Then the Tuesday Morning Women's Book Study Group is for you. The study starts on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 following morning Mass and meets every Tuesday morning from 10:00-11:30 AM at the Mary Fisher House. We will begin by reading and discussing Matthew Kelly's book, **Resisting Happiness**. So, bring your copy of the book and join us on Tuesday, September 19. For questions, contact the parish office or Martha Wilkins at (757) 833-0256. Special Note: All women are welcome. If you do not have the book, "Resisting Happiness," simply let us know and we will help you get one.

## Passion Play Prayer Ministry

Passion Play Prayer Ministry will be meeting for all those who participated in the 2017 Passion Play **AND** for those who want to be a part of the next Passion Play. Every Lent, the Passion Play is a powerful experience for many hundreds of people at St. Joan of Arc who attend. It is powerful because of you. We will meet for the 5:30 PM vigil Mass and then share in a potluck dinner! Our meeting will start at 7:00 PM (for those who cannot worship with us). For more information and to RSVP, contact Debbie Kercher at dckercher@yahoo.com.

# Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION STARTS NEXT  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Are your children registered?

It is not too late to register... you may register on-line (<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 WILL BE BETWEEN THE MORNING MASSES!**

**Elementary classes will meet from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM.**

**Middle/High classes will meet from 9:45 AM until 11:15 AM.**

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

## 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 in 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 week youth group will meet **Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** in the Mary Fisher House!

## Upcoming Youth Events

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Adventure Park:** Up for an adventure? St. Joan of Arc Youth Ministry is going to Virginia Beach to experience a thrill filled park adventure which includes high rope courses, zip lines, and a lot of other challenges. With fifteen different color-coded trails ranging from beginner to advanced, there is something for everyone. Both middle and high school students are welcome. Tickets are \$30 per person. We plan to leave from the church parking lot on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00PM. In order to make this trip happen please RSVP by September 15<sup>th</sup> to [amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org](mailto:amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org) or call the parish office at (757) 898-5570.

**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – Virginia Catholic Youth Day @ Busch Gardens:** Enjoy Youth Day with the Diocese of Richmond. We will celebrate Holy Mass in the park and enjoy a great day filled with the deepest fun because of our faith. Please RSVP by October 1<sup>st</sup> to [amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org](mailto:amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org). If you do not already have a pass and would like to attend, please contact Andrew McCarthy for discounted tickets.

## Confirmation 2017-2018

**Saturday, September 16th—Parent/Candidate Information Session:** All prospective Confirmation candidates and their parents are **required** to attend this kick-off meeting on Saturday, September 16th, 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

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – 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 30<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto: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 Craw  
 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/](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

"Where two or three are gathered in My name..."  
 The community who gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might He be inviting you to consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood?



Contact your parish priest or deacon, or call Fr. Michael G. Boehling, Delegate for Vocations, at (804) 359-5661 or email [mboehling@richmonddiocese.org](mailto: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](http://www.retrouvaille.org).



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." Learn how to love your spouse even more 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://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or (757) 690-1369.