

## 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, September 17

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

### Monday, September 18

1 Tm 2:1-18; Lk 7:1-10

### Tuesday, September 19

1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

### Wednesday, September 20

1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

### Thursday, September 21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

### Friday, September 22

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

### Saturday, September 23

1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

### Sunday, September 24

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a  
Mt 20:1-16a

## Meetings

### Sunday, September 17

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

### Monday, September 18

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 19

10:00 AM Women's Book Group, MFH  
1:00 PM Women's Club Meeting, SH  
6:30 PM Youth Ministry, MFH, SH  
7:00 PM RCIA, F & H, JP II, SH

### Wednesday, September 20

12:00 PM Peninsula Youth & Young Adult  
Minister Gathering, SH  
6:30 PM K of C JP Washington Assembly, JP II, SH, Kitchen

### Thursday, September 21

10:00 AM Stitchers, F & H  
6:30 PM Thursday Night Scripture Study, F & H  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts, JP II & Room D  
7:00 PM Finance Council Meeting, Parish Office

### Friday, September 22

3:00 PM York High School Football Team, SH, WS  
7:00 PM Young Adult Ladies Small Group, MFH

### Saturday, September 23

9:30 AM CRHP, MFH

### Sunday, September 24

9:45 AM Middle/High School Faith Formation, JP II, F & H  
10:00 AM Elementary School Faith Formation, Classrooms  
1:00 PM Bereavement Group, MFH  
5:00 PM Confirmation Session 1, JP II, WS

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

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

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, September 17

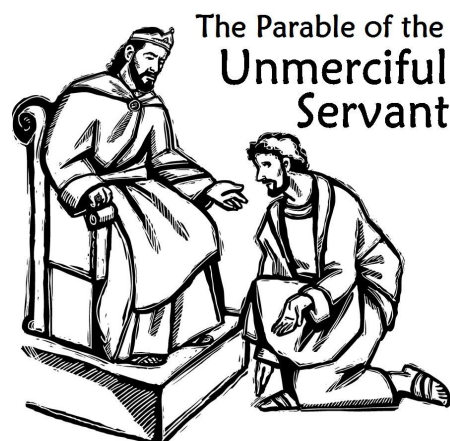
8:30 AM † John Bing  
11:30 AM Randy & Debbie  
Baker

### Saturday, September 23

10:00 AM † Joseph Buffa  
5:30 PM † Valerie Blevin

### Sunday, September 24

8:30 AM The Butler Family  
11:30 AM Joan Bing



## 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

### Welcome Back Fr. Paresh!

Fr. Mike will be away on a short vacation, beginning Sunday, September 17. Following that, he will attend a two-week Spanish course. During Fr. Mike's absence, Fr. Paresh, who spent time with us last year, will provide the Sacraments to the Parish and to our parishioners in the hospitals. Fr. Mike is required to attend the Diocese's Priests Convocation in mid-October. During this absence, Fr. Paresh will again celebrate daily Mass for us. Fr. Mike will be at St. Joan of Arc at various time throughout the duration of Fr. Paresh's visit. Please, warmly welcome Fr. Paresh back to St. Joan of Arc.

### Test God's Generosity!

St. Joan of Arc is a tithing Parish Family who knows that all we have is a 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.

### 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.

## Finance Report

### August 2017

Total Registered Families as of 8/31/17	790
<b>Operating Account: Monthly Budget (4 wks)</b>	\$ 55,492
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 54,811
Variance	(\$ 681)
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (335 families)	41%
<b>Operating Account: Year to Date Budget</b>	\$ 124,858
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 119,660
Variance	(\$ 5,198)
<b>Bldg./Debt Reduction: Monthly Budget (4wks)</b>	\$ 6,923
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 4,497
Variance	(\$ 2,426)
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (113 families)	13%
<b>Bldg./Debt Reduction: Year to Date Budget</b>	\$ 15,577
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 9,977
Variance	(\$ 5,600)
<b>Social Ministry: Monthly Budget (4 wks)</b>	\$ 4,231
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 4,015
Variance	(\$ 216)
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (114 families)	13%
<b>Social Ministry: Year to Date Budget</b>	\$ 9,519
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 11,127
Variance	\$ 1,608
<b>Monthly Diocese Contributions</b>	
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 12

## 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 STARTS TODAY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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 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 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 week youth group will meet  
**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30 PM** in the Social Hall.

## Upcoming Youth Events

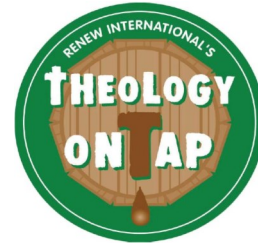
**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Adventure Park:** Up for an adventure? St. Joan of Arc Youth Ministry is going to Virginia Beach to experience a thrill-filled park adventure which includes high rope courses, zip lines, and a lot of other challenges. With fifteen different color-coded trails ranging 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 19<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.

# 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 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/](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

"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself." How is God calling you to live for others? Could it be a priest, sister, or brother? 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).

# Other Information

## 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](mailto:jsanders@stjoanofarcva.org)/757-898-5570).