

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

**Monday, September 25**  
Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday, September 26**  
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday, September 27**  
Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday, September 28**  
Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday, September 29**  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

**Saturday, September 30**  
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday, October 1**  
Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11  
Mt 21:28-32

## Meetings

### 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

### Monday, September 25

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 26

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

### Wednesday, September 27

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, September 28

10:00 AM Stitchers, F & H  
6:30 PM Thursday Night Scripture Study, F & H  
7:00 PM Finance Council Meeting, Parish Office

### Friday, September 29

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

### Saturday, September 30

All Day Young Adult 5K  
8:00 AM RCIA Pre Catechumenate Retreat, MFH

### Sunday, October 1

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

**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 24**  
8:30 AM The Butler Family  
11:30 AM Joan Bing

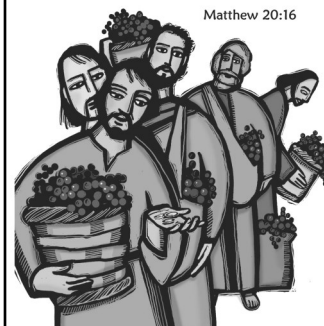
**Tuesday, September 26**  
9:00 AM Dave Marin

**Saturday, September 30**  
5:30 PM † John Campbell

**Sunday, October 1**  
8:30 AM The Butler Family  
11:30 AM † Frank Ehrhart

The last  
will be first,  
and the first  
will be last.

Matthew 20:16



## 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).

## 40 Days for Life Begins

Wednesday, September 27, is the first day of the Fall Campaign held in over 300 locations worldwide. Join with other volunteers from area parishes and churches who will fast and pray peacefully for one hour in front of the Peninsula Women's Center at 10758-A Jefferson Avenue in Newport News. For more information, contact Linda Riva at 757-887-3144; lindajr2@yahoo.com or stop by our 40 Days for Life table after Mass.

## 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.

## Book of Intercessions

*Located at the pillars in the Commons*

Whenever you enter the church you are invited to write any prayer you wish—a prayer of need, praise or thanksgiving—perhaps you will "lift up" someone who is sick or facing surgery—a prayer for peace, or a prayer of thanks for a couple's wedding or anniversary.



## 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 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  
**Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at  
6:00 PM** in the Mary Fisher House.

## Upcoming Events

**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. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 10:00 AM and transportation will be provided. Please RSVP by October 1st 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.

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – 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 10<sup>th</sup> by contacting [amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org](mailto:amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org).

# Young Adult Ministry

## Upcoming Events

**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.

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – 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 15<sup>th</sup> to [amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org](mailto:amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org) or call the parish office at (757) 898-5570. Childcare can be provided 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  
 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

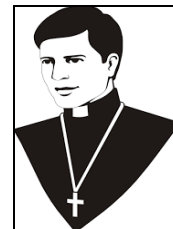
## Diocesan Safe Environment Policy

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/](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

"Seek the Lord while He may be found..." While seeking Him in prayer and the Sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are called by Jesus to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, 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).

