

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	Randy Vis

Daily Readings

Sunday, November 26 Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46	Thursday, November 30 Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Monday, November 27 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4	Friday, December 1 Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
Tuesday, November 28 Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11	Saturday, December 2 Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
Wednesday, November 29 Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19	Sunday, December 3 Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 26 8:30 AM † Burt and Ardis Butler 11:30 AM † Ron Menold	Saturday, December 2 5:30 PM † Rita Crace and † Joseph Crace
Tuesday, November 28 9:00 AM † Ed Fritz	Sunday, December 3 8:30 AM The Butler Family
Thursday, November 30 9:00 AM In honor of St. Andrew	

Meetings

Monday, November 27

- 6:30 PM Legion of Mary, F & H
- 6:30 PM Monday Night Scripture Study, Commons, WS, Rooms D, E, G

Tuesday, November 28

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

Wednesday, November 29

- 6:00 PM Youth Ministry, MFH

Thursday, November 30

- 10:00 AM Stitches, F & H
- 7:00 PM Thursday, Night Scripture Study, JP II

Friday, December 1

- 10:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration, WS
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Ladies Small Group, MFH

Saturday, December 2

- 10:00 AM First Saturday Mass
- 2:00 PM First Reconciliation Retreat, WS, JP II, F & H

Sunday, December 3

- 9:45 AM Middle/High School Faith Formation, JP II
- 10:00 AM Elementary Faith Formation, Classrooms
- 10:00 AM Parent Faith Formation Session, SH
- 1:00 PM Bereavement Group, MFH
- 2:00 PM First Reconciliation Celebration, WS, Confessional
- 6:00 PM Blessing of Crèche & Evening Prayer, WS

Please see cover page for Reconciliation and Mass schedule.

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

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.
Matthew 25:40



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 gifted 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.

Fifth Annual Outdoor and Family Crèche Blessing Sunday, December 3, 6 PM

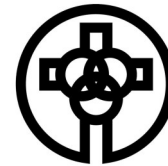


Join us again for our Family Crèche Blessing in the St. John Paul II Center! Setup will be on Sunday, December 3, from 3-5PM. Family Crèches will be blessed on Sunday, December 3, following the blessing of the outdoor Crèche at 6 PM and before Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM.

Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 7th
7:00 PM

The best way to spiritually prepare for Christ to increase in our lives is receiving first God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please make this Advent more meaningful through the confession of sins and the joy that follows.



Be reconciled!

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 8th
Masses at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Poinsettia Memorials

So that we may beautify the church for the Christmas season POINSETTIAS may be memorialized for your loved ones for a donation of \$20 for a small plant or \$40 for a large plant by Sunday, December 17.



Envelopes will be available in the Commons and the church office for your donation. These beautiful memorials may be taken home after the 11:30 AM Mass on the Epiphany of the Lord (January 7).

Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION HAS STARTED

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 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.

ALL parents of St. Joan of Arc are invited to attend the Parents' Faith Formation held EACH Sunday from 10-11 AM.

Bring your coffee and donut and join in the conversation with Deacon Phil Wilkinson and Dave Reaves.

Nativity Play and Pancake Breakfast

ONE DAY ONLY



Sunday, December 17, after the 8:30 AM Mass

Join us for our **Nativity Play and Pancake Breakfast!**

A special Nativity Play will be presented by the children in our kindergarten – 12th grade faith formation classes. After the Nativity Play, enjoy seasonal pancakes with all the trimmings you have come to expect at all our over-the-top pancake breakfasts! Proceeds will benefit the youth faith formation and ministry programs at St. Joan of Arc. Tickets will be available after all Masses December 2-3 and December 9-10 and in the Parish office starting December 4th.



Question of the Month for November

How many kinds of actual sin are there?

There are two kinds of actual sin: mortal sin and venial sin.

Mortal sin is a grievous offense against the law of God. It is called mortal, or deadly, because it deprives the sinner of sanctifying grace, the supernatural life of the soul.

Venial sin is a less serious offense against the law of God, which does not deprive the soul of sanctifying grace, and which can be pardoned even without sacramental confession.

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. 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 11:30 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.

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).

Youth Ministry

This week Youth Group will meet **Wednesday, November 29th at 6:00 PM** in the Mary Fisher House starting with the Emmaus Dinner.

Upcoming Youth Events

December 15th: Christmas Caroling
December 17th: Nativity Play and Pancake Breakfast

Friday, December 15th – Family Christmas Caroling:

Give back this holiday season with your fellow youth, young adults, and families. We will be visiting several senior living and nursing homes to bring gifts, sing songs, and spread the Good News that Jesus Christ is Born! All youth, young adults, and their families are encouraged to join us for this joyful evening. Please RSVP by December 10th.

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.

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 & Joe Badalis
Hospitality Mark Mulvaney
MCs Jerry Wilkins
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

"I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink." Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a priest? Contact your parish priest or deacon, or call Fr. Michael G. Boehling, Delegate for Vocations, at (804) 359-5661 or email mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.



Other Information

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.



Save the Date

Attention all St. Joan of Arc Women 18 years and Over
Christ Renews His Parish Women's Retreat
January 27-28, 2018

Please prayerfully consider reserving the date for this beautiful weekend of growing closer to Christ and other women of the parish. More information regarding registration to come in the next few weeks.