

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
Randy Vis

Daily Readings

Sunday, December 10

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8

Monday, December 11

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 13

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 15

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 17

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24;
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 10

8:30 AM † Augustine & Ruth
Burke
11:30 AM † Thomas Boehling

Tuesday, December 12

9:00 AM † Manuela Marquez

Saturday, December 16

5:30 PM Thomas & Patricia
Golden

Sunday, December 17

8:30 AM † Rosa Mercado
11:30 AM † Patrick Norman

Meetings

Sunday, December 10

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
12:30 PM Passion Play Interest Meeting, JP II
5:00 PM Confirmation Session 4, JP II, WS
6:00 PM Evening Prayer, WS

Monday, December 11

6:30 PM Advent Mission

Tuesday, December 12

10:00 AM Women's Book Group, MFH
6:30 PM Advent Mission

Wednesday, December 13

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

Thursday, December 14

10:00 AM Stitchers, F & H
7:00 PM Thursday Night Scripture Study, JP II
7:00 PM Divine Mercy, F & H
7:00 PM Parish Council, MFH

Friday, December 15

7:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner for Vets, Kitchen, SH, JP II

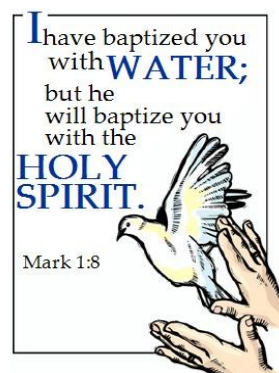
Saturday, December 16

8:30 AM Iron Men Spirituality Group, Kitchen, SH
9:00 AM Nativity Play Practice, JP II
9:30 AM CRHP, MFH

Sunday, December 17

9:45 AM Nativity Play & Pancake Breakfast, JP II, SH
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
6:00 PM Evening Prayer, WS

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



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.

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 Eve/Day, New Year's Eve/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).

Advent Mission

Monday & Tuesday

December 11 & 12, 6:30PM

Life Everlasting & the Four Last Things

Join us for this Mission as we listen more closely to what the Word of God tells us about the end of this life and the Second Coming of Jesus in glory and judgment.

Presented by Deacon Adrian Marchi

Save the Date

Refugio in Ecuador Adoption Dinner
Saturday, January 13, 2018

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.

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

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.

January Parent Session Series:

Pope St. John Paul II delivered a profoundly beautiful vision of human sexuality that he called the Theology of the Body. It has revolutionized the way parents and educators teach morality and chastity to youth, as it provides the “whys” behind the “whats,” paving the way to true freedom and happiness. Theology of the Body will give teens (and adults) a clear understanding of the true worth of purpose of human sexuality and the tools they need to successfully and safely navigate through life.

Deacon Phil and Dave Reaves will be leading Theology of the Body for parents starting on Sunday, January 7 at 10:00 AM. Attending parent formation sessions is highly encouraged for ALL parents of our faith formation students. Contact Jennifer Sanders for more information.

Question of the Month for December

What are the chief sources of actual sin?

The chief sources of actual sin are: pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, and sloth, and these are commonly called capital sins.

The chief sources of actual sin, also called capital sins, are the chief roots of sin. They are inclinations in our will to go against God’s will in different ways. They are called capital sins, not because they, in themselves, are the greatest sins, but because they are the chief reasons why men commit sin.

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 this weekend, December 9-10, and in the Parish Office .



Youth Ministry

This week Youth Group will meet
Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 PM
in the Worship Space joining the rest of the
community for the Advent Mission!

Upcoming Youth Events

December 15th Family Christmas Caroling
December 17th: Nativity Play and Pancake Breakfast
December 19th: Youth Ministry Christmas Party

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. We will be meeting at 6:00 PM at the York Convalescent & Rehab Center (113 Battle Road, Yorktown, VA 23692). Please RSVP by this Sunday, December 10th.

Tuesday, December 19th – Youth Ministry Christmas Party:

Come prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ with Youth Ministry at 6:30 PM. There will be fun, games, and presents! Please come with a wrapped gift (under \$10) for a white elephant gift exchange. RSVP by Sunday, December 17th.

Thursday, January 18th – Friday, January 19th – March for Life

Pilgrimage: Join youth and adults from around the country as they peacefully march on the nation’s capital in support of life. The cost of the trip is \$50 which includes transportation, hotel, and the “Life is VERY Good” youth concert and rally. Please RSVP by Sunday, December 17th if you plan on going. **No late registrations will be accepted.**

Follow us on Instagram @sjoayouthministry

Young Adult Ministry

Upcoming Young Adult Event

Passion Play Adult Cast and Crew:

Preparation for the annual parish Passion Play has begun! We need all interested young adults to gather after the 11:30 AM Mass, this Sunday, December 10, in the JP II Center. Lunch will be provided and our session will end by 2:00 PM. Anyone who has participated before, and especially anyone who has never participated, is highly encouraged to check out this awesome opportunity. If you have any questions or are interested but unable to attend this meeting, please contact amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org or jsanders@stjoanofarcva.org.

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
Music Anthony Lamourt
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.

Other Information

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Looking for the Longest Married Couple in 2018

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is searching for the longest married couple. One national winner and winners from each of the 50 states are recognized each year. This project is held to honor the commitment of married couples and to give hope and inspiration to younger couples that they, too, can have long and lasting marriages. Nominations must be received by January 10th, 2018. To nominate a couple you know, please visit us at <http://www.earnedmedia.org/wwme1009.htm> or contact us directly at 405-850-4274.

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God." Let us learn to comfort each other better by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend with our spouse. The next weekends are: February 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC, and March 2-4, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign-up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

March for Life

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a bus from SJOA to the 45th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Friday, January 19, 2018. Tickets are \$35 per person. The final day to sign up is January 17. Please contact Nik Waller at niklaas.waller@gmail.com for more information or sign up on the Knights of Columbus bulletin board by the steps in the Commons.