

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 17
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24;
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, December 18
Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, December 19
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, December 20
Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 21
Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

Friday, December 22
1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, December 23
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Sunday, December 24
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 17
8:30 AM † Rosa Mercado
11:30 AM † Patrick Norman

Saturday, December 23
5:30 PM † Hilda Gandolfi

Sunday, December 24
10:00 AM Charles Boyd

Meetings

Sunday, December 17

9:45 AM Nativity Play & Pancake Breakfast, JP II SH
9:45 AM Middle/High School Faith Formation, JP II
9:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation, Classrooms
6:00 PM Evening Prayer, WS

Monday, December 18

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

Tuesday, December 19

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

Wednesday, December 20

6:30 PM K of C JP Washington Assembly, JP II, SH, Kitchen

Thursday, December 21

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

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

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

**4th Sunday of Advent Mass
5:30 PM and 10:00 AM only**



Christmas Mass Schedule

**Sunday, December 24th
5:30 PM & Midnight**

**Monday, December 25th
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Friday—Tuesday, December 22nd—26th.**

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.

Save the Dates

- Refugio in Ecuador Adoption Dinner**
Saturday, January 13, 2018
- 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.

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.

Parish Library

Our Parish Spiritual Library, located in the room directly across from the JPPII Hall by the Rte. 17 side entrance, is open before and after all weekend Masses. To borrow, just pick out a book, CD or DVD, make sure to fill out a Borrower Card, and leave it in the box on the table. That's all it takes. Return the borrowed item in 2-3 weeks by dropping it in the white box outside the library.

BROWSE. BORROW. FEED YOUR FAITH.

Volunteers are needed for a few minutes before and after weekend Masses. Contact lauraj222@yahoo.com, or text/call (617) 331-9035 for more details.

Finance Report

November 2017

Total Registered Families as of 11/30/17	778
Operating Account: Monthly Budget (4 wks)	\$ 55,492
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 61,079
Variance	\$ 5,587
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (348 families)	44%
Operating Account: Year to Date Budget	\$ 305,208
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 293,985
Variance	(\$ 11,223)
Bldg./Debt Reduction: Monthly Budget (4 wks)	\$ 6,923
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 10,416
Variance	\$ 3,493
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (107 families)	13%
Bldg./Debt Reduction: Year to Date Budget	\$ 38,077
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 30,601
Variance	(\$ 7,476)
Social Ministry: Monthly Budget (4 wks)	\$ 4,231
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 3,651
Variance	(\$ 580)
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (112 families)	13%
Social Ministry: Year to Date Budget	\$ 23,269
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 21,740
Variance	(\$ 1,529)
Monthly Diocese Contributions	
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 3,428

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.

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.

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

Upcoming Youth Events

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.

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 Monday, **December 18th** if you plan on going. **No late registrations will be accepted.**

Friday, February 9th – Sunday, February 11th - DYC Diocesan Youth Conference: Early Bird Registration for DYC is still open for two more days!! If you register before **December 19th**, the price will only be \$145, saving you up to \$55. This is a weekend event held each year to gather 8th-12th grade youth from all 145 parishes located in the Diocese of Richmond in one central location. The conference is highly energetic, engaging, and an awesome opportunity for our high school teenagers to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate the amazing richness of our Catholic Christian Faith. The cost includes the conference, meals, and a T-Shirt. Please contact amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org for more information.

Follow us on Instagram @sjoayouthministry.

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
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.

Respect Life Contest

The Center for Marriage, Family, and Life is hosting a Respect Life Essay and Video Contest! This year's theme is "Humanae Vitae... 50 years later." The contest invites participants to Reflect on a recent cultural experience such as the 50 Shades of Grey series, 13 Reasons Why, or any relevant cultural event or movement from the last year. Then, put that event or idea in conversation with a selected passage from the 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae* and ask: "How does the Church stand as a sign of contradiction today?" Grades 7-12 and college age students are encouraged to participate in the contest by developing the theme in a video and submitting online. High School students have the additional opportunity to participate in an essay contest developing the theme in 500 words or less. All entries should be submitted to the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life by January 15, 2018. Awards amounts between \$50 - \$500 will be given to 1st and 2nd place in Middle School, High School, and College. For all the information, guidelines, and submission details, visit www.cdrcmf.org/respectlife/respectlifecontest/. Questions can be directed to cmfl@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5109.

Vocations Awareness

"The One who calls you is faithful." Will you be faithful to His call? Listen, God may be inviting you to be a priest. Contact your parish priest or deacon, or call Fr. Michael G. Boehling (804) 359-5661 or email 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.