

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 3
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday, December 4
Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5
Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6
Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7
Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9
Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 10
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 3
8:30 AM The Butler Family

Tuesday, December 5
9:00 AM Harold Butler

Saturday, December 9
5:30 PM † Sharon, Jackie &
Arthur Herrman

Sunday, December 10
8:30 AM † Augustine & Ruth
Burke

Meetings

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

Monday, December 4

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

Tuesday, December 5

10:00 AM Women's Book Group, MFH
6:00 PM Liturgy Committee, Parish Office
6:30 PM Youth Ministry, MFH
7:00 PM RCIA, F & H, JP II, SH

Thursday, December 7

10:00 AM Stitches, F & H
7:00 PM Advent Penance Service, Entire Facility

Friday, December 8

7:00 PM Mass—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 9

9:30 AM CRHP, WS

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
5:00 PM Confirmation Session 4, JP II, WS
6:00 PM Evening Prayer, WS

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

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



**BE
WATCHFUL.**

MK 13:33

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 this Sunday, December 3, from 3-5PM. Family Crèches will be blessed this 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!

Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, December 7th, at 7 PM in Rooms F/H. At our meetings, we explore the message of Divine Mercy as found throughout Sacred Scripture and in the mystic experiences of Saint na. New members are always welcome !
For more information: Grace (757) 218-0397;
Geri (757) 890-0165; Parish Office (757) 898-5570.



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

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 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 December 2-3 and December 9-10 and in the Parish office starting December 4th.



Youth Ministry

This week Youth Group will meet
Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 PM
in the Social Hall starting with the Emmaus Dinner.

Upcoming Youth Events

December 15th: Family 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.

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 December 17th 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! If you register before December 18th 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.

Vocations Awareness

"O LORD, you are our father... we are all the work of your hands..." How is God trying to mold you? Is it to be of service to Him as a priest. Contact your parish priest or deacon, or call Fr. Michael G. Boehling at (804) 359-5661 or email mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.



Other Information

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

**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.