

## 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

<b>Sunday, December 31</b> Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40	<b>Thursday, January 4</b> 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
<b>Monday, January 1</b> Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21	<b>Friday, January 5</b> 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
<b>Tuesday, January 2</b> 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28	<b>Saturday, January 6</b> 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
<b>Wednesday, January 3</b> 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34	<b>Sunday, January 7</b> Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 31**  
8:30 AM † John Bing  
11:30 AM † Raymond Bichimer

**Monday, January 1**  
10:00 AM † Marcel Yergeau

**Wednesday, January 3**  
9:00 AM Tim & Caryl O'Neil

**Sunday, January 7**  
8:30 AM The Fowlers Family

## Meetings

### Monday, January 1

6:30 PM Legion of Mary, F & H

### Tuesday, January 2

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

### Thursday, January 4

10:00 AM Stitches, F & H  
11:00 AM Stitches Potluck Lunch, Kitchen, SH, JP II  
7:00 PM Thursday Night Scripture Study, JP II  
7:00 PM Choir Practice, WS

### Friday, January 5

9:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration, WS  
12:30 PM PORT Cooking, Kitchen

### Saturday, January 6

9:30 AM CRHP, MFH

### Sunday, January 7

9:45 AM Middle/High School Faith Formation, JP II, SH  
10:00 AM Elementary Faith Formation, Classrooms  
10:00 AM Parent Faith Formation Session, MFH  
12:45 PM Baptism Preparation

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

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

**The Parish Office**

**will be closed**

**Monday and Tuesday,**

**January 1st and 2nd.**

## 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.

## Vocations Chalice Ministry

Our parish began praying for vocations with the "Vocations Chalice" over six years ago. Since the beginning of this family devotion, St. Joan of Arc has received from God and "prayed into being" four seminarians studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Richmond and four permanent deacons. The "Vocations Chalice" is presented to a family, couple, or individual and is taken home and used during daily prayer as a focal point for an increase in religious vocations. Every two weeks, the "Vocations Chalice" is transferred from one prayerful family to another. If you would like your family to participate in the Vocations Chalice Ministry, call Deacon Phil Wilkinson at (757) 369-5568 or email either [pwilkinson@stjoanofarcva.org](mailto:pwilkinson@stjoanofarcva.org) or [jsatterwhite@stjoanofarcva.org](mailto:jsatterwhite@stjoanofarcva.org).



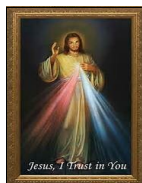
## Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation for Parents will take place on Sunday, **January 7th**, after the **11:30 AM** Mass. The session will be conducted in one of the Religious Education classrooms. Please contact Deacon Jim for more information at (757) 898-5570.



## Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM in Rooms F/H. Come and bring a friend as we continue to explore the revelation of God's unfathomable Divine Mercy as found throughout Sacred Scripture and through the spiritual insights of St. Faustina. What a great way to start off a New Year!



For more information, contact Grace at (757) 218-0397; Gerri, (757) 890-0165; Parish Office, (757) 898-5570.

## 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.

CLASSES RESUME SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

## 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 January

**What does the Holy Spirit do for the salvation of mankind?**

*The Holy Spirit dwells in the Church as the source of its life and sanctifies souls through the gift of grace.*

The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ. He is the Head and we are the members.

The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. He dwells in it to give it life. The life-blood of grace which flows through every living member of the Mystical Body of Christ comes from the Holy Spirit.

## 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.

**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

Youth Group will resume meeting

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.**

## Upcoming Youth Events

January 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>: **March for Life Pilgrimage**

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> - **DYC Diocesan Youth Conference: Registration for DYC will close January 8th!!**

# Young Adult Ministry

## Upcoming Young Adult Events

**Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – Theology on Tap:**

Join young adults from across the Peninsula at our new location, Schooners Grill! (12567 Warwick Blvd., Newport News), at 7:00 PM. Theology on Tap occurs on the third Wednesday of every month. No RSVP required, just show up and have a great time!



**Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – Theological Speakeasy:**

Do you have questions about doctrine, teachings, practices of the Catholic Church, or faith in general? If you would like some answers or if you simply enjoy lively discussions, please join us at 7:00 PM on January 26 at the Mary Fisher House. Refreshments will be available. We do ask for a \$10 donation to defray the cost of refreshments and to help support our Young Adult programs. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org no later than January 21st.

For information about Young Adult Ministry Peninsula wide, please check out the Peninsula Frassati Young Adult Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PeninsulaFrassatiYA/>

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Middle School, High School, and College. For all the information, guidelines, and submission details, visit [www.cdrcmfl.org/respectlife/respectlifecontest/](http://www.cdrcmfl.org/respectlife/respectlifecontest/).

# 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/](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.

## Meet the Actor David DeSanctis!

(Rev. Mr. David V. Dwyer Speakers Series)



at the FREE Movie Screening of *Where Hope Grows*

Friday, January 12, 2018 at Saint Michael Hall, OLMC

Doors open at 6:00 pm.

Movie begins at 6:30 pm.

Admission is FREE with R.S.V.P.

**FREE TICKETS** at [spredpartnersva.org](http://spredpartnersva.org)  
**Movie Theater Concessions available for a nominal fee**

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## 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](mailto:niklaas.waller@gmail.com) for more information or sign up on the Knights of Columbus bulletin board by the steps in the Commons.

## Vocations Awareness

"By faith Abraham obeyed." If you should be called to serve the Lord as a priest, pray for a deep faith and obey Him in love. Contact your parish priest or deacon, or call Fr. Michael G. Boehling at (804) 359-5661 or email [mboehling@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:mboehling@richmonddiocese.org).