

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
Genevieve Graham	Hilda Penyak
Christine Grosshans	Doris Theriault

Daily Readings

Sunday, April 22

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10:11-18

Monday, April 23

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 24

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Thursday, April 26

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday, April 27

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, April 28

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, April 29

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Meetings

Sunday, April 22

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

Monday, April 23

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

Tuesday, April 24

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

Wednesday, April 25

6:00 PM Youth Ministry, MFH
7:00 PM K of C Council 7469 Meeting, JP II, SH, Kitchen
7:30 PM K of C Ladies Auxiliary, F & H

Thursday, April 26

10:00 AM Stitchers, F & H
7:00 PM Thursday Night Scripture Study, F & H

Friday, April 27

10:00 AM Women's Club Luncheon, SH, JP II

Saturday, April 28

10:00 AM First Eucharist Prep, WS

Sunday, April 29

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
11:30 AM First Eucharist, WS

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 22

8:30 AM † Stamps Howard
11:30 AM † John Johnson

Tuesday, April 24

9:00 AM Bernadette Boyd

Wednesday, April 25

9:00 AM † Ursula Taylor

Friday, April 27

9:00 AM † Vincent Elia

Saturday, April 28

5:30 PM Fr. Michael Joly

Sunday, April 29

8:30 AM Fr. Michael Joly

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

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

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).

Women's Club

St. Joan of Arc Women's Club Annual Spring Luncheon
Thursday, May 3, 11:30 AM, JP II Center/Social Hall

ALL women of the parish and their guests are invited to attend. Lynn Trott will entertain us with English, Irish and Scottish music. Special recognition to Yvonne Craw for her many years of dedication to the SJA Women's Club and the parish. Please bring a salad to share, and canned goods for the Food Pantry. RSVP: Maureen Abrahamson (757) 865-8939 by Monday, April 30th.

Save The Date

St. Joan of Arc's annual **May Procession and May Crowning** will take place on Sunday, May 6, 2018, between the two morning Masses. We gather to honor Mary, the Patroness of our country, as we crown the Queen of Angels during a devotional service presented by our elementary faith formation students and the Legion of Mary. We invite family and friends to share in this devotion, and we ask all to bring flowers from their gardens that day to honor Our Lady of Grace.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation for Parents will take place Sunday, **May 6th**, 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.



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 11:00 AM.**

Please contact Jennifer Sanders (jsanders@stjoanofarcva.org or 757-898-5570) with any questions.

Parent Session Series:

Jesus is fully God and fully man. In the Incarnation, the Son of God assumed human nature and became man. Jesus enjoyed meals, experienced loss and grief, and needed alone time. The human emotions and passions that we experience - hunger, sadness, stress, love, joy, and peace - Jesus too experienced. He knows us because He is one of us.

Not only did Jesus know us, but also infused our humanity with divine life or grace. He healed our bodies, forgave our sins, and restored our souls. When Jesus ascended into Heaven, He didn't stop working. He continues to heal, forgive, and restore today in the seven Sacraments. The Sacraments are a continuation of the Incarnation.

This series explores the seven Sacraments of the Church and how Christ continues to be present to us and dispense divine life into us through them.

If you or your teen has been far from Christ in His Sacraments or you want to delve deeper into your relationship with Christ through the Sacraments, use this series to help you and your teen find your way back to Him. Join Deacon Phil and soon-to-be Deacon Dave on Sunday mornings at the Mary Fisher House from 10:00 AM – 11:00 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 April

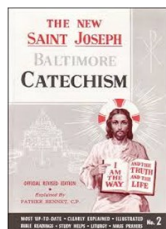
What is actual grace?

Actual grace is a supernatural help of God which enlightens our mind and strengthens our will to do good and to avoid evil.

Actual graces are special HELPS God gives us, like a lift to get a car out of the mud or a red light to warn of danger.

God gives us many actual graces each day. They last as long as we need them and then go. They are really actions of God to help us.

Actual grace is necessary for all who have attained the use of reason, because without it we cannot long resist the power of temptation or perform other actions which merit a reward in heaven.



Youth

Youth Group will meet this week on **Wednesday, April 25th at 6:00 PM** in the Mary Fisher House.

Follow us on Instagram @sjoayouthministry.

Youth Ministry

June 22nd – 24th, Steubenville Youth Conference

Early Bird Registration only \$170!

The Steubenville Conference combines awesome talks, incredible music, praise and worship, time for prayer and fellowship, entertainment and liturgies. Early-bird pricing is \$170. A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is due by April 30th to guarantee a spot and receive the early bird pricing. This conference is open to all high school-aged youth (rising 9th graders through graduating 12th graders). Please contact amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org if you have any questions. Scholarships may be available.

Theme: Revealed: “In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.” – 1 John 4:9

July 29th – August 4th Life Teen Camp at Hidden Lake, Dahlonega, GA

Registration is open! Turn in your \$100 deposit ASAP to lock in your spot. Only 5 spots left!

Summer camp with Life Teen is an incredible opportunity to bring your teen into an experience of the faith. For over 10 years, Life Teen has provided experiences at summer camp where high school teens are able to develop new friendships, and encounter God working in his/her life. This camp is for those entering 9th grade for the 2018 – 2019 school year through 2018 high school graduates. We will be traveling in a charter bus this year. *Camp pricing is \$300.* Please turn in your deposit by May 7th to register. Contact Andrew McCarthy at amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org for more information about the camp and payment plans. Scholarships may be available.

Young Adults

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 18th – Norfolk Tides Game

Join Young Adults from St. Joan of Arc and across the Peninsula for an evening at Harbor Park. Come watch the Tides take on the Louisville Bats starting at 7:05 PM. Tickets are only \$12. Please RSVP to amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org by May 10th.

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 & Mary Ann Vogelbein
MCs Jerry Wilkins
Readers Carl Chesley & Patti Komornik

Non-Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linens Dixie Nowak
Liturgical Environment Barbara Carroll & Lynda Fairman
Bereaved John Bryant, III & Tom Carroll
Building Maintenance Hank Rose & Dave Marin
Coffee & Donuts Bill and Mary Betts
Divine Mercy Grace Dickens & Geri Leatherbury
Emergency Needs Linda O'Dell
Iron Men Denis Morhiser
Kitchen Bill Garber
Landscape Jim Orband
Lazarus Cathy Fowler
Manna Cathy Fowler & Kathy Fisher
New Evangelization David Cienski
RCIA Deacon Mark Mueller
Sick & Homebound Deacon Mark & Cathy Mueller
Social Ministries Chris Ladnier
Vocations Chalice Deacon Phil
Web Master Bobby Estey

Organizations

KoC & Ladies Auxiliary Terry Fairman & Rachel Vis
Legion of Mary David Cienski
Women's Club Lynda Burton
Young at Heart Bill Garber



*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 Bishop.

Vocations Awareness

"On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, 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.

Other Information

Our Lady of Mount Carmel SPRED Open House

Do you know someone who might enjoy being part of a small faith community of people with and without intellectual disabilities and alternative ways of learning? The SPRED (Special Religious Development) communities at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Newport News are having an open house after each of the weekend Masses (except for the 2:00 PM Mass) on April 21-22 (After the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, April 21; after the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 5:00 PM Masses on Sunday, April 22). Come learn more about SPRED, take a tour of our SPRED room, and enjoy delicious treats with members of OLMC's SPRED communities. For more information about SPRED and for Mass times, please visit olmc.org, or call Christa Blomstrom at (757) 595-0385 x107; cblomstrom@olmc.org.