

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
Yvonne Crow
Tamera David
Genevieve Graham
Christine Grosshans

Sylvia Harman
Albert Jury
Marianna Marder
Hilda Penyak

Daily Readings

Sunday, April 8

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 9

Is 7:10-14; Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 10

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 11

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 12

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 13

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 14

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday, April 15

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a
Lk 24:35-48

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 8

8:30 AM † Vincent Elia
11:30 AM † Bud & Phyllis Jones

Tuesday, April 10

9:00 AM † Catherine Reed

Wednesday, April 11

9:00AM † Vincent Elia

Saturday, April 14

5:30 PM † Geri Rose

Sunday, April 15

8:30 AM St. Joan of Arc
11:30 AM † Vincent Elia

Meetings

Sunday, April 8

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
3:00 PM Divine Mercy, WS, Commons

Monday, April 9

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

Tuesday, April 10

10:00 AM Women's Book Group, MFH
1:00 PM Women's Club Meeting, SH
6:00 PM Cursillo 4th Day Prayer Group, Rooms G & I
7:00 PM RCIA, F & H, JP II, SH

Wednesday, April 11

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

Thursday, April 12

10:00 AM Stitches, F & H
6:00 PM Amazing Grace Retreat Team Meeting, MFH
7:00 PM Thursday Night Scripture Study, JP II
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting, MFH

Saturday, April 14

2:00 PM First Eucharist Class # 3, JP II, F & H, WS

Sunday, April 15

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
1:00 PM Paschal (Bereavement Group), MFH
6:30 PM Confirmation Session 9, MFH, WS

**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.

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 or jsatterwhite@stjoanofarcva.org.



Young At Heart Dining Out

"Young at Heart" will meet on Tuesday, April 10th, at Carolina BBQ & Seafood, 4724 George Washington Memorial Highway, starting at 6:00 PM. Telephone committee will call all regular attendees. All others interested in joining us, please call Bill Garber at (757) 898-4684 to confirm.

Mulch Day

Saturday, April 21– The SJA Landscape Team, along with Boy Scout Troop 306, will be hauling and spreading mulch in the church landscape. We invite you to join us and be a part of this effort. If you are interested in helping to mulch or joining the SJA Landscape Team, please contact Jim Orband at (757) 898-9403 or jorband@vt.edu.

2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal *Building our Family of Faith*

Over the past month, many of our parishioners have contributed their support to the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity to contribute, please pick up a pledge envelope in the commons. You can also donate securely online, as well as learn more about the ministries the Appeal supports, by visiting <http://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-appeal/>. Please join us in supporting the 2018 Annual Appeal.

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

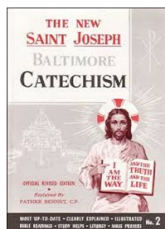
What is actual grace?

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 Ministry

Youth Group will meet this week on **Wednesday, April 11th at 6:00 PM** in the Mary Fisher House.

Follow us on Instagram @sjoayouthministry

Youth Ministry

Friday, April 20th – Rebounderz Trip

Have some fun this month at the Rebounderz Indoor Trampoline Arena. Join us on April 20th to experience Free Jump, Trampoline Dodgeball, the Jump Xtreme Tower, a Ninja Warrior course, and much more. Middle and High School students are encouraged to attend. The cost will be \$15. Please plan to arrive between 6:00 PM and 6:15 PM to ensure we are ready to begin at 6:30 PM. RSVP to Andrew McCarthy by April 15th.

Young Adult Ministry

Upcoming Events

Saturday April 14th – Young Adult Hike and Picnic

Join Young Adults from St. Joan of Arc for an afternoon of prayer, hiking, and great food. We will meet at York River State Park, April 14th at 2:00 PM. A group of us will start the day at 10:00 AM with a service project at St. Paul's Soup Kitchen. Contact amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org by April 8th to sign up for the hike and/or service project.

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

Wednesday, April 18th – 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!

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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

Organizations

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

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



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

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Is Jesus trying to send you to proclaim his Truth and peace as 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.

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).