

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 Satterwhite 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.



Prayers for Recovery

Dan Burton	Sylvia Harman
Alex & Anne Cipriano	Albert Jury
Yvonne Crow	Marianna Marder
Tamera David	Frank Nowak
Genevieve Graham	Laura Ortiz
Christine Grosshans	Hilda Penyak

Daily Readings

Sunday, December 30
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21
Lk 2:41-52

Monday, December 31
1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday, January 1
Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday, January 2
1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Thursday, January 3
1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Friday, January 4
1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Saturday, January 5
1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

Sunday, January 6
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 30
8:30 AM † Lita Debelieu
11:30 AM † Shawn Campbell

Thursday, January 3
9:00 AM † Adam Strash

Saturday, January 5
5:30 PM † Geri Rose

Sunday, January 6
8:30 AM † Emil Arsenault
11:30 AM † John Campbell

Meetings

Monday, December 31

6:30 PM Legion of Mary, F & H
7:00 PM Boy Scouts, SH

Wednesday, January 2

6:00 PM Youth Ministry, MFH

Thursday, January 3

10:00 AM Stitches, F & H
6:00 PM Refugion Dinner Planning Meeting, F & H
6:30 PM Confirmation Retreat Team, MFH
6:30 PM Thursday Night Scripture Study, SH
7:00 PM Divine Mercy, F & H

Friday, January 4

9:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration, WS

Sunday, January 6

10:00 AM Elementary Faith Formation, Classrooms
10:00 AM Middle/High School Faith Formation, JP II, SH
10:00 AM Parent Formation Sessions, Room K
12:45 PM Baptism Preparation, Classroom
6:30 PM Confirmation Session 5, MFH, WS

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

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

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

**Holy Day of Obligation
January 1, 2019
Holy Mass at 6:00PM.**

The Parish Office will be closed on

**Monday, December 31, 2018
and
Tuesday, January 1, 2019.**

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.

Your Legacy Makes a Difference for Christ! What is your legacy?

This is legacy giving: your legacy is your potential to make a difference. If something is very important to us, we will do anything to help its increase and beauty. Our legacy refers to the portion of all we have from God which we thankfully give back once He calls us to glory. The goal of a legacy is to leave a gift that will make an impact for future generations.

If you have questions about how to create a lasting legacy for your family of St. Joan of Arc or if you have already decided to take this important step in your estate planning, we encourage you to contact the Parish Office.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation for Parents will take place Sunday, **January 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.



Christian Manhood

"Men trust too much in their own strengths and continue to navigate faith in light of 'what they do' instead of 'who they are.'" . . . "With God, men are able to 'step into the battle on the right side' by letting the Lord 'equip us and strengthen us.'" (Phillip Chavez, founder of Advancing Christian Manliness)

Young at Heart

Happy New Year 2019! Young at Heart dining out will be at Warwick Restaurant (12306 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News), across from Christopher Newport University. Come start the New Year on Tuesday, January 8th at 6:00 PM. The telephone committee will call all regulars to confirm attendance. All others, please call Bill Garber at (757) 898-4684 to confirm reservation.



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

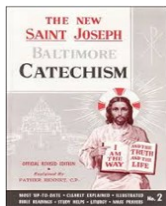
Merry Christmas!
Faith Formation
will resume January 6, 2019.



The New St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism

Question of the month for December **How can we know the true meaning of the Bible?**

We can know the true meaning of the Bible from the teaching authority of the Catholic Church, which has received from Jesus Christ the right and the duty to teach and to explain all that God has revealed.



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 St. Joan of Arc Nursery will be closed Sunday, December 23, 2018, and Sunday, December 30, 2018. The Nursery will reopen on Sunday, January 6, 2019. Please worship with your whole family in the worship space with the community of faith.

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).

Youth

This week Youth Group will meet on Wednesday, January 2nd at 6:00 PM in the Mary Fisher House.

Follow us on Instagram @sjoayouthministry

January Youth Group Schedule:

Wednesday, January 2, 6:00 PM

Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 16, 6:00 PM

Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 30, 6:00 PM

February 8-10: DYC (Diocesan Youth Conference)

This amazing conference will take place February 8th-10th in Richmond. **Registration for DYC is open until January 9th!** The cost for the trip is \$195, scholarship may be available. 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 Andrew McCarthy at amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org for more information.

Young Adults

Sunday, January 13th – Second Sunday Brunch @ IHOP

All young adults are welcome to join us after the 11:30 AM Mass at IHOP! You are welcome to meet us in the Commons directly following Mass (by the welcome banner) or meet us there. *If you are meeting us there please, let us know.* We typically meet for a Young Adult Brunch on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Hope you will join us!!

For information about Young Adult activities, check out our Facebook group SJOA Young Adult Ministry: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/247137992376962/>.

**Did you not know
that I must be in my
Father's house?**

Luke 2:49

Parish Ministries

Parish Councils

Finance Council Daniel Burton
Pastoral Council Bill McHenry

Pastoral Ministry

Baptism Coordinator Deacon Jim Satterwhite
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
Music Liam Lees
Readers Carl Chesley & Patti Komornik

Non-Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linens Pat Sappenfield
Liturgical Environment Barbara Carroll & Lynda Fairman
Bereaved John Bryant, III & Tom Carroll
Building Maintenance Hank Rose & Dave Marin
Coffee & Donuts Jacinta Swindell
Divine Mercy Grace Dickens & Geri Leatherbury
Iron Men Denis Morhiser & Chris Felice
Kitchen Bill Garber
Landscape Jim Orband
Lazarus Cathy Fowler
Manna Kathy Fisher
New Evangelization David Cienski
RCIA Deacon Mark Mueller
Sick & Homebound Deacon Mark & Cathy Mueller
Social Ministries Chris Ladnier
Vocations Chalice Deacon Phil Wilkinson
Web Master Bobby Estey

Organizations

KoC & Ladies Auxiliary Randy Vis & Cindy Benson
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.*

Diocesan News

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

Bishop's Response to Current Crisis

Following the listening sessions held throughout the diocese in October, Bishop Barry C. Knestout renewed his commitment to leading the Diocese of Richmond with transparency, faith and direct action. A webpage has been created to help the faithful stay informed of the diocese's response to the present crisis in the Church. A video interview with the Bishop as he answers the faithful's most frequently asked questions, a timeline of actions taken within the diocese to address the crisis, and resources to learn how Bishop Knestout is answering the call for accountability is available at www.richmonddiocese.org/diocese-response.

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.

The Hampton Roads Catholic Singles Club

The Hampton Roads Catholic Singles Club is a social organization for single Catholic professional men and women in the Hampton Roads area committed to the fellowship, community service, and networking of its members. We serve the communities of the Hampton Roads, Virginia, area which includes Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Hampton, Newport News, York County, and Williamsburg. We are one of 50 similar clubs throughout the United States which collectively fall under the umbrella of the Catholic Alumni Club International. Please visit our home page for additional information, www.freewebs.com/tidwatercatholicalumclub.