

## 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

Alex & Anne Cipriano  
Yvonne Crow  
Tamera David  
Genevieve Graham  
Christine Grosshans  
Sylvia Harman

Albert Jury  
Marianna Marder  
Frank Nowak  
Laura Ortiz  
Hilda Penyak

## Daily Readings

### Sunday, December 16

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6  
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

### Monday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

### Tuesday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

### Wednesday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

### Thursday, December 20

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

### Friday, December 21

Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

### Saturday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

### Sunday, December 23

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

## Meetings

### Sunday, December 16

9:45 AM Nativity Play & Breakfast, JP II, SH,  
Kitchen, Classrooms  
1:00 PM Server Training, WS  
6:00 PM Evening Prayer, WS

### Monday, December 17

7:00 PM Advent Mission, WS  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts, SH, JP II

### Tuesday, December 18

7:00 PM Advent Mission, WS  
7:00 PM Youth Ministry (Advent Mission), WS

### Wednesday, December 19

6:30 PM K of C JP Washington Assembly, JP II, SH, Kitchen

### Thursday, December 20

10:00 AM Stitchers, F & H  
6:30 PM Thursday Scripture Study, SH  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts, JP II, Room D

### Friday, December 21

7:00 PM Lessons and Carols, WS

### Saturday, December 22

8:00 AM Iron Men, JP II, SH

### Sunday, December 23

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.**

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 16

8:30 AM † Tim Oliver  
11:30 AM † Rosa Mercado

### Sunday, December 23

8:30 AM † Marcel Yergeau  
11:30 AM † Ursula Taylor

## Gaudete Sunday

Gaudete in Domino semper – Rejoice! While the theme of Advent is a focus on the coming of Jesus in three ways: His first, His present and His final Advent, the readings for Gaudete Sunday deal with rejoicing in the Lord — Christian joy — as well as the mission of St. John the Baptist and his connection with Advent. Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the "Sunday of joy," and that instead of fretting about "all they still haven't done to prepare for Christmas," people should "think of all the good things life has given you."

## 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.

## Finance Report

November 2018

Total Registered Families as of 11/30/18	763
<b>Operating Account: Monthly Budget (4 wks)</b>	\$ 58,113
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 59,191
Variance	\$ 1,078
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (323 families)	41%
<b>Operating Account: Year to Date Budget</b>	\$ 319,623
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 303,408
Variance	(\$ 16,215)
<b>Bldg./Debt Reduction: Monthly Budget (4 wks)</b>	\$ 6,792
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 5,819
Variance	(\$ 973)
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (104 families)	13%
<b>Bldg./Debt Reduction: Year to Date Budget</b>	\$ 37,358
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 28,681
Variance	(\$ 8,677)
<b>Social Ministry: Monthly Budget (4 wks)</b>	\$ 4,226
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 3,391
Variance	(\$ 835)
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (106 families)	13%
<b>Social Ministry: Year to Date Budget</b>	\$ 23,244
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 18,500
Variance	(\$ 4,744)
<b>Monthly Diocese Contributions</b>	
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 2,731

### Make a Gift Through an IRA Charitable Rollover

A distribution from your IRA is a great way to support the Church! If you are 70½ or older, you may make a direct distribution (up to \$100,000) from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as your parish. A qualified direct distribution to your parish from your IRA is not subject to income tax. Please make your gift as soon as possible to avoid any processing delays towards the end of the year. For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact your IRA administrator, tax preparer, or the parish office for more information.

# 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 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).

## 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.

Envelopes will be available in the Commons and the church office for your donation. Plants will be available to take home after the 11:30 AM Mass on the Epiphany of the Lord (January 6).

# Youth

This week, Youth Group will be on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.

Follow us on Instagram @sjoyouthministry

**February 8-10:** DYC (Diocesan Youth Conference)

# Young Adults

**Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – 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/>.



## Iron Men

All men and young men 15 and older please join the Iron Men for our December 22 session at Father Mike's house for breakfast and discussion. Our topic is the role of men as spiritual leaders of the household during Christmas. Please plan on attending. Fellowship begins at 8 AM and breakfast is at 8:30.

## Christian Manhood

Most men are unable to live "a dynamic faith that brings the peace and promises of Jesus Christ." Many, "fail to pray heart to heart with their Heavenly Father; they are not led to intimacy. And they have difficulties conforming their lives to the journey of the Divine Son." (Phillip Chavez, founder of Advancing Christian Manliness)

# 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 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](http://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/](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.



## A Gift of Prayer

In gratitude for the joy of serving in your parish in years past, and in celebration of one hundred years of service to the Church, we, the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity (Trinitarians) would like to offer to pray for anyone who requests it. You may send your prayer requests to [prayer@msbt.org](mailto:prayer@msbt.org). Or, you may write to us at: Centennial, 3501 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136. Visit us at [msbt.org](http://msbt.org). Our sisters look forward to the opportunity to provide this ministry of prayer.