

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 2

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday, December 3

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 4

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 5

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 6

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 7

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 8

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, December 9

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6;
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 2

8:30 AM Albert Jury
11:30 AM † John Campbell

Tuesday, December 4

9:00 AM The Butler Family

Wednesday, December 5

9:00 AM Harold Butler
7:00 PM † Mildred Parker

Friday, December 7

9:00 AM Debbie Baker

Saturday, December 8

5:30 PM Moody Harp

Sunday, December 9

8:30 AM † Sharon, Jackie &
Arthur Herrmann
11:30 AM † Alice Marie Vernier

Meetings

Sunday, December 2

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
6:00 PM Blessing of Crèche and Evening Prayer, JP II

Monday, December 3

6:30 PM Legion of Mary, F & H
7:00 PM Monday Night Scripture Study, Commons,
WS, Rooms D, E, G
7:00 PM Boy Scouts, SH, JP II

Tuesday, December 4

6:00 PM Liturgy Committee, Parish Office
6:30 PM Youth Ministry, MFH, SH
7:00 PM RCIA, F & H, JP II, SH

Thursday, December 6

10:00 AM Stitchers, F & H
7:00 PM Penance Service, Entire Facility

Friday, December 7

9:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration, WS
7:00 PM Vigil Mass - Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of
Obligation), WS

Saturday, December 8

8:00 AM Mass - Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of
Obligation), WS
9:00 AM CRHP Ladies, F & H
6:30 PM Young Adult Speakeasy, MFH

Sunday, December 9

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
12:30 PM Passion Play Interest Meeting, JP II
6:00 PM Evening Prayer, WS
6:30 PM Confirmation Session 4, 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.

Sixth Annual Outdoor & Family Crèche Blessing Sunday, December 2nd, 6:00 PM

Join us again for our Family Crèche Blessing in the St. John Paul II Center! Set up will be on Sunday, December 2, from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Family Crèches will be blessed on Sunday, December 2, following the blessing of the outdoor Crèche at 6:00 PM. Evening Prayer will follow at 6:30 PM.



Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be celebrating the Advent/Christmas season with dinner overlooking the beautiful York River at Riverwalk Restaurant, 323 Water Street, Yorktown on Tuesday, December 4th 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.



Advent Penance Service Thursday, December 6th , 7:00 PM

The best way to spiritually prepare for Christ to increase in our lives is receiving first God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please make this Advent more meaningful through the confession of sins and the joy that follows.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation Saturday, December 8th

Vigil Mass—Friday, December 7th, 7:00 PM
Mass—Saturday, December 8th, 8:00 AM

Divine Mercy

Please note that the Divine Mercy Prayer Group will not meet on its regular date of December 6th because the Parish Penance Service is scheduled for that evening. Instead, the group will meet on Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 PM in Rooms F/H. New members are always welcome. Questions: Grace, (757) 218-0397; Geri, (757) 890-0165; Office, (757) 898-5570.

Advent Mission

Our parish welcomes renowned national inspirational speaker, prime-time EWTN TV host and Catholic author Tom Peterson to St. Joan of Arc on Monday, December 17th, and Tuesday, December 18th from 7:00-8:15 PM. You have likely seen the amazing Catholics Come Home's TV evangomercials™ that helped more than a half million people come home to the Catholic Church across North America. Now, learn how to go deeper in your faith and help loved ones home. After his presentation, Tom will sign copies of his uplifting book, endorsed by Dr. Scott Hahn, Roma Downey, Rick Warren and Coach Lou Holtz. Come hear this international speaker and learn how to go deeper in your faith, and to help love more souls to heaven...especially your closest family members and friends!

Faith Formation



It is never too late to register your children for the 2018–2019 Faith Formation year. You may register online (<http://www.stjoanofarcva.org/religious-education/faith-formation/>) or in the Commons or parish office. The Faith Formation team at St. Joan of Arc is here to assist you every step along the way.

ALL parents of St. Joan of Arc are invited to attend the Parents' Faith Formation held EACH Sunday in Room K from 10:00– 11:15 AM. Bring your coffee and donut and join in the conversation with Deacon Phil Wilkinson and Deacon Dave Reaves.

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

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.

Casting Call For The St. Joan of Arc Nativity Play

to be presented on Sunday, December 16, followed by the Pancake Breakfast after the 8:30 AM Mass.

If you are in Kindergarten through 5th grade we want **YOU** to be a part of this event as an actor/actress! If you are in 6th – 12th grade we want **YOU** to be a part of this event as a server OR musician! We are looking for shepherds, Wise Men, angels, animals, and of course, the Holy Family!

Please contact Jennifer Sanders (jsanders@stjoanofarcva.org or 757-898-5570) to let her know that you would like to participate, and your role preference, by Monday, December 3! We will have ONE practice on Saturday, December 15th at 10:00 AM. Tickets will go on sale December 8-9 after all Masses.

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 4th at 6:30 PM** in the Social Hall.

Follow us on Instagram @sjoayouthministry

December 16: Nativity Play & Breakfast Fundraiser
February 8-10: DYC (Diocesan Youth Conference)

Friday, December 14th – Youth & Family Christmas Caroling

Give back this holiday season with your fellow youth and families. We will be visiting several Senior Living and Nursing Homes to bring gifts, sing songs, and spread the Good News that Jesus Christ is Born! All youth and their families are encouraged to join us for this joyful evening. Please RSVP for this event by December 10th.



Tuesday, December 11th – Youth Ministry Christmas Party

Come prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ with Youth Ministry at 6:30 PM. There will be fun, games, and presents! Please come with a wrapped gift (under \$10) for a white elephant gift exchange. RSVP by December 15th.

Young Adults

December 9th: 2nd Sunday Brunch
December 14th: Family Christmas Caroling
January 13th: 2nd Sunday Brunch

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

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.

Abuse Crisis Update

Over the past couple of months, His Excellency Bishop Barry Knestout held several listening sessions throughout the diocese on the current abuse crisis. Our bishop has promised to be transparent and to release a list of all credible allegations made against Diocese of Richmond clergy.

Letters addressing the crisis, from the USCCB, Bishop Knestout and a joint letter from the Bishop of Arlington and the Bishop of Richmond, are available in the main entryway for all to read.

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://richmond-diocese.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.



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.