

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

Sylvia Harman
Albert Jury
Marianna Marder
Frank Nowak
Laura Ortiz
Hilda Penyak

Meetings

Sunday, December 23

6:00 PM Evening Prayer, WS

Monday, December 24

5:30 PM Christmas, Children's Vigil Mass, WS
Midnight Christmas, Midnight Mass, WS

Tuesday, December 25

8:30 AM Christmas, Mass at Dawn WS
10:30 AM Christmas, Mass During the Day, WS

Thursday, December 27

10:00 AM Stitches, F & H

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

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

Daily Readings

Sunday, December 23

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

Monday, December 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday, December 25

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17,
22-25; Mt 1:1-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday, December 27

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday, December 30

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



Christmas Mass Schedule

**Monday, December 24th
5:30 PM & Midnight**

**Tuesday, December 25th
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Wednesday, December 26th
and
Monday, December 31st.**

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 23

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

Monday, December 24

5:30 PM All Clergy of
St. Joan of Arc
Midnight Parish Office Staff

Tuesday, December 25

8:30 AM † Jerry Ward
10:30 AM Charles Boyd

Wednesday, December 26

9:00 AM Joseph Boyd

Sunday, December 30

8:30 AM † Lita Debelieau
11:30 AM † Shawn Campbell

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.

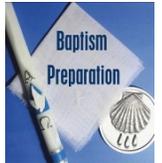
Your Legacy Makes a Difference for Christ! What is your legacy?

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

"There are deep human needs men have that are not being fulfilled. On the natural level, men fail to understand fully and embrace properly their roles as leaders, protectors and providers. They are not rising up completely to the role bestowed upon them." (Phillip Chavez, founder of Advancing Christian Manliness)

Book of Intercessions

Located at the pillars in the Commons

Whenever you enter the church, you are invited to write any prayer you wish—a prayer of need, praise or thanksgiving—perhaps you will "lift up" someone who is sick or facing surgery—a prayer for peace, or a prayer of thanks for a couple's wedding or anniversary.

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!

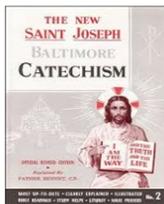
**Faith Formation
will resume January 6, 2019.**



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

There is no Youth Group this week.

Follow us on Instagram @sjoayouthministry

February 8-10: DYC (Diocesan Youth Conference)

This amazing conference will take place February 8-10th 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/>.

Connecting Hearts, Connecting Minds

“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Mt 25:40)

We need Christian men willing to give 60 minutes a month to be Christ to incarcerated fathers. “Connecting Hearts, Connecting Minds” gives youth with incarcerated fathers a chance to stay connected with their dads and give the dads the chance to be present to their children by reading to them. One Thursday evening each month, we record the dads reading books to their children which we send to the children. Please consider sharing just 60 minutes a month with these fathers who need Christ there with them as they try to be better fathers. Contact Joe Badalis (joebadalis@gmail.com/(252) 331-9318) or Rick Rice (ricksteroni@cox.net/(757) 871-9223) for more information or to learn how to get involved.

“When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?” (Mt 25:39)

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.



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. Or, you may write to us at Centennial, 3501 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136. Visit us at msbt.org. Our sisters look forward to the opportunity to provide this ministry of prayer.