

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.

Please see cover page for Reconciliation and Mass schedule.

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

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 29

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

8:30 a.m. † Ramonita Rosello
11:30 a.m. † Shawn Campbell

Monday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday, December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday, January 1

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
10:00 a.m. † Ramonita Rosello

Thursday, January 2

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Friday, January 3

1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday, January 4

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

5:30 p.m. Carmello Meletiche

Sunday, January 5

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

8:30 a.m. † Augustine & Ruth Burke
11:30 a.m. David & Julia Allaman



Meetings for the Week

Monday, December 30

6:30 p.m. Legion of Mary, F & H
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, SH, JP II

Tuesday, December 31

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry, MFH

Thursday, January 2

10:00 a.m. Stitches, F & H
7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy, F & H

Friday, January 3

9:45 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, WS

Saturday, January 4

10:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass, WS
10:00 a.m. Young Adult Theology of the Body

Sunday, January 5

10:00 a.m. Faith Formation K-12, Parent Sessions, Classrooms, JP II, SH
12:45 p.m. Baptism Preparation, F & H, WS

Mark your calendar...



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 Macababbad 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, Tamera David, Genevieve Graham, Christine Grosshans, Sylvia Harman, Albert Jury, Tracy Leota, Hilda Penyak, Euong Pham, Sara Rudd, Julie Sandorfi



Parish Information

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

"All of the good works in the world are not equal to the holy sacrifice of the Mass, because they are all the works of men, but the Mass is the work of God... The Mass is the sacrifice of God to man." (St. John Vianney)

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.

A Year-End Gift Using Your IRA

Consider making charitable donations from your IRA to benefit our parish. IRA owners age 70½ and older can direct gifts from IRA accounts straight to the Church through December 31, 2019. The qualified gifts count as a required minimum distribution from an IRA and is excluded from taxpayer income. Contact your IRA administrator or tax preparer for more information.

Who Will You Remember?

Your Personal Legacy Makes a Difference for Christ!

And this is legacy giving: It's who and what will be remembered and strengthened because of us, when we journey home to the Lord at the end of this short earthly life. Our legacy is our potential to make a Kingdom difference for Christ, using our earthly resources which we dedicate to our beloved parish or ministry.

We know that if something is very important to us, we will do everything possible to support 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.

St. Joan of Arc Nursery

St. Joan of Arc Nursery is available during the Sunday morning Masses (8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.) 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 a.m. 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).

Parish Ministries

Finance Council, Daniel Burton
Parish Advisory Volunteer Group,
 Randy Vis

Pastoral Ministry

Baptism Coordinator,

Deacon Jim Satterwhite

Bereaved,

John Bryant, III & Tom Carroll

Sick & Homebound,

Deacon Mark & Cathy Mueller

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers,

Randy Vis & Tom O'Reilly

EMHCs,

Denis Morhiser & Joe Badalis

Hospitality, Mary Ann Vogelbein &
 James Tucker III

Liturgy Committee,

Deacon Jim & Jerry Wilkins

MCs, Jerry Wilkins

Music, Liam Lees

Readers,

Carl Chesley & Patti Komornik

Non-Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linens, Pat Sappenfield

Liturgical Environment,

Barbara Carroll & Lynda Fairman

Building Maintenance,

Hank Rose & Dave Marin

Coffee & Donuts, Jacinta Swindell

Divine Mercy, Grace Dickens

& Geri Leatherbury

Iron Men, Chris Emanus

& Chris Felice

Kitchen, Bill Garber & Jerry Ladnier

Landscape, Jim Orband

Lazarus, Cathy Fowler

Legion of Mary, David Cienski

Manna, Kathy Fisher

New Evangelization, David Cienski

RCIA, Deacon Mark Mueller

Social Ministries, Chris Ladnier

Vocations Chalice, Ferdinand &

Donna Prantl

Web Master, Bobby Estey

Organizations

K of C & Ladies Auxiliary,

Randy Vis & Rachel Vis

Women's Club, Lynda Burton

Young at Heart, Bill Garber

Parish Updates

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation
January 1, 2020
Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m.



The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation for Parents will take place Sunday, **January 5th**, after the **11:30 a.m.** Mass. The session will be conducted in Rooms F & H.



Please contact Deacon Jim for more information at (757) 898-5570.

Happy New Year!

Faith Formation will resume January 5, 2020.



Young at Heart

will be starting off the New Year at Angelo's Steak and Pancake House, 755 J. Clyde Morris, Boulevard (Route 17), on **Tuesday, January 7, 2020**. Gathering at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of good food and fellowship. Come join us.

Telephone Committee will call all regulars. All others who care to join may call Bill Garber at 757-898-4684 to confirm reservation.



Faith Formation

Registration for 2019-2020 Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation

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.

Parents, please consider being a catechist. By being a catechist, you are a role model and reflect the beauty and Truth of your Catholic faith to our young people, and besides, it's fun and it's what you are called to do!

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

The New St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism

"As each one has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Many adult Catholics complain that they are hesitant to answer questions or challenges to the Catholic faith because they are uncomfortable in their ability to express our faith. When we hesitate, then we miss an opportunity to evangelize. When we miss an opportunity to evangelize, we deny to another, equally beloved by God, the beauty, grace, hope, and love that our Lord extends to every soul on earth. In short, we fail to offer true life, and this is a tragedy!

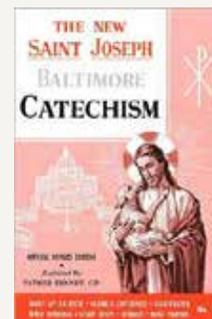
In order to assist our youth in creating a reservoir of knowledge of our faith, we will ask all Catechists and parents to assist our youth in grades 2-12 in memorizing certain key Catholic answers to questions they themselves might ponder or questions that they might be called up to give. There is one question and answer a month that are roughly aligned to the Catechesis. Catechists, please assist the youth in memorizing the response. At the end of the year, there will be a prize for the class which has best memorized the questions and answers.

You may ask, "Why should we ask our youth to memorize these answers?" The authors of the *General Directory of Catechesis* wrote that; "Catechetics forms part of that 'memory' of the Church which vividly maintains the presence of the Lord among us. (*Cum iam ad exitum*) Use of memory, therefore, forms a constitutive aspect of the pedagogy of the faith since the beginning of Christianity...In particular, as objects of memorization, due consideration must be given to the principal formulae of the faith. These assure a more precise exposition of the faith and guarantee a valuable common doctrinal, cultural and linguistic patrimony. Secure possession of the language of the faith is an indispensable condition for living that same faith." (*General Directory of Catechesis*, 154).

Question of the Month for December

Did all the angels remain faithful to God?

Not all the angels remained faithful to God; some of them sinned.



Adult Formation



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.

Youth Ministry

Diocesan Youth Conference 2020

When:	February 7th-9th
Where:	Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, VA
Who can attend:	8th Grade-12th Grade for the 2019-2020 academic year
Price:	\$195.00

***** \$50.00 nonrefundable deposit due upon registration to St. Joan of Arc*****

If you are in need of financial assistance, please reach out to Brandon Allaman. Don't let the cost stop you from going! Details: The Diocesan Youth Conference is a weekend event held each calendar year to gather high school youth from parishes located in the Diocese of Richmond to one central location. The conference is a highly energetic, engaging, and awesome opportunity for our high school teenagers to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate the amazing richness of our Catholic Christian faith.

Diocesan Information

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 at **(877) 887-9603** or in writing to the Office of the Bishop.

Vocations Awareness

Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact your parish priest or deacon, or call Fr. Michael G. Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano at (804) 359-5661 or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



RETRouvaille

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouaille 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? Retrouaille 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.retrouaille.org.

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, 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 at www.freewebs.com/tidewatercatholicalumclub.