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THE SEASON OF *Lent* 2025

Welcome! Our Mission: St. Joan of Arc is a Catholic Family of Faith, alive in the Lord Jesus Christ through His Mercy, His Love, His Word, His Sacraments, all granted by His Holy Spirit. We proclaim the joy of the Gospel; we minister to the needs of the Body of Christ, both within and outside the parish family, especially the poor who present a unique opportunity for us to meet Christ.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch: 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-3:00 p.m.
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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: **Rev. Michael D. Joly**
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Joe Badalis
..... Rev. Mr. Don Fox
Coordinator of Religious Education/
Ministerial Assistant: Jennifer Strash
Music Director: Heekyung Lee
Music Coordinator: Donna Prantl
Bookkeeper: Joe G.
Custodian: Dave Payton

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Saturday – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday – 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Weekday Tuesday through Friday – 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Web Page: <http://www.stjoanofarcva.org>

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SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptism: Normally celebrated on a Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Baptisms also may be celebrated during Holy Mass (except during Holy Week). Please contact Jennifer Strash (757-898-5570) to schedule. Parents are required to complete a Baptismal Preparation session prior to a Baptism; these are presented on the first weekend of January, March, May, July, September and November following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Session dates may be adjusted due to holidays. Session dates and location will be posted in the bulletin.

Confirmation: This Sacrament fortifies us in the power of the Holy Spirit for a full experience of human living. Confirmation is conferred normatively upon teens in their sophomore year or through the OCI process for all those, children or adults, who are converting into the fullness of the Catholic faith. Sincere preparation must precede the reception of this beautiful Sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of the Sick may be received after weekday or weekend Masses with prior notice. The Sacrament may also be celebrated in the Parish Office or with a personal visit to a home or care facility.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples called to the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Please make no firm arrangements until after meeting with the Deacon/Priest.

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 or contact the parish office with your desire to belong.

Diocesan Safe Environment Policy

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is committed to the idea that diocesan institutions and ministries provide a safe and nurturing environment for children, young people and vulnerable individuals. The mission of the Diocese's *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 by writing to the Office of the Bishop.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

"A man who fails to love the Mass fails to love Christ." (J. M. Escriva, *Christ is Passing By*, no. 92) To love the Mass is a guarantee for salvation. But to love the Mass does not mean just being present and no more. It means to be present with faith and devotion. It means to take part in the Mass, realizing what it is: the Sacrifice of the Cross renewed on the altar; and realizing that when we go to Mass, we go, as it were, to Calvary. And that we should be present there, like our Blessed Lady beside the Cross, in loving contemplation of Christ who offers himself lovingly for each one of us. (*The Mass Explained* CORMAC BURKE)

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 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

Karen Abi-Saab, Marcella Buckley, Kelly Bustamante, Joe Chambers, Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley, Paul Chesley, David Crocker, Jeffrey Cudjik, Blake Duggan, Eva Duggan, Eileen Gryn, Anne Holup, Elizabeth Johnson, Matthew Martin, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham, Carol Romeo, Walter Sandberg, David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother, Michael Syptak



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 16

8:30 am +Marcia Smith, Jimmy Pierce
11:30 am People of SJA

Monday, March 17

9:00 am Deacon Joe Badalis

Tuesday, March 18

9:00 am Michael Corbett

Wednesday, March 19

9:00 am +Anna Wisniewski

Thursday, March 20

9:00 am Mike Syptak

Saturday, March 22

5:00 pm People of SJA

Sunday, March 23

8:30 am Jennifer Strash
11:30 am People of SJA

Meetings for the Week

Monday, March 17

6:30 pm Legion of Mary
6:30 pm Discernment Bible Study



Tuesday, March 18

10:00 am Women's Book Club
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm OCI

Friday, March 21

6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross

Lenten Opportunities

SOUP SUPPERS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

Join us in the Social Hall starting at 6:00 PM every Friday during Lent for our Lenten Soup Supper. After supper, we will gather to pray the Stations of the Cross, which assist us in our own spiritual pilgrimage with Christ.

Save the Dates

The Agony in the Garden - Lent Reflections from Renaissance Paintings by Federico Colagrande

Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 pm

A presentation focusing primarily on The Agony in the Garden, also known as "Orazione nell'orto" (1455-1456) by Andrea Mantegna, will explore the themes of Lent and Easter, illustrating how art can deepen our understanding of the significance of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection in our lives as Christians.

TWO NIGHT LENTEN MISSION WITH CATHOLIC CONVERT KEITH NESTER

Join us on Sunday, March 30, and Monday, March 31, as we welcome Keith Nester to speak to us each night starting at 7 pm. Keith Nester is a former pastor/youth pastor with more than 20 years in full-time ministry. Keith served in United Methodist, Assemblies of God, and Evangelical Free churches in various roles.

Retreat Opportunity



Women's
Retreat

SAVE THE DATE

May 29 - June 1, 2025

SJA Registration coming soon



Parish Ministries

Finance Council, Jack Christie
Parish Advisory Volunteer Group,
Randy Vis

Pastoral Ministry

Baptism Coordinator,
Jennifer Strash
Bereavement, John Bryant III
Sick & Homebound, Denis Morhiser

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Music Coordinator, Donna Prantl
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Patti Komornik

Non-Liturgical Ministries

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Hank Rose
Coffee & Cookies, Florita Galvez
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Iron Men, John Musser
Kitchen, Jerry Ladnier & Lisa Emerick
Liturgical Environment, Tom &
Rowena Fauber & Lynda Fairman
Landscape, Jim Orband
Lazarus, Cathy Fowler
Legion of Mary, David Cienski
Library, Laura Quellhorst & Federico
Colagrande
Magnificat Women, Tracy Leota &
Kelley Rutter
OCI, Deacon Don Fox
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Ferdinand & Donna Prantl
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Organizations

KoC & Ladies Auxiliary, Randy Vis
& Julia Allaman
Women's Book Club, Arlene Bradley

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT BECOMES ROMAN CATHOLIC



KEITH NESTER'S POWERFUL CONVERSION STORY

In this open and personal talk, Keith shares the ins and outs of his journey from Evangelical Protestantism to Roman Catholicism. What led Keith to resign from his job as a pastor? How did his family handle the change? What has he learned from all this? Does he have any regrets? Hearing Keith's journey will inspire and challenge you to go deeper into your faith. Don't miss out!"



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— MARILYN LANE, CO-FOUNDER CHRIST OUR LIFE CONFERENCE

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FAITH AND LOVE

Reflection on Luke 9:28b-36

The Transfiguration of Jesus in this weekend's Gospel is closely linked to the Baptism of Jesus, for on both occasions the sky speaks those words of generative love – "This is my Beloved Son..." Each of us hears these same words spoken to us at Baptism, when we begin the lifelong journey of faith, the journey of embracing and living the gift of faith.

The word, faith, is sometimes understood as accepting something you cannot prove or understand. People often say, "such and such cannot be explained, you simply have to believe it, you must have faith." However, it seems clear that when Jesus speaks of faith, He means first of all and last of all to trust unreservedly that you are loved.

One of my most powerful memories of my grandmother is the words that she spoke repeatedly to each of us, her grandchildren, whenever we took leave after visiting her. As we walked out the door, she would say, "Remember, God loves you, and there isn't a d---- thing you can do about it!" (She was rather feisty in character and language!) I recall these words whenever doubt enters and faith falters, and I am transfigured.

– Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

Monday, March 17, 2025

Saint Patrick
Daniel 9:4b-10
Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

*Solemnity of Saint Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Luke 2:41-51a

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 21, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible,
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>

SAINT PATRICK

Saint of the Day: March 17

Patron Saint of Engineers, Ireland, Nigeria

Current research places Patrick's dates of birth and death a little later than earlier accounts. Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland.

His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish.

Because of the island's pagan background, Patrick was emphatic in encouraging widows to remain chaste and young women to consecrate their virginity to Christ. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ.

He suffered much opposition from pagan druids and was criticized in both England and Ireland for the way he conducted his mission. In a relatively short time, the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.

Patrick was a man of action, with little inclination toward learning. One of the few certainly authentic writings is his *Confessio*, above all an act of homage to God for having called Patrick, unworthy sinner, to the apostolate.

There is hope in the fact that his burial place is said to be in County Down in Northern Ireland, long the scene of strife and violence.

Read the full article: "Saint Patrick'" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-patrick/ (Accessed February 21, 2025).

Peninsula Catholic Fund-raiser

Join us in supporting Peninsula Catholic High School's mission to educate and evangelize our youth! You're invited to an unforgettable evening at our **Disco Knights Benefit Auction** on **April 5, 2025**. Enjoy delicious food, fine wine, lively dancing, and the excitement of both silent and live auctions—all while making a difference.

Tickets are **\$50 per person** and can be purchased online at: <https://www.peninsulacatholic.org/giving/auction.cfm>.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Contact MT Adinaro with questions at mtadinaro@peninsulacatholic.org



The spring campaign for 40 Days for Life runs from Wednesday, March 5 (Ash Wednesday) to Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday). It is a peaceful, prayerful vigil held outside abortion centers across the country, and has been the most successful pro-life outreach in saving babies' lives.

Since 2007, over 24,000 babies have been saved and more than 145 abortion centers closed just by persons willing to fast and peacefully pray outside of abortion facilities in their neighborhoods. For more information, contact Linda Riva at email: lindajr2@yahoo.com. or call/text her at: 484-557-7089.

Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (Luke 9:35)

In prayer, listen to the voice of Jesus calling you. Could He be inviting you to follow Him more closely in a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Matthew Khiel in the Vocation Office at (804) 953-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.





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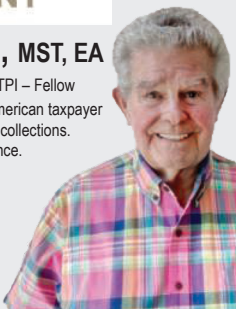
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