

# The Parish of Saint Joan of Arc

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*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>

**E-mail:** [aa@stjoanofarcva.org](mailto:aa@stjoanofarcva.org)

## 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/](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, Francisco Duran, 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, April 13**

8:30 am + Monique Yergeau  
11:30 am People of SJA

### **Monday, April 14**

9:00 am +Dan Burton

### **Tuesday, April 15**

9:00 am Jerry Ladnier

### **Wednesday, April 16**

9:00 am Thomas O'Reilly

### **Thursday, April 17**

7:00 pm Sidney Benally

### **Saturday, April 19**

7:30 pm Camia Pfingsten

### **Sunday, April 20**

8:30 am People of SJA

10:30 am + Florence Masselli



## *Meetings for the Week*

### **Monday, April 14**

6:30 pm Legion of Mary  
7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation

### **Tuesday, April 15**

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





## Chrism Mass

As we enter Holy Week, the celebration of the Chrism Mass will take place on **Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM** at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. This is a unique opportunity to gather with Bishop Knestout and the priests of the diocese as they renew their priestly promises, expressing their union and Communion in Christ with all the faithful in the life of the Church. In addition, at this Mass, the Holy Oils are blessed and consecrated for use in the celebration of the sacraments and sacramentals of the Church (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, the Sacred Chrism).

## Save the Dates

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Passion (Palm) Sunday (April 13)—Saturday 5:00 PM,  
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM**

**Holy Thursday (April 17) —7 PM**

**Good Friday (April 18) —3 PM**

**Easter Vigil (April 19) —7:30 PM**

**Easter Sunday (April 20) —8:30 AM and 10:30 AM**



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Registration Open



Adoration, Community,  
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**May 29-June 1, 2025**

"My soul proclaims the  
greatness of the Lord" ~Luke 1:46

Registration forms available in Parish Office & Commons  
For more information contact:

Laurie Sepanski @ 757-817-0825 or Sylvia Hernandez @ 210-535-9500  
Lsepanski@proton.me sylviahernandez50@gmail.com

## 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

### Liturgical Ministries

**Altar Servers**, Randy Vis  
**EMHCs**, Denis Morhiser & Rachel Vis  
**Hospitality**, Mary Ann Vogelbein &  
James Tucker III  
**Liturgy Committee**, Deacon Don Fox  
**MC**, Tom O'Reilly  
**Music**, Heekyung Lee  
**Music Coordinator**, Donna Prantl  
**Readers**, Michael Syptak &  
Patti Komornik

### Non-Liturgical Ministries

**Altar Linens**, Pat Sappenfield  
**Building Committee**, Steve Romeo  
**Building Maintenance**,  
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Hank Rose  
**Coffee & Cookies**, Florita Galvez  
**Divine Mercy**,  
Donna Prantl & Cathy Fowler  
**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  
**Social Ministries**, Chris Ladnier  
**Vocations Chalice**,  
Ferdinand & Donna Prantl  
**Web Master**

### Organizations

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



## RECONCILIATION

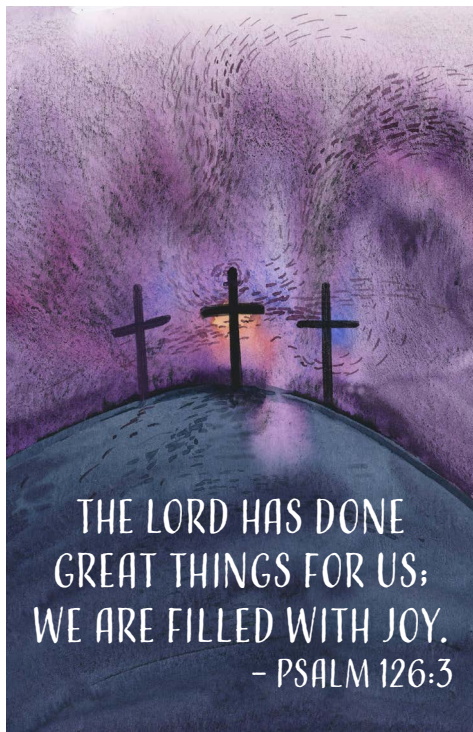
*Reflection on John 8:1-11*

Last Sunday, in the story of the Prodigal Son, we were given that compelling image of the long road, with two figures at either end, and saw how that image assured us that our God is always looking for us, waiting to embrace us in love and forgiveness. And we also saw how that image challenged us to make the journey to God, and at times to ourselves be the reconciler, ready to embrace and forgive others. In today's familiar story, Jesus gives us a clear example of this road to reconciliation.

We don't know for sure what Jesus wrote on the ground, but that little detail certainly adds a bit of suspense to the story. It was Jesus' spoken word that caught everyone unaware: "Let the one among you who is without sin cast the first stone." With this Word, Jesus had them, and He has us, over a barrel.

It is so easy, and so prevalent, especially through social media posts, to identify and vilify that person whom we judge to be standing in shame among us because of some behavior or action. Next time you may want to post a comment in judgment about someone in particular, recall this Gospel story, and think of your comment as a stone that you are throwing.

– Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, April 6, 2025

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
Philippians 3:8-14  
John 8:1-11

### Monday, April 7, 2025

*Lenten Weekday*

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62  
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
John 8:12-20

### Tuesday, April 8, 2025

*Saint Julie Billiart*

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21  
John 8:21-30

### Wednesday, April 9, 2025

*Lenten Weekday*

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
John 8:31-42

### Thursday, April 10, 2025

*Lenten Weekday*

Genesis 17:3-9  
Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
John 8:51-59

### Friday, April 11, 2025

*Lenten Weekday*

Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7  
John 10:31-42

### Saturday, April 12, 2025

*Lenten Weekday*

Ezekiel 37:21-28  
Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13  
John 11:45-56

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

## SAINT JULIE BILLIART

*Saint of the Day: April 8*

*Patron Saint of Educators/Teachers*

Born in Cuvilly, France, into a family of well-to-do farmers, young Marie Rose Julie Billiart showed an early interest in religion and in helping the sick and poor.

A mysterious illness overtook her when she was about 30. Witnessing an attempt to wound or even kill her father, Julie was paralyzed and became a complete invalid. For the next two decades, she continued to teach catechism lessons from her bed, offered spiritual advice, and attracted visitors who had heard of her holiness.

When the French Revolution broke out in 1789, revolutionary forces became aware of her allegiance to fugitive priests. With the help of friends, she was smuggled out of Cuvilly in a haycart. She then spent several years hiding in Compiègne, being moved from house to house despite her growing physical pain. She even lost the power of speech for a time.

As time passed and Julie continued her mobile life, she made the acquaintance of an aristocratic woman, Françoise Blin de Bourdon, who shared Julie's interest in teaching the faith. In 1803, the two women began the Institute of Notre Dame, which was dedicated to the education of the poor, young Christian girls, and the training of catechists. The following year the first Sisters of Notre Dame made their vows. That was the same year that Julie recovered from the illness: She was able to walk for the first time in 22 years.

Though Julie had always been attentive to the special needs of the poor and that always remained her priority, she also became aware that other classes in society needed Christian instruction. From the founding of the Sisters of Notre Dame until her death, Julie was on the road, opening a variety of schools in France and Belgium. Ultimately, Julie and Françoise moved the motherhouse to Namur, Belgium. Julie died there in 1816 and was canonized in 1969.

Read the full article: "Saint Julie Billiart" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
[www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-julie-billiart/](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-julie-billiart/) (Accessed March 21, 2025).



## SJA Pilgrimage

### EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON, DC

Join Father Mike and your fellow parishioners for a Holy Easter Pilgrimage on Monday, April 28 & Tuesday, April 29. The Pilgrimage will include visiting the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Shrine of St. Pope John Paul II and the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Land. Call the parish office now to reserve your spot as a limited number of pilgrims may attend.

## Finance Report for February 2025

<b>MONTHLY BUDGET—Operating Account (4 wks)</b>	\$	64,000
Sacrificial Giving	\$	59,575
<b>Variance</b>	\$	<b>(4,425)</b>
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (253 families)		38%
<b>Year to Date Budget—Operating Account</b>	\$	544,000
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$	569,111
<b>Variance</b>	\$	<b>25,111</b>
<b>MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS—Capital Campaign (4 wks)</b> <b>(Non-Pledges)</b>		
Sacrificial Giving	\$	10,109
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (84 families)		13%
<b>YTD Contributions—Capital Campaign</b> <b>(Non-Pledges)</b>		
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$	67,536
<b>MONTHLY BUDGET-Social Ministry (4 wks)</b>	\$	4,000
Sacrificial Giving	\$	4,026
<b>Variance</b>	\$	<b>26</b>
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (98 families)		15%
<b>Year to Date Budget—Social Ministry</b>	\$	32,000
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$	37,337
<b>Variance</b>	\$	<b>5,337</b>
<b>MONTHLY DIOCESE CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Sacrificial Giving	\$	25

## Diocesan Information

### Vocations Awareness

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)

Jesus' words reveal the ultimate trust and surrender to God's will. In vocations, we're invited to echo this trust, placing our lives in God's hands and answering His call with courage and faith. As we enter Holy Week, consider whether God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or religious brother or sister. 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](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).







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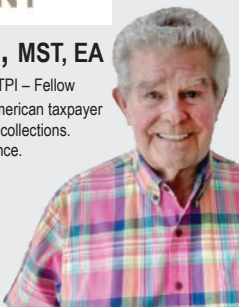
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