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## 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

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## The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who *has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*. The Lord's Day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.

(*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, nn. 7-8. 106)

## *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, May 18**

8:30 am Jimmy Pierce  
11:30 am George Wargo

### **Monday, May 19**

9:00 am + Theodoro Morales

### **Thursday, May 22**

9:00 am Philip Decker

### **Friday, May 23**

9:00 am + Carol Santoro

### **Saturday, May 24**

5:00 pm Norman Merski

### **Sunday, May 25**

8:30 am People of SJA

11:30 am People of SJA

## *Meetings for the Week*

### **Monday, May 19**

6:30 pm Legion of Mary

### **Tuesday, May 20**

10:00 am Women's Book Club

6:00 pm Youth Group

7:00 pm OCI

### **Thursday, May 22**

6:30 pm KOC

7:00 pm Ladies' Auxiliary

### **Saturday, May 24**

3:00 pm Children's Choir

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Upcoming Change in Mass Schedule

Our summer Mass schedule will take effect  
on **Sunday, June 1;**

the 11:30 am Mass will become the

**11:00 am Mass.**

## First Eucharist

### CONGRATULATIONS

To all who received Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist,  
Sunday, May 18, 2025!

A big thank-you to all to Deacon Joe, Rachel Vis and Claudia Seely, who  
worked so diligently throughout the year to  
prepare them!



Jefferson Arbarca-Rivas, Ryan Bauer,  
Jasmine Blessing, Aiden Boucher, Braxton Kaiser,  
Rafael Johan Lopez, Ilsa Tubalado, Grayson Verrett



## Retreat Opportunity



### St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church Women's A.C.T.S Retreat

Registration Open



Adoration, Community,  
Theology and Service



**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:

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## 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

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**Building Committee,** Steve Romeo  
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Dave Payton , Paul Krieschen &  
Hank Rose  
**Coffee & Cookies,** Florita Galvez  
**Divine Mercy,**  
Donna Prantl & Cathy Fowler  
**Iron Men,** John Musser  
**Kitchen,** Jerry Ladnier & Lisa Emerick  
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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



## THE RISEN CHRIST

*Reflection on John 13:31-33a, 34-35*

In this weekend's second reading, John gives us as good a vision of eternity as any we are likely to get: a Holy City, the New Jerusalem, as beautiful as a bride on her wedding day; a city where God dwells forever with humanity, where all the old order of death, tears, pain and crying out is wiped away, and where all things are made new. This vision of eternity from John's Revelation, which is often chosen for funeral liturgies, inspires great hope in us in what is to come, what God has planned for us.

But it does more than that, because it is not only a future eternity being described here, but also what is taking place in time, right now, in our time, through the power of the Risen Christ moving in and among us, making us new, and making all things new. It is a vision of what God is up to in and through us!

Jesus said we are to love one another the way He loved us, and still loves us: selflessly, sacrificially, with mercy and compassion. This is what God is up to in us, making all things new. In this task, we are not called to perfection, but we are called to faithfulness. And to remember that we are never called to something without also being equipped to carry it out.

– Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, May 18, 2025

*5th Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 14:21-27  
Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13  
Revelation 21:1-5a  
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

### Monday, May 19, 2025

*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 14:5-18  
Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16  
John 14:21-26

### Tuesday, May 20, 2025

*Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest*  
Acts 14:19-28;  
Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21  
John 14:27-31a

### Wednesday, May 21, 2025

*Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*  
Acts 15:1-6  
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5  
John 15:1-8

### Thursday, May 22, 2025

*Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*  
Acts 15:7-21  
Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10  
John 15:9-11

### Friday, May 23, 2025

*Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi*  
Acts 15:22-31  
Psalm 57:8-9, 10 and 12  
John 15:12-17

### Saturday, May 24, 2025

*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 16:1-10  
Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5  
John 15:18-21

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

## SAINT MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI

*Saint of the Day: May 23*

*Patron Saint of Bodily Ills*

Catherine de' Pazzi was born into a noble family in Florence in 1566. At 9, she learned to meditate from the family confessor. She made her first Communion at the then-early age of 10, and made a vow of virginity one month later. At 16, Catherine entered the Carmelite convent in Florence because she could receive Communion daily there.

Catherine had taken the name Mary Magdalene and had been a novice for a year when she became critically ill. Death seemed near, so her superiors let her make her profession of vows in a private ceremony from a cot in the chapel. Immediately after, Mary Magdalene fell into an ecstasy that lasted about two hours. This was repeated after Communion on the following 40 mornings. These ecstasies were rich experiences of union with God and contained insights into divine truths.

As a safeguard against deception and to preserve the revelations, her confessor asked Mary Magdalene to dictate her experiences to sister secretaries. Over the next six years, five large volumes were filled. The first three books record ecstasies from May of 1584 through Pentecost week the following year.

The extraordinary was ordinary for this saint. She read the thoughts of others and predicted future events. During her lifetime, Mary Magdalene appeared to several persons in distant places and cured a number of sick people.

It would be easy to dwell on the ecstasies and pretend that Mary Magdalene only had spiritual highs. This is far from true. It seems that God permitted her this special closeness to prepare her for the five years of desolation that followed when she experienced spiritual dryness. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi died in 1607 at age 41, and was canonized in 1669. Her liturgical feast is celebrated on May 25.

Read the full article: "Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-mary-magdalene-de-pazzi/> (Accessed May 5, 2025).

## MIRACLE OF THE ROSES UPDATE – May 2025

Wow! It has been almost a year since the last Miracle of the Roses update, but I am sure that you have seen a lot of movement across the Route 17 side of our property. The outside of the building has been blocked and sided, a new roof has been put on the social side of the building and windows and doors have been installed...and that is just the outside!

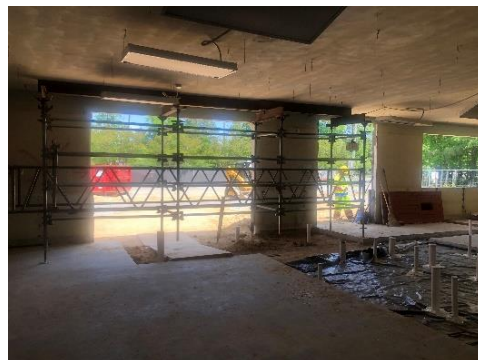
Inside the building is unrecognizable from the last time you were in it before the renovation construction started. All new HVAC ductwork has been installed and as of May 1, 90% of the new light fixtures are in. Our new beautiful kitchen is complete with the accessories being installed now. The new fire suppression system sprinklers are close to being finished. Drywall has been put up and painted and the flooring is being prepared to go down this month.

In our new and improved St. John Paul II Center, the stage is up and handrails have been installed. The new bathroom pod (men's, women's and family bathrooms) are almost complete with the accessories being installed now. Our new mechanical room is in place with a brand-new boiler, new water heater and new HVAC system. The water line should be on line and supplying water to the new building area soon.

Block is continuing to be laid around the rest of the new structure...

There will be a Miracle of the Roses Open House for the entire parish, young and old, Friday, May 30, the Feast Day of St. Joan of Arc herself! All are welcome from 6 PM through 8 PM for a great experience of walking through the new structure on Route 17, Phase 1. All will be amazed at the beauty and grandeur and the opportunity this beautiful new facility offers St. Joan of Arc! Walk throughs with activities and light foods will be available from 6 PM through 8 PM as people arrive. Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Some pictures below compare and contrast how far we have come...and a picture album with many more pictures will be in the Commons soon!



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Langley Chapel

has been designated as a

## JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE SITE FOR 2025



### BIG NEWS

#### for the Hampton Roads Catholic Military Community!

Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, has officially designated Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Langley Chapel as a Jubilee Year Pilgrimage Site for 2025!

To date, only three U.S. military sites worldwide have received this rare honor:

1. Langley Chapel
2. The USS Nimitz
3. One additional location to be announced

The Jubilee Year—rooted in Leviticus 25 and celebrated every 25 years—is a sacred time of renewal, reconciliation, and

mercy. It began on December 8, 2024 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) and concludes on December 20, 2025 (Solemnity of Christ the King).

Pope Francis has called this Jubilee “Spes Non Confundit” – Hope Does Not Disappoint – and urges all the faithful to become Pilgrims of Hope, rekindling trust in Christ and shining as beacons of light in a fractured world.

By making a pilgrimage to Langley Chapel, a pilgrim can receive a Plenary Indulgence—a powerful grace of spiritual healing and renewal—under the usual conditions:

- Make the pilgrimage
- Go to Confession (within ~20 days)
- Receive Holy Communion
- Pray for the Pope’s intentions
- Be free from attachment to sin

This is more than just a title—it’s a moment of grace for our community. We now join the four great basilicas of Rome as a beacon of hope and healing for military Catholics.

Spread the word! Let’s make the most of this once-in-a-generation opportunity—right here at Langley AFB!

#Jubilee2025 #SpesNonConfundit #PilgrimsOfHope #LangleyChapel #CatholicMilitary #PlenaryIndulgence #JBLEFaith #HopeDoesNotDisappoint

## Diocesan Information

### Vocations Awareness

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another." (John 13:34)*

Love is at the heart of every vocation. Take time to reflect on how God may be inviting you to live out His new commandment of love in a way that serves others. What does that call look like for you? Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Matthew Khriel in the Vocations Office at (804) 953-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).







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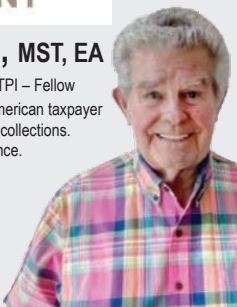
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