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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

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

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 4

8:30 am + Genevieve Graham

11:30 am People of SJA

Tuesday, May 6

9:00 am Anna Kraft

Wednesday, May 7

9:00 am +Anna Wisniewski

Thursday, May 8

9:00 am + Annette Cappon

Saturday, May 10

5:00 pm +Peter Romeo, Sr.

Sunday, May 11

8:30 am + William Emerick

11:30 am + Maryann Sobieralski

Meetings for the Week

Monday, May 5

6:30 pm Legion of Mary

7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday, May 6

10:00 am Women's Book Club

6:00 pm Youth Group

7:00 pm OCI

Thursday, May 8

6:30 pm KOC

Saturday, May 10

9:00 am Magnificat

3:00 pm Children's Choir



TODAY!

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation for Parents will take place TODAY, **Sunday, May 4**, after the 11:30 am Mass. The session will be conducted in Rooms F & H. Please contact Jennifer Strash for more information at (757) 898-5570.



MAY PROCESSION AND CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

St. Joan of Arc's beautiful annual May Procession and Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 4, 2025, between the two morning Masses. Please, plan to be there and to rejoice in it.

We gather to honor Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, now our own spiritual Mother, who is also the Patroness of our country, as we crown the Queen of Angels during a devotional service. We invite family and friends to share in this devotion and to announce Mary as the loving Mother of the "New Creation" to the public around us.



We ask all to bring flowers from their gardens that day to offer to, and to honor Our Lady of Grace.

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:

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
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MC, Tom O'Reilly
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Music Coordinator, Donna Prantl
Readers, Michael Syptak &
Patti Komornik

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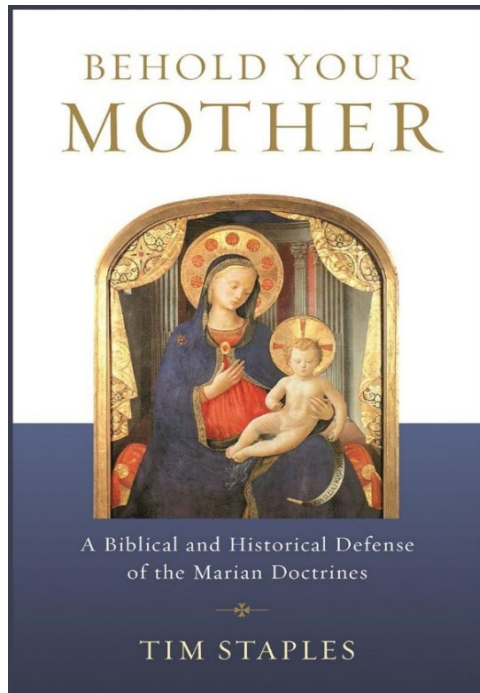
Altar Linens, Pat Sappenfield
Building Committee, Steve Romeo
Building Maintenance,
Dave Payton, Paul Krieschen &
Hank Rose
Coffee & Cookies, Florita Galvez
Divine Mercy,
Donna Prantl & Cathy Fowler
Iron Men, John Musser
Kitchen, Jerry Ladnier & Lisa Emerick
Liturgical Environment, Tom &
Rowena Fauber & 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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Vocations Chalice,
Ferdinand & Donna Prantl
Web Master

Organizations

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

Mary: A Mother's Gift to the World!

(Visit our Library Desk in the Commons on Saturday, May 10, and Sunday, May 11, after Masses)



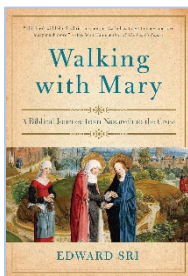
Behold Your Mother A Biblical and Historical Defense of the Marian Doctrines

Tim Staples, 2004, 352 pages

From the cross, Jesus entrusted His mother to us, inviting her to be our mother as well.

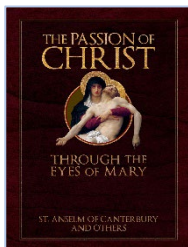
She stands as a uniquely holy figure—a model, consoler, and intercessor on our spiritual journey. Yet, many Protestants and even some Catholics might not fully grasp the role that God has intended for her in our lives. In “Behold Your Mother,” Tim Staples delves into the Church’s teachings about the Blessed Virgin Mary, shining a light on their solid Scriptural and historical foundations. He also tackles the misconceptions held by those who mistakenly think that Mary competes with Christ for our devotion. By blending the latest scholarship with his rich experience as a convert, Staples offers one of the most thorough and insightful approaches to Marian apologetics available today. Mary is not just relevant; she is essential—she truly matters.

And we have many more titles on the Virgin Mary, like:



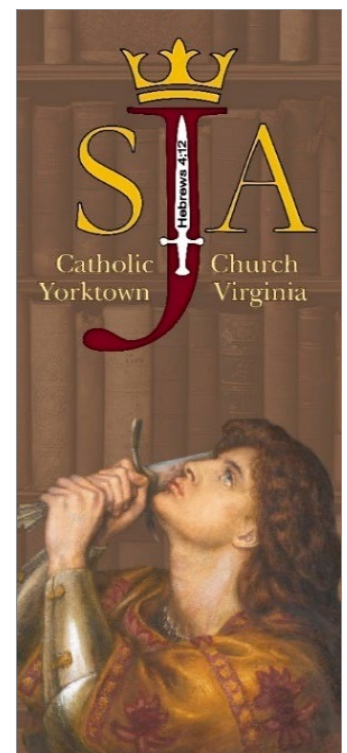
Edward Sri, Walking with Mary.

The author follows Mary step-by-step through the New Testament account of her life, reflecting on what the Scriptures tell us about how she responded to the dramatic events unfolding around her, through various trials and uncertainties, and while enduring her share of suffering.



St Anselm, The Passion of Christ Through the Eyes of Mary

There is no better way to contemplate the passion of Christ than through the eyes of Mary, who stood firmly when everyone else fled. And there is no greater act of love than Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross.



Come to the Library Desk on May 10 and 11 after Masses to find more books and DVDs.

Browse the CATALOG online at <https://www.sjalibrary.com/> or scan the QR code.

Please email us your requests at TheSJAlibrary@gmail.com and we will prepare a bag for you to pick up.

Easter Lily Memorials

Harold & Gloria Petersen
Parents of Tom & Barb Carroll
Rosa Mercado
Arsenault & Yergeau families
Isidro Reyna
Melvin & Marilyn Vis
Jose & Teadora Tapia
Anthony Sambuchi
Bill Bauer
Joe & Catherine Meredith
Bill & Gerry Pickerill
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Barbara Allen Call
Lt. Col. Gilbert & Marion O'Brien

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Theresa & Arthur Marino
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Dan Burton
Patrick Walsh
Thomas & Tina Marr
Sr. Fara Maggiore
Patricia Golden
E. Berkley Osborne
Deana E. J. Osborne
David Lee Osborne
Brian Scheessele



Magnificat

The Magnificat Women of SJA will be meeting on Saturday, May 10, from 9-11 am in the Commons. We encourage all women from juniors in high school to the most senior sister, regardless of where one is in their faith journey to join us. There will be a light meal, followed by a brief topic and social time.

If you would like to participate or would like more information, please contact Kelley (757-775-6360) or Tracy (804-695-4538) for more details.



Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

"It is the Lord!" (John 21:7)

Recognizing Jesus in your life opens the door to responding to His call. If you feel His presence prompting you toward a vocation, consider talking to your priest or reach out 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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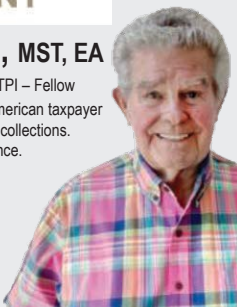
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