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St. Joan of Arc is a Catholic Family of
Faith, alive in the Lord Jesus Christ
through His Mercy, His Love, His
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Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Sunday – 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday

Tuesday through Friday – 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

First Friday Adoration

Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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.

<u>Diocesan Safe</u> <u>Environment Policy</u>

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, Lila Biasi, Marcella Buckley, Kelly Bustamante, Barbara & Tom Carroll, Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley, Paul Chesley, David Crocker, Jeffrey Cudjik, Blake Duggan, Eva Duggan, Francisco Duran, Eileen Gryn, Anne Holup, Elizabeth Johnson, Patti Komornik, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Kelly Rutter, Walter Sandberg, David Seko, Jr., Bill Smith, Jennifer Strash, Stephen Strother, Michael Syptak, and Wolfgang Vogelbein.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 11

9:00 am – Holy Mass. († Memorial Mass for William Nappi, Immediately followed by inurnment)

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 am - Holy Mass. († Anna Wisniewski)

Wednesday, August 13

9:00 am - Holy Mass.

Thursday, August 14

9:00 am - Holy Mass. (Michael Petersen)

Friday, August 15

9:00 am - Holy Mass. († Pauline Bryant)

Saturday, August 16

5:00 pm - Holy Mass (Pam Romeo)

Sunday, August 17

8:30 am - Holy Mass.

11:00 am - Holy Mass (Gunther and

Jean Sturm)

Meetings for the Week

Monday, August 11 6:30 pm Legion of Mary

Tuesday, August 12 6:30 pm Youth Group

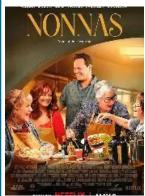


Thursday, August 14 7:00 pm KOC

Friday, August 15 6:30 pm Catholic Movie Night

Catholic Family Summer Movie Nights

Join your SJA family this Friday evening, August 15, at 6:30 PM in the NEW AND IMPROVED St. John Paul II Center for the next installment of our **SJA Family Summer Movie Nights**. This week's feature film is *Nonnas*



Refreshments and sometimes even Dinners will be available for a donation. Bring your comfortable chair, along with family and friends, for a fun and meaningful evening! We can't wait to see you there!

Nonnas (2025) 1h 52m—Nonnas is a 2025 American biographical comedy-drama based on the life of Joe Scaravella, the owner of Staten Island restaurant Enoteca Maria, who risks everything to honor his recently deceased, beloved mother by opening an Italian restaurant with actual grandmothers as chefs.

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.

Remembering Our Beloved Dead

In addition to the prayers lifted just after death and the prayers of the Funeral Mass itself, a meaningful Catholic tradition is to have Masses celebrated for the faithful departed. These Memorial Masses have infinite value for the souls of those journeying home to Heaven, as well as for those of us who remain and mourn. Masses may be offered at any time of the year.

Catholics and non-Catholics alike may arrange to have Masses offered for their beloved departed family and friends.

Please contact the Parish Office at (757) 898-5570 to schedule a Mass.

Never Fail to Keep Holy Mass As the Anchor of Every Vacation!

For nationwide Mass times and locations, Mass Times, call 1 (800) 627-7846 or look online at www.masstimes.org.

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, Mike Corbett &
Patti Komornik

Non-Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linens, Pat Sappenfield Building Committee, Steve Romeo Building Maintenance,

Dave Payton, Paul Krieschen & Hank Rose

Coffee & Cookies Cindy Brown & Kathy Isaac

Divine Mercy, Donna Prantl & Cathy Fowler

Iron Men, John Musser Kitchen, Jerry Ladnier & Lisa Emerick Liturgical Environment, Lynda Fairman

Landscape, Tom Finley Lazarus Katie Corbett & Manuel Reyes

Legion of Mary, David Cienski **Library,** Laura Quellhorst & Federico Colagrande

Magnificat Women, Tracy Leota & Kelley Rutter

OCI, Deacon Don Fox
Social Ministries, Chris

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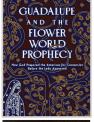
Come to the Library Desk

Visit us in the Commons on Sat, Aug 16, and Sun, Aug 17, after Masses.

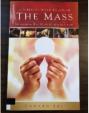
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We'd love to hear from you if you're interested in volunteering!



The Office of Christian Formation is excited to announce that registration for Heralds of Faith 2025 is now open!

Heralds of Faith takes place on **Saturday, September 13, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Saint Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg.**

Parish Leader Instructions

Leaders, please share the registration information below with your catechists and encourage them to attend.

Catechists can register using the link or QR code found below. Registration info is also available on the Diocese website.

Please also advertise the registration information in your bulletins and parish emails.

We encourage parish leaders to attend with their catechists; however, catechists are welcome to attend on their own if leaders aren't able to go.

What is it?

Heralds of Faith is a day to honor the catechists serving in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, and will include Mass celebrated by Bishop Knestout, catechist testimonies, *Blessing of the Catechists*, presentations by speakers at breakout sessions, and a time for lunch and fellowship.

Who is it for?

All catechists that serve at your parish are invited to attend, including catechists for Adult Formation, Children's Formation, Youth, Sacramental Prep, and Initiation Ministry.

This is a free event and includes hospitality and lunch.

When and where?

Saturday, September 13, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Saint Bede Catholic Church, 3686 Ironbound Road Williamsburg VA 23188.

Register Here: https://cdrocf.regfox.com/heralds-of-faith-2025



Questions? If you have any questions, please contact Michael Mitchell (mmitchell@richmonddiocese.org) or Cristy Barton for Spanish (cbarton@richmonddiocese.org).

BE PREPARED

Reflection on Luke 12:32-48

During his sermon a preacher asked his congregation, "who wants to go to heaven, raise your hand?" All hands went up, except for one older gentleman sitting in the front. The preacher pointed at him and said, "what about you sir, don't you want to go to heaven?" "Sure I do," he said, "but the way you asked the question, I thought you were getting a bus together for tonight."

Which is really the point of this Gospel: "be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." It could be tonight, or tomorrow, and so Jesus urges us to be faithful, vigilant, and prepared.

"If you knew when the thief was coming...," Jesus says. Which I find to be a curious metaphor, Jesus comparing himself to a thief. He did break into our world in a totally surprising way, becoming human. He did not employ force or violence, but through expressing love, mercy, and compassion, and announcing God's Kingdom, He totally stole our hearts! A divine thief, indeed!

Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 10, 2025

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 18:6-9 Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:32-48

Monday, August 11, 2025

Saint Clare, Virgin
Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Weekday
Deuteronomy 31:1-8
Deuteronomy 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Weekday
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Psalm 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Matthew 18:21–19:1

Friday, August 15, 2025

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

Saturday, August 16, 2025

Weekday Joshua 24:14-29 Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Matthew 19:13-15

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

SAINT MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE

Saint of the Day: August 14

Patron Saint of Addicts, Recovery from drug addiction

Maximilian Mary Kolbe entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans in Lvív at 16 and became a novice.

Ordained at 24, Maximilian saw religious indifference as the deadliest poison of the day. His mission was to combat it. He had already founded the Militia of the Immaculata, whose aim was to fight evil with the witness of the good life, prayer, work, and suffering. He dreamed of and then founded Knight of the Immaculata, a religious magazine under Mary's protection to preach the Good News to all nations. Both the Militia and the magazine ultimately reached the one-million mark in members and subscribers. His love of God was daily filtered through devotion to Mary.

In 1939, the Nazi panzers overran Poland with deadly speed. In 1941, Fr. Kolbe was arrested. The Nazis' purpose was to liquidate the select ones, the leaders. The end came quickly, three months later in Auschwitz, after terrible beatings and humiliations. A prisoner had escaped. The commandant announced that 10 men would die. He relished walking along the ranks. "This one. That one." As they were being marched away to the starvation bunkers, Number 16670 dared to step from the line. "I would like to take that man's place. He has a wife and children." "Who are you?" "A priest."

No name, no mention of fame. Silence. The commandant, kicked Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek out of line and ordered Fr. Kolbe to go with the nine. In the "block of death" they were ordered to strip naked, and their slow starvation began in darkness. By the eve of the Assumption, four were left alive. The jailer came to finish Kolbe off as he sat in a corner praying. He lifted his fleshless arm to receive the bite of the hypodermic needle. It was filled with carbolic acid. They burned his body with all the others. Fr. Kolbe was beatified in 1971 and canonized in 1982.

Faith Formation

Thank you for loving your child totally with your prayerful encouragement of his/her formation in the Catholic faith and, for some, preparation to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion or Confirmation. It is in your family, the domestic Church, that the seed of faith is planted, prayerfully cultivated, and blooms. Without your careful attention to cultivate and form the ground upon which the seed of God's Word falls, it cannot flourish. Registration is now open. Use the QR code to register for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

If you feel called to pass on the Faith to our youth, contact Jennifer Strash in the parish office.









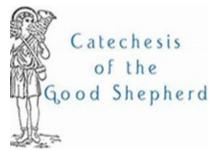




<u>OCI</u>

The Order of Christian Initiation (OCI) is a spiritual journey in faith to discover what it means to follow Jesus as a Catholic Christian and the joy and freedom that can result in a life with Him. Whether you are interested in becoming Catholic, need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, or just want to learn more about Catholicism, then join us every Tuesday evening, 7pm. You will be surprised at the depth and breadth of the Church that Jesus established! Contact Deacon Don for more info at deacondonfox@gmail.com

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – a religious formation program for children ages 3 to 13 rooted in the educational philosophy of Maria Montessori. The children attending meet in a carefully prepared room filled with biblical and liturgical materials to help them draw closer to Jesus, the Good Shepherd. This room – called the Atrium – is a place of simplicity and order, prayer, work and community. Everything in this room is intended to be appropriate to the ages and sizes of the children who gather there. We are introducing Level 1 this year on Sunday mornings.



Level 1: Children 3-6

The smallest ones are introduced to the liturgy by means of models of sacred objects of the Mass, vestments of the priests and liturgical colors which are seen in the sanctuary. Then, when they go to Mass, they rediscover things with which they are already familiar. They listen to the words of Jesus in the Bible which proclaims His birth, ponder parables of the Kingdom of God and celebrate His Resurrection. Register using the QR code. There is a strict limit of 20 children for this beautiful program.





Peninsula Catholic High School is enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year.

For more information, please go to our website: https://www.peninsulacatholic.org/admissions/

or contact Karen Domzal, Director of Enrollment: kdomzal@peninsulacatholic.org

Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Is God calling you to love Him through a life of service to others in the Church? Pray about how you can fulfill this greatest commandment through a vocation. Reach out to the Very Reverend Matthew Kiehl in the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 or email at officeofvocations@richmonddiocese.org.



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