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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 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.



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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.

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, Lila Biasi, Marcella Buckley, Barbara & Tom Carroll, Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley, Paul Chesley, 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 18

9:00 am — Holy Mass († Kirk Madris)

Tuesday, August 19

9:00 am — Holy Mass (Rachel Hennesy)

Wednesday, August 20

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church (Krystyna Noworyta)

Thursday, August 21

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope († Dr. William Santoro)

Friday, August 22

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Alexander Martinez)

Saturday, August 23

5:00 pm — Holy Mass. Vigil Mass of the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time († Ronald Todhunter)

Sunday, August 24

8:30 am — Holy Mass. Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Robert Studebaker)

11:00 am — Holy Mass. Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mike Isaac)

Meetings for the Week

Monday, August 18

6:30 pm Legion of Mary

Tuesday, August 19

6:30 pm Youth Group



Thursday, August 21

7:00 pm KOC

Friday, August 22

6:30 pm Catholic Movie Night

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.

Finance Report

Fiscal Year July 2024-June 2025

May 2025

MONTHLY BUDGET-Operating Acc't (4 wks)	\$64,000
Sacrificial Giving	\$53,260
Variance	\$(10,740)
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (250 families)	38%
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET-Operating Acc't	\$752,000
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$785,207
Variance	\$33,207
MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS-Capital Campaign (4 wks)	
(Non-Pledges)	
Sacrificial Giving	\$7,267
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (84 families)	13%
YTD CONTRIBUTIONS-Capital Campaign	
(Non-Pledges)	
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$94,675
MONTHLY BUDGET-Social Ministry (4 wks)	\$4,000
Sacrificial Giving	\$4,005
Variance	\$5
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (91 families)	14%
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET-Social Ministry	\$44,000
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$50,416
Variance	\$6,416
MONTHLY DIOCESE CONTRIBUTIONS	
Sacrificial Giving	\$0

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.

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 Ladnier

Vocations Chalice, Ferdinand & Donna Prantl

Web Master Julius Arlando

Organizations

KoC & Ladies Auxiliary, Randy Vis & Julia Allaman

Women's Book Club, Arlene Bradley

THE COST

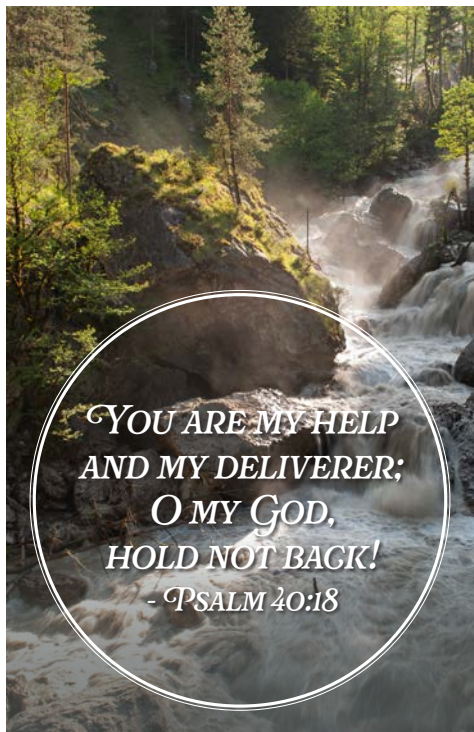
Reflection on Luke 12:49-53

One of the earliest available Greek calendars is based on a list of the winners of important Olympic contests. So when he wishes to encourage his audience, the author of the letter to the Hebrews, who is a cultured man, can think of no stronger metaphor than a marathon runner. Just as this runner uses all his strength to win the race, so the disciple of Jesus must use all His resources to be a champion of virtue.

Jesus says, unapologetically, that his coming provokes division. St. John puts the matter slightly differently: "The light has come into the world, but [people] hated the light, because their deeds were bad." The disciple, like Jesus, is a light for the world, a light that throws shadows into sharp relief.

The point of both these readings is both plain and painful: following Jesus faithfully costs something. If our legs are not aching and our lungs not afire from our efforts to complete the twenty-sixth mile; if our clothes are immaculate because no one has ever even thought of tossing us down a cistern for living God's Word; if we lack Jesus' enthusiasm for casting fire upon the earth; in short, if professing discipleship has cost us nothing lately, how faithful are we being to the call?

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 17, 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Psalms 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

Monday, August 18, 2025

Weekday

Judges 2:11-19

Psalms 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44

Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Weekday

Judges 6:11-24a

Psalms 85:9, 11-12, 13-14

Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Saint Bernard, Abbot and

Doctor of the Church

Judges 9:6-15

Psalms 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Saint Pius X, Pope

Judges 11:29-39a

Psalms 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 22, 2025

The Queenship of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

Psalms 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Weekday

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17

Psalms 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

Matthew 23:1-12

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

SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Saint of the Day: August 20

Patron Saint of Cistercians, Beekeepers and Candlemakers

In the year 1111, at the age of 20, Bernard left his home to join the monastic community of Cîteaux. His five brothers, two uncles, and some 30 young friends followed him into the monastery. Within four years, a dying community had recovered enough vitality to establish a new house in the nearby valley of Wormwoods, with Bernard as abbot. The zealous young man was quite demanding, though more on himself than others. A slight breakdown of health taught him to be more patient and understanding. The valley was soon renamed Clairvaux, the valley of light.

His ability as arbitrator and counselor became widely known. More and more he was lured away from the monastery to settle long-standing disputes. On several of these occasions, he apparently stepped on some sensitive toes in Rome. Bernard was completely dedicated to the primacy of the Roman See. But to a letter of warning from Rome, he replied that the good fathers in Rome had enough to do to keep the Church in one piece. If any matters arose that warranted their interest, he would be the first to let them know.

Shortly thereafter it was Bernard who intervened in a full-blown schism and settled it in favor of the Roman pontiff against the antipope.

The Holy See prevailed on Bernard to preach the Second Crusade throughout Europe. His eloquence was so overwhelming that a great army was assembled and the success of the crusade seemed assured. The ideals of the men and their leaders, however, were not those of Abbot Bernard, and the project ended as a complete military and moral disaster.

Bernard felt responsible in some way for the degenerative effects of the crusade. This heavy burden possibly hastened his death, which came August 20, 1153.

Read the full article: "Saint Bernard of Clairvaux" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bernard-of-clairvaux/> (Accessed July 24, 2025).

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 the parish office.



OCI

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 proclaim 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.



Catechesis
of the
Good Shepherd



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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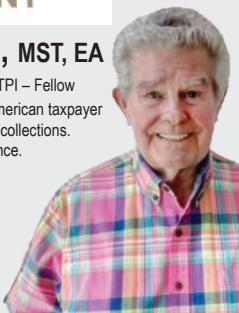
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