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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
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opportunity for us to meet Christ.



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# The Parish of Saint Joan of Arc

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#### 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.

#### 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, Bill Betts, Lila Biasi, Marcella Buckley,
Barbara & Tom Carroll, Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley,
Mary Cordaro, Blake Duggan, Eva Duggan, Francisco Duran,
Missi Easop, Lisa Emerick, Bill Endres, Eileen Gryn, John Harmsen,
Anne Holup, Deacon Dan Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson,
Patti & Frank Komornik, Josh Meyer, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell,
Walter Sandberg, David Seko, Jr., Bill Smith, Stephen Strother,
Michael Syptak, and Rachael Vis.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, September 22

**9:00 am** — Holy Mass. Monday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

#### Tuesday, September 23

**9:00 am** — Holy Mass. Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (*Timothy Amato*) & († Carla Allaman)

#### Wednesday, September 24

**9:00 am** — Holy Mass. Wednesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

#### Thursday, September 25

**9:00** am — Holy Mass. Thursday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

#### Friday, September 26

**9:00** am — Holy Mass. Friday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday, September 27

**5:00 pm** — Holy Mass. Vigil Mass of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time († Harold & Gloria Peterson)

#### Sunday, September 28

8:30 am — Holy Mass. Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:30 am — Holy Mass. Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Kathryn Sobczyk)

# Meetings for the Week

#### Monday, September 22

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

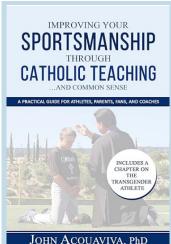
#### Tuesday, September 23

10:00 am Women's Book Club 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm OCIA



# Thursday, September 25 10:00 am Stitchers 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus

6:30 pm KoC Ladies Auxiliary



Join Catholic Speaker, University Professor of Exercise Science (Wingate University) and Author, Dr. John Acquaviva, this **Thursday evening**, **September 25, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the JPII Center**, as he discusses how Christian teaching can make sports more virtuous (and enjoyable) for everyone involved.

A reception will follow the presentation during which Dr. Acquaviva will sign copies of his book *Improving Your Sportsmanship Through Catholic Teaching ...* and Common Sense: A Practical Guide for Athletes, Parents, Fans and Coaches.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase for \$10.00.

## 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.

# 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.

# Children's Liturgy of the Word



When the priest calls the children forward for their own Liturgy of the Word, he permits them to be brought into their own space for Scripture readings and for understanding at their own level as proclaimed by their own ministers. This was specifically developed for children from 3 to 6 years old who have not yet received their First

Eucharist. (It is not child care or busy activities.) Specially trained staff and volunteers are needed to lead CLOW. Contact Jeanne Crocker in the Parish Office at religioused@stjoaanofarcva.org to learn more.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at the 8:30 AM Mass starting in January 2026.

# Parish Ministries

Finance Council, Jack Christie

#### **Pastoral Ministry**

**Baptism Coordinator,**Jennifer Strash

**Bereavement,** John Bryant III **Sick & Homebound,** Denis Morhiser

#### **Liturgical Ministries**

Altar Servers, Randy Vis
Arts & Environment, Tom & Rowena
Fauber, and Lynda Fairman
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, Ritchie Fierros 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

#### **RESOURCES**

Reflection on Luke 16:1-13

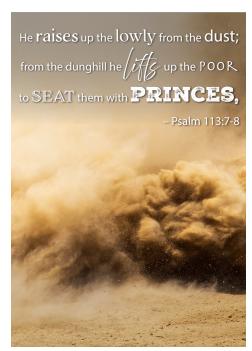
In so many Gospel stories, the response to Jesus by His followers shows that they have no earthly idea what He is about. For example, Peter's wrongheaded suggestion at the mountain top of the Transfiguration to set up three booths for Elijah, Moses and Jesus.

No response is reported following this story of the dishonest manager, but I can imagine some baffled questions by Jesus' hearers. Why does a guy presented as a crook seem to get praised for even further dishonesty by someone who has just fired him? Just exactly what about this fellow's behavior does Jesus want us to imitate?

Perhaps our take-away from this story is to note that this steward musters every available bit of farsightedness and craft when it comes to working out his material fate. And he is dealing with mere earthly things. If Jesus' disciples could only be half as resourceful at promoting His kingdom as these stewards are at promoting their own selfish welfare, His kingdom would flourish.

The dance of God's grace in our lives is forever showering an abundance of resources upon us. Some of them are material blessings, but even more important are the resources of love, peace, compassion, forgiveness, perseverance. What are we doing with them all? How are we crafting our lives for God?

– Father Jay



#### **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

Sunday, September 21, 2025

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

Monday, September 22, 2025

Weekday Ezra 1:1-6 Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Weekday Ezra 9:5-9 Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 Luke 9:1-6 Thursday, September 25, 2025

Weekday Haggai 1:1-8 Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 26, 2025

Weekday Haggai 2:1-9 Psalm 43:1, 2, 3, 4 Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 Luke 9:43b-45

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

#### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

Saint of the Day: September 27 Patron Saint of Charitable Societies

The deathbed confession of a dying servant opened Saint Vincent de Paul's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This seems to have been a crucial moment in the life of the man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life.

The Countess de Gondi persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers and country people. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

Saint Vincent de Paul established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity, "whose convent is the sickroom, whose chapel is the parish church, whose cloister is the streets of the city."

He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

Most remarkably, Saint Vincent de Paul was by temperament a very irascible person – even his friends admitted it. He said that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross." But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others.

Pope Leo XIII made him the patron of all charitable societies. Outstanding among these, of course, is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by his admirer Blessed Frédéric Ozanam.

Read the full article: "Saint Vincent de Paul" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-vincent-de-paul/ (Accessed September 8, 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. Classes will begin in October. If you feel called to pass on the Faith to our youth, contact Jeanne Crocker in the Parish Office at religious-ed@stjoaanofarcva.org.











Register using the QR code



# Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

If you are interested in exploring the teachings of the Catholic Church, if you need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation), or you would just like a refresher in the Church's teachings, then OCIA is for you. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) 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 from journeying with Christ. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings you to Jesus Christ who is our Lord and Savior.

Anyone interested in inquiring about the Catholic Church, or her teachings, are welcome to participate with your questions, insights, and faith story in a warm, fun, enlightening, and exciting setting. You will be surprised at the depth and breadth of the Catholic Church!

Contact Deacon Don at deacondonfox@gmail.com for more information. The next formal sessions began September 2, but we are always accepting candidates.

# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program focuses on deepening the child's existing relationship with God, encouraging the formation of a personal prayer life, participating fully in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church, and developing a deeper understanding of Catholic identity and Tradition.



Catechesis includes Scripture, theology, and the Liturgy of the Mass. This is accomplished by listening to the Word of God, praying, singing, and encouraging the child to reflect and meditate by working with materials that bring Scripture and Liturgy to life. Through this program, children encounter the beauty and depth of our faith—discovering Christ as the Good Shepherd, the True Vine, and the One who calls us to live in communion with Him.

**Level 1 (ages 3–6)** focuses on the central theme of the Good Shepherd and all the gifts He gives. This level encourages children to develop their innate potential for a faith-filled relationship with God and establishes the foundation of prayer life. They encounter Jesus, the Good Shepherd who loves them, cares for them, and knows them by name.

Level 2 (ages 6–9) allows the child to understand Jesus as the True Vine and how to remain on the Vine. At this stage, children explore morality and how to respond to the gifts they have been given. Sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion is also included in this level.



Register using the QR code.

# 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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