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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. & 11:30 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 3:00 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

"A man who fails to love the Mass fails to love Christ." (J. M. Escriva, *Christ is Passing By*, no. 92) To love the Mass is a guarantee for salvation. But to love the Mass does not mean just being present and no more. It means to be present with faith and devotion. It means to take part in the Mass, realizing what it is: the Sacrifice of the Cross renewed on the altar; and realizing that when we go to Mass, we go, as it were, to Calvary. And that we should be present there, like our Blessed Lady beside the Cross, in loving contemplation of Christ who offers Himself lovingly for each one of us.
(*The Mass Explained* by CORMAC BURKE)

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, Lois Bates, John Bryant III, Marcella Buckley, Ann Bunch, Barbara & Tom Carroll, Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley, Eva Duggan, Jim & Missi Easop, Bill Endres, Tim Gardner, Eileen Gryn, James & Teodora Hall, John Harmsen, Charles Hendricks, Patricia Holston, Anne Holup, Elizabeth Johnson, Gayle Kutach, Julie Kutach, Debra Martin, Lottie Matthias, Josh Meyer, Ron Morrison, Ferdinand Prantl, Don & Joan Progar, Gary & Kathy Sambuchi, Walter Sandberg, David Seko, Jr., Bill Smith, Stephen Strother, and Pauline Ting

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 16, 2026

9:00 am – People of SJA

Friday, February 20, 2026

9:00 am – People of SJA

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

9:00 am – People of SJA

Saturday, February 21, 2026

5:00 pm – + Isidro Reyna

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

9:00 am – People of SJA

7:00 am – People of SJA

Sunday, February 22, 2026

8:30 am – Jimmy Pierce

11:30 am – + Victoria Ezuru

Thursday, February 19, 2026

9:00 am – Ladies' Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Yorktown Council #7469

Ash Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
MASS TIMES 9 AM AND 7 PM

Bulletin Announcements

Please email any approved bulletin announcements to the SJA Office Manager **two Wednesdays prior to the weekend** you would like to have your announcement published.

Information should be sent to: sjoaofcmgr@stjoanofarcva.org.

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.

Vocations Chalice Ministry

We began praying for vocations with the "Vocations Chalice" over eleven years ago. Since the beginning of this family devotion, St. Joan of Arc has received from God and "prayed into being" five seminarians studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Richmond and four permanent deacons. The "Vocations Chalice" is presented to a family, couple, or individual and is taken home and used during daily prayer as a focal point for an increase in religious vocations. Every two weeks, the "Vocations Chalice" is transferred from one prayerful family to another. If you would like your family to participate in the Vocations Chalice Ministry, call Ferdinand Prantl at 757-620-1870 or email ferdinand.prantl@gmail.com.

Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

"I did not come to abolish but to fulfill." (Matthew 5:17)

Jesus calls us to live with integrity, love, and holiness, going beyond the letter of the Law to embrace its full meaning. Priests participate in this mission by bringing His grace to the world through the sacraments, helping others encounter God's love. Could God be inviting you to this ministry of service? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 804-359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



Parish Ministries

Finance Council, Jack Christie

Pastoral Ministry

Bereavement, Adrian Rivera

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

Readers, Mike Corbett & Patti

Komornik

Non-Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linens, Jennifer Randleman

Building Committee, Steve

Romeo

Coffee & Cookies, Cindy Brown &

Kathy Isaac

Divine Mercy, Donna Prantl &

Cathy Fowler

Iron Men Spirituality Group,

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Lazarus Ministry, Katie Corbett &

Manuel Reyes

Legion of Mary, David Cienski

Library, Laura Quellhorst &

Federico Colagrande

Magnificat Women Spirituality

Group, Tracy Leota & Kelley

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OCI, Deacon Don Fox

Social Ministries, Chris Ladnier

Vocations Chalice, Ferdinand &

Donna Prantl

Organizations

KoC & Ladies Auxiliary, Randy Vis

& Julia Allaman

Women's Book Club, Arlene

Bradley

GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Reflection on Matthew 5:17-37

The Sermon on the Mount began with Jesus' proclamation of the Beatitudes, and continued last Sunday with Jesus calling us salt and light. Today, the sermon continues as Jesus teaches His disciples a new way of observing the commandments. In his Gospel, Matthew is keen to present Jesus as the new Moses, the great teacher, who instructs with new and forceful authority.

We first hear that everything in the law will not be abolished but fulfilled in Jesus. We can interpret this within the context of Jesus' central teaching on the law and the prophets, what we know as "the Great Commandment." Love of God and love of neighbor are, Jesus instructs, the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

We can hear these "you have heard it said ... but what I say to you" statements of Jesus regarding the Ten Commandments given by God through Moses, as a movement from exterior observation to interior disposition. Our observance, indeed our fulfillment of God's laws, involves not only behavioral compliance, but also interior attention to the motivations, judgements, thoughts, urges of the will, that give rise to speech and action. All of this scrutiny goes to the movement of our hearts, in a word, love.

– Father Jay

**BLESSED ARE THEY WHOSE
WAY IS BLAMELESS,
WHO WALK IN THE LAW OF
THE LORD.**

– PSALM 119:1

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, February 15, 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

Monday, February 16, 2026

Weekday

James 1:1-11

Psalm 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76

Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Weekday

James 1:12-18

Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19

Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18

Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17

2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Luke 9:22-25

Friday, February 20, 2026

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19

Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Luke 5:27-32

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

SAINT PETER DAMIAN

Saint of the Day: February 21

Patron Saint of insomnia and sleep difficulties

Saint Peter escaped poverty and the neglect of his own brother when his other brother, who was archpriest of Ravenna, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor.

Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines of the reform of Saint Romuald at Fonte Avellana. They lived two monks to a hermitage. Peter was so eager to pray and slept so little that he soon suffered from severe insomnia. He found he had to use some prudence in taking care of himself. When he was not praying, he studied the Bible.

The abbot commanded that when he died Saint Peter Damian should succeed him. Abbot Saint Peter founded five other hermitages. He encouraged his brothers in a life of prayer and solitude and wanted nothing more for himself.

Pope Stephen IX made Saint Peter Damian the cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He worked hard to wipe out simony – the buying of church offices – and encouraged his priests to observe celibacy and urged even the diocesan clergy to live together and maintain scheduled prayer and religious observance. He wished to restore primitive discipline among religious and priests, warning against needless travel, violations of poverty, and too comfortable living.

He asked often to be allowed to retire as cardinal-bishop of Ostia, and finally Pope Alexander II consented. Saint Peter Damian was happy to become once again just a monk, but he was still called to serve as a papal legate. When returning from such an assignment in Ravenna, he was overcome by a fever. With the monks gathered around him saying the Divine Office, he died on February 22, 1072. In 1828, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

Read the full article: "Saint Peter Damian" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-damian/> (Accessed February 2, 2026).

UPCOMING EVENTS—SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, February 19, 2026—Sunday, February 22, 2026

2026 SJA Men's ACTS Retreat—**Reserve your spot today!**

Where: St. Clare of Assisi Retreat Center, Hampton, VA

Contact: Pete Romeo

Phone: (757) 503-3533

Email: pnpromeo@cox.net



Thursday, April 23, 2026—Sunday, April 26, 2026

2026 SJA Women's ACTS Retreat—**Save the Date!**

Where: St. Clare of Assisi Retreat Center, Hampton, VA

Contact: Laurie Sepanski

Phone: (757) 817-0825

Email: lsepanski@proton.me



COLLECTION OF PALMS

In keeping with the centuries-old tradition of burning of palm fronds (from the previous year's Palm Sunday), to create ashes for the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, please bring your palms from Palm Sunday 2025, by Tuesday, February 17, and place them in the baskets in the Commons.

SJA COMMUNITY SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER, THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17,

6:00 PM: This will be a great way to start off Lent, which is the time of purification, detaching from what sin and slavery still have a grip on us, and becoming free through prayer, fasting, and self-sacrifice. After dinner, join us for the Burning of the Palms, which will be used for our **Ash Wednesday Masses at 9 AM and 7 PM** the next day. What a great way to start this powerful season of conversion!



Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross **Every Friday in Lent**

Join us in the St. John Paul II Center starting at 6:00 PM every Friday during Lent for our Lenten Soup Supper. After supper we will gather to pray the Stations of the Cross in the Worship Space, which assist us in our own spiritual pilgrimage with Christ.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Spring Campaign for 40 Days for Life begins Wednesday, February 18 to Sunday, March 29.

It is a peaceful, prayerful vigil held outside abortion centers across the country, and has been the most successful Pro-life outreach in saving babies' lives.

Since 2007, over 24,000 babies have been saved and more than 145 abortion centers closed just by persons willing to fast and peacefully pray outside of abortion facilities in their neighborhoods.

For more information, contact Linda Riva at email: lindajr2@yahoo.com or call/text her at: 484-557-7089.



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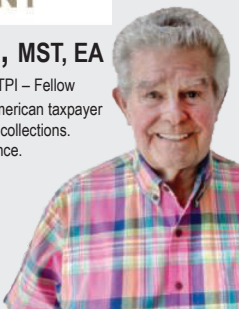
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