

Welcome

OUR MISSION

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.

Praise & Worship

Wednesday: 7:00 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

Christ prays for us: He is our priest;
He prays in us: He is our head;
we pray to Him: He is our God.

- Let us be aware, then, of our prayer in Him, and His prayer in us.
When we turn to God in prayer, we must not separate ourselves from His Son.
- Let us be aware, then, of our prayer in Him, and His prayer in us. (Hebrews 10:1, 14; Ephesians 5:2)

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 Jennifer "J" Rodriguez in 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, Joe Chambers, Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley, Paul Chesley, Tamera David, Anne Holup, Deacon Dan Johnson, Patti Komornik, Matthew Martin, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham, David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother, Eva Duggan



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 15
8:30 am † Patricia Yasky
11:30 am † Spenser Ashton Caldwell

Thursday, September 19
9:00 am † John Thomas Kelley

Tuesday, September 17
9:00 am † Suzanne Osborne
Stephen Benson

Friday, September 20
9:00 am † Anna Wisniewski

Sunday, September 22
8:30 am † Melvin Vis
11:30 am † Taylor Walsh

Meetings for the Week

Monday, September 16
6:30 pm Legion of Mary

Saturday, September 21
8:00 am Iron Man

Thursday, September 19
10:00 am Stitches
6:30 pm Cantors
7:00 pm Choir



**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.

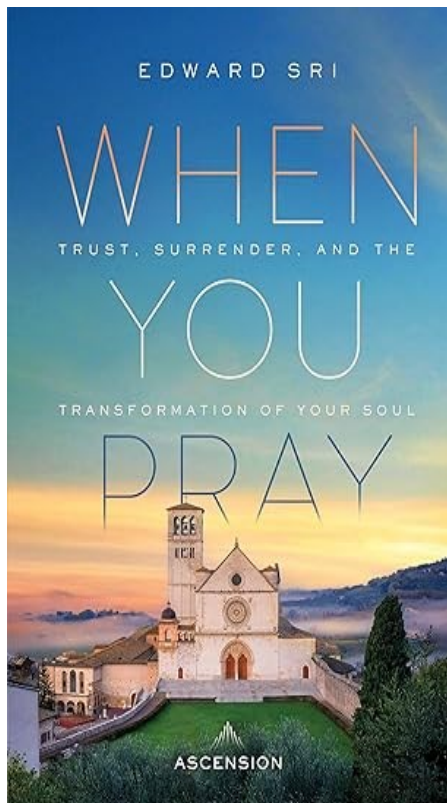
We know that if something is very important to us, we will do everything possible to support its increase and beauty. Our legacy refers to the portion of all we have from God, which we thankfully give back once He calls us to glory. The goal of a legacy is to leave a gift that will make an impact for 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.

Bulletin Announcements

Please e-mail any approved bulletin announcements to J Rodriguez **two** Wednesdays prior to the weekend you would like to see your announcement published at jrodriguez@stjoanofarcva.org.

Community Information



Prayer Study ! Starting Monday, October 7th at 6:30pm. You know prayer is important, but do you still find it challenging? No time? Unsure how to pray? Restless, distracted, or discouraged? Maybe you feel your prayers aren't "working." Many of the saints struggled in prayer, had complicated problems, and made mistakes. This study will help you begin your journey of prayer, rejuvenate your prayer life, and strengthen your relationship with God so that you can give God your entire heart! Contact Deacon Don

Fox for more info at Deacondonfox@gmail.com or 757-813-6428. Cost is \$25.

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Baptism Coordinator, Jennifer Strash
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Sick & Homebound, Denis Morhiser

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Music, Heekyung Lee
Readers, Michael Syptak & Patti Komornik

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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, Gina Endres
Library, Laura Quellhorst
Magnificat Women, Tracy Leota & Kelley Rutter
New Evangelization, David Cienski
OCI, Deacon Don Fox
Social Ministries, Chris Ladnier
Vocations Chalice, Ferdinand & Donna Prantl
Web Master

Organizations

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

THINK AS GOD DOES*Reflection on Mark 8:27-35*

At this near half point of Mark's Gospel, we encounter Jesus' first reference to His Passion, in response to Peter's affirmation that He is the Christ. That the Christ must be rejected and suffer, be put to death, and be raised after three days, had to be a hard pill to swallow for His disciples. Apparently, Peter rejected this destiny in his rebuke of Jesus, which seems only natural, for who would want his/her friend and teacher to face all this ugliness and pain. Yet Jesus says that Peter was "thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

I also think not as God does but as human beings do whenever I take my faith for granted by treating my religion as a comfort zone and my relationship with God as a private experience, a place where I can retreat to and ignore the world's struggles. Faith, if it is real, leads us into the world's pain and struggle. Faith calls us into this pattern of death and resurrection, of "taking up our cross" and following in the footsteps of Jesus. Living the Gospel life is indeed challenging, but the reward is that God's grace permeates all of it, every moment of suffering and bliss, of pain and renewal, of death and resurrection. God is in all of it. We are saved in the process, the Paschal Mystery; we are not saved from it.

Remember, it was not Daniel's faith that saved him from the jaws of the lion – God did that. It was Daniel's faith that got him into the lion's den to begin with.

– Fr. Jay

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE****Sunday, September 15, 2024***24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 50:5-9a
Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Jas 2:14-18
Mk 8:27-35

Monday, September 16, 2024*Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 17, 2024*Weekday*

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 18, 2024*Weekday*

1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 19, 2024*Weekday*

1 Cor 15:1-11
Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28
Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 20, 2024*Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

1 Cor 15:12-20
Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 21, 2024*Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Mt 9:9-13

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

SAINT CORNELIUS*Saint of the Day: September 16**Patron Saint of: Earache Sufferers*

There was no pope for 14 months after the martyrdom of Saint Fabian because of the intensity of the persecution of the Church. During the interval, the Church was governed by a college of priests. Saint Cyprian, a friend of Cornelius, writes that Cornelius was elected pope "by the judgment of God and of Christ, by the testimony of most of the clergy, by the vote of the people, with the consent of aged priests and of good men."

The greatest problem of Cornelius' two-year term as pope had to do with the Sacrament of Penance and centered on the readmission of Christians who had denied their faith during the time of persecution. Two extremes were finally both condemned. Cyprian, primate of North Africa, appealed to the pope to confirm his stand that the relapsed could be reconciled only by the decision of the bishop. In Rome, however, Cornelius met with the opposite view. After his election, a priest named Novatian (one of those who had governed the Church) had himself consecrated a rival bishop of Rome—one of the first antipopes. He denied that the Church had any power to reconcile.

The friendship of Cornelius and Cyprian was strained for a time when one of Cyprian's rivals made accusations about him. But the problem was cleared up.

A document from Cornelius shows the extent of organization in the Church of Rome in the mid-third century: 46 priests, seven deacons, seven subdeacons. It is estimated that the number of Christians totaled about 50,000. He died as a result of the hardships of his exile in what is now Civitavecchia.

Men like Cornelius and Cyprian were God's instruments in helping the Church find a prudent path between extremes of rigorism and laxity.

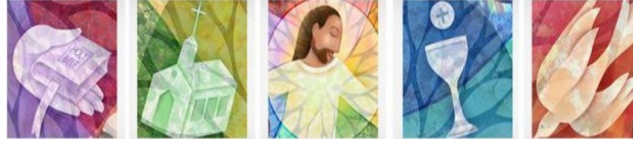
Read the full article: "Saint Cornelius" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-cornelius/ (Accessed September 3, 2024).

Adult Formation

OCI

Anyone interested in learning about the Catholic faith, or being fully received into her fullness, are invited to join the Order of Christian Initiation (OCI). Sessions are held Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30pm, and began September 10. Contact Deacon Don Fox at deacondonfox@gmail.com for more information.

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. Use the QR code to register for the 2024 - 2025 school year, including our new Catechesis of the Good Shepherd religious education program for our 3 to 6-year-old kids. Sunday classes start this weekend on September 15th!



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.



Catechesis
of the
Good Shepherd



Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.” Are you seeking a simplistic way of life? You may be called to take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Discover that life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.





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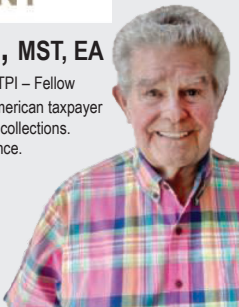
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