

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

"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 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 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, Patti Komornik, Matthew Martin, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham, David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 22

8:30am † Melvin Vis
11:30 am † Taylor Walsh

Tuesday, September 24

9:00 am † Anthony Sambuchi

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 am † Suzanne Osborne

Friday, September 27

9:00 am Robert Haas

Saturday, September 28

5:00 pm Chole Gaffney

Sunday, September 29

8:30am † Dr. William Santoro
11:30 am Kathryn Sobczyk

Meetings for the Week

Monday, Sept 23

6:30 pm Legion of Mary



Thursday, Sept 26

10:00 am Stitches
6:30 pm Cantors
6:30 pm KoC
7:00 pm Choir
7:00 pm KoC Ladies Aux

First Friday Adoration

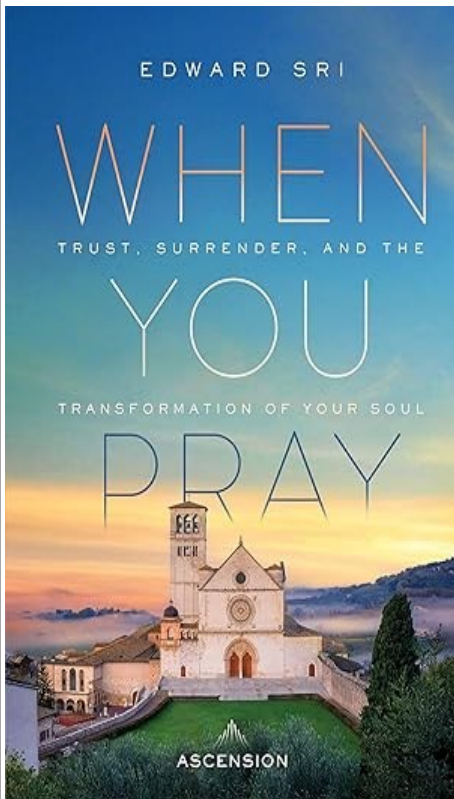
Come join us for Adoration after morning Mass on the First Friday of each month. A sign-up sheet is available in the Commons. We need at least 2 people/hour to keep the Lord company throughout the day! Join us at 3:00 pm when we will recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Benediction is at 4:00 pm.



Bulletin Announcements

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

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 information. The cost is \$25 for the book.
DeaconDonFox@gmail.com
or 757-813-6428.

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
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Music , Heekyung Lee
Readers, Michael Syptak & Patti Komornik

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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
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New Evangelization, David Cienski
OCI, Deacon Don Fox
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Vocations Chalice, Ferdinand & Donna Prantl
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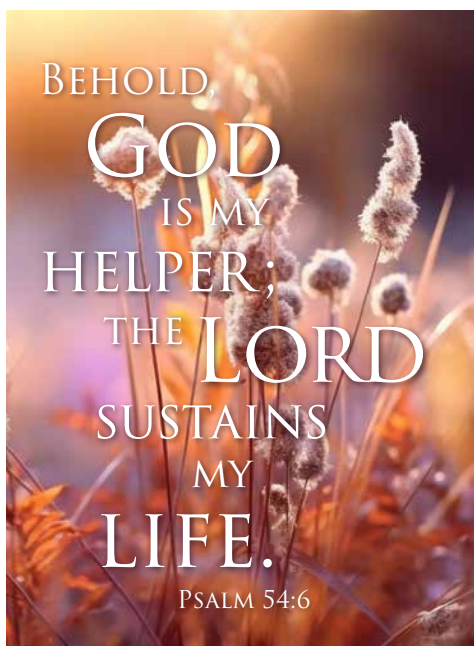
SERVING OTHERS*Reflection on Mark 9:30-37*

Last Sunday, we heard Jesus give the first prediction of His Passion, and today we hear the second one. Following this, Jesus overhears His disciples arguing about who among them was the greatest. More teaching about discipleship comes from Jesus in response, centering in on the pithy saying: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

The Greek word that Mark uses for "servant" is diakonos, which we translate as "deacon" – a word that denotes a specific role and ordained status in the Church today. However, at the time of Jesus, the word referred to the lowest kind of service a slave would perform. If the most sought after status in Jesus' gang is that of servant, or slave, then His group is to be countercultural, for indeed this notion goes counter to any culture.

The mystery of it all is that when we serve in the name of Jesus, we are living out our deepest identity, who we are in relationship with the Father, the One who sent Jesus. In this light, all of our human relationships are seen as essential places to act out the divine/human drama, as Matthew's parable of how it all gets sorted out at the end of time relates: "Whatever you do to the least, you do to me." We can only serve God by serving others.

– Fr. Jay

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE****Sunday, September 22, 2024***25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 2:12, 17-20
 Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8
 Jas 3:16-4:3
 Mk 9:30-37

Monday, September 23, 2024*Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

Prv 3:27-34
 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 24, 2024*Weekday*

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13
 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44
 Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 25, 2024*Weekday*

Prv 30:5-9
 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163
 Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 26, 2024*Weekday*

Ecc 1:2-11
 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc
 Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 27, 2024*Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*

Ecc 3:1-11
 Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4
 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 28, 2024*Weekday*

Ecc 11:9-12:8
 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17
 Lk 9:43b-45

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

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELcina*Saint of the Day: September 23**Patron Saint of: Civil Defense Volunteers, Adolescents, Pietrelcina*

Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income.

At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic.

On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear Confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed.

Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5:00 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard Confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard Confessions. In time, his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.

A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999.

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

Adult Formation

OCI

Anyone interested in learning about the Catholic faith, or being fully received into her fullness, is invited to join the Order of Christian Initiation (OCI). Sessions are held Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30pm. 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. It's not too late to register. Use the QR code to register for the 2024 - 2025 school year.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples. Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

October 11-13, 2024 - College Park, MD

November 15-17, 2024 - Virginia Beach, VA

RETRouvaille

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Do you feel lost and alone in your marriage? Do you feel hurt or betrayed by your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Are you thinking about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. For more information, visit www.retrouvaille.org.

Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

“The Lord upholds my life.” He indeed is our strength and foundation. Pray and ask Him sincerely if He could be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. 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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