

The Parish of
**Saint Joan
of Arc**

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“Behold
a virgin will conceive and bear a son,
and she will call His name
Emmanuel”
– Isaiah 7:14



THE SEASON OF ADVENT
◆ HOPE ◆ LOVE ◆ JOY ◆ PEACE ◆

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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch: 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-3:00 p.m.
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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: **Rev. Michael D. Joly**
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Joe Badalis
..... Rev. Mr. Don Fox
Coordinator of Religious Education/Ministerial Assistant:
..... Jennifer Strash
Music Director: Heekyung Lee
Music Coordinator: Donna Prantl
Bookkeeper: Joe G.
Custodian: Dave Payton

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.

Web Page: <http://www.stjoanofarcva.org>

E-mail: aa@stjoanofarcvaorg

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, Marcella Buckley, Joe Chambers, Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley, Paul Chesley, Anne Holup, Elizabeth Johnson, Patti Komornik, Matthew Martin, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham, Carol Romeo, David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother, Jeffrey Cudjik, Walter Sandberg

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, December 1
8:30 am Jimmy Pierce
11:30 am † Wayne Martin

Sunday, December 8
8:30 am Jimmy Pierce
11:30 am Patrick J. Johnston

Friday, December 6
12 noon Jean Paul Vernier

Saturday, December 7
5:00 pm Adam Sanders

Meetings for the Week

Monday, December 2
6:30 pm Legion of Mary

7:00 pm OCI

Tuesday, December 3
10:00 am Book Club
6:00 pm Youth Group

Thursday, December 5
4:00 pm Divine Mercy
5:00 pm Children's 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.

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 two 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 email any approved bulletin announcements to the parish office **two** Wednesdays prior to the weekend you would like to see your announcement published to aa@stjoanofarcva.org.

POINSETTIA MEMORIAL FLOWERS

\$25 DONATION PER MEMORIAL FOR POINSETTIA PLANT.

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POINSETTIA) IN BASKET.**

**WHEN THE POINSETTIA MEMORIAL FLOWERS ARE FINISHED,
YOU MAY THEN RETURN TO TAKE THE PLANT!**



TONIGHT!

Eleventh Annual Outdoor & Family Crèche Blessing Sunday, December 1, 6:00 p.m.

Join us again for our Family Crèche Blessing
Set up for Family Crèche will be on
Sunday, December 1, from 3:00–5:00 pm.
Family Crèches will be blessed on Sunday, December 1,
following the blessing of the outdoor Crèche at 6:00 pm.

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, Michael Syptak &
Patti Komornik

Non-Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linens, Pat Sappenfield
Building Committee, Steve Romeo
Building Maintenance,
Dave Payton & Hank Rose
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, David Cienski
Library, Laura Quellhorst
Magnificat Women, Tracy Leota &
Kelley Rutter
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

Nurture your Advent with a good story!

(Visit our Library Desk on Dec 8 or order your book by email – see below)



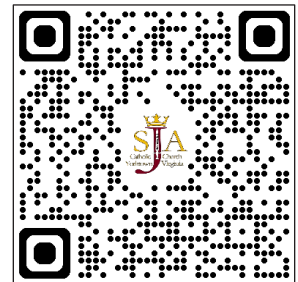
The Best Advent Ever

(The Adventures of Nick & Sam, Book 3)

Paul McCusker, 2018, 224 pages

In the engaging third installment of the "Adventures of Nick and Sam" series, the spirited Perry twins dive into the festive season of Advent, filled with celebrations at school, church, and home. The much-anticipated school Christmas pageant brings excitement and drama as Sam and her friend Kim compete for the role of Mary while the mischievous Brad and Nick turn the stage into a chaotic trampoline playground. Amid all this, a classmate boy finds the courage to express his budding feelings for Sam, adding an unexpected twist to the festivities.

As the story unfolds, the twins embark on thrilling adventures, including a heart-pounding encounter with a mountain lion and a hilariously chaotic donkey ride that doesn't go as planned. Each chapter



thoughtfully follows the calendar of the Advent season, building anticipation as the twins prepare for the beloved Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, where the community comes together in celebration.

(This book is crafted for kids, but it's so much fun that adults will enjoy it, too!)

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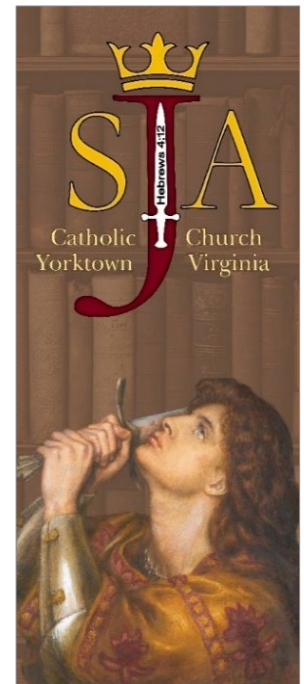


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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: THE REVOLUTIONARY ACTION OF GOD'S EUCHARIST

Calendar of Transformative Social/Spiritual Events

For My Family

Dec. 1 – First Sunday of Advent: Lighting the first purple candle of our Advent wreath; committing my family to enter this revolutionary season of God's approaching action in the human race, in my own family. Will I love God's fullness enough to see right through the focus on earthly things that are all around me? Will I lift up this beautiful time before Christmas into a sacred and hopeful awareness of Christ's increase?

6:00 pm, front of the church and in J.P. II Center – Blessing the outdoor parish crèche and then all family Nativity scenes. Celebrate with prayers, hymns and carols as we bless our beautiful outdoor crèche and your family Nativity scene.

Dec. 8 – Second Sunday of Advent: Lighting the second purple candle on our Advent wreath; Supporting our spouses and our children, young or grown, to take note of the deep pining inside every human heart for heaven's beauty to meet me and fill me.

Dec. 9 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: Holy Mass at 9:00 am & 7:00 pm.

Dec. 10 – Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Advent Mission: *Christmas – Fact or Fiction: Proclaiming the Reality of God: Scientific & Human Evidence*

Dec. 11 – Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Advent Mission: *The Incarnation Continues: Lourdes and the Miraculous Cures*

Dec. 12 – Thursday, 7:00 pm in the church: Advent Penance Service – Do we examine our conscience during this revolutionary season of Advent? Christ cannot increase where there has been no preparation to welcome Him. All are welcome to the miracle of the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we step through the DOOR OF GOD'S MERCY which is our only hope: God and sinners reconciled. Numerous thankful priests will be available to celebrate God's healing/forgiving mercy in all of our lives.

Dec. 15 – Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday): Lighting the rose candle on our Advent wreath; we acknowledge the Joy that God has already enlightened all human flesh by His birth. On Gaudete Sunday we hope for Jesus, the Light of the World, to truly increase in everyone in our families.

Dec. 19 – Thursday, 7:00 pm in the church: Lessons and Carols – a holy and joyful evening of Advent hope, filled with Advent and Christmas music, Scriptures, prayers and fellowship.

Dec. 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent: The final purple candle is lighted; the wreath fully illumined represents each heart which Christ longs to enter and fill more completely. Now we focus more than ever on approaching Christmas.

Dec. 24 – Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord: Holy Mass 5:00 pm - God's covenant gloriously shines forth in the anticipated birth of Jesus, son of David. The Word is made flesh.

Dec. 25 – The Nativity of the Lord: Holy Mass at Midnight & 10:00 am: On this day of great Joy in heaven and on earth, the Church glories in the newborn Son of God, the Word-Made-Flesh, Jesus, who embodies for us the REVOLUTIONARY ACTION BY OUR GOD. Jesus, the Eucharist of God, IS all the hope and peace we seek. Salvation has been definitively, once and for all, revealed to all nations in Christ.

Dec. 29 – First Sunday of Christmas – The Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: The Holy Family is the "real life" model for all families. Our family life becomes deeper, more loving, more healed, more glorifying of God when we live the life of the Sacraments within our homes. This is called the "domestic church." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church," and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit.

Jan. 1 – The Octave Day of Christmas: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God: Holy Mass 10:00 am & 7:00 pm - Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's *fiat*: "Be it done unto me according to Thy word." The birth of the New Year is entrusted to the intercession of Jesus' mother and our own, Mary. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation.

Jan. 5 – The Second Sunday of Christmas, The Epiphany of the Lord: Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal." Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord, Christ's first miracle of changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana, the Nativity of Christ, and the visitation of the Wise Men, or Magi. All four REVEAL and ANNOUNCE the Revolutionary Action by our God in the human race.

Jan. 12 – The Third Sunday of Christmas, The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: This is the final major feast of the Christmas Season and, in fact, the last day of this Season of Light and Joy. Today the heavens opened and the waters of the sea became sweet and fragrant; the earth rejoiced, the mountains and hills exulted—because Christ was baptized by John in the Jordan. In Jesus Christ, our Baptism makes us ONE in the Revolutionary Action of our God as the Eucharist of Christ.

Adult Formation

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!

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.

If you feel called to pass on the Faith to our youth, contact Jennifer Strash in 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. (It is not child care or busy activities.) Specially trained staff and volunteers will lead CLOW. This was specifically developed for children from 3 to 6 years old who have not yet received their First Eucharist.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at the 8:30 am Mass.

If you feel called to be a part of this beautiful, holy ministry, contact Jennifer Strash in the parish office.

Diocesan Information



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.

Vocations Awareness

"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." (Luke 21:36)

God calls us to be watchful and alert to His voice. Is He calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Be open and vigilant in prayer and call Father Matthew Kiehl at (804) 953-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.





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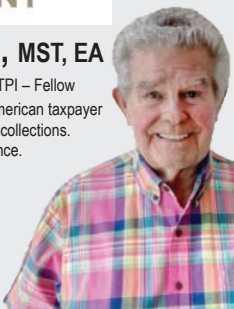
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