

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 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, Kelly Bustamante, Joe Chambers, Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley, Paul Chesley, David Crocker, Jeffrey Cudjik, Blake Duggan, Eva Duggan, Eileen Gryn, Anne Holup, Elizabeth Johnson, Matthew Martin, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham, Carol Romeo, Walter Sandberg, David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother, Michael Syptak

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 9

8:30 am Titus Peterson
11:30 am People of SJA

Monday, March 10

9:00 am Deacon Joe Badalis

Tuesday, March 11

9:00 am Christopher Schaefer

Wednesday, March 12

9:00 am Walter Mahaffey
7:00 pm Kristopher Kuck

Thursday, March 13

9:00 am Joseph Rutter

Friday, March 14

9:00 am James Quail

Saturday, March 15

5:00 pm Barry Green

Sunday, March 16

8:30 am +Marcia Smith
Jimmy Pierce
11:30 am People of SJA

Meetings for the Week

Monday, March 10

6:30 pm Legion of Mary
6:30 pm Discernment Bible Study

Tuesday, March 11

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

Friday, March 14

6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15

8:00 am Iron Man
3:00 pm Children's Choir



Lenten Penance Service

Mark your calendar for our Lenten Penance Service

Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 pm



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

Join us in the Social Hall, 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, which assist us in our own spiritual pilgrimage with Christ.

Save the Dates

**TWO-NIGHT LENTEN MISSION
WITH CATHOLIC CONVERT KEITH NESTER**

Join us on Sunday, March 30, and Monday, March 31, as we welcome Keith Nester to speak to us each night, starting at 7 pm. Keith Nester is a former pastor/youth pastor with more than 20 years in full-time ministry. Keith served in United Methodist, Assemblies of God, and Evangelical Free churches in various roles.

Retreat Opportunity



*Women's
Retreat*

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SAVE THE DATE

May 29 - June 1, 2025

SJA Registration coming soon



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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, Paul Krieschen &
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 & Federico
Colagrande
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

FORGIVEN THEN CHANGED THEN MISSION**Learning to Discern Through Lent****Holy Lent /Glorious Easter Opportunities****LENT****Shrove Tuesday Dinner & Burning of Palms**

Tuesday, March 4, 6:00 pm

**Ash Wednesday – Holy Mass with the
Distribution of Ashes**

Wednesday, March 5, 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

**Soup Supper/Stations of the Cross
(Commons and Worship Space)**

Fridays, March 7—April 11, 6:00 pm

Praise and Worship

Every Wednesday – 7:00 pm

Adult Formation – DiscernmentMondays, starting March 10, 6:30 pm social,
7:00 pm study**Lenten Penance Service**

Thursday, March 13—7:00 pm

The Agony in the Garden - Lent Reflections**from Renaissance Paintings****by Federico Colagrande**

Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 pm

A presentation focusing primarily on The Agony in the Garden, also known as "Orazione nell'orto" (1455-1456) by Andrea Mantegna, alongside other similar artworks from the same historical period. It will explore the themes of Lent and Easter, illustrating how art can deepen our understanding of the significance of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection in our lives as Christians.

Two-Night Lenten Mission**with Catholic Convert Keith Nester**Sunday, March 30 and Monday, March 31
7:00 pm

Keith Nester is a former pastor/youth pastor with more than 20 years in full-time ministry. Keith served in United Methodist, Assemblies of God, and Evangelical Free churches in various roles.

In 2017, after a 20-year-long discernment process, Keith resigned from his full-time ministry position and entered the fullness of the Catholic faith. In October 2018, Keith felt the call of God to write a book about what life is like for converts in their first year: "The Convert's Guide to Roman Catholicism: Your First Year in the Church." Find more of his content on YouTube and his podcasts, "Unpacking the Mass" and "Catholic Feedback."

HOLY WEEK**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**Holy Mass – Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm,
Sunday 8:30 & 11:30 am**SACRED TRIDUUM****Holy Thursday Evening Mass
of the Lord's Supper**

(Institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood)

April 17, Mass—7:00 pm

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion with Adoration of the Cross

April 18, Service—3:00 pm

Holy Saturday – the Easter Vigil and New Fire in the Holy Night of Easter

April 19, Vigil Mass—7:30 pm

(New Fire until sunrise, Sunday, April 20)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 20—8:30 & 10:30 am

Octave of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, Chaplet of Divine Mercy with
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Service
—3:00 pm

Easter Pilgrimage to Washington, DC

Monday, April 28 & Tuesday, April 29

Shrine of the Immaculate Conception,
Shrine of St. Pope John Paul II and
the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Land

(limited number of pilgrims)

May Crowning

Sunday, May 4

Procession between the morning Masses

We gather to honor Mary, the Patroness of our country, as we crown the Queen of Angels during a devotional service presented by our faith formation students and the Legion of Mary. We invite family and friends to share in this devotion, and we ask all to bring flowers from their gardens that day to honor Our Lady of Grace.

First Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 18 – 11:30 AM Mass

We invite all of the community of St. Joan of Arc as our Second-grade students receive Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, for the first time.

SUMMER MASS TIME CHANGE:

BEGINNING JUNE 1

11:30 AM MASS BECOMES

11:00 AM UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, June 1

Holy Mass – Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm,
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, June 8

Holy Mass – Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm,
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Sunday, June 15

Holy Mass – Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm,
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

June 22

Holy Mass – Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm,
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am w/ procession
after 11:00 am Mass

Join us as we enter into the public community of York County with a witness of the living Lord in His Holy Eucharist. Join us as we evangelize to our neighbors around us!

TEMPTATION

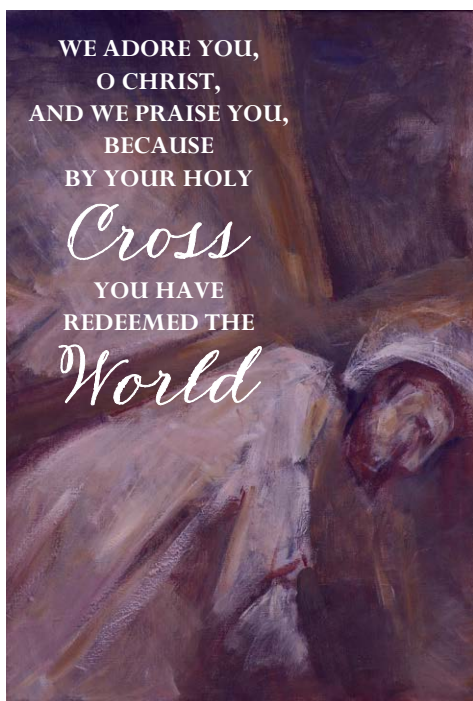
Reflection on Luke 4:1-13

Temptations come to us all, and Jesus is no exception. (He was tested in every way that we are, yet is without sin). Now, I suspect that the three temptations recorded here in Luke's Gospel did not just occur this one time in the desert, but returned over and over again to plague Jesus. Such is the nature of temptation.

How Jesus responds to these temptations can assist us in our struggle with them. What seems most remarkable and powerful in Jesus' response is that He is in touch with His core, spiritual identity. In a particular way, Jesus is in touch with the voice of the Father that spoke to Him at His baptism, "This is my Son, the Beloved, in whom I am well-pleased." Jesus has meditated on this identity for a sacred time of 40 days and 40 nights, and has come to some conclusions about what this means.

The Lenten journey we are embarking upon is our sacred time to reflect deeply and anew on our core, spiritual identities. For we, too, are the beloved sons and daughters of the Father. When we are in touch with this truth, we will discover the strength and courage to call out specific temptations in our lives for what they are – suggested paths not in line with who we are; actions inappropriate to our identity.

– Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent
Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

Monday, March 10, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, March 13, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, March 14, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Ezekiel 18:21-28
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Matthew 5:43-48

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

SAINT FRANCES OF ROME

Saint of the Day: March 9

Patron Saint of Motorists and Widows

A devoted and loving wife, Frances longed for a lifestyle of prayer and service, so she organized a group of women to minister to the needs of Rome's poor.

Born of wealthy parents, Frances found herself attracted to the religious life during her youth. But her parents objected and a young nobleman was selected to be her husband. As she became acquainted with her new relatives, Frances soon discovered that the wife of her husband's brother also wished to live a life of service and prayer. So the two, Frances and Vannoza, set out together to help the poor.

The years passed, and Frances gave birth to two sons and a daughter. With the new responsibilities of family life, the young mother turned her attention more to the needs of her own household.

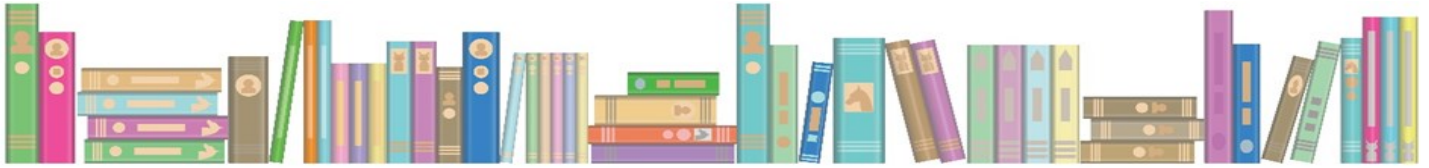
The family flourished under Frances' care, but within a few years a great plague began to sweep across Italy. It struck Rome with devastating cruelty and left Frances' second son dead. In an effort to help alleviate some of the suffering, Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might possibly need. When all the resources had been exhausted, Frances and Vannoza went door to door begging. Later, Frances' daughter died, and the saint opened a section of her house as a hospital.

Frances became more and more convinced that this way of life was so necessary for the world, and it was not long before she requested and was given permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Once the society was established, Frances chose not to live at the community residence, but rather at home with her husband. She did this for seven years, until her husband passed away, and then came to live the remainder of her life with the society – serving the poorest of the poor.

Read the full article: "Saint Frances of Rome" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-frances-of-rome/ (Accessed February 21, 2025).

Iron Man Ministry

Men, freshmen in high school through senior years, are all welcome to step into this spirituality group. If you have never shared in these Saturday mornings, you are missing out! The Iron Men will meet Saturday, March 15, 8 AM – 10 AM, in the Commons for a meaty breakfast and topic!



FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES THAT EASTER IS ABOUT MORE THAN JUST BUNNIES AND EGGS! Visit our Library Desk on March 9 or order your book by email. This month, we are suggesting a selection of books that focus on the themes of Lent and Easter to inspire, uplift, and connect readers to the profound significance of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Browse the catalog online at <https://www.sjalibrary.com/> and email us your requests at TheSJAlibrary@gmail.com and we will prepare a bag for you to pick up.



The spring campaign for 40 Days for Life runs from Wednesday, March 5 (Ash Wednesday) to Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday). 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, more than 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.

Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

"You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve." (Luke 4:8)

This Lenten season, reflect on your life's direction. Are you being called to serve God with an undivided heart as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Matthew Khiel in the Vocation Office at (804) 953-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.





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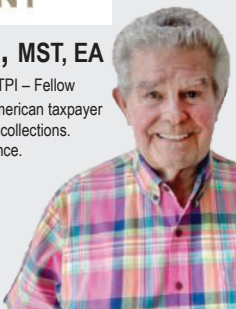
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