

The Parish of
**Saint Joan
of Arc**

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THE SEASON OF *Lent* 2025

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 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch: 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.-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>

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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, Francisco Duran, 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, April 6
 8:30 am Jimmy Pierce
 11:30 am People of SJA

Thursday, April 10
 9:00 am +Catherine Reed
 Don & Catherine Pohl

Saturday, April 12
 5:00 pm People of SJA

Sunday, April 13
 8:30 am + Monique Yergeau
 11:30 am People of SJA

Meetings for the Week

Monday, April 7
 6:30 pm Legion of Mary

Tuesday, April 8
 10:00 am Women's Book Club
 6:00 pm Youth Group
 7:00 pm OCl

Thursday, April 10
 6:30 pm KOC

Friday, April 11
 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 12
 3:00 pm Children's Choir



Lenten Opportunities

**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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Passion (Palm) Sunday (April 13)—Saturday 5:00 PM,
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM**

Holy Thursday (April 17) —7 PM

Good Friday (April 18) —3 PM

Easter Vigil (April 19) —7:30 PM

Easter Sunday (April 20) —8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

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, 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
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Women's Book Club, Arlene Bradley



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Retreat Opportunity



**St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
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May 29-June 1, 2025

"My soul proclaims the
greatness of the Lord" ~Luke 1:46

Registration forms available in Parish Office & Commons
For more information contact:

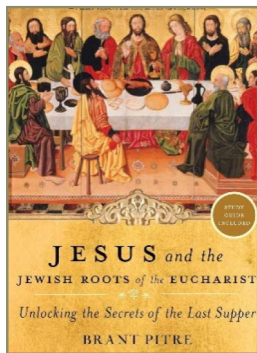
Laurie Sepanski @ 757-817-0825 or Sylvia Hernandez @ 210-535-9500
Lsepanski@proton.me sylviahernandez50@gmail.com

Eucharist: The Real Presence

The bread and wine used in Mass are not just symbols!

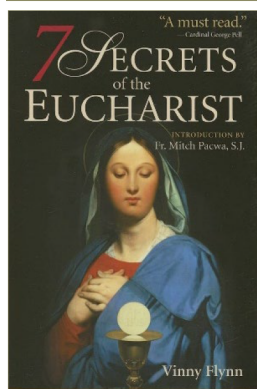
(Visit our Library Desk on Sunday April 6 or order your book by email)

The Catholic Church teaches that beginning “at the moment of consecration,” the bread and wine offered at Mass “become Christ's body and blood.” The “Real Presence” is not a metaphor or a spiritual idea; it really happens. Here are some of the books we have in the Library on this subject:



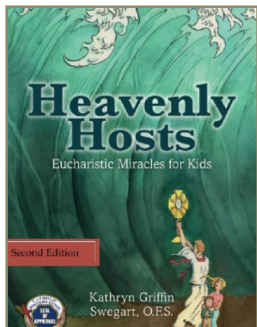
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper
Brant J. Pitre, 2016

The author, a distinguished Catholic theologian, brilliantly explores ancient Jewish beliefs about the Messiah's Passover, the miraculous Manna, and the Bread of the Presence, revealing the original meaning of Jesus' Eucharistic words.



The 7 Secrets of the Eucharist
Vinny Flynn, 2007

This insightful and accessible book, grounded in Scripture and the teachings of St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, unveils profound "hidden" truths about the Eucharist. These truths have been embraced by theologians and saints, but are seldom conveyed to the average person.



Heavenly Hosts: Eucharistic Miracles for Kids

Kathryn Griffin Swegart, 2018

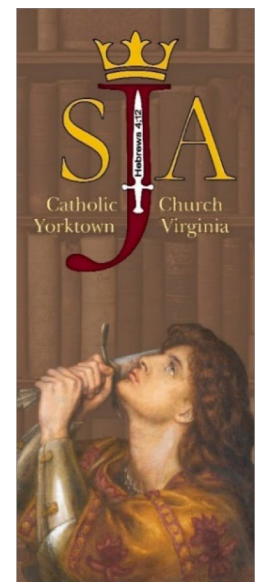
Inspiring stories of Eucharistic miracles and photos from their sites will help children understand the Eucharist and deepen their faith.



Check out these and other wonderful books at the Easter Library Desk on Sunday, April 6.

Browse the CATALOG online at <https://www.sjalibrary.com/> or scan the QR code.

Please email us your requests at TheSJAlibrary@gmail.com and we will prepare a bag for you to pick up



SJA Pilgrimage

EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON, DC

Join Father Mike and your fellow parishioners for a Holy Easter Pilgrimage on Monday, April 28 & Tuesday, April 29. The Pilgrimage will include visiting the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Shrine of St. Pope John Paul II and the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Land. Call the parish office now to reserve your spot as a limited number of pilgrims may attend.

SJA Women on the Same Page

SJA WOMEN ON THE SAME PAGE will start a new book, **The Reed of God**, written by Caryll Houselander. The book was first published in 1944 and is now a spiritual classic for Catholics across the globe. British Catholic writer and artist Caryll Houselander lovingly explores Mary's intimately human side, depicting Our Lady as a musical instrument who makes divine love known to the world. Through the central image of a reed that is played for music, Houselander demonstrates how Mary chose to make herself an instrument for the divine plan, giving her inmost being to the proclamation of God's greatness. In sharing her distinctive vision of Mary, Houselander offers the Mother of God as a model for all people seeking to be instruments of the Divine.

All are invited to join us on our first meeting on **Tuesday, April 8, at 10:00-11:30 a.m., in Room F/H**. Meetings are every other Tuesday thereafter. We will have six meetings to complete the book. For more information, text or call Arlene Bradley at 757-310-9079.

[Worldwide Marriage Encounter](#)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY MAY 16-18 HAMPTON VA (NON-RESIDENTIAL)

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your Sacrament of Marriage or Holy Orders even more special than it already is - join us on an upcoming experience and learn how to live your best life in love. For more information: WWME.org; 757-690-1369 or donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org.

Diocesan Information

[Vocations Awareness](#)

"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." (John 8:11)

Jesus' words remind us of God's mercy and His invitation to a fresh start. In every vocation, we're called to accept His forgiveness and step forward with a renewed commitment to love and serve. This Lent, reflect on how you are nurturing a heart open to love as you journey toward Easter.





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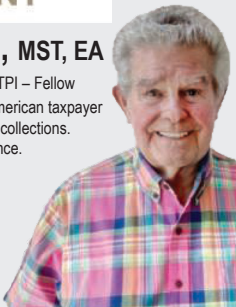
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