

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 15, 2018 Third Sunday of Easter

Music & Responses

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” - LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(+Jerry Cunningham, req. Susie Cuningham)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Estelle Bareford, Ann Bateman, Jackie Boak, Maria Bridge, Adam Bullock, Sue Collins, Levie Edmond, Lois Fazenbaker, Cathy Fullem, Donna Godsey, Oliva Haynes, Scott Kittle, James Landry, Marie Lay, Richard Lay, Caitlin Lepp, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Edmond Levie, Esther Luiggi, Chris Nowark, Donald Paradis, Anna Porter-Toure, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Sophie Rodriguez, Richard Russell, Lisette Russell, Julie Sadowski, Marilyn Sherman, William Simulcik, Claudia Sims, Brandi Smith, Mary Smith, Catherine Squires, Linda Stanton, Megan Toigo, Anne Tracy, George Tracey, Joan Williams.

If you would like to add/remove someone to the Sick of our Parish list, please call Sue Brim at 804-448-9064 or email her at office@saintmarycc.org. Thank you.

Vocations

“Now by this we may be sure that we know Him, if we obey His commandments.” Jesus makes Himself known to you through the vocation He chose for you. Do you hear a call to the priesthood? Call Father Michael Boehling at (804) 359-5661, or write: mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we have the courage to do the work God has sent us to do, knowing that this is the true path to peace and joy.

Upcoming Parish News/Events

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Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

The excerpt from the 1st Letter of John offers release from the human guilt of sinfulness. Of course, the first necessary step in religious salvation is generally to acknowledge that we are sinners and that we stand in need of God's freely given forgiveness. The complexity is, of course, that to successfully accept forgiveness, we must first release the grudges, hurts, and resentments we hold towards others! We must empty our own hands, hearts, and minds, so that we can receive and accept, and hug tightly, the Grace-filled gift offered us by Christ.

He is our "advocate" as the author of this letter writes. That is, he works for us, speaks for us, cares for us. We must (and this is sometimes so very difficult to do!) forgive so that we can accept forgiveness. Recently I heard it said that one loves Jesus only as much as he/she loves those whom he/she loves the least! What a dilemma!!

But, what a happy insight if it leads us to work harder at loving those whom our own fears, biases, blindness's, and inabilities keep at a distance from a really loving life. One can, indeed, have the status of "Christian" by having been Baptized. But, whether or not if one is an active, enthusiastic, integrated, and genuine Christian depends on how one chooses to live out this Gospel faith of the Church. Without disparaging those who attend Mass only on Christmas or Easter or other special occasions, to have Gospel integrity means that one's communal practice of the faith (Mass and the Sacraments) is connected visibly and regularly with personal prayer, fellowship, charity, and all the other dimensions of life.

How one behaves as a man or woman, a husband or wife, a friend or neighbor, a brother or sister, a priest or religious, a citizen . . . all these must be connected to and critiqued by the Gospel message. How you do your life's business at work or at home, on holiday or in crisis moments, in politics and in society . . . all these must be evaluated and sanctified by the Grace of the Gospel message. Grace builds on nature (St. Thomas Aquinas), so our faith must build on and sanctify our lives!

~Father Alexander Muddu

Mass Readings For Next Week.

2018 Apr 16 Mon: Easter Weekday

Acts 6: 8-15/ Ps 119: 23-24, 26-27, 29-30/ Jn 6: 22-29

2018 Apr 17 Tue: Easter Weekday

Acts 7: 51 -- 8: 1a/ Ps 31: 3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/ Jn 6: 30-35

2018 Apr 18 Wed: Easter Weekday

Acts 8: 1b-8/ Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/ Jn 6: 35-40

2018 Apr 19 Thu: Easter Weekday

Acts 8: 26-40/ Ps 66: 8-9, 16-17, 20/ Jn 6: 44-51

2018 Apr 20 Fri: Easter Weekday

Acts 9: 1-20/ Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Jn 6: 52-59

Baptisms in 2018



Since the time of early Christianity, Baptism has been the rite of initiation into the Christian community of the Church. In Baptism, the "one Spirit" makes us members of the body of Christ and of "one another" [Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1267] With great joy, let us welcome into the Catholic Faith those who have been Baptized this year:

- January 14 Elora Rose Moderacki
daughter of Matthew & Lauren Moderacki
- March 10 Theodore Roland Nacey
son of Timothy & Marya Nacey
- April 15 James Sullivan Lilly
Son of James & Stefanie Lilly
- April 15 McKenzie Renae Gallagher
Daughter of Rebekkah & Joseph Gallagher

OFFERTORY GIFTS

2018	Apr 2-Apr 8	YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$2,717	
On Line Giving	\$1,500	
total	\$4,217	\$184,463
Budget	\$4,250	\$174,250
Over/Under	(\$34)	\$10,213

Our Debt is currently at \$205,922

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(office hours 9 AM—1 PM Tuesday—Thursday)

Monday	8:00 AM CCM
Tuesday	9:30 AM Rosary; 10:00 AM Mass , 11:00 AM Prayer, Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday	8:30-9:15 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 1421
Thursday	8:30-9:15 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry, 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting
Friday	Church closed for cleaning.
Saturday	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday	8:30 AM Mass, 11:00 AM Mass

Last Week for the Donation Match Challenge

Over the last few weeks we made several improvements to our facilities such as replacing all the toilets, repairing heating and air-conditioning units, reconfiguring the music ministry area and several cosmetic improvements. However, when it comes to maintenance and upkeep there always seems to be more that needs to be done. In our case that includes repairing and repaving our parking lot.

To help with the costs of improvements one of our parishioners is offering \$3000 in matching funds for any money donated to the maintenance fund! Would you be willing to help? To contribute simply write "Donation Challenge" in the memo of your check or on one of the blue giving envelopes with your donation enclosed. Anything you donate is greatly appreciated! **Challenge ends April 15th.**



SLOVAKIAN DINNER

April 28

4:00 –7:00 pm

Tickets on sale now.



Come for the delicious traditional Slovakian food. The recipes have been passed down from generation to generation within the families of those who originally founded Saint Mary of the Annunciation.

COST: Per Person

\$10.00—Advance Tickets

Children under 10: \$6.00

\$12.00— Tickets at the Door

Have You Visited the New Parish Website!

We're excited to announce that the Parish has a launched a new website! Hopefully you'll like the new look and organization. This new site gives us the ability to make changes quickly so that we can keep the site updated and current. The address for the website hasn't changed (www.saintmarycc.org) though you may need to refresh your browser if you've been on the site recently to get the new site to load. Take a few minutes and explore!

We're always looking for input and ideas. If you have any ideas for the new website you will find a "Contact Us" link at the bottom of every page. Simply click that link where you'll find a form that you can use to send a message with your ideas or comments.

We're just getting started so please check back occassionally to see the latest news and updates!

Annual Church Spring Cleanup Sign ups in the Narthex

Every year we schedule a day to spruce up the garden beds, clean up the landscaping and attend to any other small exterior projects that need to be completed. Please come to help us this year. On Saturday May 5th starting at 9:00 am.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,

by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan,

and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world

seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

Committee Members Needed

Are you handy?? Know a thing or two about taking care of a facility?? If so, we need your help! The parish is canvassing for members interested in taking part in an Infrastructure Committee, whose mission would be to research and prioritize maintenance needs related to the parish's buildings and grounds. Contact Steve Gajdos at (804)589-1334.

Come Join Our Flock!

What is TTJ! It's one of the easiest ways to join the St. Mary Flocknote community – Text-to-Join! What have you missed if you haven't been part of our online community? Here are a couple of examples: When the winds and rain knocked out the power at the church the Flocknote community was kept updated through the weekend. Those that signed up for the Prayer Community participated in a Lenten Daily reflection via Flocknote. All this information went out via emails or texts depending on how those in the community wanted to receive their updates. Each individual controls how they want to receive messages and there is nothing to install!

So TTJ! Simply text the letters SMOTAVA to the SHORT 5-digit phone number 84576. Flocknote will text you back a confirmation message and another message with a link you'll need to click to complete the process. As part of the process you can join various online St. Mary groups. You can also sign up by going to www.flocknote.com/smotava and filling out the form and then picking the groups you'd like to join.

All Are Welcome!

Community/Diocesan Events

Did you know?

Parishes belonging to the Catholic Diocese of Richmond may use our online lending library to borrow quality audio-visual materials from Catholic publishers at no cost. Library items will be shipped from the Office of Christian Formation to your parish at no charge. The borrower is responsible for returning all items in good condition. We continually update our library and welcome suggestions you may have for adding new resources. Visit <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/cdr lendinglibrary> to check out the contents of the Library. Maybe a group would like to meet watch a video then discuss?

April 2018

National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

There is no better time than the Easter season to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God- our children. For information about the Diocese of Richmond child protection policies, programs and assistance for victim survivors please visit <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/safe-environment>

Found:

A small Reading Tablet 8 X 5 inches was found in the parish hall. Please contact Sue Brim 443-939-0936 to arrange pickup.

Help Needed

Patricia Bozzi is seeking a power lift for a wheelchair for her car. If anyone knows where she can get one donated to her please call her at 804-867-5574.

Scholarship Opportunity

Knights of Columbus Virgil S. Hicks, Jr. Memorial Scholarship: Applications are now available. Your Knights are now accepting applications for our annual scholarship program consisting of a \$1000 scholarship (\$250 a year for four years) to any Catholic High School or any college. This program is open to any parishioner of St. Ann's or St. Mary of the Annunciation. Applications are due by 4/30/2018. They are available by contacting Pat Brim (pbrim01@gmail.com - 410-336-9100) or Dave DePuy (paldavey@yahoo.com - 804-368-0228).

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends are: Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC and Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

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Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony (a minimum of 6 months preparation is typical), and **Anointing of the Sick**, or to receive a home visit or home blessing, *Fr Muddu*.....804.448.9064.

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