

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



January 28, 2018
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Music & Responses

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Entrance Chant: How Firm A Foundation, #720
Gloria: #908
Responsorial Psalm: Response: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."
Hymn of Preparation: How Great Thou Art, #425
Holy, Holy, Holy: #911
Mystery of Faith: #912
Lamb of God: #916
Communion Chant: Blest Are They, #629
Sending Forth: Beautiful Savior, #197

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future .

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM (+Ann Bolecek, req. Gloria Bolecek)
SUNDAY 11:00 AM

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Estelle Bareford, Ann Bateman, Jackie Boak, Maria Bridge, Sue Collins, Levie Edmond, Cathy Fullem, Donna Godsey, Oliva Haynes, Scott Kittle, James Landry, Marie Lay, Richard Lay, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Esther Luiggi, Chris Nowark, Mike Nowark, Barbara Purks, Richard Russell, Lisette Russell, Julie Sadowski, Marilyn Sherman, William Simulcik, Claudia Sims, Brandi Smith, Catherine Squires, Linda Stanton, Liz Townsend, George Tracey, Joan Williams.

If you would like to add/remove someone to the Sick of our Parish list, please call Sue Brim at 443-939-0936 or email her at office@saintmarycc.org. Thank you.

ORACIONES DE LOS FIELES

Para que podamos abrir nuestros corazones para recibir más plenamente todas las bendiciones simples y abundantes de Dios.

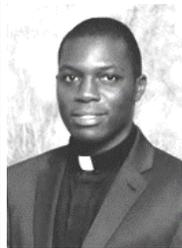
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may open our hearts to receive more fully all of God's simple and abundant blessings.

Vocations

"Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you." Do you think the the Lord is calling you to the priesthood? Call Father Michael Boehling at (804) 359-5661, or write: mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.

Upcoming Parish News/Events



From the Pastor

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1: 21-28

Jesus defines authority as the exercise of God's life-giving and liberating power, the power that raises the lowly and fills the hungry with good things, the power that includes within the community those who have been living on the edge, the power that forgives those who have done nothing to deserve forgiveness.

This is the power of the good Samaritan who took care of his fellow traveler even though he was a Jew; it is the power of the Father who welcomed his returning son, the prodigal, who had messed up; it is the power of the widow who in giving two copper coins to the temple treasury gave everything she had.

For us as Christians, Jesus remains the ultimate authority. Like the people of Capernaum, we recognize his authority, the authority of his teaching and his deeds, the authority of his life, death and resurrection.

That is why we confess Jesus not just as our teacher but as our Lord. We are happy to submit to his authority, to his lordship, because we recognize that in doing so we will have life to the full, and, like the man in the gospel, be freed of those spirits that prevent us from becoming the person God intends us to be.

There can be great reluctance today to submit to anyone. The value of personal autonomy is highly prized and sought after. Yet, it is not possible to live without submitting to some authority even if it is the authority of the self. What matters is to submit to the right authority and this Sunday's gospel suggests that such authority is to be found in the person of Jesus.

Father Alex



LENT

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, begins the time of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter Sunday. Our parish honors the tradition of burning the palm fronds distributed on last year's Palm Sunday by asking our parishioners to bring their palms to Church. We will begin collecting the palms the weekend of February 3-4 and they will be burned after the 11:00 AM February 11th. The ashes are a reminder of the passage from Genesis 3:19: "For you are dust and to dust you shall return."

As part of our Lenten observations, Saint Mary of the Annunciation performs the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 pm. Starting February 16th We first gather together at 6:00 pm bringing meatless soups, breads and other items to share. By gathering for this Soup Supper, we have the opportunity to connect with each other and share our Lenten Journey.

Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex starting the weekend of February 11th.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Notice:

We are changing the locks on the doors of the Church and Hall. We will need to have anyone who currently has a key contact Sue Brim cell phone 443-939-0936 or email office@saintmarycc.org

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday	8:00 AM CCM Daily Readings: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13, Psalms 3:2-7, Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday	9:30 AM Rosary; 10:00 AM Mass , 11:00 AM Prayer, Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry Daily Readings: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30--19:3, Psalms 86:1-6, Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday	8:30-9:15 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 1421 Daily Readings: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17, Psalms 32:1-2, 5-7, Mark 6:1-6
Thursday	8:30-9:15 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry, Daily Readings: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12, 1 Chronicles 29:10-12, Mark 6:7-13
Friday	Church closed for cleaning. Daily Readings: Malachi 3:1-4, Psalms 24:7-10, Hebrews 2:14-18
Saturday	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday	8:30 AM Mass, 11:00 AM Mass

Lenten Mass Prayer Additions

During lent we will be saying the Angelus prayer before all Masses.

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your Grace into our hearts;
That as we have known the incarnation of Christ,
Your Son by the message of an angel,
So by His passion and cross
We may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

After receiving Communion we will recite The Anima Christi.

The Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus hear me;
Within your wounds hide me;
separated from you, let me never be;
From the evil one protect me;
At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you bid me; That with your saints,
I may be praising you forever and ever.

Amen.

Cursillo

Men's Cursillo weekend February 15-18. If you're searching for an opportunity to be renewed and invigorated in your faith, contact Deacon Frank Leaming at 804-761-5714 or fnleaming@aol.com.

Polar Bear Plunge

Feb 3, 2018

We need your help, the Polar Bear Plunge is our biggest fund raiser of the year. Please support our brave parishioners who will jump into the cold water to help feed the hungry of our community. Please see one of them and donate what you can.

**Robert Bingaman
Travis Bingaman
Thomas Biddulph,
T. J. Dillon
Camron Dursch
Joseph LaMontagne**

We won the trophy last year for raising the most money. Let's keep it going for another year!!

LAST WEEK BEFORE THE PLUNGE!

Make Your Contributions Now!



Baked Goods needed for the Polar Bear Plunge

We need volunteers to bake hand-held baked goods for the Polar Bear Plunge. Goods should be dropped off at the Church Hall on Thursday evening, February 1st. Examples are: Brownies, cookies, cupcakes etc. Anything that can be held with one hand to eat. If you have any questions, please call Gail Bingaman at 540-582-6881.

Volunteers Needed:

- ◆ **Wanted: Vacation Bible School Coordinator.** Vacation Bible School is a fun way to reach out to children and parents in our community. Please consider aiding us in keeping this program available. Contact Gina Stargel at gcip81@yahoo.com or 850-449-3746
- ◆ **Wanted:** Volunteer to create the weekly bulletin. Feeling comfortable working with a computer is essential. Training and Support provided by Sue Brim, no experience necessary. Contact Sue Brim by cell phone, 443-939-0936 or email at office@saintmarycc.org.

Habitat for Humanity

Caroline Habitat for Humanity is hosting a fund raising and awareness event, "Build the Love", February 8th, 6:00-8:00 PM, at the Timbers restaurant. Tickets are \$15 and include dinner, non-alcoholic beverage, and a chance at some door prizes. Contact Deacon Frank Leaming at 804-761-5714 or fnleaming@aol.com for tickets

Community/Diocesan Events

Men: Are You Ready to Accept the Challenge?

Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protection of families, service to others and to defend our values.

For over one hundred years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families.

Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process.

As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including tens of thousands here in Virginia, who stand together.

Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer?

Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the **Knights of Columbus** or contact Pat Brim 410-336-9100 or via email pbrim01@gmail.com.



Marriage Encounter

“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” Let us learn to calm our anxieties about our spouses by exploring each other during a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend. The next weekends are: Feb 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC and Mar 2-4, 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.

Catholic Men’s Conference

Saturday 03-17-2018 All Day

The Diocese of Richmond is hosting another diocesan-wide Catholic Men’s Conference! This is a one-day conference for all men over 18 to come together for a day of fellowship, prayer, and learning.

Saint Bede Catholic Church 3686 Ironbound Road
Williamsburg, VA

Keynote speaker: **Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers**

Deacon Harold is featured on the award winning *Chosen* faith formation program by Ascension Press and the author of the best-selling book, *Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality* published by Ignatius Press.

Thank you from Heifer International

Thank you for your gift to Heifer International. Your generosity means a struggling family will now be able to start earning income to feed their families, improve their shelter, and pay for health care and school for their children.

Before you know it, they’ll be so successful that they’ll be ready to share with their neighbors as they Pass on the Gift, and the simple act of giving an animal will go on to help and entire community. You can share in their joy as they share the offspring of their animals, their knowledge, resources, and skills with others, in an expanding network of hope dignity, and self-reliance.

That’s the power of your support!

You are helping us bring lasting change to some of the poorest places on the planet. We couldn’t do it without you.

Thank you for joining with us!

Sincerely,
Pierre U. Ferrari
President and CEO



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