

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



**October 6, 2019**

***Twenty-Seventh Sunday***

***in Ordinary Time***

**MASS**

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM,**

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**

*(Quirina Faison)*

**AND**

**SUNDAY 11:00 AM**

## MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday, October 7, 2019:** JONAH 1: 1 – 2: 1-2. 11/ JONAH 2: 3. 4. 5. 8/ LUKE 10: 25-37

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019:** JONAH 3: 1-10/ PSALM 130: 1b-2. 3-4ab. 7-8/ LUKE 10: 38-42

**Wednesday, October 9, 2019:** JONAH 4: 1-11/ PSALM 86: 3-4. 5-6. 9-10/ LUKE 11: 1-4

**Thursday, October 10, 2019:** MALACHI 3: 13-20b/ PSALM 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ LUKE 11: 5-13

**Friday, October 11, 2019:** JOEL 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2/ PSALM 9: 2-3. 6 and 16. 8-9/ LUKE 11: 15-26

**Saturday, October 12, 2019:** JOEL 4: 12-21/ PSALM 97: 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/ LUKE 11: 27-28

**Sunday, October 13, 2019:** 2 KINGS 5: 14-17/ PSALM 98: 1. 2-3. 3-4/ 2 TIMOTHY 2: 8-13/ LUKE 17: 11-19

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, October 7, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, October 8, 2019	9:00 AM - 10 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM Mass</b> ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, October 9, 2019	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> ; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, October 10, 2019	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> (+ <i>Vincent Nguyen req. by Holly Nguyen</i> ); 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, October 11, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, October 12, 2019	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM German Dinner; 4:10 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM Mass</b> (+ <i>Wanda Harrie req. by the Schwartz Family</i> )
Sunday, October 13, 2019	<b>8:30 AM Mass</b> (+ <i>William Bolecek req. by Gloria Bolecek</i> ); 9:45 AM Religious Education; <b>11:00 AM Mass</b>

# Upcoming Parish News/Events

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 / Luke 17:5-10

Faith for my deliverance is not faith in God. Faith means, whether I am delivered now or not, I will stick to my belief that God loves and cares for me. So many of us Christians today believe that true and mature faith consists in our ability to obtain miracles from God. The truth that today's gospel shows us is that mature faith consists not in how much God attends to our immediate needs but in how willing we are to serve God unconditionally, without counting the cost. Let us today join the apostles in asking the Lord to increase our faith.

Faith. This is a word that we throw around a lot in religion. But what does it mean? Before we look at today's readings, let's perhaps review its meaning. Faith is about the future. It is about belief, and it is about trust and loyalty.

If we look at faith as belief, it means that we accept things that don't have any real evidence or logical proof. For example, belief in God or belief in an afterlife. People have come up with proofs for God's existence, but in reality, most people believe it in faith.

If we look at faith as trusting in something, we believe in the truth of something and are loyal to that belief. The faith of our fathers (and mothers) that we talk about is our trust that the religion we accept, the path that Jesus taught, is truthful and right. We accept it, live it and believe in it.

But it is not always easy in our culture to have faith in something, to have faith in anything. Faith, we say, is a gift. When the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith, they are asking for something that most humans have felt in their lifetimes. We want to believe in something. We need to believe in something. But we have doubts. So how can we increase our faith, lose our doubt and believe more deeply than we do? The Apostles were with Jesus and still had to ask the question: how can we increase our faith?

### VOCATIONS

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Will you let the Holy Spirit guide you beyond your hesitation and follow Christ as a priest? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

The food pantry is in need of canned meats (tuna, chicken) jelly, instant potatoes, pastas &/or spaghetti sauce.



**Second Collection this week, October 5th - 6th, is for our Building Fund.**  
**Thank you for your generosity!**

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 TIMOTHY 1:7*

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That our actions and words reflect our love for God every day.

### Breakfast with Santa

Santa will be at St. Mary's Church Hall on Sunday, December 1st. This is a fundraiser for the Teen Youth group. Plates are \$10 each. Breakfast will start at 9:15 AM and pictures with Santa will start at 10:00 AM.



### Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Bob Arnold, Fran Arnold, Mike Arnold, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, Kevin Bera, David Biddulph, Maria Bridge, Lee Brooks, Daniel Clarke, Cindy Cook, Charlie Crum, Susie Cunningham, Harvey Eckert, Jacqueline Eckert, Levie Edmond, David Geary Jr., Verde Halley, Antionette Hilyard, Diane Hollis, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Jennifer Learning-Lyons, Cindy Lent, Dawn Long, Esther Luiggi, Matekenya Family, Patrick Moore, Donald Paradis, Marianna Porter, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Hadley Spacht, Scott Trice, Richard Wassels, Jonathan Webb, Joan Williams

## October is the Month of the Rosary

**Q:** Why is October referred to as the Month of the Rosary?

**A:** The answer to your question is relatively simple but needs a historical context in order to be fully appreciated. The short answer is this: October is dedicated as the Month of the Rosary because we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary each year on October 7. To understand this feast, we need to go back in time. In the 16th century, the Islamic Ottoman Empire presented a serious military threat to western Europe and sent a fleet of ships to attack Christian defenses in southern Europe. Pope Pius V recognized the grave danger and organized a fleet called the Holy League to confront the navy of the Ottoman Turks. On October 7, 1571, the two navies engaged in a pivotal battle that would determine who controlled maritime traffic in the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Aegean seas. The fate of western Europe depended upon the success of Christians in this navy battle, which involved more than 400 warships (it was the largest naval battle in Western history for centuries). Pius V knew he needed more than just military strength to defend Christian Europe, so he asked that all the faithful pray the rosary, requesting the intercession of the Blessed Mother. At the end of the Battle of Lepanto, the Holy League was victorious, and the maritime expansion of the Ottoman Empire was permanently prevented. The next year, Pius V established a feast on October 7 in honor of the Blessed Mother, originally called Our Lady of Victory. After a few centuries, the name was changed to Our Lady of the Rosary to more clearly recognize that prayer was the greatest power at work that day on the seas. In 1571, the rosary was still a relatively new prayer form for the universal church. Pope Pius V had issued a decree formally establishing devotion to the rosary in the papal bull *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices* just two years before the Battle of Lepanto. The Holy Father's universal promulgation recognized the growing devotion to the Blessed Mother throughout Europe, as well as the increased prayer of the rosary in various locations. Devotion to the rosary was especially promoted in the 13th century by St. Dominic and in the 16th century by St. Peter Canisius (who, according to tradition, added the final verse to the Hail Mary, in which we pray, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death" — printed officially in the Catechism of the Council of Trent in 1566; the first two verses of the Hail Mary are adapted from Luke 1:28 and 1:42). The origins of the rosary are complex. The use of knotted ropes to count prayers or scriptural verses (including the Lord's Prayer and the Jesus Prayer) is an ancient practice and is even found in non-Christian cultures. Most probably, the Christian recitation of 150 such prayers was intended to mirror the monastic prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours in which monks prayed all 150 psalms each day. The structure of the rosary as we know it today developed significantly from the 12th to the 14th centuries as the larger collection of 150 prayers was further divided into groups of 50 and separated by biblical verses or themes (now referred to as mysteries). It is these mysteries, like a grouping of common roses in a garden, that gave the name *rosary* to this prayer form. The rosary is a living prayer form and continues to develop even in recent times. An invocation known as the Fatima Prayer was commonly added in the early 20th century. In 2002 Pope John Paul II added a new set of five reflections called the Luminous Mysteries which encourage additional meditations on the life of Jesus. The rosary is an invitation to experience the grace of Mary's spiritual motherhood as she leads us to her Son, Jesus. For this reason, it has been an invaluable source of countless spiritual graces for the saints. Remember, every time you pray the rosary you are given the privilege and honor of pronouncing the holy name of Jesus more than 50 times. The wealth of spiritual graces offered through the rosary comes not from the multiplication of prayers (see Matthew 6:7) but from the imitation of Christ through obedience to the Father's will, according to the example of the Blessed Mother. Maybe October would be a good month to turn off the radio or podcast as you commute to work or school and pray the rosary instead. See what graces the Lord wants to pour into your life from the rose garden of this daily meditation. ( Source: **Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg**)



**PARISH PICNIC AND CHURCH MINISTRIES FAIR** will be held on October 20th after the 11 AM Mass. Bring a dish to share.



### Church Fundraising

**St. Mary's Fundraising Ministry**  
The St. Mary's Fundraising Ministry is looking for committed parishioners to help with church fundraisers. We will have monthly meetings to troubleshoot strategies to make our events successful. We would like to have at least one main fundraiser event with maybe some smaller events throughout the year to raise money for our church. Interested in joining us? Contact Maria Bridge: call/text [804-867-6721](tel:804-867-6721) or email her at [mamiefazenbaker@gmail.com](mailto:mamiefazenbaker@gmail.com).

### SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR

#### GERMAN DINNER

**October 12th**

4:00 PM—7:00 PM

COST PER PERSON

Advance Tickets—\$10

Tickets at the Door—\$12

Children under 10- \$6

Tickets on sale in the Narthex



**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
will be held on Sunday, October 20th,  
starting at 1:30 PM  
in the church parking lot





# Community/Diocesan Events



Catholic Diocese of Richmond  
1820 Bicentennial 2020



**2020 Diocesan Bicentennial Celebration**  
To kick-off the 2020 Diocesan Bicentennial Celebration, there will be a Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC led by Bishop Knestout:

Join Bishop Knestout as he kicks off the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond with a spiritual pilgrimage to the Basilica in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The day begins at the Basilica at 10:00 am and concludes following the Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:15 pm. Registration is required. For more information including registration, transportation options, and meals, visit [2020.richmonddiocese.org](http://2020.richmonddiocese.org) OR contact [2020@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:2020@richmonddiocese.org) OR 804-622-5200.

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.



"The best thing I did in ministry was to teach children the Gospel through plays," says Sister Clare Vandecoeve, 88. "Oh, they were just delighted!" A member of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, she spent more than 50 years in the classroom, sharing her love of Jesus and bringing the Catholic faith to life.

## Retirement Fund for Religious

"Thank you hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection.



Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness in your life and marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week-end on Nov 8-10, 2019 in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or 757-690-1369.

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