

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



November 10, 2019

***Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time***

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM AND

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, November 11, 2019: WISDOM 1: 1-7/ PSALM 139: 1b-3. 4-6. 7-8. 9-10/ LUKE 17: 1-6

Tuesday, November 12, 2019: WISDOM 2: 23 – 3: 9/ PSALM 34: 2-3. 16-17. 18-19/ LUKE 17: 7-10

Wednesday, November 13, 2019: WISDOM 6: 1-11/ PSALM 82: 3-4. 6-7/ LUKE 17: 11-19

Thursday, November 14, 2019: WISDOM 7: 22b – 8: 1/ PSALM 119: 89. 90. 91. 130. 135. 175/ LUKE 17: 20-25

Friday, November 15, 2019: WISDOM 13: 1-9/ PSALM 19: 2-3. 4-5ab/ LUKE 17: 26-37

Saturday, November 16, 2019: WISDOM 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9/ PSALM 105: 2-3. 36-37. 42-43/ LUKE 18: 1-8

Sunday, November 17, 2019: MALACHI 3: 19-20a/ PSALM 98: 5-6. 7-8. 9/ 2 THESSALONIANS 3: 7-12/ LUKE 21: 5-19

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, November 11, 2019	VETERANS DAY
Tuesday, November 12, 2019	9:00 AM - 10 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM Mass (<i>Thanh Nguyen req. by Holly Nguyen</i>); 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, November 13, 2019	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, November 14, 2019	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass (<i>+Vincent Nguyen req. by Holly Nguyen</i>); 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, November 15, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, November 16, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass ; 5:30 PM Bingo
Sunday, November 17, 2019	8:30 AM Mass ; 9:45 AM Religious Education; 11:00 AM Mass - Baptism Ruby Rain Chávez; 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Confirmation Module, Parish Hall

Upcoming Parish News/Events

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 Luke 20:27-38

The stories in today's liturgy present human situations which cry out to teach us the resurrection of the dead. Innocent suffering on behalf of truth, as depicted in the Maccabees, demands that the just God give a final rationale for human suffering. The human situation behind the Gospel story — that is, the attempt to have one's name remembered and passed on to the future — recognizes a basic human yearning to give life a sense of purpose. All of us have a desire for immortality, which some seek in various surrogate ways. There is the immortality of fame, like that of movie stars whose names live on after death. There is an immortality of influence, like that of rich people who might donate art, politicians who might have a lengthy obituary, and statesmen who have monuments erected in their honor. And there is an immortality of power, usually accomplished through the establishment of foundations or charitable institutions.

Christian belief in immortality, on the other hand, is unique and special. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Good News of fullness of life in this age, and of resurrection in the age to come. For us death is a door, not a wall — not a wall that ends growth and action like the Berlin wall, but a door into a Christmas tree room full of surprises. Someone has compared death to standing on the seashore. A ship spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the open sea. She fades on the horizon, and someone says, "She's gone." Just at the moment when someone says, "She's gone," other voices who are watching her coming on another shore happily shout, "Here she comes." Or to use another metaphor, what the caterpillar calls "the end", the butterfly calls "the beginning".

When in a moment we say the last line of the Creed, "We believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting," we are asserting our belief that, in a way that no one fully understands, at our resurrection our body joins with our spirit to continue our existence in eternal life.



OFFERTORY GIFTS		
2019	Sept	YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 12,552	
On Line Giving	\$ 5,867	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 18,419	\$ 53,094
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 19,658	\$ 58,974
Over/Under	\$ (1,239)	\$ (5,880)
Building Fund Collections		
Actual Receipts	\$3,781	
	Debt Amt: \$130,157	

Thanksgiving Meal Bags

Please help the Food Pantry provide Thanksgiving meals to our Caroline County neighbors by filling a paper bag with non-perishable items that could go with a turkey to make a great Turkey Day feast! Stuffing mix is currently not a priority need for the Food Pantry, but a list of other suggested items is attached to bags that can be picked up in the Narthex. Please return all bags to the Food Pantry bin in the Narthex by Sunday, 11/17. Thank you for your support!



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That just as God shows mercy on us, we show mercy with each other

VOCATIONS

"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God."

Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart 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.

LETTER TO A SUFFERING CHURCH

Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis is Bishop Robert Barron's appeal to Catholics questioning their faith and searching for hope and encouragement amid the most recent scandal. Bishop Barron, Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, offers a clear path forward by looking at the current crisis through the lens of Scripture and Church history.

Copies of the book, which is targeted to adults and is being widely circulated among many Catholic parishes, will be available this advent season in the Narthex for interested parishioners to take. After the holidays, Fr. Alex will conduct a study group for anyone interested in discussing it further; date TBD.



Second Collection this week, November 9th-10th, is for the Archdiocese of Military Service (details on back of bulletin) Thank you for your generosity!

PRIZE BINGO

Saturday, November 17th
Doors open at 5:30 PM
Concession/Kitchen will be open!
Come join us for an evening of FUN and PRIZES!

Brunswick Stew Sale

*Knight's of Columbus,
Council #7538*

The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Brunswick Stew Sale on Nov 16-17, 2019.

Christmas Pageant Director Needed

We are so appreciative for having Bevin Arnold and her family for directing and organizing the Christmas Pageant the last few years. Sadly, they will not be able to organize it this year, so we are looking for someone to take on the position this year. If you are interested or have any questions, please see Bevin Arnold or Gina Stargel or email Gina at gcp181@yahoo.com



Pray for the Sick of our Parish

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

If you would like to add/remove someone to the Sick of our Parish list, please call Chris Nowark at 804-448-9064 or email her at office@saintmarycc.org. All prayer requests will remain in place for 6 months and then be removed. Thank you.

Breaking Bread Gathering

Imagine a small gathering of fellow parishioners around a table sharing a delicious meal and enjoyable conversation right here. You may have enjoyed this fellowship with our Lenten Soup Suppers group in the spring. You can also experience this with the Breaking Bread Gatherings. This group is an ideal way to connect with other parishioners in small group dinners from Jan. -Sept. Dinners are planned so that the host only provides the main course and drinks while guests provide the bread, side dish & dessert. You can participate as a hosting member, or as a substitute. Substitute members are always needed for unexpected changes in people's schedules.

Information packets will be in the Narthex for the next 2 months. Keep the information and return the sign-up sheet to basket that is provided.

We call this a Gathering so you can use your imagination on what type of meal you want it to be. Brunch, Lunch, Picnic, BBQ or Dinner. We even experimented with Family Gatherings last year and it was very successful.

For more information text Penny Geary 540-710-3368 or Shonnie Carroll 804-592-8145 or email Mary Gajdos steve_g_15668@yahoo.com



Bethlehem Walk 2019

Dates & Times
Wednesday, December 4 - 6 - 9 pm
Thursday, December 5 - 6 - 9 pm
Friday, December 6 - 6-10 pm
Saturday, December 7 - 4 - 9 pm
Sunday, December 8 - 3 - 8 pm

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.



HEADS UP ST. MARY'S

Take Pride in our church!

Join the fundraising ministry on Tuesday, November 19th, at 11:30 AM. Let's have fun brainstorming ideas to support our church, our ministries, and our outreach programs! Any questions, please call or text Maria Bridge at 804-867-6721

Polar Bear Plunge is February 1, 2020

The Polar Bear Plunge is our biggest fundraiser of the year for the Food Pantry/Homeless Ministry. We will have applications in the Narthex for anyone who might like to "take the plunge". We won the trophy for raising the most money for the last two years. Let's keep it going for another year!



Community/Diocesan Events

The Weekend of November 9/10 there will be a 2nd Collection for the Archdiocese of Military Service.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was created by Pope John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces. This includes more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 V.A. Medical Centers, and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the USA in 134 countries. Numerically, the AMS is responsible for more than 1.8 million men, women, and children.

The AMS is a church entity. It is not a part of the Armed Forces and is not funded by the federal government. It is a "home" mission diocese that depends almost entirely on financial support from individual donors including personal donations from its military and VA chaplains, gifts from military communities, gifts from dioceses, charitable bequests, and grants.

The AMS carries out its worldwide mission with a very small, full-time staff comprised of 6 clergy, 3 religious and 17 laity. The major cost elements of the annual \$4 million operating budget are:

- Pastoral Programs (Vocations, Youth/Young Adult Ministries, Veterans) and clergy worldwide travel
- Sacramental Records and Marriage Tribunal
- Supporting Services (Administration, Finance, Development, and Communications)



BICENTENNIAL PRAYER OF THE DIOCESE OF RICHMOND (1820-2020)

Father of lights, the radiance of your Son has guided the advance of the Gospel across the Diocese of Richmond for two centuries, strengthening our Church from the Eastern Shore to the Cumberland Gap.

Grant that the nearness of your Son may dispel the darkness of our sins, so that as our love increases more and more, we may dare more than ever to fearlessly proclaim the word.

Holding fast to the word of life, may we shine like the stars in the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

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"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ."

Attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend on March 20-22, 2020 in FAIRFAX, 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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