

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



November 17, 2019
Thirty-Third 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 18, 2019: 1 MACCABEES 1: 10-15. 41-43. 54-57. 62-63/ PSALM 119: 53. 61. 134. 150. 155. 158/ LUKE 18:35-43

Dedication of the Churches of Peter & Paul: ACTS 28: 11-16. 30-31/ PSALM 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6/ MATTHEW 14: 22-33

Tuesday, November 19, 2019: 2 MACCABEES 6: 18-31/ PSALM 3: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ LUKE 19: 1-10

Wednesday, November 20, 2019: 2 MACCABEES 7: 1. 20-31/ PSALM 17: 1bcd. 5-6. 8b and 15/ LUKE 19: 11-28

Thursday, November 21, 2019: 1 MACCABEES 2: 15-29/ PSALM 50: 1b-2. 5-6. 14-15/ LUKE 19: 41-44

Friday, November 22, 2019: 1 MACCABEES 4: 3-37. 52-59/ 1 CHRONICLES 29: 10bcd. 11abc. 11d-12a. 12bcd/ LUKE 19: 45-48

Saturday, November 23, 2019: 1 MACCABEES 6: 1-13/ PSALM 9: 2-3. 4 and 6. 16 and 19/ LUKE 20: 27-40

Sunday, November 24, 2019: 2 SAMUEL 5: 1-3/ PSALM 122: 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/ COLOSSIANS 1: 12-20/ LUKE 23: 35-43

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, November 18, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers; 6:00-8:00 PM T-SMOTA Movie Night
Tuesday, November 19, 2019	9:00 AM - 10 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM Mass ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 11:30 AM Fundraising Mtg; 4:00 PM Cerve Mtg; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, November 20, 2019	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, November 21, 2019	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, November 22, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, November 23, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, November 24, 2019	8:30 AM Mass (+Daniel Maida req. by The Biddulp Family); 9:45 AM Religious Education; 11:00 AM Mass

Upcoming Parish News/Events

The Triumph of God's Elect: Endurance & Hard Work!

Readings: (1st: Malachi 3, 19-20; Psalm: 97, 5-7; 2nd: 2Thessalonians 3, 7-12; Gospel: Luke 21, 5-19)

Today, it is very clear, we must speak about the end of the world and about the meaning of these readings that have been given to us for this Sunday. First of all, we should say, the end of the world, most likely, will not happen in my lifetime. For two thousand years, some people have been waiting for the end of the world. In every age and time, there are people who expect the end of the world to happen very soon, this year, next year, or very soon. So far it has not happened.

Did early Christians believe in a physical end of the world? Surely, they did, and many of them thought it likely to end soon.

Is there a more spiritual teaching about the end of the world? Yes, and we must pay attention to it. The deepest teaching about the end of the world is not about its physical ending, but about how you and I should be living now.

The Prophet Malachi in the first reading reminds us that at some point we must all come before the Lord and answer for our lives. Lots of people today no longer believe this. Other people believe that we must answer for our lives in other ways, such as through reincarnation or being born again. We Christians believe that we have only one life and at the end of it, we shall have to account for this life and how we have used it.

Most of us have not used our lives so very well. Lots of the time we want to use our lives well, but we get distracted. Sometimes we get caught up in desires of the flesh. Other times we get caught up in desires for power. Sometimes we are just concerned about what others think of us. The reasons for being distracted from the inner goal of a strong spiritual life in God are numerous.

Today, the readings want to remind us to trust in the Lord. If we trust in God, then the sun of justice will arise with its healing rays. That is to say, we come to recognize that we cannot lead strong spiritual lives just by our own will power. Rather, we must ask God to change us and to help us.

What does it mean to be prepared? One of things the being prepared means is that I must be able to stand up for my faith. Probably I shall never be called on to give my life for my beliefs, but I should be willing to do that. What kind of a person am I? This is a question that comes before us on this Sunday. Do I believe in anything? And I willing to stand up for anything? Do I believe in something strongly enough that I would be willing to die for it?

In the Christian understanding of these passages of Scriptures, the final days of the world are always right in front of us. That means that we must be ready to die now, at this very moment. There is never any time to waste. If we need to repent from some sin, now is the time. If we want to thank God for something, now is the time. If we need to forgive someone, now is the time. The Scriptures tell us that now is the day of salvation. Now is the time when the Lord is with us, bringing compassion and love. Let us celebrate this Sunday as if it is our final Sunday.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE ADVENT (11/30/2019) TO NEW YEARS DAY (1/1/2020)

Nov 30—Dec 1	First Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec 7-8	Second Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec 14-15	Third Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec 19	7:00 pm Advent Reconciliation Service
Dec 21-22	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec 24 Christmas Eve	4:00 pm Vigil Mass of the Nativity (Children's Mass) 8:00 pm Vigil Mass of the Nativity
Dec 25 Christmas Day	10:00 am The Nativity of the Lord
Dec 28-29	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec 31 New Year's Eve	5:00 pm Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Jan 1 New Year's Day	10:00 am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Second Collection next week, November 23rd-24th, is for

Christmas Flowers. Thank you for your generosity!



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. \$7/container or 3 for \$20

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.

Santa Breakfast and Photo Opportunity

Santa will be at St. Mary's Church Hall on Sunday, December 1st. Plates are \$10/adult, \$5/kids and \$30/family. Breakfast will start at 8:30 AM and pictures with Santa will start at 10:00 AM. This is a fundraiser for the Teens Conference.



Thanksgiving Meal Bags are due back TODAY, Sunday, November 17th.
Please return all bags to the Food Pantry bin in the Narthex.
Thank you for your support.



2019 Angel Tree is coming soon!

This year we are lending a helping hand to Caroline County Public School families. Contact Gail Dillon 804-448-1809/email flyngmr66@gmail.com with any questions.



Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Bob Arnold, Fran Arnold, Mike Arnold, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, Kevin Bera, The Biddulph Family, Maria Bridge, Shonnie Carroll, Daniel Clarke, Cindy Cook, Charlie Crum, 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, Marianna Porter, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Hadley Spacht, Scott Trice, Richard Wasels, 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.



We are still in need of a Christmas Pageant Director

We are looking for someone to direct our Children's Christmas Pageant this year. If you are interested or have any questions, please see Bevin Arnold or Gina Stargel or email Gina at gcp181@yahoo.com

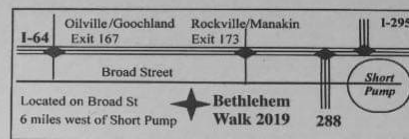
T-SMOTA Inspirational Movie Night will be on Monday, November 18th, at 6:00 PM. Come and join in our fun!



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

Bethlehem Walk is a life-sized reenactment of the city of Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Christ. Visitors are given a tour on a first come-first served basis. You may drop in anytime during our "open" hours.



The tour is outside and takes approximately 45 minutes. Please dress appropriately. This is a free event. For more information call 804-784-1919 or check us out on the web at www.salembaptistchurch.info.

Wednesday, December 4	6 - 9 pm
Thursday, December 5	6 - 9 pm
Friday, December 6	6 - 10 pm
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Bring a canned good for our local Food Bank.



Breaking Bread Gathering

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

BRAINSTORMING SESSION

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF ENGLAND & SCOTLAND
12 DAYS: MARCH 16 - 27, 2020
 STROMBECK * SALISBURY * BATH * STRATFORD * LAMBETH * BIRMINGHAM * YORK * OXFORD * LONDON * CANTERBURY



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MSGR. MARK RICHARD LANE
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* Air/land tour price is \$3999 plus \$200 gov't taxes/airline surcharges

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SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That the joy and peace we have in our lives may encourage others to grow in their faith.

VOCATIONS

"I myself shall give you wisdom in speaking." Are you considering a call to proclaim the gospel 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 THESSALONIANS 3:9
 Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with our Catholic faith.

Our Commitments to Address and Prevent Sexual Abuse and protecting God's children in our parish

- Every allegation of sexual abuse of a minor is reported to civil authorities and all adult survivors of sexual abuse or harassment are encouraged to file a report with civil authorities.
- To ensure that no priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer in ministry has been credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult or accused of sexual harassment of another person. Since 2002, the Diocesan Review Board, consisting mostly of volunteer lay professionals, reviews all allegations of sexual abuse by a member of the clergy in conjunction with civil authorities.
- All priests, deacons, religious, lay employees, and volunteers working with children or vulnerable adults are background screened every five years.
- All priests, deacons, religious, lay employees, and volunteers working with children or vulnerable adults are trained to identify inappropriate behavior, grooming techniques used by abusers, and how to report suspicious behavior or abuse and are required to read monthly bulletins to maintain an awareness of child sexual abuse. This is accomplished through our Virtus Training.
- For further information or concerns please contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance/Safe Environment Coordinator 804-622-5175 or go to the Diocesan Website. <https://richmonddiocese.org/>

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