

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



November 3, 2019

Thirty-First Sunday

in Ordinary Time

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(All Souls in Purgatory req. by Holly Nguyen)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM AND

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(+Harvey C. Eckert req. by The Nowark Family)

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, November 4, 2019: ROMANS 11: 29-36/ PSALM 69: 30-31. 33-34. 36/ LUKE 14: 12-14

Tuesday, November 5, 2019: ROMANS 12: 5-16ab/ PSALM 131: 1bcde. 2. 3/ LUKE 14: 15-24

Wednesday, November 6, 2019: ROMANS 13: 8-10/ PSALM 112: 1b-2. 4-5. 9/ LUKE 14: 25-33

Thursday, November 7, 2019: ROMANS 14: 7-12/ PSALM 27: 1bcde. 4. 13-14/ LUKE 15: 1-10

Friday, November 8, 2019: ROMANS 15: 14-21/ PSALM 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ LUKE 16: 1-8

Saturday, November 9, 2019: EZEKIEL 47: 1-2. 8-9. 12/ PSALM 46: 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/ 1 CORINTHIANS 3: 9c-11. 16-17/ JOHN 2: 13-22

Sunday, November 10, 2019: 2 MACCABEES 7: 1-2. 9-14/ PSALM 17: 1. 5-6. 8. 15 (15b)/ 2 THESSALONIANS 2: 16 – 3: 5/ LUKE 20: 27-38

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, November 4, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers; 6:30-8:00 PM T-SMOTA
Tuesday, November 5, 2019	9:00 AM - 10 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM Mass ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, November 6, 2019	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, November 7, 2019	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, November 8, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, November 9, 2019	Confirmation Retreat; 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Asian Dinner; 4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, November 10, 2019	8:30 AM Mass ; 9:45 AM Religious Education (<i>No Confirmation Class b/c of Retreat</i>); 11:00 AM Mass

Upcoming Parish News/Events

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Wisdom 11:22-12:2, Psalm 145, 1 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2, Luke 19:1-10

Jesus is "crazier" than Zacchaeus

At today's Mass, we turn to the Lord and thank him for the example of Zacchaeus, who shows us the path to forgiveness one-on-one with Jesus, how to overcome whatever hinders us from contact with the Lord and how to make amends for our sins against God and neighbor. Just like the Lord went to the lowest place on earth to bring Zacchaeus back to the fold, so the Lord Jesus will continually come to save us, no matter how far we've sunk, and no matter how many times we've fallen. And there's nothing he won't do to save us.

When we and the whole human race were incapable of seeing Him on account of the great weight of sin which was reducing our humanity to smaller and smaller images of what we are called to be, and thereby when we were incapable of climbing any tree at all, he, out of his great love for us, *climbed one on our own behalf*, so that each of us might still be able to see him, perched upon his glorious wooden throne. He invites each of us here and now in this Eucharistic participation in his death and resurrection, to be lifted up by him onto that life-giving tree, so that as God's children we might spend eternity in that celestial tree house built upon the Cross' firm foundation.

Today, he calls us by name and says, "I must stay in *your* house today." Even though we, like the Centurion, will soon cry out, humbly, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof," Jesus— if we do what we learn from Zacchaeus— will say the word and we will be healed. "The Son of Man," Jesus tells us at the end of the Gospel passage, "has come to seek and to save what was lost." He has come to seek and save us sinners. May His salvation come to our homes and our lives today! Amen!



Remember Your Offerings
Second Collection this week, November 2nd—3rd, is for our Building Fund
 Thank you for your generosity!

The Weekend of November 9-10 there will be a 2nd Collection for the Archdiocese of Military Service. Details on back of bulletin.

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

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'" LUKE 19:8

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may joyfully share the abundant gifts God has given to us.

VOCATIONS

"But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things."

Are you called to be a vehicle of God's mercy 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.

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 3-9, 2019, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13 in 2013. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.



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



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 gqip81@yahoo.com



T-SMOTA will be meeting on Monday, November 4th, at 6:30



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, 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.



FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF PLASTIC BAGS—PLEASE PUT THEM IN THE BIN IN THE NARTHEX

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



Catholic Diocese of Richmond
1820 Bicentennial 2020

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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"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Learn how to be humble in your marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend 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 or 757-690-1369.



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