

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



January 13, 2019
The Baptism of the Lord

Music & Responses

Entrance Antiphon &
 Scripture Readings: Page 59

Entrance Chant: #111 When Jesus Comes to
 be Baptized

Gloria: #871

Responsorial Psalm: **O bless the Lord, my soul.**

Hymn of Preparation: #58 Comfort, Comfort, O
 My People

Holy, Holy, Holy #872

Mystery of Faith: #873

Amen: #874

Lamb of God: #875

Communion Chant: #596 Christ, Be Our Light

Sending Forth: #385 City of God

Vocations

"I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,"
 Do you feel the Lord calling you to consider becoming a
 priest? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak
 with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano; or
 write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Fran Arnold, Estelle Bareford, Ann Bateman, Kevin Bera,
 Jackie Boak, Maria Bridge, Lee Brooks, Adam Bullock,
 Daniel Clarke, Sue Collins, Cindy Cook, Robert Cook,
 James Eichholz, Levie Edmond, Mike Fisher, Lois Fazenba-
 ker, Cathy Fullem, David Geary Jr., Donna Godsey, Diane
 Hollis, James Landry, Marie Lay, Richard Lay, Cindy Lent,
 Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Es-
 ther Luiggi, Craig Norris, Donald Paradis, Therese Poirier,
 Marianna Porter, Anna Porter-Toure, Barbara Purks, Duane
 Riden, Sophis Rodriguez, Clare Roussel, Julie Sadowski,
 Marilyn Sherman, William Simulcik, Claudia Sims, Brandi
 Smith, Mary Smith, Peggy Sparks, Catherine Squires, Linda
 Stanton, Jeannie Sutts, Megan Toigo, George Tracey, Dick
 Tressler, Lorraine VanWhy, Joan Williams

If you would like to add/remove someone to the Sick of our Parish list,
 please call Sue Brim at 804-448-9064 or email her at
office@saintmarycc.org. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he
 who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with
 the Holy Spirit...' " (Luke 3:16)*

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the
 water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to
 themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized
 Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus
 – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place
 your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through
 you for the greater glory of God.

Upcoming Parish News/Events

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Some Christian traditions finish their 'Christmas season' with the Feast of the Epiphany (6 January). We in the Catholic Church however conclude the celebration of Christmas with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is the beginning of the making known of Jesus to Israel and the rest of the world. Today we remember and celebrate the end of His "hidden life" and the start of his public ministry – to preach, to teach and to heal. But in seeking to be baptized, Jesus is associating himself with sinners. In today's Gospel passage, we read of the reaction of John to this (who scandalized by it) but nonetheless Jesus insisted that John should baptize him. Through his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus was confirmed as a Son; so too we through baptism are also assured that we too are children of God (cf. Romans 8:15-17). Just as Jesus was confirmed as the Beloved Son, so too each one of us – through our Baptism – are confirmed as beloved sons and daughters of God. Many Christians fail to realize the great power that has been given them – the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Each of us, through baptism, have been called and chosen to make God's Light shine in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. It is an awesome responsibility but as St Augustine wrote: '**Jesus did not say succeed but strive**'. Gregory of Nazianzus wrote: "Christ is baptized, let us descend with him that we may also ascend with him." *Lord God, thank you for the gift of my baptism. Enlightened by Christ, may I share that Light with all others I meet on my pilgrim journey. Amen.*

OFFERTORY GIFTS

2018	December	YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$19,947	
On Line Giving	\$6,031	
Total Actual Receipts	\$25,978	\$110,186
Budgeted Receipts	\$17,127	\$102,763
Over/Under	\$8,851	\$7,423
Building Fund Collections		
Actual Receipts	\$3,937	
Our Debt is currently at \$171,583		

Mass Readings For Next Week

Monday, January 14, 2019: Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 4:1-16; Ephesians 6:10-17

Tuesday, January 15, 2019: Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 5:12-21; 1 John 5:13-21

Wednesday, January 16, 2019: Psalm 106:1-12; Numbers 27:1-11; Luke 11:33-36

Thursday, January 17, 2019: Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:1-5; Acts 8:18-24

Friday, January 18, 2019: Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:19-25; 1 Corinthians 7:1-7

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may fulfill our own Baptismal call by giving ourselves entirely to God and answer His call to holiness.

THANK YOU * THANK YOU * THANK YOU

Thank you for your generosity and help with our 2018 angel tree. It truly is wonderful that we were able to help local families in need.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, January 14, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, January 15, 2019	9:00-10:00 Adoration 10:00 AM Mass , 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, January 16, 2019	8:30-9:15 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, January 17, 2019	8:30-9:15 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, January 18, 2019	Church closed for cleaning.
Saturday, January 19, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, January 20, 2019	8:30 AM Mass, 11:00 AM Mass



JOIN US for the 2019 MARCH FOR LIFE! Washington DC - Friday, January 18

Join people from around the world for the March For Life! For the 36th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus will provide FREE bus transportation for people in the Richmond metropolitan area to attend the 46th annual March For Life Rally in Washington DC, on Friday, January 18, 2019. Seating on buses is limited and will be by RESERVATION only. A Registration fee may be required; however, the Registration fee will be returned when you take your seat on the bus.

Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a Parent, Legal Guardian, or Approved Temporary Guardian with written permission. The bus for St. Mary's is scheduled to depart by 9:30 am. Marchers must check-in at least 30 minutes prior to departure time and must bring a lunch, soft drinks, cell phone, hat, gloves and suitable clothing for weather condition. Buses will normally return by 6:30 pm.

To sign up please visit the St. Mary's website (<http://www.saintmarycc.org>) and click on the March For Life Bus Registration! Link at the top of the home page. Seating is limited so don't delay.

You may contact Pat Brim at: 410-336-9100 or email pbrim01@gmail.com with questions.

Food and Fuel Grant

We are pleased to announce the receipt of \$1500.00 from the Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund for the benefit of the Food Pantry & Homeless Program. These funds are available through the generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal by the people of the Diocese.

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

This is a reminder to all that all official administrative duties and approvals have to go through the office of the pastor to avoid any mis communications.

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Polar Bear Plunge February 2, 2019

The Polar Bear Plunge is our biggest fundraiser of the year for the Food Pantry/Homeless Ministry. Please support this ministry by sponsoring one of the "Plungers" participating. The Polar Bear Plunge will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the Lake Land or Beach, Land or side (as you are heading west from Rt 1, you will turn right into Land or). The plungers will go into the water at noon, but we will have music, costume judging (plungers), ongoing raffles and food sales start at 10:30.

Michelle Moore
Thomas Dillon
Travis Bingaman
Bob Bingaman
Melinda Cook
Michelle Lamontagne
Thomas Biddulph
Joseph Gallagher



Look for them after Mass in the Narthex. We won the trophy for raising the most money for the last two years. Let's keep it going for another year!!



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2019 ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER)

JANUARY

Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Community/Diocesan Events



Many husbands and wives seem to be “married” to their career, computer, TV, sports or their children. Re-examine your married lifestyle and priorities by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Mar 1-3, 2019 in Hickory, NC and Mar 22-24, 2019 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.

Bicentennial Prayer

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 waters of the Eastern Shore to the mountains of the
Blue Ridge.

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 proclaim the word fearlessly.

Holding fast to the word of life,
may we shine like 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 for ever and ever.

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ADORATION

Adoration is when we go to the church and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. You can go any time into the church to privately pray before the tabernacle, like a private adoration. But when people speak of adoration, they usually mean going to church during the time when the parish has Adoration with Exposition scheduled. This is when the priest takes a consecrated Host out of the tabernacle and puts it in a special holder called a “monstrance” that is placed on the altar. The monstrance has a round glass window that the Host is placed in, so that it is exposed, or visible, to the people. Parishioners (or anyone, really) are encouraged to come during Adoration with Exposition. The people are “adoring,” or worshipping, Christ in His Real Presence in the Eucharist. While you are there sitting quietly in the pew before the Real Presence, you can pray, read spiritual books, meditate on a mystery of the faith, ponder God’s will for us, etc.

Here at St. Mary’s parish, we have Adoration with Exposition every Wednesday and Thursdays between 8:30am to 9:30am before mass. Starting next Tuesday January 8th, 2018 an hour of adoration will be officially added between 9:00am to 10:00am before mass.

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.

PARISH OFFICE

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Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony (a minimum of 6 months preparation is typical), and **Anointing of the Sick**, or to receive a home visit or home blessing, *Fr Muddu*.....804.448.9064.

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