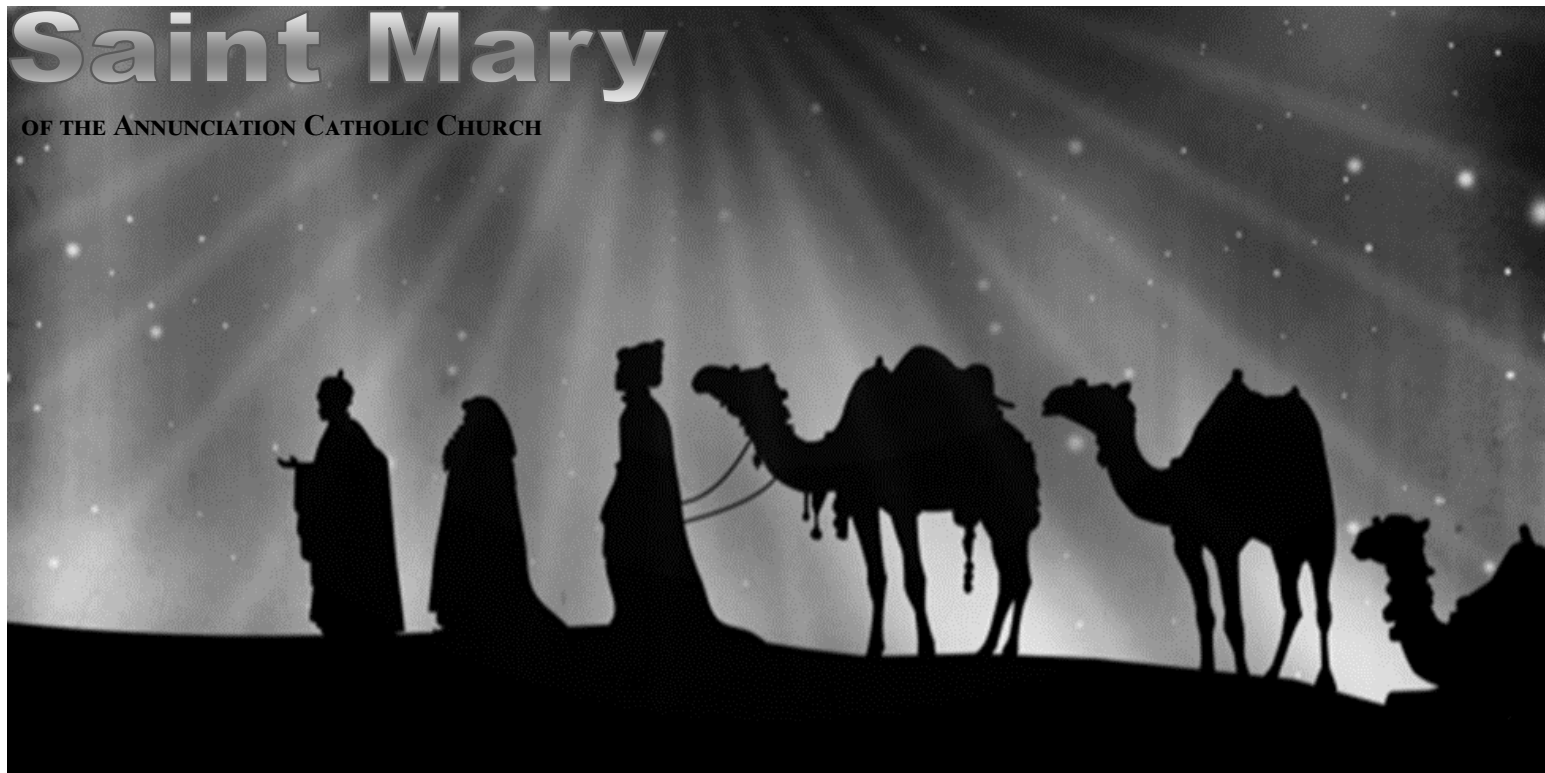


# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



**January 6, 2019**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

## Music & Responses

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Entrance Chant: #103 What Star Is This

Gloria: #871

Responsorial Psalm: **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Hymn of Preparation: #104 We Three Kings

Holy, Holy, Holy #872

Mystery of Faith: #873

Amen: #874

Lamb of God: #875

Communion Chant: #607 Like A Shepherd

Sending Forth: #108 Angels, From The Realms of Glory

## Vocations

“Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.” Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord 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).

## 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 Fazenbaker, Cathy Fullem, David Geary Jr., Donna Godsey, Diane Hollis, James Landry, Marie Lay, Richard Lay, Cindy Lent, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Esther 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](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org). Thank you.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.” (EPHESIANS 3:6)*

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all “be one”.

# Upcoming Parish News/Events

## Solemnity of the Epiphany January 6, 2019

***Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalms 72, Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6, Matthew 2:1-12***

### Becoming the Wise Men Today Needs

As we celebrate today the Solemnity of the Epiphany, we bring the Lord the best we have and fall down in humble adoration as he falls down before us and gives us the greatest gift in the universe, himself, with the full blessing of his presence, his salvation, his mercy. With gladness, men of old followed the star and were led to this great encounter. With even greater gladness, men and women, boys and girls, still follow God's lead and come to a life-changing embrace. The Mass is Christ's continuous epiphany, the manifestation of his abiding presence among us, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Our contemporaries, however, need "wise men" to show them where the star of the tabernacle lamp and altar candles, where the light of the confessional, still burn to help and encourage them to join us on the journey to find Christ and come through his mercy into a life-changing communion with him. God is calling us, you and me, to be those modern Melchior, Balthasar, and Caspar. And he wants to give us here all the help he knows we need to fulfill this mission of mercy!

Welcome to Bethlehem!

Come, let us adore him! And let us ask for the grace necessary to be his instruments to bring the whole world to make the exodus to adore him with us!

## Mass Readings For Next Week

**Monday, January 7, 2019:** Psalm 72; Daniel 2:1-19; Ephesians 4:17-5:1

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019:** Psalm 72; Daniel 2:24-49; Ephesians 5:15-20

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019:** Psalm 72; Numbers 24:15-19; Luke 1:67-79

**Thursday, January 10, 2019:** Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**Friday, January 11, 2019:** Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That each of us use our unique gifts  
to help build the Body of Christ.

## Polar Bear Plunge February 3, 2018

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.

**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!!

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, January 7, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, January 8, 2019	9:00-10:00 Adoration <b>10:00 AM Mass</b> , 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, January 9, 2019	8:30-9:15 AM Adoration, <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> , 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, January 10, 2019	8:30-9:15 AM Adoration, <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> , 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, January 11, 2019	Church closed for cleaning.
Saturday, January 12, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM Mass</b>
Sunday, January 13, 2019	<b>8:30 AM Mass</b> , <b>11:00 AM Mass</b>



# UNIQUE FROM DAY ONE

## 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](mailto:pbrim01@gmail.com) with questions.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 an hour of adoration will be officially added between 9:00am to 10:00am before mass.



We would like to welcome **Chris Nowark** back to the Saint Mary of Annunciation's staff. She has taken on the role of publishing the bulletin.

All bulletin announcements will still be sent to the [office@saintmarycc.org](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org) email address. Bulletin announcements must be submitted by Wednesday to make the weekend bulletin.



# 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](mailto: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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## Who were the Magi?

Pope Benedict explains:

In the relevant sources, the concept of Magi (*mágoi*) encompasses a wide range of meanings, from the wholly positive to the wholly negative.

**To the first of the four principal meanings, Magi are understood to be members of the Persian priestly caste.**

In Hellenistic culture they were regarded as "rulers of a distinctive religion," but at the same time their religious ideas were thought to be "strongly influenced by philosophy," so that the Greek philosophers have often been portrayed as their pupils (cf. Delling, "mágos," p. 356).

No doubt this view contains some not easily definable element of truth: after all, Aristotle himself spoke of the philosophical work of the Magi (cf. *ibid.*, p. 357).

The other meanings listed by Gerhard Delling are as follows: possessors and users of supernatural knowledge and ability, magicians, and finally deceivers and seducers. . . .

**For the Magi in Mt 2, it is the first of the four meanings that applies, at least in a broad sense.** Even if they were not exactly members of the Persian priesthood, they were nevertheless custodians of religious and philosophical knowledge that had developed in that area and continued to be cultivated there [Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives].

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.

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