

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



February 24, 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Music & Responses

Praise Song:	#475 Christians, Let Us Love One Another
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Gloria:	#877
Responsorial Psalm:	The Lord is kind and merciful.
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Communion Chant:	#483 Where Charity and Love Prevail
	#143 As I Have Done For You
Sending Forth:	#539 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we practice mercy and compassion more frequently
and pray for those that annoy us.

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(+ George & Joann Hayden, req. Redmond & Susan Merrell)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM AND

11:00 AM (+ Marlys K. Roba req. Nicholas & Dawn Tilton)

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, Lois Fazenbaker, Mike Fisher, Cathy Fullem, David Geary Jr., Donna Godsey, Diane Hollis, Jean Johnson, James Landry, Marie Lay, Richard Lay, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Cindy Lent, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Esther Luiggi, Patrick Moore, Craig Norris, Donald Paradis, Therese Poirier, Marianna Porter, Anna Porter-Toure, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Sophis Rodriguez, Clare Roussel, Julie Sadowski, Marilyn Sherman, Claudia Sims, William Simulcik, Brandi Smith, Mary Smith, Peggy Sparks, Catherine Squires, Linda Stanton, Jeannie Sutts, Megan Toigo, George Tracey, Scott Trice, Lorraine VanWhy, Richard Wassels, 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.

VOCATIONS

“Love one another as I have loved you.” Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Upcoming Parish News/Events

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1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, 1 Corinthians 15. 45-49, Luke 6.27-38

Jesus orders us to love our enemies and to be merciful as God our Father is merciful. Jesus challenges us to do for others what God has done for us. *"Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate."* He concludes by instructing us to stop judging and start forgiving.

Life Messages:

- **We need to practice grace-filled behavior:** What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion is the quality known as *grace*, i.e., God's own life working in us, so that we are able to treat others, not as they deserve, but with love, kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as to the just. Hence, our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. His love conquers our hurts, fears, prejudices and grief. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment, and give us the courage to return good for evil.
- **We need to pray for the strength to forgive.** At every Mass we pray the "Our Father", asking God to forgive us as we forgive others. Our challenge is to overcome our natural inclination to hate family members, co-workers, neighbors etc. who offend us. To meet that challenge, we need to ask God for the strength to forgive each other. We must forgive, because only forgiveness truly heals us. If we remember how God has forgiven us, it will help us forgive others. Let us start forgiving right now by curbing the sharp tongue of criticism, suppressing the revenge instinct and tolerating the irritating behavior of a neighbor.

Mass Readings For Next Week

Monday, February 25, 2019: Psalm 38; Genesis 33:1-17; 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Tuesday, February 26, 2019: Psalm 38; 1 Samuel 24:1-22; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33

Wednesday, February 27, 2019: Psalm 38; Leviticus 5:1-13; Luke 17:1-4

Thursday, February 28, 2019: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:1-5; Acts 3:11-16

Friday, March 1, 2019: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:6-14; Acts 10:1-8



Lenten Soup Suppers
and Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays throughout Lent starting on 3/8/19. Soup is at 6pm; Stations of the Cross start at 7pm. Join us as we retrace the final journey of Christ to Calvary. Sign up sheets for soup and bread are in the Narthex. For questions, call Valerie Sparks at 804-572-1768.



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 9th. Join us for great food and fellowship. For more information, contact Gail Bingaman at 540-582-6881



WATCH FOR INFORMATION

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back." (LUKE 6:35)
Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, February 25, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, February 26, 2019	9:00-10:00 Adoration 10:00 AM Mass , 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00—7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, February 27, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, February 28, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass (+ Aaron Kaler, req. Remond & Susan Merrell), 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, March 1, 2019	Church closed for cleaning.
Saturday, March 2, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, March 3, 2019	8:30 AM Mass, 11:00 AM Mass



We had our first **Breaking Bread Gathering** on the first weekend of February. From all accounts it was a success for all who attended. The most heard quote was "that they knew their table partners to see at Church, but they really didn't KNOW them until after the dinner." That is exactly the reason for the Breaking Bread Gatherings. I want to thank all our host & hostesses for offering their homes to this successful adventure. Our next Breaking Bread Gathering is May 4th. If you would like to join us for it, text me at 540-710-3368 or email me at honey-bepenny@comcast.net. Penny Geary



2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal: *Building Our Family of Faith*

In complement to the funds returned to our parish through the parish sharing formula, the 2019 Appeal also benefits us through the following ministries and programs. This year our Food Pantry/Homeless Ministry received a \$1500 grant from the Fuel and Hunger Fund Grants. In addition, our parishioners who attended the Diocesan Youth Conference received a \$50 Diocesan Annual Appeal Discount. Recently, many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We hope you will prayerfully consider this request. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our In-Pew pledge process at all Masses during the weekends of March 9-10 and 16-17.



Silver Rose Program – Save the Date!

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Save the date for the evening of March 12th at 7pm at the church. More details to come!



SMOTA FUNdraisers



St. Mary's is formalizing our church's fundraising efforts by starting a FUNdraising Ministry. It promises to be a FUN endeavor that will build on the outstanding fundraising efforts that already take place every year. We are seeking volunteers to help get this FUN project off the ground! If you'd like to be active in the parish but don't have that much time to give on a regular basis, this is the ministry for you! Come find out what we're all about – Tuesday, March 12th, 7 PM in the conference room.



The Season of Lent - The Season of Lent begins at Midnight on the morning of Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Palm Collection – Traditionally Saint Mary asks parishioners to bring in any palms saved from last year to burn for ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday. We will have placed a container in the Narthex for this purpose. Thank you



Lenten Programs – Word on Fire – Just Added - Sign Up!

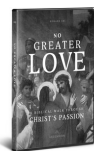
We're offering online daily reflections through the Parish Flocknote Prayers Community. Our group has grown to nearly 90 Parishioners. We welcome all to this online community to pray together during Lent.

We have also added access to the **Word on Fire** library of formation videos! This is also being offered through Flocknote. This is a great resource and will only be available during Lent.

Not part of Flocknote? If you haven't subscribed it is easy to join. Visit our website under Parish Life you'll find the Online Community to connect and get the latest information on the Parish

While on the website you can register for the Adult Formation series **No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion** by clicking the link on the site homepage. If you want to join you can participate online, attend hosted sessions or both. Hosted group sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7pm at the Church starting March 13th for five sessions.

All sessions can be watched online so if you miss a group session you can always catch up and still attend the next session. The videos are 30-40 minutes in length. You might consider doing the program as a family. There is no cost for the program.



There is a book available that is used as part of the video study program for \$15 which can be purchased online. Those interested can find details and sign up via the church website, on the signup sheet in the narthex or email Pat Brim (pbrim01@gmail.com). Join us!

Lenten Schedule

Every Friday, March 8th– Friday April 12

Obligatory day of abstinence

6:00 PM Meatless Soup Supper Church Hall

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Monday, March 25- Solemnity of the Annunciation

10:00 AM Mass

7:00 PM Mass

Monday, April 8th- Reconciliation Service

7:00 PM Reconciliation Service

Sunday, April 14- Palm Sunday

Regular Mass schedule for Saturday and Sunday

Thursday April 18 Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Mass

8:00 PM to Midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, April 19-Good Friday

Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence

2:00 PM Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 20- Holy Saturday

10:00 AM Blessing of the Food

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 21st- Easter

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

11:00 AM Sunday 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.

Community/Diocesan Events

Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,
soothe restless hearts with hope,
steady shaken spirits with faith:
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform our brokenness.
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,
so that we may act with justice
and find peace in you.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Priests Prayer of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
for your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;
for your tempted priests;
for your lonely and desolate priests;
for your young priests;
for your dying priests;
for the souls of your priests in purgatory.
But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptized me;
the priests who absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me your Body
and Blood in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way
(especially ...).
O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart,
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

HELP FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE - CHILD PROTECTION/SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The Diocese of Richmond completed its Independent Audit of Clergy Files. "The Diocese of Richmond has published names of clergy with credible and substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of a minor. We pledge to do everything in our power to protect children, help victims in their healing, to restore trust from the faithful and in our Church...."

Please, go to our website, <http://www.saintmarycc.org>, for links to the Bishops letter and the Diocesan website for complete information.

At Saint Mary's we are working to ensure everyone who works with children is educated in the Child Protection/Safe Environment policies. We are dedicated to safeguarding the children of our parish. We pray for the victims, their family and our Church for God's healing and guidance

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