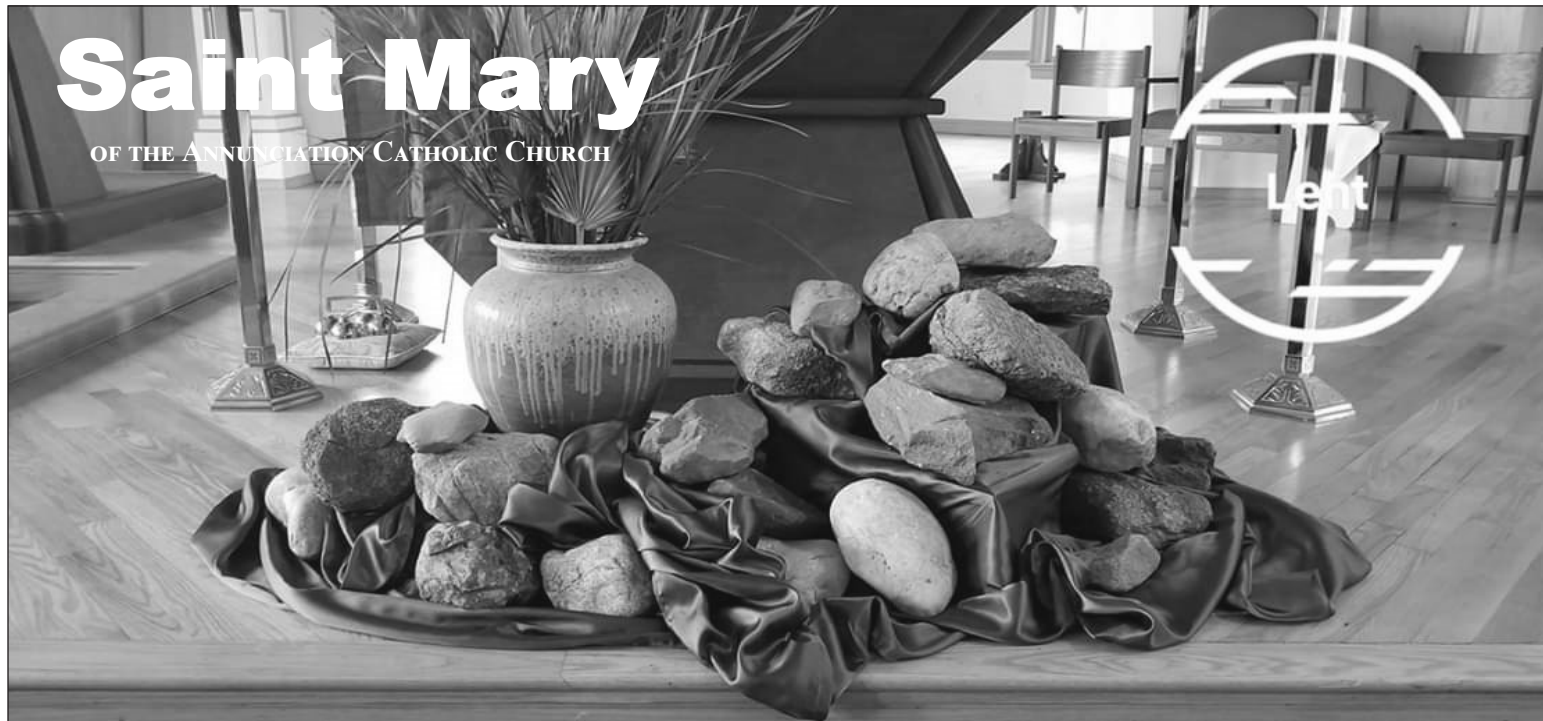


Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 10, 2019
First Sunday of Lent

Music & Responses

Praise Song: #404 God Be In My Head
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Responsorial Psalm: **Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**
Hymn of Preparation: #118 Gracious God
Holy, Holy, Holy #878
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Lamb of God: #883
Communion Chant: #784 Psalm 91: Be With Me
#436 On Eagle's Wings
Sending Forth: #581 Companions on the Journey



VOCATIONS

"The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God."

Are you considering a call from the Holy Spirit to become a priest in front of the altar of our LORD? 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, 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, Alexander Sinlock, Jr., Brandi Smith, Mary Smith, Peggy Sparks, Catherine Squires, Linda Stanton, Jeannie Sutts, Megan Toigo, George Tracey, Scott Trice, Mae Vanvalkenburg, 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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we give God the "first fruits" of our gifts – our first and best time in prayer, charitable works in ministry participation and financial support of our parish mission and community outreach.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (DEUTERONOMY 26:10)
This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

Upcoming Parish News/Events

First Sunday of Lent

FAMILY ACTIVITIES FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

Daily Prayer Time - It's important that kids grow up feeling that prayer is a natural thing. Each evening spend time in prayer on a certain topic of your choosing. (*ex. the health of loved ones, members of your church, people groups close to your heart, upcoming elections, etc.*)

Make Lenten Intentions - Have each family member pray and choose a food or hobby/activity to give up during Lent. If giving up TV is not reasonable, perhaps giving up TV only on certain days is more practical. Especially children - do not make the sacrifice so difficult that you are miserable or have little hope of continuing it all through Lent.

EWTN plays good catholic movies every Saturday night at 8:00 pm, how about watching together as a family this lent.

Attend Stations of the Cross together - offered each Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the church

Shortly after the soup supper. Tradition states that the first stations of the cross, similar to what we know today, were developed by St. Francis of Assisi and in 1686 Blessed Pope Innocent XI gave the Franciscan monks permission to place the stations in all of their churches. The devotion spread, and the stations were soon found in every church.

Find Something to Give Away - As a family, go through your possessions and find gently used (*or well-loved but still good quality*) items, then pray about how you can bless others with those things. You can give toys, clothes or baby gear to pregnancy support centers, foster care agencies, or families in need.

Reach out to someone else - Whether by text, email, or handwritten card, choose a person today and send them a line or two of encouragement. An "*I'm thinking of you*" or "*we're praying for you*" can mean more than you think. Check a list of my home bound parishioners to reach out.

A spending fast - You can't avoid over spending money on groceries for 6 weeks, but commit to not spend for clothes, technology, or entertainment. Put that money aside to bless others and learn to practice gratitude daily for the things you already own.



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. March 12th at 7pm we will be holding the Silver Rose Prayer Service. See the website for more details. All are welcome!



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. If you're interested but can't join us, or if you have questions, contact Maria Bridge at mamiefazenbaker@gmail.com.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 11, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers; 6:00 PM Thank You Dinner for Polar Bear Plunge
Tuesday, March 12, 2019	9:00-10:00 Adoration 10:00 AM Mass , 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry; 7:00 PM SMOTA FUNdraisers
Wednesday, March 13, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, March 14, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, March 15, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Suppers, 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 16, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass (<i>Deceased members of the Demick Family, req. by Holly Nguyen</i>)
Sunday, March 17, 2019	8:30 AM Mass, 11:00 AM Mass (<i>John Echols, req. by Tom & Mary Colombell</i>)

Music Ministry Update

The Music Ministry comes together to serve 1) God 2) The Priest 3) The Liturgy 4) The Parishioners and 5) Each Other. For the Mass we strive to be song leaders in support of our fellow Parishioners to enhance or add to your prayerful participation. We are careful not to make the music about us or make it a performance. Music is prayer. Aligning that prayer to the Liturgy in support of the Priest to ensure that we are offering everything up to God is a blessing and a gift. We want the Lord to hear everyone sing His praise!

To support that mission, we did make changes to the Music Ministry area in the church. The pews were removed and replaced by chairs facing the congregation, the piano and organ were moved and storage was added. The changes were made primarily to improve the communication and sound of the group and better project the music to the congregation. One challenge with the previous setup was that the singers had their backs to the musicians. It was very difficult to hear each other and communicate. Imagine having a conversation with someone for an hour that has their back to you and trying to hear them. Turning the singers to the congregation allows the accompanist to hear the vocalists and dramatically improves communication. The other advantage is that the singers are now facing the congregation (at least we hope everyone believes that is an advantage!) which helps the Music Ministry as Song Leaders.

We continue to make minor changes as we adjust to the space. We're currently working on changes to the number and position of the microphones. You may have noticed that the organ was out of commission for a while which was due to the bench breaking. **Thank you, Alex Sinlock**, for building a new organ bench for the Parish! It looks fantastic, is sturdy and stained to match the organ!

If you are interested in being part of the Music Ministry come and talk with us! We're easy to find.



In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother, supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your

community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays throughout Lent. 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.

This years VBS 2019 theme is : **To Mars and Beyond**



If you are interested in volunteering for VBS this year, join the VBS Group on Flocknote.



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

Evangelization: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Mass Readings For Next Week

Monday, March 11, 2019: Psalm 17; 1 Chronicles 21:1-17; 1 John 2:1-6

Tuesday, March 12, 2019: Psalm 17; Zechariah 3:1-10; 2 Peter 2:4-21

Wednesday, March 13, 2019: Psalm 17; Job 1:1-22; Luke 21:34-22:6

Thursday, March 14, 2019: Psalm 27; Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18; Philippians 3:2-12

Friday, March 15, 2019: Psalm 27; Genesis 14:17-24; Philippians 3:17-20



Are you walking for LIFE?

Join us for fun, friends, food, and fundraising! The 2019 LifeWalk on April 13th will support three life-affirming ministries in the Fredericksburg area. Support Bethany Christian Services, Mary's Shelter, and Choices Women's Center by forming a team with friends and family and walk with us on April 13th at Old Mill Park in Fredericksburg. Visit www.LifeWalkFXBG.com for more information or to register.



The Catholic Woman's Club of Richmond invites you to their Spring Fashion Show on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the Hermitage Country Club 1248 Hermitage Road, Manakin-Sabot. Proceeds will be used to fund scholarships to St. Gertrude High School as well providing funds to other charitable organizations. A cash bar will open at 11:15, with a luncheon at noon followed by a fashion show presented by Dillard's. There will be a raffle as well as other prizes. For reservations please make your \$35 check payable to CWC and send to Joan Walton, 300 Burnwick Rd Richmond, VA, 23227. For information call Betty Williams 804-784-4468 or Bea Sykes 804-357-1750. Reservation deadline is March 15. www.cwcrva.org

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

Community/Diocesan Events

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.

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.

Virginia March for Life

Join us to stop pro-abortion extremism in Virginia!



Wednesday, April 3, 2019
11 AM—Rally at State Capital
Noon—March for Life

For questions, please contact Bethany Peck at bethany-peck@marchforlife.org or Sean Maguire at sean@familyfoundation.org

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.

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