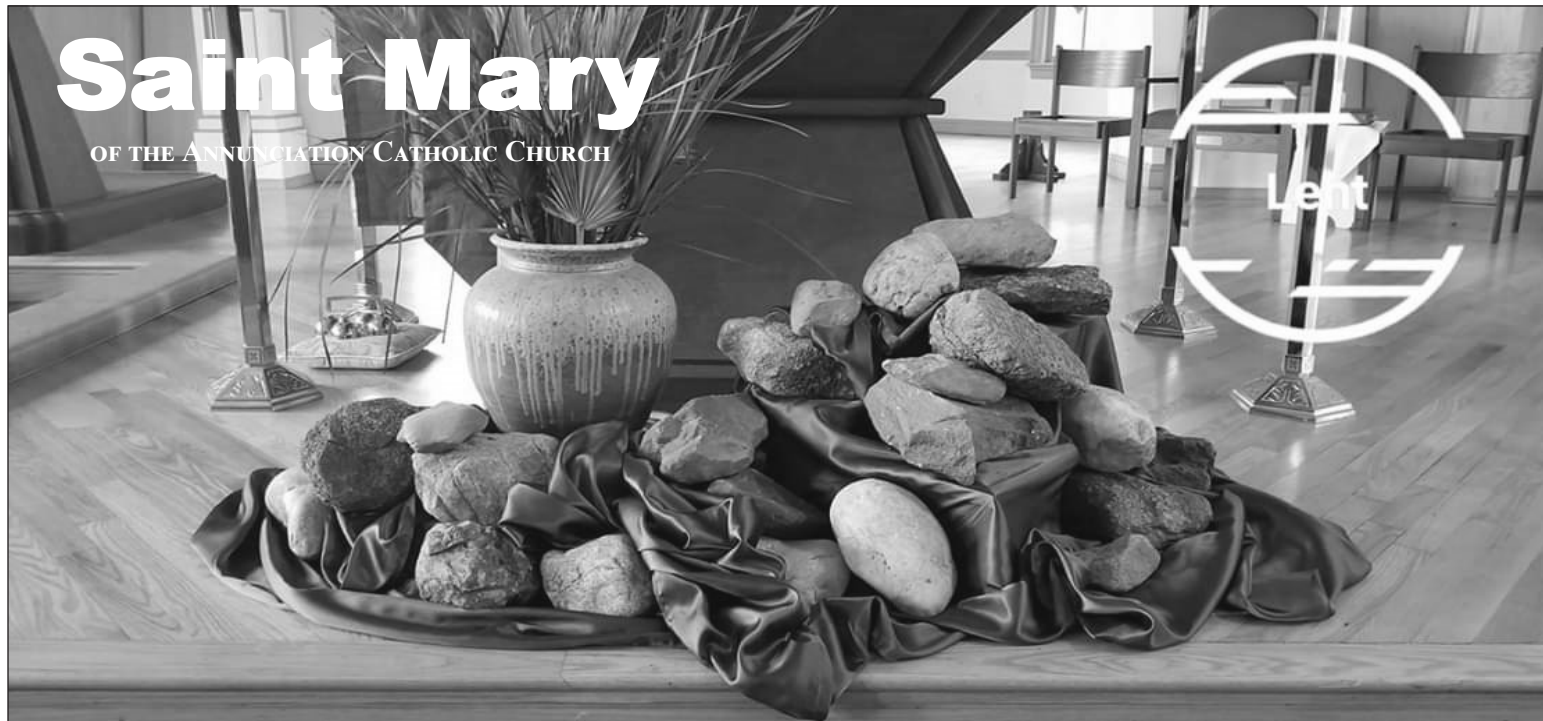


Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 17, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent

MASS
SATURDAY 5:00 PM (*Deceased members of the Demick Family, req. by Holly Nguyen*)
SUNDAY 8:30 AM AND
11:00 AM (*John Echols, req. by Tom & Mary Colombell*)



JOIN US ON MARCH 25TH TO PRAY AND CELEBRATE OUR PARISH DAY

MASSES AT 10:00 AM AND 7:00 PM

The feast of the Annunciation marks the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he told her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is celebrated on **March 25th** each year. More importantly, since it occurs 9 months before the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, the Annunciation marks the actual incarnation of Jesus Christ - the moment that Jesus was conceived and that the Son of God became the son of the Virgin. The festival has been celebrated since the 5th century AD.

The festival celebrates two things:

- God's action in entering the human world as Jesus in order to save humanity
- Humanity's willing acceptance of God's action in Mary's freely given acceptance of the task of being the Mother of God

The Annunciation and the liturgy

The story of the Annunciation has produced three important liturgical texts, the Ave Maria, the Angelus, and the Magnificat.

- The angel's greeting to Mary, which is traditionally translated as "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee," (in Latin *Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum*) is the opening of the Ave Maria, and a part of the Rosary prayers.
- The Angelus consists of three Ave Marias, together with some additional material. It is said three times a day in the Roman Catholic Church.
- The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) is the poem with which Mary responds to the Annunciation and celebrates the power of God.

Upcoming Parish News/Events

Second Sunday of Lent

WHAT CAN WE DO AS A COMMUNITY OF ST. MARY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH TO OBSERVE LENT?

During this time of Lent, we accompany the Savior in his fasting and prayer:

The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating, he lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to him. At the end of this time Satan tempts him.... Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the passion.... By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. (539, 540) The seasons and days of penance in the course of the Liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in the memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works). [CCC, 1438]

In the above quotes from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, one can see three main recommendations the church offers for our observance of the penitential season of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Here are some concrete ideas on how to carry out each of these suggestions:

PRAYER

1. Read and meditate on some scripture each day.
2. Attend Mass more often than each Sunday
3. Pray family morning, night and meal prayers together.
4. Attend stations of the cross on Fridays.

FASTING

1. Fast on one or more days of the week, health permitting.
2. Turn off the TV to make time for prayer or family time.

ALMSGIVING

1. Give of your time to your family, an elderly neighbor, a relative in need.
2. Eat more simply and donate the savings to the hungry.
3. Make a financial contribution to a charitable organization like our food pantry.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you?

Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?



In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? [Visit crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

VOCATIONS

"This is my beloved Son, hear him." Is our Lord asking you to follow him in tending His flock 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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 18, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, March 19, 2019	9:00-10:00 Adoration 10:00 AM Mass , 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, March 20, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , Noon Deanrey Mtg; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421; 7:00 PM No Greater Love
Thursday, March 21, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 6:00 PM —7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, March 22, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Suppers, 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 23, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass ; 1:00 PM Church Hall Rented
Sunday, March 24, 2019	8:30 AM Mass , 11:00 AM Mass



EWTN, Global Catholic Network, provides catholic programming and news coverage from around the world.

EWTN Cinema is every Saturday evening at 8:00 PM. Tune In this Saturday, March 24th, for:

ROMERO

A compelling and deeply moving look at the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who made the ultimate sacrifice in a passionate stand against social injustice and oppression in his country. This film chronicles the transformation of Romero from an apolitical, complacent priest to a committed leader of the Salvadoran people. Pope Francis beatified him in May 2015. This film features Raul Julia as Oscar Romero with powerful performances by Richard Jordan and Ana Alicia. It is rated PG-13 because of mature thematic elements and was filmed in Spanish with optional English subtitles. 105 minutes.

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.



CCM Fredericksburg has openings for new families for the 2019-2020 school year. CCM Fredericksburg is a classical education cooperative with classes offered from preschool through high school. For preschool through 6th grade we offer classes in Classically Catholic Memory, Good Books, IEW, Art, Science, and Music. We also offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our preschoolers. Our middle school (7th and 8th grades) will take classes in Modern American History, English Literature and Writing, Drama, Latin 1 or 1 and 2, and science. We are a Kolbe registered high school program. Our high school students will study Modern American History, Modern Literature and writing, Drama, Latin 1, 2, or 3, and Biology.

We offer several activities including field trips, our Christmas feast and end of year Faire with performances, and staging a dramatic production or musical.

We will have Open Houses on 3/18, 3/25, and 4/1. We will have examples of our curriculum and you can speak with our re-enrolling families and teachers. Should you have any questions or would like to attend an Open House please contact me! mcgcrew@yahoo.com

Thank you so much to Father Alex and the parishioners of St. Mary of the Annunciation for hosting our group. We are very grateful and you are in our prayers!

Silver Rose Service -Thank You!

Your Knights of Columbus would like to thank the 50 people that attended the Silver Rose Prayer Service! It was great to see so many come out to pray for the sanctity of Life. We want to thank Fr. Alex for supporting the service and offering his blessing to conclude the service. We hope to be able to have the Silver Rose again next year as it continues its journey to Mexico for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We hope you will all 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



MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, March 18, 2019: Psalm 105:1-42; Exodus 33:1-6; Romans 4:1-12

Tuesday, March 19, 2019: Psalm 105:1-42; Numbers 14:10b-24; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Wednesday, March 20, 2019: Psalm 105:1-42; 2 Chronicles 20:1-22; Luke 13:22-31

Thursday, March 21, 2019: Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 2:8-11

Friday, March 22, 2019: Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 12:1-4; Revelation 3:1-6

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.



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, David Townsend, 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 ofice@saintmarycc.org. Thank you.

Community/Diocesan Events

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
bethanypeck@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.



Are you walking for LIFE?

Help Provide Hope and A Future for a Child

Put your faith into action (James 2:14-18) and ask your friends and relatives to sponsor you in the LifeWalk which benefits three life-affirming ministries in the Fredericksburg area. Come support Bethany Christian Services, Mary's Shelter, and Choices Women's Center on April 13th at Old Mill Park in Fredericksburg. Visit www.LifeWalkFXBG.com for more information and to register or call 540-370-1800.



Be transformed by Jesus' love. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Mar 22-24, 2019 in Herndon, VA and Jun 21-23, 2019 in Cary, 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.

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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