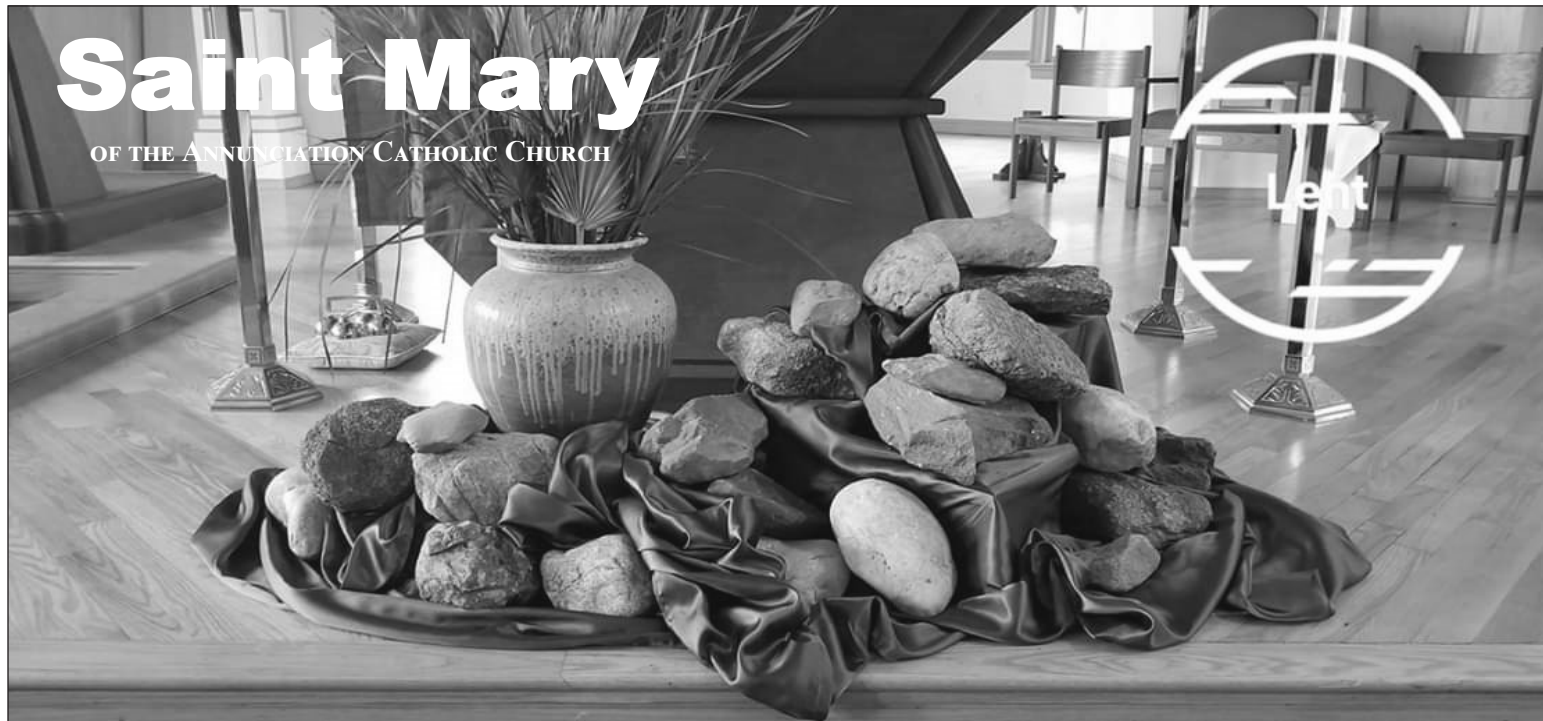


Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent

MASS
SATURDAY 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM (+William Bolecek req. by Gloria Bolecek)
AND 11:00 AM



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

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Bob Arnold, 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., Diane Hollis, Jean Johnson, James Landry, Marie Lay, Richard Lay, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Cindy Lent, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Esther Luiggi, Lee Milstead, Patrick Moore, Courtney Moran, 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, 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 office@saintmarycc.org. Thank you.



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.



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 25, 2019: Psalm 39; Jeremiah 11:1-17; Romans 2:1-11
Tuesday, March 26, 2019: Psalm 39; Ezekiel 17:1-10; Romans 2:12-16
Wednesday, March 27, 2019: Psalm 39; Numbers 13:17-27; Luke 13:18-21
Thursday, March 28, 2019: Psalm 32; Joshua 4:1-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5
Friday, March 29, 2019: Psalm 32; Joshua 4:14-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-15

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 25, 2019	10:00 AM and 7:00 PM Feast of the Annunciation; 9:00 AM -3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, March 26, 2019	9:00-10:00 Adoration 10:00 AM Mass (<i>Jessica Demick, req. by Holly Nguyen</i>), 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, March 27, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421, 7:00 PM No Greater Love
Thursday, March 28, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, March 29, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Suppers, 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 30, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, March 31, 2019	8:30 AM Mass (+ <i>Vincent Nguyen Xuan Ngoc, req. by Holly Nguyen</i>), 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 30th, for:

MARIE'S STORY

A religious sister teaching at the Larnay Institute in central France offers to work with the blind and deaf daughter of a 19th century artisan. Based on true 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

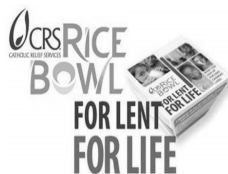
For questions, please contact Bethany Peck at bethanpeck@marchforlife.org or Sean Maguire at sean@familyfoundation.org



VOCATIONS

"I AM sent me to you."

Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name 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.



The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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! megcrew@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!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we are generous with all of our gifts and nurture and develop them to return with increase.



Next week, our second collection will be for The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad.

Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Council #7538 sponsors Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Immaculate Concep-

tion and the Shrine of John Paul II.

The Joseph M. Johnson Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a pilgrimage on Saturday, April 6, 2019. The Council invites parishioners of St. Ann's and St. Mary's to join us on this pilgrimage. Attendees of the pilgrimage will visit the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, and the Shrine of John Paul II. A tour of both sites will be given. Lunch is available at the Basilica's cafeteria.

We will ride to Washington in a 50-passenger chartered bus (with a restroom). The buses are scheduled to return in time to attend evening Masses at the home parishes.

The cost is \$30 per person. You may register in person after Mass each weekend until April 2nd or you can mail a reservation form and check to:

St. Ann's Church
ATTN: Parish Pilgrimage
105 South Snead Street
Ashland, VA 23005



Make checks payable to LAND AND SEA VACATIONS. If you have any questions about the Pilgrimage, please contact Ron Wisniewski at 804-448-4348

Community/Diocesan Events



CAN ONE PERSON MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

YES! And more can make an even larger impact!

Come support Bethany Christian Services, Mary's Shelter and Choices Women's Center, three life-affirming ministries in the Fredericksburg area.

Bring a friend or two and double your fun. If you both raise sponsorships, you'll double your funds! Sign up today for the LifeWalk on April 13th at Old Mill Park in Fredericksburg. If you are unable to walk, you can still sponsor a walker. Visit www.LifeWalkFXBG.com to register or call 540-370-1800 for more information.



Is your marriage bearing fruit? Don't wait until it is too late, take time for your marriage by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Jun 21-23, 2019 in Cary, NC and Sep 20-22, 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.

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.

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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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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