

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 31, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent

MASS
SATURDAY 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(+Vincent Nguyen Xuan Ngoc reg. by Holly Nguyen)

AND 11:00 AM

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, April 1, 2019: Psalm 53; Leviticus 23:26-41; Revelation 19:1-8

Tuesday, April 2, 2019: Psalm 53; Leviticus 25:1-19; Revelation 19:9-10

Wednesday, April 3, 2019: Psalm 53; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Luke 9:10-17

Thursday, April 4, 2019: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:1-7; Philipians 2:19-24

Friday, April 5, 2019: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:8-15; Philipians 2:25-3:1



"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart..." (Joel 2:12). This Scripture begins the first reading on Ash Wednesday and sets the tone for the entire season of Lent. To reconcile with God is the reason for the sacrament of reconciliation. "It is

therefore fitting to have ... penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbor and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts" (No. 13). Please join us Monday April 8th at 7:00 PM for Saint Mary's Reconciliation Service. Father Alex will be present, and we will welcome Father J. Wagner from the Church of the Redeemer.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, April 1, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, April 2, 2019	9:00-10:00 Adoration 10:00 AM Mass , 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, April 3, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, April 4, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 6:00 PM —7:30 PM Food Pantry, Girl Scout Troop 253
Friday, April 5, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Suppers, 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 6, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass (+James Fulcherino, req. by Theresa Fulcherino); 5:00 PM Bingo
Sunday, April 7, 2019	8:30 AM Mass , 11:00 AM Mass

Upcoming Parish News/Events

4th Sunday of Lent 2019 – Year C

Joshua 5.9-12, 2 Cor 5.17- 21, Luke 15. 1-3, 11-32

Repentance is the name for recognizing that what we are doing is stupid and not helpful at all to our life. Saint Paul tells us in the second reading that each of us who believes is a new creation. Some of us will probably say: "I do believe but I certainly do not feel that I am a new creation. My struggles are still the same." But a new creation does not take away our struggles! New creation is really about a radical change within us and living from a new source of our being: Jesus Christ Himself. Only when we recognize this new source of our being and strive to live from it will we come to recognize the new creation within us. Most of us strive to live from our own source of being, our own strengths and virtues: it will never be enough. Let us pray for one another and pray especially for those who are lost and do not know the way home to the Father. May the rejoicing begin when we turn to the Lord.



2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal – Building Our Family of Faith

Over the past month, many of our parishioners have contributed their support to the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal. To date, we have raised \$13,750 on a target of \$10,950.00 putting us at 167.32% of our target. If you have already made your 2019 Appeal gift, please accept our gratitude for your commitment.

If you have not had the opportunity to contribute, please pick up a pledge envelope from our parish office. You can also donate securely online, as well as learn more about the ministries the Appeal supports, by visiting richmondccatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-appeal/. Please join us in supporting the 2019 Annual Appeal.

VOCATIONS

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord."

Are you called to bring the Light of Christ to the world through a vocation to the priesthood? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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, 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



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, Michael 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.



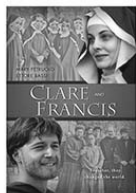


EWTN, Global Catholic Network, provides catholic programming and news coverage from around the world.

EWTN Cinema is every Saturday evening at 8:00 PM. Tune In this Saturday, April 6th, for:

CLARE AND FRANCIS

The story of two of the Catholic Church's most beloved Saints, who become linked in their quest for searching for something higher than riches and social status.



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



We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



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

APRIL

Universal: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Jesus said we should "love one another as I have loved you." Yet many times we human beings harm one another in ways that are violent and often lethal, especially in war. We may feel that our causes are just, but even in "just causes" people are killed, burned, maimed, disfigured or left to face lives filled with pain and suffering. Often those who are harmed are children. In one part of the world, over a three-month period this past year, 1,600 people were killed or wounded, 33% of them children. And though the warring sides are trying to negotiate their differences, the violence and suffering continue.

The Holy Father has designated April as a month for pray for doctors and their collaborators in war zones who risk their lives to save the lives of others. These individuals bring their skills to areas of war and violence with the aim of offering treatment to lessen peoples' agony of body, mind, and spirit.

Working under conditions of great danger, they willingly and courageously put themselves at risk of harm. In so doing, they bear witness to their belief in the dignity and value of life. Through their commitment, whether motivated by the words of Jesus or their own innate sense of human decency, they offer hope that the love in God's heart may eventually catch fire in the hearts of others. For that reason, the Holy Father asks us to pray for such brave people this month.

Fr. Frank Majka, S.J., has been a priest for over 40 years. He has worked primarily in high school religious ed and high school campus ministry for 25 years. He has also worked in campus ministry at the college level for 16 years. His present ministry involves ongoing faith formation for adults in the Milwaukee (Wisconsin) area. He also has maintained a blog of faith reflections (frankmajka.com) for the past 10 years (frankmajka.com).

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (JOSHUA 5:12)
Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we trust that God will provide all that we need.

Volunteers are needed for VBS 2019 Mars and Beyond!!!

If your interested in volunteering please join the VBS group on Flocknote. This is where all our information will be sent through. If you don't have Flocknote just download the app on your phone and sign up. If you have any questions please email Gina at gcip81@yahoo.com.



VBS will be July 29th - August 2nd from 6-8 pm



Plastic Bags for Food Pantry

Food Pantry is in need of your clean grocery bags. Please bring them in and place them in the food pantry box located in the Narthex. Thank you so much for your help.



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



Have you signed up for the LIFEWALK yet?

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

Walk for LIFE on Saturday, April 13th at Old Mill Park in Fredericksburg. Visit www.LifeWalkFXBG.com to set up your own fundraising page or to sponsor a walker. Help us to continue empowering moms and dads make a choice for life! For more info email events@cwcvva.org or call 540-370-1800.



God always waits for us with open, loving arms. Let God be the strength of your marriage by participating in a 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.



The Catholic Woman's Club of Richmond invites everyone on April 30, 2019 to a fun and history-filled day trip to Yorktown. Roundtrip

transportation, admission and tour of American Revolution Museum, lunch at Riverwalk Restaurant, two-hour cruise on the tall ship Schooner Alliance and all gratuities are included. Leave the Columbian Center at 8:30 am and return at 6 pm. Contact Anne Alexander 804.317.9418 with questions and lunch and dessert choices. Make check to CWC, cost is \$147 and mail to Joan Walton, 300 Burnwick, Richmond, VA 23227. cwcrva.org

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.

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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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