

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 3, 2019
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Music & Responses

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Responsorial Psalm:	Lord, it is good to give thanks to you
Hymn of Preparation:	#435 Seek Ye First
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Sending Forth:	#581 Companions on the Journey

VOCATIONS

"Therefore ... be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord," Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord 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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we use God's gifts in the way He intended to bear good fruit and for the glory of His name.

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM (*Ann Bolecek req by Gloria Bolecek*)
AND 11:00 AM (+ *Annette Wisniewski req by Ron Wisniewski*)

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

Upcoming Parish News/Events

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Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7. Psalm: 91(92):2-3, 13-16. 1 Corinthians 14:54-58. Luke 6:39-45

Sirach says that people's faults appear when they speak, especially when they speak and aren't considering their words. We often hide behind masks – but conversation reveals our inner thoughts no matter how careful we are to dissemble. Speech is a means of testing the inner character of a person, because what comes in speech betrays what's in our heart. The climax of the reading is the last line (v. 7), saying that what a person says is clearly the test of that person. Sirach's teaching is very relevant for human integrity in today's world of public relations and image-making, the soundbite and the slogan.

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 mamiefazenba-ker@gmail.com.



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!



Mass Readings For Next Week

Monday, March 4, 2019: Psalm 35:11-28; Exodus 35:1-29; Acts 10:9-23a

Tuesday, March 5, 2019: Psalm 35:11-28; Ezekiel 1:1; 2:1; Acts 10:23b-33

Wednesday, March 6, 2019: Ash Wednesday

Thursday, March 7, 2019: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 5:10-23; Acts 7:30-34

Friday, March 8, 2019: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 6:1-13; Acts 7:35-42

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.



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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 4, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, March 5, 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 6, 2019	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM ; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, March 7, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry, 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 253
Friday, March 8, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Suppers, 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 9, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass ; 4:00 PM St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Sunday, March 10, 2019	8:30 AM Mass, 11:00 AM Mass



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

A Letter from Our Bishop

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he says "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For the body does not consist of one member but of many." It reminds me that in times of happiness or crisis, we are called, as one Body of Christ, to shepherd one another to holiness by our prayers and by our encouragement.

In my visits to various places throughout the Diocese, I have found three themes that are mentioned by faithful Catholics time and time again: their great love for the Church, the love for their priests and parishes, and their great desire that the good work of the Church might be clearly expressed. A common thread of support for the good work of our Church is the Annual Diocesan Appeal. This year, we are looking to accomplish three critical goals through the Appeal to move the Body of Christ forward in the Diocese: **Advancing Social Justice, Cultivating Catholic Leadership, and Empowering Parish Communities.**

It is with these goals in mind that I hope all parishioners of Saint Mary of the Annunciation will join with us this year in supporting the Appeal. Please know that whatever level you contribute; your gift will be most gratefully received.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond



Join our community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice

Bowl from the narthax. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

Diocese of Richmond Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Regulations for Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Lenten Programs – Still Time to Sign Up!

During Lent the Parish is offering different ways to help everyone get the most out of their Lenten journeys.

- **Daily reflection books** for children and adults (will be provided after Masses)
 - **Bible Study** between Sunday Masses
 - **Soup Supper 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.
 - **Word on Fire** library of adult formation content is available via Flocknote
 - **Online daily reflections** will be sent via the Flocknote to the Prayers Community. Signup on the website
- No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion** - This Ascension Press series is an Adult Formation offering that people can participate in online, attend hosted sessions or both. Signup on the website.
We hope that you'll take advantage of some of these offerings. Get the family involved!



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.



TEENS please join us on Monday March 4th at 6PM for Teen SMOTA, as we to prepare for LENT.

Lenten Schedule

Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday
Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence

10:00 AM Mass

7:00 PM Mass

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

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.

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.



Are there times you wonder why relationships are so difficult? The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend helps married couples to communicate in all areas of their relationship. Get your marriage on the right path by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Mar 22-24, 2019 in Herndon, VA and

June 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.



WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND HAVE SOME FUN?

Come support three life-affirming ministries in the Fredericksburg area by joining the 2019 LifeWalk. With support from friends, neighbors, and fellow church members, you can help raise much-needed funds for Bethany Christian Services, Mary's Shelter, and Choices Women's Center. Join other like-minded members of your community and walk for LIFE on April 13th at Old Mill Park in Fredericksburg. Visit www.LifeWalkFXBG.com for more information and to register or call 540-370-1800.



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

The Caroline Detention Center Ministry is looking for volunteers to assist with its mission. At the present time we only have volunteers to cover the male population. We are seeking volunteers to answer the call to support the female population Wednesdays and or Sundays. If you are called to serve one of these groups and would like additional information please contact Jose Lugo by email jmjlugo@msn.com or by phone at 804-450-2977 after 4:30 pm. Volunteer application forms can be found at the Caroline Detention Center Webpage http://carolinedf.org/volunteer_opportunities/



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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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