

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



**April 7, 2019**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**MASS**  
**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**  
*(+James Fulcherino, req. by Theresa Fulcherino)*  
**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**  
**AND 11:00 AM** *(All Souls in Purgatory)*

## MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday, April 8, 2019:** Psalm 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25  
**Tuesday, April 9, 2019:** Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28  
**Wednesday, April 10, 2019:** Psalm 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34  
**Thursday, April 11, 2019:** Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:1-9  
**Friday, April 12, 2019:** Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 54:9-10; Hebrews 2:10-18

*"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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers, <b>7:00 PM Reconciliation Service</b>
Tuesday, April 9, 2019	9:00-10:00 Adoration <b>10:00 AM Mass</b> , 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, April 10, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> , 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, April 11, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> , 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry; 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 253
Friday, April 12, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Suppers, 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 13, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM Mass</b>
Sunday, April 14, 2019	<b>PALM SUNDAY - 8:30 AM Mass</b> (+Lucy Del Principe Santowski, req. by Theresa Fulcherino) , <b>11:00 AM Mass</b> (+Vincent Nguyen Xuan Ngoc, req. by Holly Nguyen)

# Upcoming Parish News/Events

## 5th Sunday of Lent 2019 – Year C

**Isaiah 43:16-21 / Philippians 3:8-14 / John 8:1-11**

In the Gospel, the scribes and Pharisees brought before Jesus a woman who was caught committing adultery. How they caught her in the act is questionable, and we also don't want to know how they did it. Presumably, they spied on her and then caught her in the act and then dragged her before Jesus. What the scribes and Pharisees did was deplorable. Besides putting the woman to public shame and humiliation, they were also using the situation as a test to look for something to use against Jesus. And these kinds of deplorable acts continue to this day and age. There are some people who use social media to publicly shame and humiliate others who make a mistake. We may wonder on what grounds and with what rights do they have to do this. Maybe that's why Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground. Jesus could be telling us that we all stand on the same ground and we have no right to judge and condemn others. And with that, He also gave a ground-shaking teaching – If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her. The Gospel passage also highlighted the tendency to make shame and humiliation a public affair, but when it comes to forgiveness, nobody seemed to be interested. It was just between Jesus and the woman; everyone left. But we need to hear about forgiveness. The world needs to hear about forgiveness. Because forgiveness is the sign of God's love and mercy in the world.

## 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 [richmondcatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-appeal/](http://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-appeal/). Please join us in supporting the 2019 Annual Appeal.

## VOCATIONS

*"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."*

Are you called to bring the joy of Christ to His people? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**HELP  
Jesus  
IN DISGUISE**

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

## 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, Jim Carolus, 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, 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, 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](mailto: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.

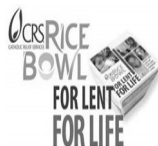
EWTN Cinema is every Saturday evening at 8:00 PM. Tune In this Saturday, April 13th, for:

## THE SAVIOR

A cinematic presentation of the life of Jesus Christ according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we keep God first in everything and not put other gods before God.



We encounter Ona in Gaza, where despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit [crsrice-bowl.org](http://crsrice-bowl.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](http://frankmajka.com)) for the past 10 years ([frankmajka.com](http://frankmajka.com)).*

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)*  
The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

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

If you're 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](mailto:gcip81@yahoo.com).



## 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.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Easter Sunday after the 11 AM Mass. We need donations of filled eggs. Please pick up eggs in the Narthex and return them filled with candy by Good Friday (4/19/19). For more information, call Annette Jewell 804-305-7566.



Easter Egg Hunt

## OFFERTORY GIFTS

2019	February	YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$14,208	
On Line Giving	\$5,090	
Total Actual Receipts	\$19,298	\$145,533
Budgeted Receipts	\$17,127	\$137,017
Over/Under	\$2,171	\$8,517
Building Fund Collections		
Actual Receipts	\$4,029	
Our Debt is currently at \$162,290		



# 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 13<sup>th</sup> at Old Mill Park in Fredericksburg. Visit [www.LifeWalkFXBG.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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