

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 15, 2019
Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, September 16, 2019: 1 TIMOTHY 2: 1-8/ PSALM 28: 2. 7. 8-9/ LUKE 7: 1-10
Tuesday, September 17, 2019: 1 TIMOTHY 3: 1-13/ PSALM 101: 1b-2ab. 2cd-3ab. 5. 6/ LUKE 7: 11-17
Wednesday, September 18, 2019: 1 TIMOTHY 3: 14-16/ PSALM 111: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ LUKE 7: 31-35
Thursday, September 19, 2019: 1 TIMOTHY 4: 12-16/ PSALM 111: 7-8. 9. 10/ LUKE 7: 36-50
Friday, September 20, 2019: 1 TIMOTHY 6: 2c-12/ PSALM 49: 6-7. 8-10. 17-18. 19-20/ LUKE 8: 1-3
Saturday, September 21, 2019: EPHESIANS 4: 1-7. 11-13/ PSALM 19: 2-3. 4-5/ MATTHEW 9: 9-13
Sunday, September 22, 2019: AMOS 8: 4-7/ PSALM 113: 1-2. 4-6. 7-8/ LUKE 16: 1-13

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

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| Monday, September 16, 2019 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers |
| Tuesday, September 17, 2019 | 9:00 AM - 10 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM Mass ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry |
| Wednesday, September 18, 2019 | 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421 |
| Thursday, September 19, 2019 | 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry |
| Friday, September 20, 2019 | Church closed for cleaning in AM |
| Saturday, September 21, 2019 | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Slovakian Dinner; 4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass |
| Sunday, September 22, 2019 | 8:30 AM Mass ; 9:45 AM Religious Education; 11:00 AM Mass (<i>All Souls in Purgatory</i>) |

Upcoming Parish News/Events

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the Father embraces his son, does three things to show that his Son will be treated as a Son and not a slave — puts a ring on his finger, a nice robe on his back, and sandals on his feet, symbolic that he was no longer a slave to sin but free to walk in the ways of the Lord — and has the fatted calf slaughtered for a huge celebration, full of singing and dancing. "We had to celebrate and rejoice," the Father says, "because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

In that joyful expression of the Father, we learn other crucial element about sin, reconciliation with God, and the joy that results from it. Jesus compares the forgiveness of sin to RESURRECTION. Someone who is dead comes to life again. From this we can discover a few things things:

a) By means of the parable, Jesus tells us that sin kills us — which is why St. John, and the Church after him, refers to serious sin as "mortal" (1 John 5:16-17). But just as God raised Jesus from the dead — Jesus was killed because of all of our sins — so God wants to raise us from the dead, each time we've sinned, so that he might be able to raise us forever.

b) If every reconciliation is a resurrection, we can understand why "heaven rejoices more for one repentant sinner than for ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance," for the "angels of God" rejoice over each such resurrection as they did on Easter Sunday.

c) We can also see why it is fitting that Jesus established the Sacrament of His Mercy on EASTER SUNDAY evening, because he wanted explicitly to associate the sacrament of forgiveness to his Resurrection. He walked through the closed doors of the Upper Room and said, "Just as the Father sent me" — and the Father had sent him to forgive and save sinners — "so I send you." He was going to send them out with the same mission of reconciliation. Since they could not forgive sins for God without God's power, Jesus breathed on them, said, "Receive the Holy Spirit," and then gave them the instruction, "Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; those whose sins you retain, they are retained" (Jn 20:19-23). Jesus as Jesus uses priests as his instruments to give us his flesh and blood and allow us to share in Holy Thursday, so he uses those same priests as his instruments to give us his mercy and allow us to share personally, in this world, in his resurrection.



| OFFERTORY GIFTS | | |
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| 2019 | July | YTD |
| Sat/Sun/Holy Days | \$13,278 | |
| On Line Giving | \$5,885 | |
| Total Actual Receipts | \$19,163 | \$19,163 |
| Budgeted Receipts | \$19,658 | \$19,658 |
| Over/Under | (\$495) | |
| Building Fund Collections | | |
| Actual Receipts | \$3,868 | |

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Bob Arnold, Fran Arnold, Mike Arnold, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, Kevin Bera, David Biddulph, Maria Bridge, Lee Brooks, Daniel Clarke, Cindy Cook, Charlie Crum, Harvey Eckert, Jacqueline Eckert, Levie Edmond, David Geary Jr., Verde Halley, Antionette Hilyard, Diane Hollis, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Cindy Lentz, Dawn Long, Esther Luiggi, Matekenya Family, Patrick Moore, Donald Paradis, Marianna Porter, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Stephanie Sinlock, Hadley Spacht, Scott Trice, Richard Wassels, Jonathan Webb, Joan Williams

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we understand each of us has a unique role in building God's kingdom and to share our gifts beyond our parish boundaries.

If you would like to add/remove someone to the Sick of our Parish list, please call Chris Nowark at 804-448-9064 or email her at office@saintmarycc.org. All prayer requests will remain in place for 6 months and then be removed. Thank you.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR
POLISH/SLOVAKIAN DINNER**



Sept 21st

4:00 PM—7:00 PM



COST PER PERSON
Advance Tickets—\$10
Tickets at the Door—\$12
Children under 10- \$6

Tickets on sale in the Narthex



If you are a Catholic woman age 21 or older and practicing your faith, please join us for The Catholic Woman's Club Membership Tea on Monday, September 23rd at 2:00 PM at The Columbian Center, 2324 Pump Rd. The Catholic Woman's Club promotes Catholic ideals through intellectual, cultural and spiritual development and philanthropic endeavors. For reservations, please contact Joan Walton at 804-266-3612 no later than September 16th. We hope to see you on September 23rd! www.cwcrva.org



PARISH PICNIC AND CHURCH MINISTRIES FAIR will be held on October 20th after the 11 AM Mass. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.



TRUNK OR TREAT will start at 1:30 PM in the church parking lot

Religious Education Classes Started August 25th

Sundays, 9:30 AM—10:44 AM. \$45 per child with a maximum of \$125. Please follow the link below to register for MyChurch and Religious Ed. log in: <https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/richmond/> If you have registered before and can't remember your password, please follow the instructions on the website to reset your password. Contact Gina Stargel for more information Email gcp81@yahoo.com or Call 850-449-3746

****BLANKETS NEEDED****

The area Homeless Shelters are in need of blankets for the Winter.
Please put them in the bin in the Narthex.



Did you know that our Religious Ed program starts at age 3 !



If your child is turning 3 by September 30th then they are eligible for our 3-year-old Pre-K Class!!
Look for our sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

VOCATIONS

"He was lost and has been found."

Do you want to bring others to life in Christ 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Everything I have is yours." LUKE 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?



St. Paul reminds us that there is abundant grace, faith and love available to us through Christ Jesus. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Sep 20-22, 2019 in CHARLOTTE, 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.



**Retirement Fund
for Religious**

Sunday, September 29, 2019

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Community/Diocesan Events



Catholic Diocese of Richmond
1820 Bicentennial 2020



2020 Diocesan Bicentennial Celebration
To kick-off the 2020 Diocesan Bicentennial Celebration, there will be a Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC led by Bishop Knestout:

Join Bishop Knestout as he kicks off the 200th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond with a spiritual pilgrimage to the Basilica in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The day begins at the Basilica at 10:00 am and concludes following the Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:15 pm. Registration is required. For more information including registration, transportation options, and meals, visit 2020.richmonddiocese.org OR contact 2020@richmonddiocese.org OR 804-622-5200.

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.



Rachel's Vineyard™
Weekend Retreat
for Healing after Abortion
September 27-29, 2019

"Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help." - Hebrews 4:16.

Come to a retreat for healing...if you have had one or more abortions...if you are responsible for the abortions of others...or if you've suffered from an abortion choice of another person. If you've felt regret, grief, guilt, or anger; unforgivable, afraid, ashamed, defensive, unworthy, numb, or isolated...there is hope for healing, to accept God's mercy, and to find peace.



Inquiries, registration, and participation are strictly confidential.

For information & registration, contact:

Marty Montgomery-Jennings @ 804-704-0429

or Maggie Carlson @ 804-432-2589

Email: RV4hope@gmail.com

Church of the Epiphany

Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

11000 Smoketree Drive, North Chesterfield, Virginia 23236

Website about retreats: www.rachelsvineyard.org



Women and men who participate in Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are gently led through the critical steps of healing after abortion – spiritual exercises of God's compassion and mercy, the process of grief, memorializing their children, accepting God's forgiveness, and forgiving themselves and others who were involved. The retreat setting is a comfortable and safe place to explore their experiences of abortion by talking through unresolved feelings and conflicts. During this healing process, people uncover deep wounds buried in secrecy and shame, and allow Jesus, the Divine Physician, to restore spiritual health that is life giving!

Endorsement of Rachel's Vineyard

"I came that you might have life and have it to the full."
 - John 10:10

"Jesus Himself said that He came to call sinners and not the self-righteous. I pray that Rachel's Vineyard may bring God's tender love and compassion to those who need His Peace so much. I pray that all those who come to Rachel's Vineyard, seeking His peace, may open their hearts and allow God to restore them to wholeness and happiness. God Bless You."

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta



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