

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



**September 1, 2019**

***Twenty-Second Sunday***

***in Ordinary Time***

**MASS**

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**

*(+Vincent Nguyen req. by Holly Nguyen)*

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**

**AND**

**SUNDAY 11:00 AM**

## MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday, September 2, 2019:** 1 THESSALONIANS 4: 13-18/ PSALM 96: 1 & 3. 4-5. 11-12. 13/LUKE 4: 16-30

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019:** 1 THESSALONIANS 5: 1-6. 9-11/ PSALM 27: 1. 4. 13-14/ LUKE 4: 31-37

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019:** COLOSSIANS 1: 1-8/ PSALM 52: 10. 11/ LUKE 4: 38-44

**Thursday, September 5, 2019:** COLOSSIANS 1: 9-14/ PSALM 98: 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6/ LUKE 5: 1-11

**Friday, September 6, 2019:** COLOSSIANS 1: 15-20/ PSALM 100: 1b-2. 3. 4. 5/ LUKE 5: 33-39

**Saturday, September 7, 2019:** COLOSSIANS 1: 21-23/ PSALM 54: 3-4. 6 and 8/ LUKE 6: 1-5

**Sunday, September 8, 2019:** WISDOM 9: 13-18b/ PSALM 90: 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14-17 (1)/ LUKE 14: 25-33

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, September 2, 2019	<b>HAPPY LABOR DAY</b>
Tuesday, September 3, 2019	NO MASS OR ADORATION; <b>10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY</b> , 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, September 4, 2019	NO MASS OR ADORATION; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, September 5, 2019	NO MASS OR ADORATION; 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, September 6, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, September 7, 2019	9:00 AM - 5 PM Level 1 CGS Training; 5:30 PM Prize Bingo; 4:10 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM Mass</b> ( <i>John Speck req. by Holly Nguyen</i> )
Sunday, September 8, 2019	<b>8:30 AM Mass</b> ( <i>+Vincent Nguyen req. by Holly Nguyen</i> ); 9:45 AM Religious Education; <b>11:00 AM Mass</b>

# Upcoming Parish News/Events

## WAYS I CAN MAKE MY PARISH BETTER

### Things that Hurt Parishes

Negativity usually starts with a few disgruntled people who complain about virtually everything, then can spread like wildfire. The best way to deal with negativity is to address it head-on by asking some key questions. Is what this person saying true? If yes, what needs to be done to address the problem? If no, the person must be confronted, and the negativity exposed.

Gossip is negativity directed at a person or a group of people in the parish. Every parish has gossipmongers whose own insecurity drives them to put others down as a way of feeling better about themselves. The best way to deal with them is directly: ask why others really need to know the things they share, or how others can help the person whose reputation is at stake.

Cliques. Sadly, people involved in a clique usually don't think of themselves as "cliquish." They've just been running things for so long that they automatically rely on the same people over and over to help. Sometimes they just need a friendly reminder to invite others. Newcomers also often benefit — and help the parish — by starting their own new ministries, organizations, and events.

Refusal to change. Tradition is good, but when parishioners become rigid about the way things have "always been done," a parish can quickly begin to decline. Change is never easy but talking about it will help. Try to find a balance that will maintain some time-honored traditions, while incorporating new ways of doing things and involving new people in doing them.

**Source: Our Sunday Visitor**



Please welcome our visiting  
Priest for the weekend of  
August 31st-September 1st:  
Rev. Msgr. Michael Schmied



### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."* LUKE 14:13-14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

### VOCATIONS

"Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord." Are you willing to accept the yoke of the Lord through a vocation 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](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

### 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, Harvey Eckert, Jacqueline Eckert, Levie Edmond, David Geary Jr., Verde Halley, Antionette Hilyard, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Esther Luiggi, Matekenya Family, Patrick Moore, Donald Paradis, Marianna Porter, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Hadley Spacht, Scott Trice, Richard Wassels, Jonathan Webb, Joan Williams

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](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org). All prayer requests will remain in place for 6 months and then be removed. Thank you.

### 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 gcip81@yahoo.com or Call 850-449-3746



**Second Collection next week,  
September 8th—September 9th, is for our  
Religious Education.  
Thank you for your generosity!**

### Thank You

Thank you to the St. Mary's church community for your support for the recent dance for persons with Intellectual Disabilities. I appreciate your help decorating, setting up the hall, help during the dance and financial support. St. Mary's community's assistance made for a fun night for our guests and allowing them to have "A Life Like Yours (ALLY)". Again, Thank you very much, Levie Edmond



T-SMOTA will be meeting on Monday, September 9th at 5:30 PM. We will meet at the pavilion. If it's raining, we'll meet in the Parish Hall.



### SAVE THE DATE!!



Our Parish Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 20th. More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks.



**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 200<sup>th</sup> 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](http://2020.richmonddiocese.org) OR contact [2020@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:2020@richmonddiocese.org) OR 804-622-5200.

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



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



**FOOD PANTRY IS IN  
NEED OF PLASTIC  
BAGS**



**The Catholic  
Woman's Club**  
Est. 1914

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](http://www.cwcrva.org)

### GERMAN DINNER

Save the Date!  
All Are Welcome!  
DATE: Saturday, September 21st  
Tickets on sale soon.



### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That generous giving means sharing with those who cannot repay us.

### \*\*BLANKETS NEEDED\*\*

The area Homeless Shelters are in need of blankets for the Winter.  
More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks.



### PRIZE BINGO

Saturday, September 7th  
Doors Open at 5:30 PM  
Games start at 6:30 PM

Concession/Kitchen will be open!  
Come join us for an evening of FUN!  
ALL ARE WELCOME



# Community/Diocesan Events

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Perhaps there was a Sister Clare in your life. Perhaps a special woman or man religious shared with you love, faith, and a belief in all you could become. Maybe you knew more than one. Today those sisters, brothers, and religious order priests may be elderly, and their religious communities may struggle to meet retirement needs. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports necessities—such as medications and nursing care—and helps ensure the next generation of Sister Clares can continue in ministry. Please give generously.

**Almost 94 percent of donations directly aid senior religious.**

**retiredreligious.org**

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"The best thing I did in ministry was to teach children the Gospel through plays," says Sister Clare Vandecoevering, 88. "Oh, they were just delighted!" A member of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, she spent more than 50 years in the classroom, sharing her love of Jesus and bringing the Catholic faith to life.



Meet them at [retiredreligious.org/2018photos](http://retiredreligious.org/2018photos).

**To donate:**  
National Religious Retirement Office  
3211 Fourth Street NE  
Washington DC 20017-1194  
Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.  
Or give at your local parish.

## "Christian stewardship calls us to utilize the resources of the diocese with integrity."

Bishop Barry C. Knestout announces the implementation of a hotline that will be used to report concerns of suspected financial, administrative or human resource misconduct within the Diocese of Richmond.

The hotline will be handled by an independent, third-party reporting system, EthicsPoint, to ensure accountability and transparency with reporting procedures. The use of such a hotline is another safeguard to protect the resources entrusted to us by the people of our diocese. Reports can be made online or by phone. Employees, volunteers, clergy, parishioners and any other individual wishing to report can do so anonymously, if they wish.

The toll-free number is 844-739-3210 and is offered in multiple languages. To submit a report online, please visit the diocesan website, [www.richmonddiocese.org](http://www.richmonddiocese.org), and select "EthicsPoint."

The hotline number is not a 911 or emergency service number. Individuals should not use this number to report information that is of an immediate threat to life or property.

Additionally, EthicsPoint is NOT intended to receive information about sexual abuse allegations. Abuse allegations should be reported immediately to local law enforcement and the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064.

Additional information including a video message and letter from Bishop Knestout, a list of frequently asked questions and other resources regarding EthicsPoint can be found by visiting the diocesan website.



## PARISH OFFICE

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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.

Food Pantry, *Cathy Poole*.....804-448-8353

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