

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 29, 2019

Twenty-Sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM,

(All Souls Struggling with Self Harm)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(+Alma J. Bonner req. by Anne Bradshaw)

AND

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, September 30, 2019: ZECHARIAH 8: 1-8/ PSALM 102: 16-18. 19-21. 29 and 22-23/ LUKE 9: 46-50

Tuesday, October 1, 2019: ZECHARIAH 8: 20-23/ PSALM 87: 1b-3. 4-5. 6-7/ LUKE 9: 51-56

Wednesday, October 2, 2019: NEHEMIAH 2: 1-8/ PSALM 137: 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6/ MATTHEW 18: 1-5. 10

Thursday, October 3, 2019: NEHEMIAH 8: 1-4a. 5-6. 7b-12/ PSALM 19: 8. 9. 10. 11/ LUKE 10: 1-12

Friday, October 4, 2019: BARUCH 1: 15-22/ PSALM 79: 1b-2. 3-5. 8. 9/ LUKE 10: 13-16

Saturday, October 5, 2019: BARUCH 4: 5-12. 27-29/ PSALM 69: 33-35. 36-37/ LUKE 10: 17-24

Sunday, October 6, 2019: HEBREWS 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4/ PSALM 95: 1-2. 6-7. 8-9 (8)/ 2 TIMOTHY 1: 6-8. 13-14/ LUKE 17: 5-10

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, September 30, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, October 1, 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, October 2, 2019	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, October 3, 2019	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, October 4, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, October 5, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, October 6, 2019	8:30 AM Mass ; 9:45 AM Religious Education; 11:00 AM Mass

Upcoming Parish News/Events

Dear Parishioners,

As you read in the Catholic Virginian, dated September 23, 2019, an article on the 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal made a headline. Alex Previtera, Director of Development and Operations for the Diocese, gave me a call to say a big thank you for your generous response to the appeal this year.

Saint Mary of Annunciation, Ladysmith, raised 285% of its goal

May the Lord bless the work of your hands



How to have a successful appeal

Alex Previtera about the keys to a successful Annual Diocesan Appeal, and he answers without hesitation.

"The bishop and our pastors," he said.

"Our bishop getting out there and thanking people and working with them and just hearing what they have to say is really key," Previtera said. "I just think that that makes all the difference in the success of the appeal."

Previtera said that unless the pastors are on board with the appeal, it can't be successful.

"There's nothing that compares to the pastor asking for people's support. Every year we say that, but it's true," he said. "It really makes a huge difference. And they emphasize the benefit that the larger case for support has to their parish."

Previtera said that when the pastor can point to something in the case statement that directly relates to his parish, e.g., having an international priest, that makes a difference in how people respond.

Father Alexander Mudda, pastor of St. Mary of the Annunciation, Ladysmith, is from the Archdiocese of Kampala in Uganda.

"I told them that money (in the appeal) is used to help pay for the expenses of bringing international priests to the diocese," he said. The appeal allocated \$120,000 for international priests.

Father Mudda's parish, with 318 families, raised 285% of its goal. As a non-mission parish — one that is not a home mission grant applicant, it receives 20% of its goal and 50% of all money over its goal to use as it wishes.

"We'll do church maintenance. We'll fix our parking lot and the church roof," he said.

Father Jong Bayta, a priest of the Archdiocese of Caceres, Philippines, is pastor of two mission parishes — St. Peter the Apostle, Lake Gaston, and St. Richard, Emporia. The former reached 169%,

of its goal; the latter reached 222% of its goal. Each mission parish keeps 50% of what it raises through the appeal.

"By and large, my parishioners are generous," he wrote via email. "This I can say because every time a need arises, they step up to the plate and take on their share."

Father Bayta said it is "never easy" to ask members of his congregations for money, but he has an approach that works.

"I guess what gets them to be so generous is that I tell them that they will benefit from it. A classic example is my presence in the parish as an international priest," he said. "I would not be there in their parish if not for their financial support."

Father Bayta, one of 45 international priests serving in the Diocese of Richmond, said in speaking about the appeal "the key word is sincerity."

"Whenever I speak in front of the congregation to ask for financial support for the Annual Diocesan Appeal, I talk to them with a sincere heart," he wrote.

The parish portion of money raised through the annual appeal will go into its general fund. This past year they were able to replace the air conditioning unit at St. Peter and some of the money will be used to replace kitchen flooring in the rectory at St. Richard.

Besides the effort put forth by the bishop and the clergy, Previtera said the other key to the appeal's success — diocesan-wide, 102 parishes reached or surpassed their goals — is that "people are very faithful."

"People love their Church. People look at what they're hearing from their pastor and say, 'This is worth supporting.' And they do it every year," he said of parishioners' response. "I just think people are amazing."

— Brian T. Olszewski

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." LUKE 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That our eyes may be open to the needs around us and our hands and hearts may be open to sharing our gifts to make this world a better place for all of us.

VOCATIONS

"But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness."

Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness 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.

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, Susie Cunningham, 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, 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. All prayer requests will remain in place for 6 months and then be removed. Thank you.

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



Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.



Church Fundraising

St. Mary's Fundraising Ministry
The St. Mary's Fundraising Ministry is looking for committed parishioners to help with church fundraisers. We will have monthly meetings to troubleshoot strategies to make our events successful. We would like to have at least one main fundraiser event with maybe some smaller events throughout the year to raise money for our church. Interested in joining us? Contact Maria Bridge: call/text 804-867-6721 or email her at mamiefazzenbaker@gmail.com.

****BLANKETS NEEDED****

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



Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness in your life and marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Nov 8-10, 2019 in ATLANTIC BEACH, 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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR

GERMAN DINNER

October 12th

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



Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals will be held on Saturday, **October 5, at 10:00 AM** in the circle in front of the parish hall.

This commemorates the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who loved all of God's creatures.

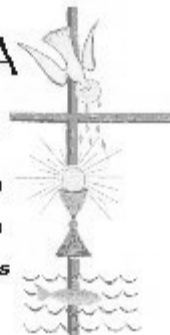
All animals are welcome from goldfish to horses! All animals must be under strict control and any necessary cleanup is the responsibility of the owner. In case of inclement weather, cancellation of the Blessing will be necessary.



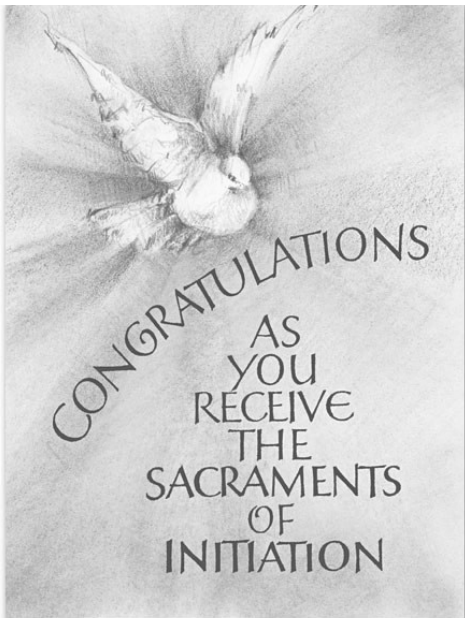
***Congratulations to
Burton Cox (Tres) Bradshaw III
and
Robert Wyant***

RCIA

**Right of
Christian
Initiation
of Adults**



*May the Holy Spirit
guide you
and bring you great joy
in all that you do.
Congratulations on your
First Holy Communion
and Confirmation.*



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.



Regina Caeli

CLASSICAL HYBRID EDUCATION IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION

Are you looking for classical education and Catholic formation for your children? Does the opportunity to homeschool while also allowing your children to experience a structured classroom environment appeal to you? Do you desire to belong to a community that will support you in the education and formation of your children?

Come find out about

Regina Caeli Academy

RCI Information Session

Sunday, October 20, 2019
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Location: Virginia Christian Alliance
8659 Staples Mills Rd.
Henrico, VA 23228

This event will include a presentation by Executive Director,
Mrs. Kari Beckman, and time for questions and answers!
Children are welcome!
Invite friends!

Please RSVP to Mrs. Kimberly Lewis - Central Virginia City Coordinator
kel3wis@gmail.com or text or call 804-386-8299

Our philosophy...

Regina Caeli is a private, independent tutoring center operating in the Catholic tradition. We offer preschool through twelfth-grade classes that meet twice a week. We are committed to faithful adherence to the Holy Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church and particular obedience to the Holy Father. Our primary goal is to aid the students in knowing, loving, and serving God by providing them with a "classical style" of education so they learn how to think critically and become lifelong learners. www.rcshybrid.org
<https://www.facebook.com/trainingthemindtoformthesoul/>

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