

Saint Mary

of the Annunciation Catholic Church



DIVINE MERCY Sunday



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (JOHN 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we look for opportunities to share God’s peace inside and outside of our parish boundaries.

VOCATIONS

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.”

Do you have an interest to share the Lord’s saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, April 29, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, April 30, 2019	NO ADORATION OR MASS , 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, May 1, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, May 2, 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, May 3, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, May 4, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, May 5, 2019	8:30 AM Mass (<i>Patsy Miskin</i>), 11:00 AM Mass

Upcoming Parish News/Events

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy as the Rejuvenating Compassion

The Latin word, which is the root of our English word "mercy," is *misericordia*. It, in turn, derives from two words: *misereri*, meaning "to have pity on" or "compassion for" and *cor*, meaning "heart". Mercy, therefore, carries the idea of having compassion on someone with all of one's heart. Compassion is the most repeated attribute or adjective for God found in the Scriptures. In the New Testament, the Greek word, '*Eleison*' is used. In the Old Testament, there are at least two Hebrew equivalents; the most closest would be '*rachamim*' (also '*rachem*', '*rahim*') which literally means 'womb', another equivalent of 'mercy' in Hebrew would be '*hesed*,' which means, 'steadfast love'. Taken together, when we pray, 'Have mercy on me, God!' we are actually asking God to have compassion on us, or to hold us in His loving-kindness. And more intimately, we are asking Him to keep us in his 'womb' and to re-create or rejuvenate us. In the Gospels, several people cry out this prayer of "Have Mercy", and they are re-created:

- The blind man, Bartimaeus, cried out to Jesus, "Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me", and he received his sight (Mk 10:48; also Mt 9:27; Mt 20:31; Lk 18:38; note that the word 'pity' can also be translated as 'mercy'.)
- The Canaanite woman cried out to Jesus on behalf of her daughter, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil." And her daughter was freed (Mt 15:22).
- The ten lepers called to Jesus, "Jesus! Master! Have mercy on us." And they were cleansed (Lk 17:13).
- In the parable of the two men who went up to the Temple to pray, "the tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Lk 18:10-14). The man went home justified.

Yes, let us also cry to God in Jesus, "Have mercy!" and He will re-create us. Today, we want to join the Psalmist and sing: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his faithful love (mercy) endures for ever" (Ps 118:1).

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Bob Arnold, Fran Arnold, Mike Arnold, Estelle Bareford, Ann Bateman, Kevin Bera, David Biddulph, 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, Matekenya Family, Patrick Moore, Craig Norris, Donald Paradis, Therese Poirier, Marianna Porter, Anna Porter-Toure, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Sophis Rodriguez, Clare Roussel, Julie Sadowski, Wayne Scott, Marilyn Sherman, Claudia Sims, William Simulcik, Brandi Smith, Mary Smith, Hadley Spacht, 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. Thank you.

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

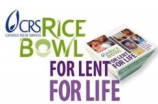
Monday, April 29, 2019: Psalm 122; Esther 7:1-10; Revelation 1:9-20

Tuesday, April 30, 2019: Psalm 122; Esther 8:1-17; Revelation 2:8-11

Wednesday, May 1, 2019: Psalm 122; Esther 9:1-5, 18-23; Luke 12:4-12

Thursday, May 2, 2019: Psalm 30; Isaiah 5:11-17; Revelation 3:14-22

Friday, May 3, 2019: Psalm 30; Isaiah 6:1-4; Revelation 4:1-11



Thank You

Our school changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL CHURCH SPRING CLEANUP

Every year we schedule a day to spruce up the garden beds, clean up the landscaping and attend to any other small exterior projects that need to be completed. Please come to help us this year. On Saturday May 11th starting at 9:00 am. We will be working with Cub Scout Pack 1421 this year. Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex starting next week. For questions, please contact Ben Stinson: bpstinson@gmail.com or 804-925-5472



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

Over the past couple of months, many of our parishioners have contributed their support to the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal. To date, we have raised including pledged and cash amounts

\$22,000.00 on a target of \$10,950.00 putting us at 203.26% of our target. If you have already made your 2019 Appeal gift, please accept our gratitude for your commitment.

If you are praying about your decision, we ask you to think about the ways the Appeal is making an impact right now in our Catholic Church. For instance, did you know –

- This year the Appeal, for the first time, is providing funding to Saint Francis Home which is a ministry serving seniors and disabled adults who have little or no means of income.
- The cost to educate one seminarian is approximately \$50,000 per year which includes room & board, tuition and health insurance. A significant portion of this cost is funded by the Annual Appeal.

The Appeal is helping to move evangelization forward across our Diocese by providing training, materials and resources.

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 richmondatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-appeal/.



YARD SALE!

St. Mary's is having a yard sale on Saturday, June 8th – save the date! We need your help! Please bring your gently used clothes, toys, and household items with you to Mass on weekends in May, beginning 5/4. We ask that all items be clean and in working condition. Want to be on the Yard Sale Committee? Please sign up in the Narthex!! The first committee meeting will be Monday, 5/6, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Questions? Contact Maria Bridge: call/text 804-867-6721 or email her mamiefazenbaker@gmail.com.

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.

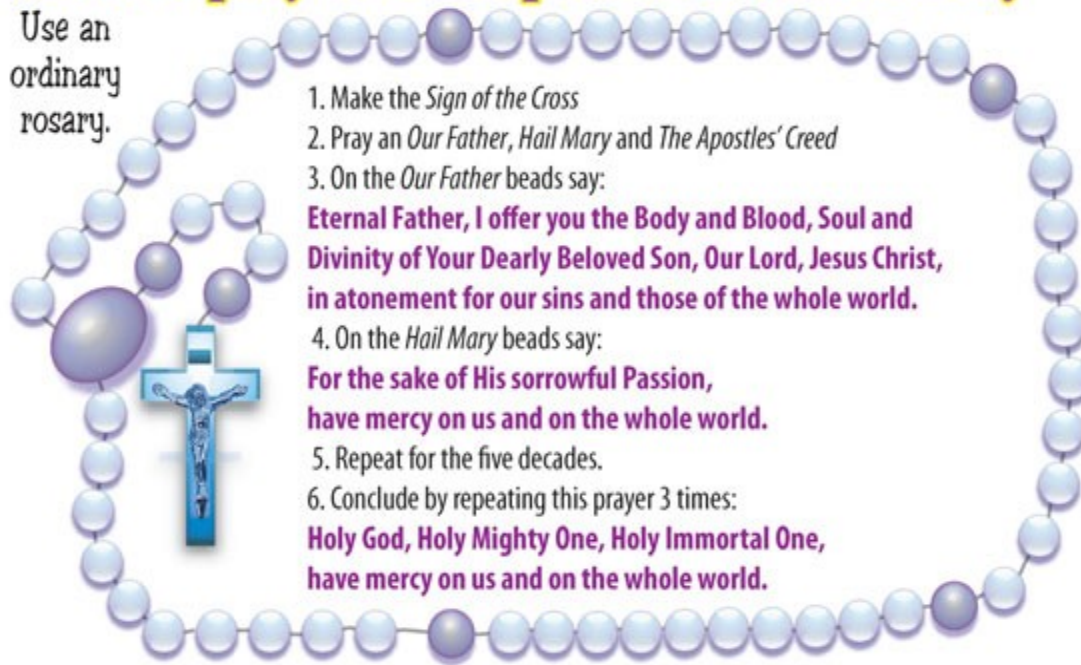
VBS will be July 29th - August 2nd from 6-8 pm



Community/Diocesan Events

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.



1. Make the *Sign of the Cross*
2. Pray an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *The Apostles' Creed*
3. On the *Our Father* beads say:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

4. On the *Hail Mary* beads say:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

5. Repeat for the five decades.

6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



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



Christ said "Receive the Holy Spirit". Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Jun 21-23, 2019 in Cary, NC and Sep 20-22, 2019 in CHARLOTTE, 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.

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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