

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 25, 2019
Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

MASS
SATURDAY 5:00 PM
(All Souls in Purgatory)
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
(+Lena and Tony Lorenzo req. by the Lorenzo Family)
SUNDAY 11:00 AM
(+Maria Zak Simulcik Latka req. by Christine Getek)

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, August 26, 2019: 1 THESSALONIANS 1: 1-5. 8b-10/ PSALM 149: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6a and 9b/ MATTHEW 23: 13-22
Tuesday, August 27, 2019: 1 THESSALONIANS 2: 1-8/ PSALM 139: 1-3. 4-6/ MATTHEW 23: 23-26
Wednesday, August 28, 2019: 1 THESSALONIANS 2: 9-13/ PSALM 139: 7-8. 9-10. 11-12ab/ MATTHEW 23: 27-32
Thursday, August 29, 2019: 1 THESSALONIANS 3: 7-13/ PSALM 90: 3-5a. 12-13. 14 and 17/ MARK 6: 17-29
Friday, August 30, 2019: 1 THESSALONIANS 4: 1-8/ PSALM 97: 1 and 2b. 5-6. 10. 11-12/ MATTHEW 25: 1-13
Saturday, August 31, 2019: 1 THESSALONIANS 4: 9-11/ PSALM 98: 1. 7-8. 9/ MATTHEW 25: 14-30
Sunday, September 1, 2019: SIRACH 3: 17-18. 20. 28-29/ PSALM 68: 4-5. 6-7. 10-11/ LUKE 14: 1. 7-14

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, August 26, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, August 27, 2019	NO MASS OR ADORATION; 10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY , 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, August 28, 2019	NO MASS OR ADORATION; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, August 29, 2019	NO MASS OR ADORATION; 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, August 30, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, August 31, 2019	Visiting Priest Msgr. Michael Schmied, 4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass (+Vincent Nguyen req. by Holly Nguyen)
Sunday, September 1, 2019	Visiting Priest Msgr. Michael Schmied, 8:30 AM Mass; 11:00 AM Mass

Upcoming Parish News/Events

WAYS I CAN MAKE MY PARISH BETTER

Support your parish financially. You know how expensive it is to run your own home. Parishes face even higher costs — and depend on parishioners to help meet them. Take a serious look at the money you give to your parish each week. Do you increase your contributions each year as the cost of living rises? Giving to the Church is more than just a financial obligation. Once you recognize that everything you have is a gift from God, you see that giving generously to continue God's work in the parish is an essential part of your spirituality.

Pray for your parish. Keep your pastor, parish staff, and fellow parishioners in your daily prayers. Saying a Rosary, spending time in Adoration, fasting, or offering up any suffering, annoyance, or inconvenience you experience for the well-being of your parish will bring rewards not just for the parish but for you personally. You will begin to see yourself as spiritual support for all the good work being done in and through your parish. Pray also for the return of Catholics who have strayed from the practice of their Faith, people raised with no faith, and people searching for meaning and purpose in life. No parish is perfect, and even the best parishes can improve. Imagine what would happen if every person in your parish did one little thing to make the parish better!

Source: Our Sunday Visitor

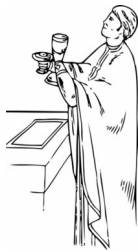


Please welcome our visiting

Priest for the weekend of
August 24th-25th, 2019:

Fr. Jim Gordon

(Director of Clinical Services,
Saint Luke Institute)



**Second Collection next week,
August 31st—September 1st is
for our Building Fund.
Thank you for your generosity!**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." LUKE 13:30

Our standards in society are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "what have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

VOCATIONS

"Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD." Is God calling you to the priesthood? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That through our good stewardship, we may build up
God's kingdom here on earth and earn a place at
God's eternal banquet.

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.**

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

Religious Education Classes

The first day of Religious Education starts this Sunday, August 25th, 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

ALTAR SERVER MEETING

All current and those interested in becoming Altar Servers are invited to a meeting on Sunday, September 1st, at 9:45 AM—10:30 AM. If any questions, contact Deacon Frank at fnleam-ing@aol.com or 804-761-5714



The Food Pantry ministry is in need of several parishioners to fill the following roles:

****Serve as a back-up person to pick up perishables from Food Lion on Tuesdays; time commitment is minimal, only filling in when primary pick-up person cannot do it.**

****Serve as the Community Events Coordinator, primarily managing the parish's participation in the Polar Bear Plunge, which directly benefits the Food Pantry ministry. Time commitment includes attending monthly meetings Sept-Jan, coordinating Polar Bear Plunge participant sign-ups within the parish, assisting with the event, and attending a wrap-up meeting, in addition to lesser commitments for a few other events during the year.**

Please consider sharing your time and talents with this valuable ministry. Contact Anne Bradshaw at ambonner@hotmail.com or 540-273-9201.



Rehoboth Methodist Church once again, gratefully appreciates the very generous food donation that St. Mary's delivered for the Heartwood Children's Summer Food Program. Thanks so much

for your help so that we may continue to benefit the many children in our community this summer. Blessings to you all for living life as the scripture has instructed us in Matthew 25:40...*And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me'*

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Chris Watson

SAVE THE DATE!!



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

Vacation Bible School 2020

Looking for candidates for the VBS director for summer 2020. If you are interested in bringing new ideas to our VBS program and would like to be considered our next VBS director, please see Deacon Dave Geary or email him at djgeart4531@comcast.com. It'll be here before we know it!!



Allow Jesus to transform your marriage and show you how to truly love your spouse by attending the next 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.

****BLANKETS NEEDED****

The area Homeless Shelters are in need of blankets for the Winter. 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 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.



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.

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, 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.



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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

Knights of Columbus, *Ron Wisniewski*.....804-448-4348

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