

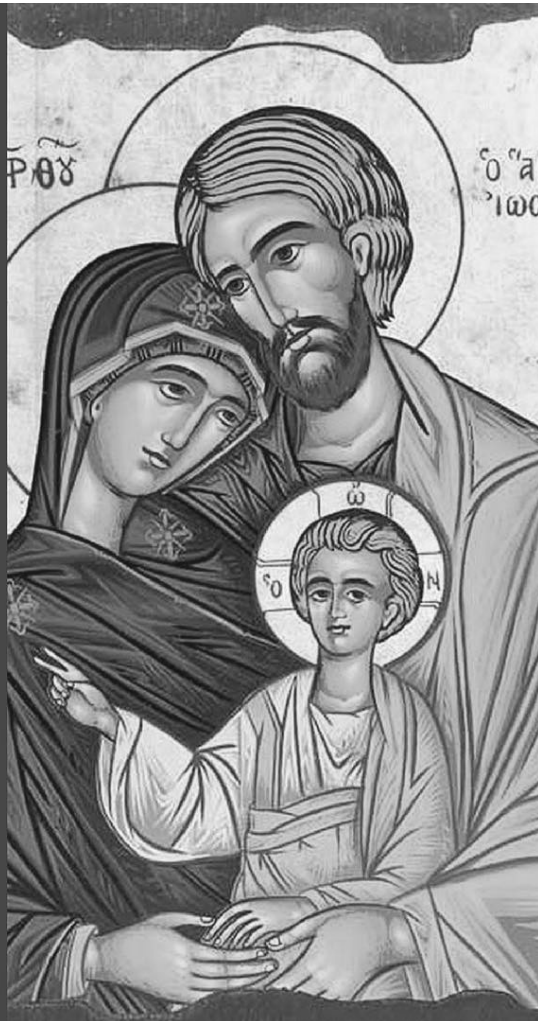
Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Lord, You intended for the Holy Family to be an example for all, and for the Holy Spirit to enlighten homes.

May we, like them, be able to live according to family virtues and stand united by the strength of Your love before meeting again for eternity in the joy of Your house.
Amen



DECEMBER 28TH —29TH, 2019

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM,

SUNDAY 8:30 AM,

and

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(+James Fulcherino req. by Theresa

Fulcherino

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, December 30, 2019: 1 JOHN 2: 12-17/ PSALM 96: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ LUKE 2: 36-40

Tuesday, December 31, 2019: 1 JOHN 2: 18-21/ PSALM 96: 1-2. 11-12. 13/ JOHN 1: 1-18

Wednesday, January 1, 2020: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: NUMBERS 6: 22-27; PSALM 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8; GALATIANS 4: 4-7; LUKE 2: 16-21

Thursday, January 2, 2020: 1 JOHN 2: 22-28; PSALM 98: 1-4; MATTHEW 23: 8-12

Friday, January 3, 2020: 1 JOHN 2:29-3:6; PSALM 98: 1, 3-6; JOHN 1: 29-34

Saturday, January 4, 2020: 1 JOHN 3: 7-10; PSALM 98: 1, 7-9; JOHN 1:35-42

Sunday, January 5, 2020: The Epiphany of the Lord: ISAIAH 60: 1-6; PSALM 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13; EPHESIANS 3: 2-3a, 5-6; MATTHEW 2: 1-12

WEEKLY SCHEDULE—OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 30, 2019	
Tuesday, December 31, 2019	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED / FOOD PANTRY CLOSED; 5:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (+Harvey C. Eckert req. by the Nowark Family)
Wednesday, January 1, 2020	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (<i>All Souls in Purgatory</i>)
Thursday, January 2, 2020	DAILY MASS RESUMES; 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 7:00 PM Food Pantry; CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, January 3, 2020	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, January 4, 2020	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, January 5, 2020	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - 8:30 AM Mass; 11:00 AM Mass

Upcoming Parish News/Events

**Feast of the Holy Family, Year A
December 29, 2019**

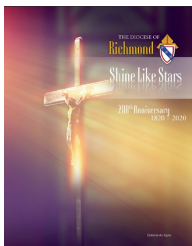
Sir 3:2-6.12-14, Ps 128, Col 3:12-21, Mt 2:13-15.19-23

The Eucharist as the Heart of a Holy Family Today

We come now to the celebration of the Eucharist, which always needs to be the heart of the family, the heart of the school of love. Husband and wife are married in the context of the Mass in front of the altar, which is highly significant, because their marriage is called to be a symbol of that marriage between Christ and the Church, Christ who loved the Church so much that he laid down his life for her to make her holy. Spouses need to imitate Christ's love for his bride, sacrificing for each other to make the other holy. If someone asks, "How does Christ love the Church?" I should be able to point to husbands here and say, "Like he loves his wife and kids." And if someone asks how we in the Church should love God, I should be able to point to wives here and say, "Like she loves her husband and family."

And all families members receive strength to love like that here at Mass. The Mass is the consummation of the union between Christ and his Bride the Church, when we take within ourselves the body and blood of the divine Bridegroom. For any marriage to thrive, for any family to thrive, they need together to come often to this marriage bed, where they'll receive the Lord of love inside them and be able to share his complete and total love with each other.

To the crisis of the family that the world and the Church face, God has given his solution — Himself united with us and with our families, he who entered our world first as a little baby and remains in this world here God-with-us in the Holy Eucharist, teaching and feeding us every day and especially every Sunday in this, his school of familial love!



The Diocese of Richmond has created a beautiful commemorative book which highlights our two-hundred-year history with text, pictures, and profiles of our nearly 150 parishes.

THEY WERE DELAYED DURING SHIPPING AND WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON, FOR \$35.



**Second Collection next week
January 5th
is for our Building Fund.
Thank you for your generosity!**

Thank you to all who bought Christmas cards.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from
the Knights of Columbus, Council #7538



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR'S

Dec 31 New Year's Eve	5:00 PM Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Jan 1 New Year's Day	10:00 AM Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

St. Mary's Detainee Center Ministry

The St. Mary's Detainee Center Ministry is looking for volunteers to minister to detainees, primarily on Sundays, by sharing the liturgy with them. Both male and female volunteers are needed, as there are both male and female detainees at the center. Volunteers must pass a background investigation and attend training provided by the center before actively joining the ministry. A training session is tentatively scheduled February 8, 2020. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office at office@saintmarycc.org.



Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are still available for pickup/purchase in the Narthex after all Masses.

The money and stubs can be placed in an envelope (one was provided) and dropped in the collection basket before the deadline of **12/31/19**



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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children..." COLOSSIANS 3:18-21
 Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.



Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Bob Arnold, Mike Arnold, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, Kevin Bera, The Biddulph Family, Maria Bridge, Shonnie Carroll, Daniel Clarke, Cindy Cook, Levie Edmond, Deacon Dave Geary, Verde Halley, Antionette Hilyard, Diane Hollis, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Cindy Lent, Dawn Long, Esther Luiggi, Matekenya Family, Patrick Moore, Mary Lou O'Leary, Donald Paradis, Marianna Porter, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Hadley Spacht, Mary Stella Summers, 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.

VBS Director needed for Summer of 2020

We are looking for someone with some new ideas to take over VBS for Summer 2020. VBS kits are ready to order, you just need to pick the theme. If you have any questions or are interested in being the VBS Director of Sumer 2020, please email Gina Stargel at gcip81@yahoo.com or Deacon Dave Geary at djgeary4531@comcast.net

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That through prayer and love, our family relationships put us on the path to holiness.



We are so thankful to all of those who worked so hard to make this Advent and Christmas season a celebration of Joy for the Birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends are Feb 21-23, 2020 in VIRGINIA BEACH, VA and Mar 20-22, 2020 in FAIRFAX,, 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.



VOCATIONS

Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

BREAKING BREAD

LAST CALL for dinner reservation slips. First dinner being served on Jan. 11, 2020. New reservation slips in Narthex. Please return filled out applications to basket in Narthex. People who tried it last year have signed up for this year. Time to really get to know your fellow parishioners. Where did Jesus meet most of His disciples? At a meal! All are welcome. Families want to meet with other families too. Text me 540-710-3368 or email me at . Thank you, Penny Geary



Polar Bear Plunge is February 1, 2020

The Polar Bear Plunge is our biggest fundraiser of the year for the Food Pantry/Homeless Ministry. We will have applications in the Narthex for anyone who might like to "take the plunge". We won the trophy for raising the most money for the last two years. Let's keep it going for another year!



Community/Diocesan Events

The Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care at the Well House in Caroline County offers pastoral counseling services open to everyone.

There is a place for you here—whether you practice a faith tradition or are searching, whether you are looking for support as you take the next steps in your life or you feel sad, stuck or unhappy.

Our counselors are trained mental health professionals, many of whom are also practicing clergy.

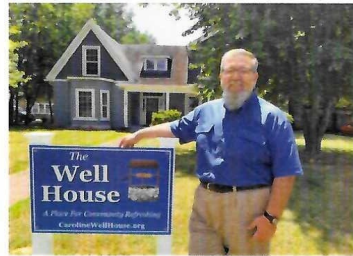
But we don't preach: we listen.

We offer counseling for children, families, couples, and adults including seniors.

Group therapy services are also available.

VIPCare counselors believe counseling is a form of community—sitting with another person and sharing stories—the good, the sad and the painful.

We believe listening heals.



Call us if we can help.

804.282.8332

www.vipcare.org

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