

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 2, 2019

The Ascension of the Lord

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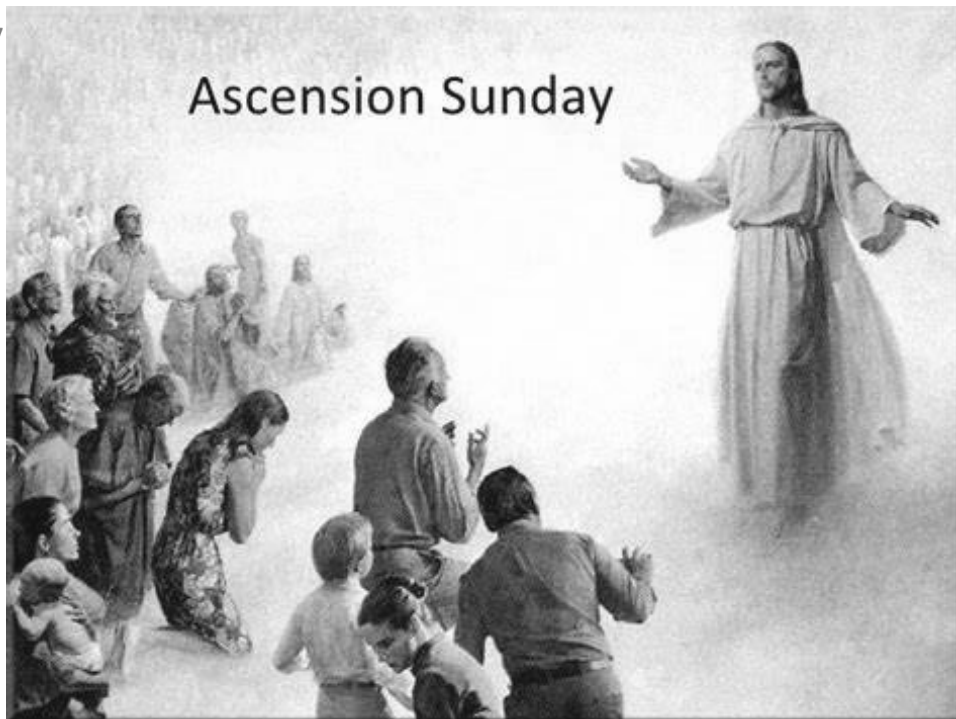
MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

AND 11:00 AM

(+Private First Class Pamela Gay
req. by Ron Wisniewski)



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (REVELATIONS 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

VOCATIONS

"Go and teach all nations, says the Lord."

Do you feel a calling to be a teacher of the Word as a priest or consecrated religious? 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 with every decision I make, I take one step
closer to God.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, June 3, 2019	
Tuesday, June 4, 2019	9:00-10:00 Adoration, 10:00 AM Mass , 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, June 5, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, June 6, 2019	8:30-9:30 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass (+Vincent Nguyen Xuan Ngoc req. by Holly Nguyen), 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry; 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 253
Friday, June 7, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, June 8, 2019	6:00 AM Yard Sale Setup; 9:00 AM Yard Sale; 4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, June 9, 2019	PENTECOST SUNDAY - 8:30 AM Mass, 11:00 AM Mass

Upcoming Parish News/Events

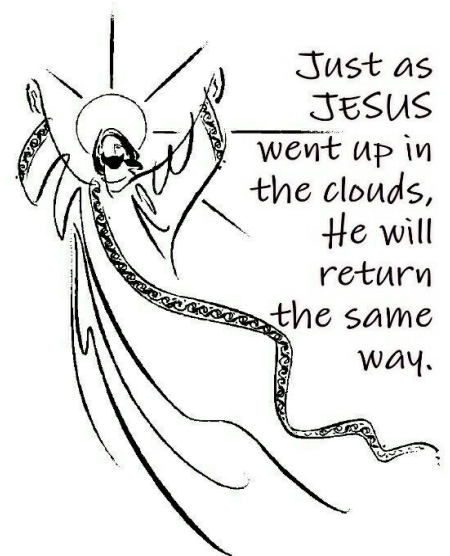
ASCENSION, YEAR C, JUNE 1/2/ 2019

Acts 1:1-11 / Ephesians 1:17-23 / Luke 24:46-53

In this feast of the Ascension, it is understandable if we were to visualize or imagine Jesus ascending and going back to heaven. We are even more inclined to think that Jesus is up there now, waiting for us to join Him eventually. As the disciples watched Jesus ascending into heaven, the last they saw of Him were probably the soles of His feet. And as He disappeared from their sight, it was back to life and back to reality, with their own feet on the ground. But it is no more the same ground that they used to tread on. Because where once Jesus walked with them, now He is no more with them. And we share that same feeling with the disciples. Since Jesus had already ascended into heaven, we may also think that He is absent from us. And after a while, we may get used to this absence, and we may forget that there is something more important in this life. We forget that while we are living in the temporary, we are also heading towards eternity.

Yes, we may get so absorbed in the things of earth, that we forget all about the things above.

But all these are just consequences of thinking or feeling that Jesus is absent from us. But this feast of the Ascension prepares us for a deeper presence of Jesus, a presence brought about by the Holy Spirit.



OFFERTORY GIFTS

2019	March	YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$12,585	
On Line Giving	\$5,974	
Total Actual Receipts	\$18,559	\$164,093
Budgeted Receipts	\$17,127	\$154,144
Over/Under	\$1,432	\$9,949
Building Fund Collections		
Actual Receipts	\$3,825	
Our Debt as end of March:		\$ 156,005

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, June 3, 2019: Psalm 29; Exodus 40:16-38; Acts 16:35-40

Tuesday, June 4, 2019: Psalm 29; 2 Chronicles 5:2-14; Acts 26:19-29

Wednesday, June 5, 2019: Psalm 29; Ezekiel 3:12-21; Luke 9:18-27

Thursday, June 6, 2019: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 32:11-17; Galatians 5:16-25

Friday, June 7, 2019: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 44:1-4; Galatians 6:7-10



If you would like to have Father Alex come and bless your home, please contact him at 757-707-6626

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Bob Arnold, Fran Arnold, Mike Arnold, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, 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., Verde Halley, 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, Catherine Squires, Linda Stanton, Megan Toigo, 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.

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



Join Father Alex in his presentation "Tracing the Origin of the Uganda Martyrs Pilgrimage"



This Monday, June 3rd, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.



Father Alex will be out of town June 7-11 for the celebration of the Uganda Martyrs day.



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2019 ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER)

JUNE

Evangelization: That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.



The Knights of Columbus from Church of the Redeemer will be taking a pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II Shrine and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on June 14th, 2019.

The bus will leave the Church of the Redeemer parking lot at 7:30 am. Upon arrival at the John Paul Shrine, we will tour the facility and then attend a noon Mass, for those who are interested. After Mass, we will go to the Basilica and have lunch in their cafeteria and then tour the Basilica. We will depart the Basilica at 3:30 pm and return to the Church of the Redeemer. Price for this event is \$30 per person.

Please make checks payable to the K of C, 11042

Mail to:

David Ward

6432 Midway Lane

Mechanicsville Va. 23111



YARD SALE

IS NEXT SATURDAY, JUNE 8th

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

WE NEED THE FOLLOWING:

- Volunteers during the week to help sort clothes in the daytime at the church
- Early risers with trucks or SUVs who could assist with setting up early on Saturday morning (**set up starting at 6:00 AM**)
- Young adults in need of service hours are also welcome!

If you can help, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Maria Bridge: call/text [804-867-6721](tel:804-867-6721) or email her at mamiefazenbaker@gmail.com.

Diocesan Home Mission Collection

Sunday, June 19th

"Home Missions" is the name for dioceses and parishes in the United States, including its territories and former territories, which cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people.

For many decades, the Church in the United States has sent missionaries overseas to serve the people of Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Oceania. The home missions are dioceses and parishes here in the United States that need the same kind of support.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond sees Mission Parishes as valuable gifts from God and important paths for evangelization in our Diocese. A mission parish is one challenged by a combination of financial, demographic, socio-economic, and cultural factors. Such parishes are deserving of special recognition and support. Please support the Home Missions of our Diocese by donating to the Diocesan Home Mission Collection.

Community/Diocesan Events



I am with you always, until the end of the age." Is God in your marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week-ends are 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.

WHAT SHE SAW
CHANGED EVERYTHING

IN THEATERS EVERYWHERE MARCH 29
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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.

Discounted Gym Memberships!



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

As part of our new Wellness initiative, we have acquired corporate discounts at the YMCA!

Employees enjoy a **10% discounted membership rate** with **no joining fees** required! Just bring your Diocesan pay stub when you register at the gym!

Membership Includes:



- State-of-the-Art Fitness Centers
- Pools, Gyms, and Running Tracks
- Land and Water Fitness Classes
- Child Care While You Work Out
- Swim Lessons, Camp, and Youth Sports
- Reciprocal Membership Nationwide

Alleghany Highlands YMCA
Altavista Area YMCA
Bedford Area Family YMCA
Buchanan County YMCA
Danville YMCA
Family YMCA of Emporia/Greenville, Inc.
Four Seasons YMCA
Franklin County YMCA
Martinsville & Henry County Family YMCA
Mecklenburg County YMCA
Peninsula Metropolitan YMCA
Piedmont Family YMCA

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Rappahannock Area YMCA
Southside Virginia Family YMCA
Staunton-Augusta YMCA
Waynesboro Family YMCA
YMCA at Virginia Tech
YMCA of Bristol
YMCA of Central Virginia
YMCA of Greater Richmond
YMCA of Metropolitan Washington
YMCA of Pulaski
YMCA of South Hampton Roads
YMCA of Virginia's Blue Ridge

If you are currently a YMCA member, please contact the membership office at your location to have the discount applied going forward.

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.

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