

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 8, 2019

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM (+Daniel Maida req. by the Fredericksburg Chapter of the American Red Cross);

SUNDAY 8:30 AM (+Daniel Maida) and **SUNDAY 11:00 AM** (The Cecilia Ngwa Family req. by Quirina Ngwa)

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, December 9, 2019 -IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (transferred this year from December 8; no obligation to attend Mass is transferred) : GENESIS 3: 9-15. 20/ PSALM 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ EPHESIANS 1: 3-6. 11-12/ LUKE 1: 26-38

Tuesday, December 10, 2019: ISAIAH 40: 1-11/ PSALM 96: 1-2. 3 and 10ac. 11-12. 13/ MATTHEW 18: 12-14

Wednesday, December 11, 2019: ISAIAH 40: 25-31/ PSALM 103: 1-2. 3-4. 8 and 10/ MATTHEW 11: 28-30

Thursday, December 12, 2019-OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: ZECHARIAH 2: 14-17 or REVELATION 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a 10ab/ JUDITH 13: 18bcde. 19/ LUKE 1: 26-38

Friday, December 13, 2019: ISAIAH 48: 17-19/ PSALM 1: 1-4 and 6/ MATTHEW 11: 16-19

Saturday, December 14, 2019- ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS: SIRACH 48: 1-4. 9-11/ PSALM 80: 2ac and 3b. 15-16. 18-19/ MATTHEW 17: 9a. 10-13

Sunday, December 15, 2019: ISAIAH 35: 1-6a. 10/ PSALM 146: 6-7. 8-9. 9-10/ JAMES 5: 7-10/ MATTHEW 11: 2-11

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(office hours 9 AM—1 PM Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Monday, December 9, 2019	10:00 AM Mass for CCM Home Schoolers; 6:30 PM T-SMOTA Christmas Caroling
Tuesday, December 10, 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, December 11, 2019	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass
Thursday, December 12, 2019	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass (+Vincent Nguyen req. by Holly Nguyen) ; 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, December 13, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, December 14, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, December 15, 2019	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 8:30 AM Mass (+Patricia Trice req. by Tina Sebak); 9:45 AM Religious Ed; 11:00 AM Mass

Upcoming Parish News/Events

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A) Isaiah 11:1-10 / Romans 15:4-9 / Matthew 3:1-12

As we learn in the first reading: a shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Certainly, the most dramatic ways in which we must change our lives are in those two areas: giving up violence and working to reverse the situations of injustice that are so present in our world. St. Paul reminds us of another thing that we have to try to do: "Accept one another." He said, "Work on your relationships with one another." We must do that within our parish family, our individual families, and then the whole human family. Accept one another. Love one another. Work on our relationships. That's how the reign of God can break forth.

Isaiah concludes the passage of today by saying, "On that day, the root of Jesse" — the one who comes from Jesse, that is, Jesus — "will be raised as a signal for the nation. The people from everywhere will come in search of him thus making his dwelling place glorious." Jesus came to be a sign to all the nations of what could happen. To bring peace into our world. "And a little child shall lead them" Isaiah says.

And now Jesus has passed that mission on to us. You see, if we take seriously today's message and change our lives, we can become that signal, that sign to all the nations of how peace can happen. If we take seriously our mission and change our lives, peace will break forth in our world.

Meanwhile, the changes that are called for in Advent are fundamental and far-reaching; they are structural. In this new church year, we are challenged to work for a better society, different from the one we now have.

OUR ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE WILL BE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, AT 7:00 PM

Samaritan's Purse Gift Shoeboxes

Sincere thank you to all who participated with the Samaritan's Purse shoebox project. Our parish collected 10 hand-packed boxes. Another 6 boxes were donated online. Our total was 16 boxes to needy children. Our boxes are among the millions distributed worldwide to demonstrate Christian love in a practical, fun, and loving way.

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO RETURN YOUR GIFTS FOR THE 2019 ANGEL TREE!

If you have not returned your gifts, please contact Gail Dillion at 804-448-1809.



Annual Christian Christmas Card Sale

The Knights of Columbus reminds us to "Keep Christ in Christmas" "and at the center of your family's life during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Christmas cards can be a way to share your faith with family and friends. Christian Christmas Cards may be purchased after each weekend Mass.



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 Summer 2020, please email Gina Stargel at gcp81@yahoo.com or Deacon Dave Geary at djgeary4531@comcast.net

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR

ADVENT (11/30/2019) TO NEW YEARS DAY (1/1/2020)

Nov 30—Dec 1	First Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec 7-8	Second Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec 14-15	Third Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec 19	7:00 pm Advent Reconciliation Service
Dec 21-22	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec 24 Christmas Eve	4:00 pm Vigil Mass of the Nativity (Children's Mass) 8:00 pm Vigil Mass of the Nativity
Dec 25 Christmas Day	10:00 am The Nativity of the Lord
Dec 28-29	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec 31 New Year's Eve	5:00 pm Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Jan 1 New Year's Day	10:00 am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Christmas Decorations
Come and help decorate for Christmas
9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Monday, December 23rd



T-SMOTA will be Christmas Caroling at the Bowling Green Health and Rehab Center starting at 6:30 PM on Monday, December 9th. Pick up will be at 8:00 PM at the Frank's home. Come and join in our fun!

OFFERTORY GIFTS		
2019	Oct.	YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 8,781	
On Line Giving	\$ 6,745	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 15,525	\$ 70,020
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 19,658	\$ 78,632
Over/Under	\$ (4,133)	\$ (8,612)
Building Fund Collections		
Actual Receipts	\$3,786	



Christmas Pageant

We are looking for help with our Children's Christmas Pageant this year. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Milagros Rodriguez at shaky-morena@gmail.com.



Raffle Tickets

The St. Mary's Lottery Raffle ticket sales began last weekend. We are asking each family to sell at least three tickets. Your efforts are appreciated! Pick up tickets in the Narthex after Mass. Please be sure to sign out which tickets you're taking by jotting your name, contact #, and ticket #s on the tracking sheet in the Narthex.

What is the Raffle

The raffle drawing is based on the numbers pulled each night in the Virginia Lottery's Night Time Pick 3. The Lotto picks daily numbers more than once per day, but the tickets are based ONLY on the 11:00 p.m. drawing. Every time the number on your ticket is an exact match to the Night Time Pick 3 between January 1 and June 30, 2020, you win \$20.

Each ticket is good for 6 months, so buying one ticket is like buying one lottery ticket every day for 6 months (a \$182 value for only \$20!) Tickets will be available until the end of December. **All stubs and money must be returned by 12/31/19.** Only paid stubs returned by the deadline can be acknowledged as winners and paid out.



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Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Bob Arnold, Fran 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.

Announcing FORMED!

FORMED is a digital platform that gives our parish unprecedented access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. FORMED provides:

- STUDY PROGRAMS** - Hundreds of episodes of transformational video-based study programs including accompanying study guides for small groups or personal study
- AUDIO PROGRAMS** - Hundreds of audio talks to inspire your faith and to share with others
- MOVIES** - Hundreds of movies/documentaries for both children and adults
- EBOOKS** - Over a hundred inspiring eBooks to download to your device

FORMED is being provided by the Parish so there is no charge to our Parishioners. Registering is easy! Go to FORMED.org to sign up. Search for St. Mary's by entering our zip code – 22546. No passwords are needed. You can also visit our website for instructions. There will be more information provided but you don't have to wait to start exploring today!



Flocknote!

We have 375 members and 20+ groups in our Parish Flocknote community. If you haven't subscribed it is easy to join and get the latest information on the Parish including updates on the new FORMED library. To join visit SMOTAVA.flocknote.com or [Text SMOTAVA to 84576](text:SMOTAVA to 84576) and follow the instructions.


Breaking Bread Gathering

Information packets are in the Narthex. Keep the information and return the sign – up sheet to basket that is provided. We call this a Gathering so you can use your imagination on what type of meal you want it to be. Brunch, Lunch, Picnic, BBQ or Dinner. We even experimented with Family Gatherings last year and it was very successful. For more information text Penny Geary 540-710-3368 or Shonnie Carroll 804- 592-8145 or email Mary Gajdos steve_g_15668@yahoo.com



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

Support My Church and Save on Taxes! What's Better than That?

Want a way to boost your tax savings beyond the newly increased standard deduction? If you are 70 ½ or older, you can use your **IRA** to make a gift to Saint Mary of the Annunciation and save taxes!

Normally, a distribution from your IRA is taxed as ordinary income. However, federal tax law **now** allows you to make a distribution of up to \$100,000 each year from your IRA to a qualifying charity and it is not subject to federal income tax.

By making a 'qualified charitable distribution' from your IRA, you can give to Saint Mary of the Annunciation and it counts toward your IRA's annual required minimum distribution. Transfers must be made directly from your IRA administrator to your parish. For more information, contact Sue Brim at sbrim@saintmarycc.org.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we realize what we do with the gifts God has given us is our gift back to God.

VOCATIONS

As John prepared the way of the Lord in the desert, might Jesus be calling you to prepare the way as priest? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



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 WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE STARTING NEXT WEEK.**

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Make sure your marriage bears good fruit. Participate in a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** on Mar 20-22, 2020 in FAIRFAX, VA and Sep 18-20, 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.



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