

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Third Sunday
of Advent*

DECEMBER 14TH -15TH, 2019

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM, SUNDAY 8:30 AM (+Patricia Trice req. by Tina Sebak) and

SUNDAY 11:00 AM (+Bill Straub req. by Cyndy Straub)

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, December 16, 2019: NUMBERS 24: 2-7. 15-17a/ PSALM 25: 4-5ab. 6 & 7bc. 8-9/ MATTHEW 21: 23-27

Tuesday, December 17, 2019: GENESIS 49: 2. 8-10/ PSALM 72: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17/ MATTHEW 1: 1-17

Wednesday, December 18, 2019: JEREMIAH 23: 5-8/ PSALM 72: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/ MATTHEW 1: 18-25

Thursday, December 19, 2019: JUDGES 13: 2-7. 24-25a/ PSALM 71: 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17/ LUKE 1: 5-25

Friday, December 20, 2019: ISAIAH 7: 10-14/ PSALM 24: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ LUKE 1: 26-38

Saturday, December 21, 2019: SONG OF SONGS 2: 8-14 or ZEPHANIAH 3: 14-18a/ PSALM 33: 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/ LUKE 1: 39-45

Sunday, December 22, 2019: ISAIAH 7: 10-14/ PSALM 24: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 (7c. 10b)/ ROMANS 1: 1-7/ MATTHEW 1: 18-24

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, December 16, 2019	
Tuesday, December 17, 2019	9:00 AM - 10 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM Mass (+Dr. Mohamed Shaher Ramadan req. by John Speck); 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, December 18, 2019	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass (+Bittle Porterfield III req. by John Speck)
Thursday, December 19, 2019	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass (+Vincent Nguyen req. by Holly Nguyen); 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Friday, December 20, 2019	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, December 21, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass (The deceased members of the Ho Family req. by Holly Nguyen)
Sunday, December 22, 2019	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 8:30 AM Mass ; 9:45 AM Religious Ed; 11:00 AM Mass (+Alex Owen req. by Cyndy Straub) - Aiden Powell Baptism

Upcoming Parish News/Events

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 / James 5:7-10 / Matthew 11:2-11

In the gospel, John the Baptist also had a problem, or a crisis actually. He was in prison and he had heard what Jesus was doing and he sent his disciples to ask Him, "Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?"

Maybe we too, in times of crisis, will ask a sort of similar question, like, "Am I in the right church, or would it be better to go to another church which is more happening? Or would it be better that I don't go to church at all."

Jesus told John's disciples, "Go back and tell John what you hear and see: the blind see again, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor, and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me."

We too want to hear and see all that. We want to see signs and wonders so that we won't lose faith in Jesus and in the Church.

**** OUR ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE IS THIS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, AT 7:00 PM ****



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

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.



Christmas Pageant

We are looking for help with our Children's Christmas Pageant this year. Sign ups are in the Narthex. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Milagros Rodriguez at shakymorena@gmail.com.

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

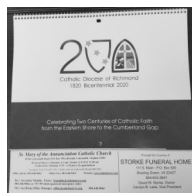
Nov 30—Dec 1	First Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec 7-8	Second Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec 14-15	Third Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec 19	7:00 pm Advent Reconciliation Service
Dec 21-22	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec 24 Christmas Eve	4:00 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, 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 for beginning of February 2020. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office at office@saintmarycc.org.



2020 Calendars now available in the Narthex.



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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This Sunday begins the "Simbang Gabi" which is a long treasured Philippine tradition marking the nine days before Christmas. Traditionally, the 9 days have a dawn Mass dedicated to the Blessed Mother and intended to spiritually prepare and purify us to make us worthy to receive the Child Jesus. At the 11:00 AM Mass this Sunday, members of our Philippine community mark the start of this wonderful Novena.

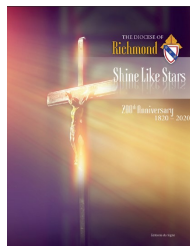
Simbang Gabi



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.



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.

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.

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 gcip81@yahoo.com or Deacon Dave Geary at djgeary4531@comcast.net

Second Collection: December 24-25, 2019



A special time to give - You can support Commonwealth Catholic Charities' programs through the Second Collection Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Your gift will help feed, house and provide hope to our neighbors in need. We greatly appreciate the ways you support us in changing peoples' lives across the Commonwealth. Simply make your check out to St. Mary's with "CCC" in the memo section.

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 through daily prayer we gain patience and align ourselves with God and His plan for us.

VOCATIONS

Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddioocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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!

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