

Saint Mary of the Annunciation

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May 10, 2020 5th Week of Easter



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The Website & Calendar are being kept up to date with the latest schedule and information. Please check it for updates and details for Live Streaming and other News.

St. Mary Online This Week!

Live Streaming of the Mass and other church services are being offered via the [St. Mary Public Facebook](#) page. Have you visited? Please note that you don't need a Facebook account to participate.

We are also taking advantage of other online solutions. You can join in using the links below. This week look for the following:

- Daily: Readings & Homily
 - Fr. Muddu - sent via St. Mary Flocknote Group
- Nightly Rosary 7pm - (May 21st & 28th 6pm)
 - Fr. Muddu - The Rosary ([Join Online](#))
- Online Religious Education Classes
 - Details provided for each class by instructors
- Sunday 10am - Mass - Live Streamed ([Join Online](#))

Masses and Giving

Last week we provided a detailed Financial Update, we will continue to work to bring the joy of the Risen Lord everyone in this time of isolation and concern. **Soon our Church and Masses will reopen. We will keep you informed on those details and look forward to seeing everyone again!**

Your support of our parish is greatly appreciated! Please consider contributing your weekly offering through our [Online Giving Page](#). Have questions? Email Sue Brim (sbrim@saintmarycc.org)

God Bless You All!



Live Stream of the Rosary

Nightly 7pm Throughout May

Father Muddu is leading us in a nightly Rosary at 7pm beginning May 1st. The Rosary is being Live Streamed on our [Public Facebook](#) page. Please see the website for details this week and join Father and the Parish in prayer.

(May 21st and 28th the Rosary will be prayed at 6pm)



Congrats to the raffle winners for the months of March and April

March

Agnes and Thomas Murphy
Jose Lugo
Adam Spacht
Christopher Schwartz
Joseph Paquette
Francis Smith
William Hinton
Chris Howel
Nina Leaming

April

Joan Cormier
Joseph Lugo
Ed Schwartz
Cindy Straub
Nora Aftel
Donovan Moore
Carolyn Clarke

Religious Education Online!

As announced over the last two weeks, to ensure that we are able to complete the Religious Education year, the classes have been moved online. Instructors are now working with the parents and children in their groups using content from the FORMED platform to conduct classes.



Message from the Bethlehem Christian Families

The coronavirus pandemic has forced thousands of pilgrims to leave the Holy Land and now pilgrims are banned from visiting until further notice. The streets of Jerusalem will be empty for quite some time. The cancellation of pilgrimages will have serious repercussions for many Christian families. In the past, when the Holy Land experienced wartime conditions, some people managed to temporarily find an economic niche outside tourism. However, the pandemic measures have affected all business sectors and everything to shut down.

Even we as the Bethlehem Christian Families group; are unable to lend them a hand during this difficult time because of the closures here in the U.S. Since we can't see you at your parish we humbly ask you to visit our website holylandcarvings.com... and browse through their beautiful hand carved religious items. We value your support through these unprecedented times. May God bless you and keep you safe.



Update: We have one Volunteer who is looking for a Friend!

At the request of the Parish Pastoral Council, a Safety and Security Site Assessment was recently conducted at St. Mary's by the Caroline County Sheriff's Office.

In response, the parish is forming a small team to focus on safety and security issues. Some of the tasks the group will focus on are reviewing and prioritizing recommendations provided, working within Diocesan guidelines to establish relevant policies/procedures, potential training, and related areas. If you have experience in this area and would be willing to help out, please contact Anne Bradshaw at ambonner@hotmail.com.

Prayer Shawls Available!

We have 10 blessed prayer shawls in the drawer for anyone who needs to a prayer shawl. They are now wrapped in plastic bags for the receivers safety. We always wash our shawls before placing them in the drawer. During this time we have sent out 8 shawls, 6 of them to Covid-19 patients, mostly nurses, a doctor & first responder. The shawl respondent doesn't need to have the virus. Anyone who is upset by being home or other illness are valid respondents for our shawls. Just come to church office during office hours 9-12 on Tuesday through Thursdays. Someone will show you where to pick a shawl out of prayer shawl file drawers in Little Church room. Please remember to sign the person receiving shawl on the sheet. Our prayer shawl community is unique in that we continue to pray for prayer shawl recipients.



Food pantry is still accepting food donations during this time. If you have any items for donation, please feel free to leave them in the food pantry bin in the narthex when the church is open during the day, or feel free to drop them off on Tuesday or Thursday evenings between 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Sign up for the FORMED platform and join our Parish Community for fantastic faith-based movies, books and more! A great way to share the faith with your families at home.

There are a lot of resources available through FORMED for kids, teens and adults. Join us for a brief Orientation to answer any of your questions.

FORMED - Netflix for the Faithful



If you know of someone in the Parish that hasn't subscribed to Flocknote let them know they can sign up via our [Website!](#)

Quick tip: A Blue Reply button will appear at the bottom of notes sent as emails. If you click on it, it will open up the note in a new page with a space on the right-hand side where you can type your response and click the green 'Post' button. You will always have the option to keep replies private by checking that little box in the bottom left of the text box when replying.

Prayers for the Sick

Please feel free to reply to this Flocknote to add or remove anyone from this list.

Eli Ames, Bob Arnold, Mike Arnold, Larry Azzopardi, Maria Azzopardi, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, Kevin Bera, The Biddulph Family, Annemarie Bockman, Maria Bridge, Daniel Clarke, Cindy Cook, Brandon Dineff, Levie Edmond, Deacon Dave Geary, Verde Halley, Celeste Henkel, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Deborah Landsnes, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Cindy Lent, Dawn Long, Esther Luiggi, The Matekenya Family, Patrick Moore, Sam O'Shea, Donald Paradis, Marianna Porter, Mary Ann Pressman, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Hadley Spacht, Faye Spartz, Mary Stella Summers, Scott Trice, Joan Williams

As always, prayer is an important way Catholics can respond to any crisis as we express our dependence on God. We continue to stand in solidarity with all those affected by the disease as well as those health care professionals who care for them. We ask parishioners to keep these people in mind in your daily prayers.

God Bless!