Saint Mary of the Annunciation

10306 Ladysmith Rd. Ruther Glen VA 22546

April 26, 2020 3rd Week of Easter



What's happening in the Parish?

- St. Mary Online Schedule
- Religious Education Online
 - May Online Rosary
 - Security Assessment
 - Finance Update
 - Food Pantry Donations
 - Parish Digital Platforms

Visit the Parish Website for more . . .

The <u>Website & Calendar</u> 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 <u>St. Mary Public Facebook</u> 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
- Tuesday 7pm The Rosary (<u>Join Online</u>)
- FORMED Orientation Sessions for Parents of Religious Education Students (<u>Join Online</u>) Tuesday 7:30pm, Wednesday 10am, Thursday 7pm or Friday 4pm
- Sunday 10am Mass Live Streamed (<u>Join Online</u>)

Religious Education Moving Online!

As announced last week, to ensure that we are able to complete the Religious Education year, we are moving to an online format for the last few sessions. The instructors went through an orientation session last week. Orientation sessions for the parents are available this week per the schedule above. The parents should plan to attend one of the online session. A Flocknote will be going out to the Religious Education Parents with more details. We hope everyone will get engaged and support the program!



Live Stream of the Rosary Nightly 7pm Beginning May 1st

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Francis is reminding the faithful during the pandemic of a powerful spiritual weapon: the Rosary. He stated "I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May,"

Father Muddu will be leading us in a nightly Rosary at 7pm beginning May 1st. The Rosary will be Live Streamed on our Facebook page. Please see the website for details this week and join Father and the Parish in prayer.



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.

Thank you for your generosity!

Your support of our parish is greatly appreciated! We are preparing an update on Parish finances that will be receiving later this week. Please consider contributing your weekly offering through our Online Giving Page. Have questions? Email Sue Brim (sbrim@saintmarycc.org)



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 <u>FORMED</u> 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, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, Kevin Bera, The Biddulph Family, 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, Richard Wassels, 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!

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