

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



**February 23, 2020**

**Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**MASS**

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**

*(+George and Ruby Speck req. by Holly Nguyen)*

**AND 11:00 AM**

### MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> week ordinary time:** James 3:13-18; Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mark 9:14-29

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> week ordinary time:** James 4:1-10; Psalms 55:7-8, 9-10A, 10B-11A, 23; Mark 9:30-37

**Ash Wednesday:** Joel 2:12-18; Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20--6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday after Ash Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 9:22-25

**Friday after Ash Wednesday :** Isaiah 58:1-9A; Psalms 51: 3-4, 5-6AB, 18-19; Matthew 9:14-15

**Saturday after Ash Wednesday:** Isaiah 58: 9b-14; Psalms 86:1-6; Luke 5:27-32

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE / Office Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Monday, February 24th	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, February 25th	9:00 AM - 10 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM Mass</b> ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
<b>Ash Wednesday</b> , February 26th	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; <b>MASS: 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM</b>
Thursday, February 27th	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> ; 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, February 28th	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Supper; <b>7:00 PM Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday, February 29th	4:10 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM Mass</b> ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Polar Bear Plunge Dinner Celebration
Sunday, March 1st	<b>8:30 AM Mass</b> ; 9:45 AM Religious Education; <b>11:00 AM Mass</b> (+David Phillips req. by Danielle, Beth, Kurt, Greg & Michelle Kost and families)

# Upcoming Parish News/Events

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Psalms: Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

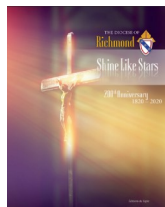
St. Augustine, as you know, was a great enemy of God for many years until he finally was converted and became Bishop of Hippo and the greatest theologian, perhaps, the church has ever produced. And he has this prayer that he reminds God, the prayer of Augustine was, "Dear God, if you'd treated me as an enemy when I was your enemy, how could I now call you my friend?"

It is God who is love that makes a fool of God, because He will not destroy those who hate Him, those that do not understand Him, those that see Him as weak, those that would have their own way rather than His way, because He is weak and helpless — His love makes Him so.

And so, it is he tells us that forgiveness is not just a happy, nice thing that you do when somebody apologizes.

Forgiveness means you're ready to accept and forgive even before your forgiveness is asked for. You are never to look at another human being with anger and hatred in your heart. You are never to look at another human being, no matter what happens, as someone who deserves your wrath, as someone who deserves to be dealt with as if he was your enemy.

The Diocese of Richmond's beautiful commemorative book, which highlights our 200 year history with text, pictures, and profiles of our nearly 150 parishes, is available for \$35. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.



### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we find it in our hearts to pray for people that don't always treat us well.



## 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal: *Building Our Family of Faith*

Many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2020 Annual Appeal.

For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our In-Pew pledge process at all Masses during the weekends of February 29/March 1 & March 7/8.

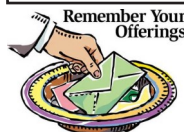
In the spirit of the bicentennial, we are hopeful that all our parishioners will make a gift to the 2020 Appeal. Thank you in advance for your support!

Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays throughout Lent starting on 2/28/20. Soup is at 6pm; Stations of the Cross start at 7pm. Join us as we retrace the final journey of Christ to Calvary. Sign up sheets for soup and bread are in the Narthex. For questions, call Valerie Sparks at 804-572-1768.



### BOOKS IN BLOOM!

The Catholic Woman's Club of Richmond invites you to celebrate five Richmond authors March 14, 2020 11:30 am at the Hermitage Country Club. Meeting the authors, book signings and a luncheon are included in the ticket. Reservation: Send check for \$35 to Joan Walton 300 Burnwick Road, Richmond, VA 23227 or pay on-line at [www.CWCRVA.org](http://www.CWCRVA.org) For more information about event, authors, payment and directions go to [www.CWCRVA.org](http://www.CWCRVA.org).



Remember Your Offerings

**Second Collection NEXT week (March 1st-2nd) is for our Building Fund. Thank you for your generosity!**

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44*

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

### VOCATIONS

"Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy." Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



### Silver Rose Rosary Service – March 12

As part of your Lenten journey this year join us for the saying of the Rosary, Readings and Reflections on March 12 at 7pm at St. Mary's in the Church!

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by councils along routes from Canada to Mexico.

Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We're excited to be hosting the Silver Rose again this year!



**The Season of Lent** - The Season of Lent begins at Midnight on the morning of Ash Wednesday, February 26th. **Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM**

### Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

#### Diocese of Richmond Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Regulations for Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.



#### Pray for the Sick of our Parish

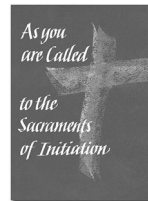
Bob Arnold, Mike Arnold, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, Kevin Bera, The Biddulph Family, Maria Bridge, Daniel Clarke, Cindy Cook, Brandon Dineff, Levie Edmond, Dave Frank, Peter Frank, Deacon Dave Geary, Verde Halley, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Deborah Landsnes, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Cindy Lent, 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, Jonathan Webb, Joan Williams

### FORMED Lenten Reflections

Take a moment and sign up for Lenten Reflections through FORMED!

Christ's love for you is bursting forth. Embrace him and let his mercy pierce your heart during this Lenten season. Join others in the Parish for a 40-day journey of welcoming Christ's tender love, beginning with these short, daily videos from Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray. Live in Christ's love and let him transform your life this Lenten Season.

To sign up click on the FORMED banner link on our website or visit <http://formed.org/lent>.



Please remember in your prayers our catechumens for the Rite of Election which will be held on Saturday, February 29th, at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral.

John Powell, Jessica Haines, Kerry Lightel, and Cam'ron Carroll.

### Lenten Schedule

Wednesday, February 26—ASH Wednesday

Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence

10:00 AM Mass

7:00 PM Mass

Every Friday, February 28th– Friday April 3

Obligatory day of abstinence

6:00 PM Meatless Soup Supper Church Hall

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 25- Solemnity of the Annunciation

10:00 AM Mass

7:00 PM Mass

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday

Regular Mass schedule for Saturday and Sunday

Thursday April 9—Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Mass

8:00 PM -Midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, April 10-Good Friday

Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence

2:00 PM Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 11 - Holy Saturday

10:00 AM Blessing of the Food

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 12th- Easter

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

11:00 AM Sunday Mass



St. Mary's is hosting a pasta dinner for all of our parish's **Polar Bear Plunge participants and their families on Saturday, February 29th at 6:00 p.m.** Please RSVP via text to Maria Bridge at 804-867-6721 and include name and number of attendees. If more convenient, please RSVP by commenting on the pasta dinner post on our parish's Facebook page.





# Community/Diocesan Events

Catholic Diocese of	Richmond Bicentennial	Event Calendar
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday, May 9, 2020	Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Knestout	Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Baltimore
Saturday, July 11, 2020	Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Knestout to commemorate the founding of the diocese (July 11, 1820), and in recognition of the Catholic presence in the Central Vicariate	Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond
Saturday, July 11 to Sunday, July 12, 2020	Diocesan-wide Masses to commemorate the founding of the Diocese of Richmond	All parishes
Sunday, September 27 to Sunday, October 4, 2020	Diocesan Octave of Service	All parishes
Saturday, September 26 to Sunday, September 27, 2020	Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul (diocesan patron)	All parishes
Sunday, September 27, 2020	Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul (diocesan patron) celebrated by Bishop Knestout in recognition of the Catholic presence in the Western Vicariate	Saint Andrew, Roanoke
Friday, November 6 to Saturday, November 7, 2020	Eucharistic Congress	Greater Richmond Convention Center
Saturday, November 7 to Sunday, November 8, 2020	Diocesan-wide Masses to commemorate the conclusion of the Eucharistic Congress	All parishes
Saturday, January 16 to Sunday, January 17, 2021	Closing of the Bicentennial Year	All parishes

## Our Commitments to Address and Prevent Sexual Abuse and protecting God's children in our parish

- Every allegation of sexual abuse of a minor is reported to civil authorities and all adult survivors of sexual abuse or harassment are encouraged to file a report with civil authorities.
- To ensure that no priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer in ministry has been credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult or accused of sexual harassment of another person. Since 2002, the Diocesan Review Board, consisting mostly of volunteer lay professionals, reviews all allegations of sexual abuse by a member of the clergy in conjunction with civil authorities.
- All priests, deacons, religious, lay employees, and volunteers working with children or vulnerable adults are background screened every five years.
- All priests, deacons, religious, lay employees, and volunteers working with children or vulnerable adults are trained to identify inappropriate behavior, grooming techniques used by abusers, and how to report suspicious behavior or abuse and are required to read monthly bulletins to maintain an awareness of child sexual abuse. This is accomplished through our Virtus Training.
- For further information or concerns please contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance/ Safe Environment Coordinator 804-622-5175 or go to the Diocesan Website. <https://richmonddiocese.org/>

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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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