

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(+Carlos M. Ortiz Jr. req. by Carlos and Eva Ortiz)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM

(+Dorothy E. Mimnaugh req. by the Wisniewski Family)

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, February 10, 2020: 1 KINGS 8:1-7, 9-13; PSALMS 132:6-7, 8-10; MARK 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 11, 2020: 1 KINGS 8:22-23, 27-30; PSALMS 84:3-5, 10-11; MARK 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 12, 2020: 1 KINGS 10:1-10; PSALMS 37:30-31, 39-40; MARK 7:14-23

Thursday, February 13, 2020: 1 KINGS 11: 4-13; PSALMS 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; MARK 7:24-30

Friday, February 14, 2020: 1 KINGS 11:29-32, 12:19; PSALMS 81:10-15; MARK 7:31-37

Saturday, February 15, 2020: 1 KINGS 12:26-32, 13:33-34; PSALMS 106:6-7ab, 19-22; MARK 8:1-10

Sunday, February 16, 2020: SIRACH 15:15-20; PSALMS 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b); 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10; MATTHEW 5:17-37

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

Monday, February 10, 2020	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, February 11, 2020	9:00 AM - 10 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM Mass (<i>All Souls in Purgatory req. by Holly Nguyen</i>) ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, February 12, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass (<i>Ava Elizabeth Demick (birthday) req. by Holly Nguyen</i>); 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, February 13, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 6:00 PM -7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, February 14, 2020	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, February 15, 2020	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, February 16, 2020	8:30 AM Mass ; 9:45 AM Religious Education; 11:00 AM Mass

Upcoming Parish News/Events

Readings for Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: First Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

A light can often be a warning light. A light is often the warning which tells us to halt when there is danger ahead. It is sometimes the Christian's duty to bring to his fellow men the necessary warning. That is often difficult, and it is often hard to do it in a way which will not do more harm than good; but one of the most poignant tragedies in life is for someone, especially a young person, to come and say to us, "I would never have been in the situation in which I now find myself, if you had only spoken in time." We need, at times, to be that warning light, preventing from brothers and sisters from doing harm to themselves and others. The light which can be seen, the light which warns, the light which guides, these are the lights which the Christian must be.

Jesus is calling us, my brothers and sisters in Christ, to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. And he would not be calling us to be this salt and light unless he knew that we, attached to him, reflecting his life, were fit for the task

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.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK (FEBRUARY 8TH—9TH) IS FOR THE

The Catholic Virginian

The Catholic Virginian is published biweekly and serves the people of the Diocese of Richmond. Circulation is approximately 73,000. The newspaper emphasizes diocesan news with a balance of national and international news of interest to Catholics. The mission of the paper is, "To help meet peoples' needs for information that they may better live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to support their understanding of themselves as a believing community." Subscription is \$12.50 per year. Each family is asked to contribute \$6.25 semi-annually, January and June.



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

Welcome to the 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal—*Building Our Family of Faith*.

The 2020 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Advancing Social Ministries, Cultivating Catholic Leadership and Empowering Parish Communities. In addition, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected.

This year, the funds will be used for needed church repairs and faith formation opportunities.

In complement to the funds returned to our parish through the parish sharing formula, the 2020 Appeal also benefits us through many of our parish ministries and programs.

Congratulations to our raffle winners for the month of January!



Nina Leaming
William Hinton
Mary Colombell
Denise Zinnecker
Tina Sebak
Robin Heller

A Special Thanks to Valerie Sparks and Tina Sebak for coming together to be this year's VBS Directors!!! Keep your eyes open for more information.



All Polar Bear Plunge final totals and information will be in next week's bulletin

Please bring all Palms and Blessed articles in need of disposal to church no later than February 23rd. These items will be burned after the 11:00 AM Mass on the 23rd to make ashes or to be buried.



Because Palms have been blessed by a priest and therefore are holy objects, the palm branches used for Catholic Church services, especially those used on Palm Sunday, should not be disposed of in the regular fashion. Once an object is blessed, it is considered to be in the service of God and should be treated with respect. Therefore, it is considered sacrilegious to throw a holy item in the garbage, where it might end up in a sewer or a landfill. Holy palms should be returned to nature. The Catholic priests take all of the collected palms and burn them. They save the ashes to use for the Ash Wednesday service. Palms are not the only objects routinely blessed by the Catholic Church. Holy water, oils, rosaries and relics also have a special religious significance. Churches typically have a special sink that runs straight into the ground where holy water, oils and blessed wine is discarded. Combustible items may be burned, everything else should be buried in an area where people are not likely to walk, such as under a tree.

Need to use Church Facilities? Get signed up!

St. Mary's is initiating the use of an Event Approval Form, which is required by all parishioners who want to use parish space for both parish and non-parish events, activities, and meetings. The form can be found on the parish website in the **Parish Life section** or requested in hard copy form in the church office. ALL parish events require an approved event request, even those regular, recurring events and meetings that are currently being hosted in parish facilities. This new process will help streamline scheduling of parish events and meetings, ensure that the use of parish facilities is documented, displayed on the online church calendar and advertised (if requested) via Flocknote and the Website. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

FAQs

What parish spaces require a reservation/approved event form?

ALL parish spaces – conference room, classrooms, the parish hall, the kitchen, the Narthex, the sanctuary, the BBQ and pavilion, the parking lot, and all other outdoor spaces.

What exactly is an “event”?

Anything happening in the parish is an event – a meeting, a fundraiser, a luncheon, a ministry get-together, a practice, etc. If you are using parish space, you are hosting/participating in an “event.”

If my group/ministry is currently using parish space on a regular basis, do we have to complete a form?

YES, please. This ensures that your regular meeting time is placed on the church calendar and reserved for you.

A form like this has never been necessary before. Why now?

Our church is very busy! This form ensures the pastor has oversight for all activities taking place in parish facilities, and it provides data on facility usage that is necessary for planning purposes. The electronic form will also notify the parish's communications team about upcoming events so that your meeting or event can be appropriately advertised to the parish.

What happens after I complete and submit my form?

When completed, the office is alerted, the request reviewed and forwarded to Fr. Alex for approval. Once the review is complete you will be contacted by the parish office as to whether or not your request was approved.

What if someone from outside the parish wants to use our facilities?

We are currently working on finalizing a facility usage policy for non-parishioners, which will use a separate Event Approval Form.

THERMAL UNDERWEAR DRIVE

Winter is officially here and we have had some very cold weather. We are starting our annual Thermal Underwear Drive to help those who are homeless as well as those at Thurman Brisben who have to walk to work at five in the morning. Underwear is needed for both men and women. Sizes from medium to extra, extra large are needed. There will be a bin in the Narthex. Thank you for your help.



Please consider joining the Virginia March for Life. Cars will be departing from St. Mary. Email Pat Brim (pbrim01@gmail.com)

VIRGINIA MARCH for LIFE

Join us in our fight for life in Virginia!

February 13, 2020

9:15 a.m. Mass at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, concelebrated by the Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout, Bishop of Richmond, and the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington	10:30 a.m. Visit your Virginia General Assembly member offices <small>*VCC will be providing talking points and advocacy tools</small>
11:45 a.m. Rally at State Capitol	12:45 p.m. March for Life


For more details, visit: www.vacatholic.org

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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 Learning-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

Community/Diocesan Events

Catholic Diocese of	Richmond Bicentennial	Event Calendar	PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL That we let our light shine before others and be a bold witness of our faith!
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	VOCATIONS “Let your light shine before others” perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.
Saturday, May 9, 2020	Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Knestout	Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Baltimore	STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” MATTHEW 5:16 The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don’t put yourself above the people you have been called to help.
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	 “Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all. Make your light bright by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week -end on Feb 21-23, 2020 in VIRGINIA BEACH, VA and Mar 20-22, 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.
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	

PARISH OFFICE

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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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