

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



**January 12, 2020**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**MASS**

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**

(+ANNA TRINH T. HO REQ. BY HOLLY NGUYEN)

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**

(COLLEEN THOMAS AND BOBBY CURAN  
REQ. BY JOHN EMMERICH)

**AND 11:00 AM**

### MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday, January 13, 2020:** 1 SAMUEL 1: 1-8 / PSALM 116: 12-19 / MARK 1: 14-20

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020:** 1 SAMUEL 1: 9-20 / 1 SAMUEL 2: 1. 4-8abcd / MARK 1: 21-28

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020:** 1 SAMUEL 3: 1-10. 19-20 / PSALM 40: 2. 5. 7-10 / MARK 1: 29-39

**Thursday, January 16, 2020:** 1 SAMUEL 4: 1-11 / PSALM 44: 10-11. 14-15. 24-25 / MARK 1: 40-45

**Friday, January 17, 2020:** 1 SAMUEL 8: 4-7. 10-22a / PSALM 89: 16-19 / MARK 2: 1-12

**Saturday, January 18, 2020:** 1 SAMUEL 9: 1-4. 17-19; 10: 1 / PSALM 21: 2-7 / MARK 2: 13-17

**Sunday, January 19, 2020: Beginning of Bicentennial Celebration for the Diocese of Richmond:** ISAIAH 60: 1-6 / PSALM 25: 5ab. 6-7. 8-9. 10. 14 / ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2: 42-47 / MATTHEW 18: 15-20

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE / Office Open Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Monday, January 13, 2020	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, January 14, 2020	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
Wednesday, January 15, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> ; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, January 16, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, January 17, 2020	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, January 18, 2020	4:10 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM Mass</b> (+Daniel Maida req. by the Maida Family) ; 6:00 PM T-SMOTA Hawaiian Dinner
Sunday, January 19, 2020	<b>Beginning of Bicentennial Celebration for the Diocese of Richmond: 8:30 AM Mass</b> ; 9:45 AM Religious Education; <b>11:00 AM Mass</b>

# Upcoming Parish News/Events

## Baptism of the Lord, Year A, 1/12/2020 Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/ Acts 10:34-38/ Matthew 3:13-17

1. **The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity.** It reminds us of who we are and Whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit.
2. **Jesus' baptism reminds us also of our mission:** a) to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them and serving them in all humility; b) to live as the children of God in thought, word and action. c) to lead a holy and transparent Christian life and not to desecrate our bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Jesus' Body), by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy or hatred; d) to accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness; e) to grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, by meditative reading of the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass, and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
3. **It is a day to thank God for the graces we have received in Baptism,** to renew our Baptismal promises and to preach Christ's 'Good News' by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.

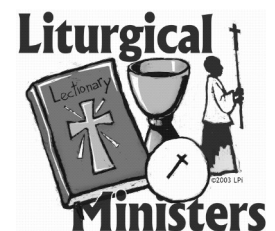


### THE BOOKS ARE HERE!!

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 ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$35.

Training for NEW Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will be held on Saturday, January 25th, at 11:00 AM. Please contact Deacon Frank for more information.



### Hawaiian Dinner Saturday, January 18th 4:00 PM—7:00 PM Dinner—Entertainment— Music

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. You can purchase tickets after Mass. Proceeds will offset the costs for our DYC this year.



Mahalo 

(thank you)

### St. Mary's Raffle

Thanks to everyone who supported the raffle. Because we are already a week into the raffle, **we cannot accept additional payments or stubs** to add names to the drawing. Any dropped in the collection basket or left in the office will be returned. Thanks for your understanding.



### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." MATTHEW 3:17*  
Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

### 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.



**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 Sumer 2020, please email Gina Stargel at [gcp181@yahoo.com](mailto:gcp181@yahoo.com) or Deacon Dave Geary at [djgeary4531@comcast.net](mailto:djgeary4531@comcast.net)

**VOCATIONS**

“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Do you have a calling to follow the son of God and become a priest, deacon or consecrated religious? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



**MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY IN WASHINGTON DC; Friday, January 24, 2020**

2020 Theme - Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman  
For the 37th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus will provide FREE bus transportation for people in the Richmond metropolitan area to attend the 47th annual March For Life Rally in Washington DC, on Friday, January 24, 2020. Seating on buses is limited and will be by RESERVATION only. A Registration fee may be required; however, the Registration fee will be returned when you take your seat on the bus. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a Parent, Legal Guardian, or Approved Temporary Guardian with written permission. The St. Mary of the Annunciation Church bus arrives at 9:20 am for pick-up and departs by 9:30 am. Marchers must check-in at least 30 minutes prior to the specified departure time and must bring a lunch, soft drinks, cell phone, hat, gloves and suitable clothing for weather conditions. Buses will normally return by 6:30 pm. To reserve seats please email Pat Brim at [pbrim01@gmail.com](mailto:pbrim01@gmail.com) as soon as possible!

**Second Annual Virginia March for Life (Save the Date)!**

The Virginia March for Life is taking place on February 13, 2020

11:45 a.m. Rally at the State Capitol – Capitol Square

12:45 p.m. March for Life Around Capitol Square



**Pray for the Sick of our Parish**

Bob 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, 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, 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

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

That, through our generous giving, we may show our gratitude to God for the great gift of sending His beloved Son to save us.



**Second Collection this week, January 11th-12th, is for our Haiti Twinning Campaign**

OFFERTORY GIFTS		
2019	Nov	YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	10,945.57	
On Line Giving	5,670.00	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 16,616	\$ 86,635
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 19,658	\$ 98,290
Over/Under	\$ (3,042)	\$ (11,655)
Building Fund Collections		
Actual Receipts		\$3,859

**\*\*SPECIAL COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND\*\***



**Next Sunday is Respect Life Sunday!** Every year, parishes in the Diocese of Richmond celebrate Respect Life Sunday on the Sunday nearest to January 22 (the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision) to pray for and to promote a greater Respect for the Sanctity of Human Life from conception to natural death. Next week there will be a second collection taken to support ministries and programs of the Diocese that serve the defense and promotion of the dignity of human life – please give generously. Visit the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life website for more details and Respect Life resources at [www.cdrcmfl.org](http://www.cdrcmfl.org).

**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 February 8, 2020. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office at [office@saintmarycc.org](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org).

**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 GROUP AVAILABLE AT ST. ANN'S

For the past three years, St. Ann's has offered a support group for the separated and divorced. We are offering it to area Catholic parishes, should there be members who are dealing with these issues.

The group is lead by two parish members who are married and who are Licensed Clinical Social Workers. The group is not a therapy group, but a support group in which participants can share their struggles with people who are walking similar roads. Members find that they are not alone, and they are not rejected by the church or its community. Instead, they come to understand that divorce and separation is common. When they see that other members experience the same kinds of feelings, they are usually emboldened to also share. They begin to feel accepted and enriched by the conversations, and they begin to make social connections. They often sit together in church or go to restaurants together. They also share resources, such as recommended attorneys and what to expect through the legal process. They also find out about the church's stance on divorce, annulment, and remarriage.

There is no syllabus or required reading. Instead, it is a process of sharing in confidentiality. The role of the group leaders is to keep the conversation moving and make sure everyone is involved.

Over the three years of the group's existence, more than a dozen have attended for short or longer periods. Typical meetings include 3-7 group members. Most of them begin to come to grips with the issues and then stop coming regularly, which is a normal expectation. Everyone has other priorities in today's busy times. When the pain begins to recede and practical problems get solved, the group is less necessary to individual members.

The group currently meets monthly, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, although sometimes there are changes. It meets from 7 – 8:30 PM in the parlor at St. Ann's. If a member of a local parish may be interested in the group, he or she can call St. Ann's at (804)798-5039. One of the group leaders will call back to answer questions. Callers can trust that their calls will be handled confidentially.



We have 350+ members and 20+ groups in our Parish Flocknote community. If you haven't subscribed it is easy to join. Visit our website under Parish Life you'll find the Online Community to connect and get the latest information on the Parish.



Have you signed up for FORMED? The platform provides great content for Catholics of all ages. Only have a smart phone? No problem. Download the FORMED app. You can also download content for offline viewing.

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.

## 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.

Finance Council Chairperson, Ron Wisniewski.....804-448-4348

Food Pantry, Joanne Casper.....804-867-5822

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RCIA, Deacon Frank Leaming.....804-761-5714

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