

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF RICHMOND BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION JUBILEE



Catholic Diocese of Richmond 1820 Bicentennial 2020

January 19, 2020

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(+Daniel Maida req. by the Maida Family)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

AND 11:00 AM

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, January 20, 2020:	1 SAMUEL 15:16-23, PSALMS 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23, MARK 2:18-22
Tuesday, January 21 2020:	1 SAMUEL 16:1-13, PSALMS 89:20-22, 27-28, MARK 2:23-28
Wednesday, January 22 2020:	1 SAMUEL 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, PSALMS 144:1-2, 9-10, MARK 3:1-6
Thursday, January 23, 2020:	1 SAMUEL 18:6-9; 19:1-7, PSALMS 56:2-3, 9-13, MARK 3:7-12
Friday, January 24, 2020:	1 SAMUEL 24:3-21, PSALMS 57:2-4, 6, 11, MARK 3:13-19
Saturday, January 25, 2020:	ACTS 22:3-16, PSALMS 117:1-2, MARK 16:15-18
Sunday, January 26, 2020:	ISAIAH 8:23--9:3, PSALMS 27:1, 4, 13-14, 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-13, 17, MATTHEW 4:12-23

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

Monday, January 20, 2020	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, January 21, 2020	9:00 AM - 10 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM Mass ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, January 22, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, January 23, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass (+ <i>Charlie Crum req. by Redmond and Susan Merrell</i>); 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, January 24, 2020	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, January 25, 2020	11:00 AM - New Lector and Eucharistic Minister Training; 4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, January 26, 2020	8:30 AM Mass ; 9:45 AM Religious Education; 11:00 AM Mass



Catholic Diocese of Richmond
1820 Bicentennial 2020

Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Richmond

January 18–19, 2020

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Richmond,

Today we begin the celebration of the bicentennial of our local Church which will last throughout 2020. This Mass commemorates the arrival of the first bishop of Richmond and recognizes the Catholic presence in the Eastern Vicariate of our diocese. I am grateful to be celebrating this historic occasion with you.

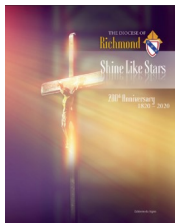
The establishment of the Diocese of Richmond took place under difficult circumstances. First, a schism or formal division among believers had arisen in Norfolk over the question of the ownership of Church property and the authority to appoint pastors. Second, the communities of Catholics in Virginia were small, far flung, and mostly poor. These were the challenges that Right Reverend Patrick Kelly faced when he came from Ireland as the first bishop of Richmond.

Although the Norfolk Schism eventually subsided, Bishop Kelly still had no income and supported himself by teaching. He returned to Ireland after just a year and half in Virginia, having never reached Richmond. The diocese, which lacked resources, was placed under the administration of the archbishop of Baltimore for the next nineteen years.

In this historical episode, we sense the perennial need for unity in the Church. That unity flows from the Eucharist, since each celebration of Mass both expresses and strengthens the communion of the Church; that is, the bonds that unite us to God and to one another. Communion is one theme of our diocesan bicentennial.

The readings and prayers for today's Mass focus on the Church's communion. In place of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, I have asked that a special Mass from the *Roman Missal*, for the Particular or local Church, be celebrated throughout the diocese. These readings and prayers will help unite us in giving thanks to God for the presence of the Catholic Church in Virginia through the centuries.

May this Eucharistic Celebration at the beginning of the diocesan jubilee help us live out the motto of our bicentennial, which echoes the words of St. Paul: "Shine like stars in the world, as you hold fast to the word of life" (Philippians 2:15–16).



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.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

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Donation Clarification

We have separate checking accounts for Offertory, Building Fund, Haiti, Cemetery and Food Pantry. Donations made to Building Fund, Haiti, Cemetery or Food Pantry need to be written on separate check from any other donations. For example, donations to the Building Fund and the Offertory need to be on separate checks. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.

**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 Summer 2020, please email Gina Stargel at gcip81@yahoo.com or Deacon Dave Geary at djgeary4531@comcast.net

Bake Sale for Polar Bear Plunge

Please donate a baked good for the Polar Bear Plunge Bake Sale. Drop your delicious item off at the church on Thursday, January 30th or bring it to the Plunge on Saturday, February 1st, at Lake Land'Or. Thank you for your donation! Any questions, contact Gail Bingaman at 540-582-6881



**MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY
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The March is a week away! Hundreds of Thousands of people will be attending. Some making the journey from other countries or driving for days across the USA to support this incredibly important rally. You have the unique opportunity to be within a relatively short bus ride to DC. Please consider attending. Perhaps with your family!

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.

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.

To reserve seats please email Pat Brim at pbrim01@gmail.com as soon as possible!

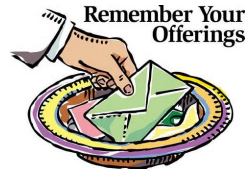
Second Annual Virginia March for Life (Save the Date)!

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

We will have cars heading to the March from St. Mary.



**Second Collection this week,
January 18th-19th,
is for our Respect Life Appeal
Thank you for your generosity**

Food Pantry Assistance Needed

The parish is canvassing for at least two people who would be able and willing to manage the food pantry's inventory, stock shelves, and complete mandatory paperwork on a regular (usually weekly) basis. This is work that typically takes place in the daytime, but some flexibility in scheduling could be possible. Training will be provided. If you have the time and energy to help with this most important ministry, please contact Anne Bradshaw - ambonner@hotmail.com.

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.



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, Dave Frank, 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, Sam O'Shea, Donald Paradis, David Phillips, 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

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.

**IF YOU PLEDGED TO GIVE MONEY TO OUR
PLUNGERS FOR THE POLAR BEAR PLUNGE BE-
ING HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, PLEASE
PAY THEM EITHER THIS WEEKEND
OR NEXT WEEKEND. AFTER THAT,
THE MONEY WILL NOT COUNT TO-
WARDS THEIR TOTAL MONEY FOR
THE TROPHY**



Any questions, contact Gail Bingaman at 540-582-6881

Community/Diocesan Events

BICENTENNIAL PRAYER OF THE DIOCESE OF RICHMOND (1820-2020)

Father of lights, the radiance of your Son has guided the advance of the Gospel across the Diocese of Richmond for two centuries, strengthening our Church from the Eastern Shore to the Cumberland Gap.

Grant that the nearness of your Son may dispel the darkness of our sins, so that as our love increases more and more, we may dare more than ever to fearlessly proclaim the word.

Holding fast to the word of life, may we shine like the stars in the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

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+Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond



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We have 380+ members and 20+ groups in our Parish Flocknote community. If you haven't subscribed it is easy to join. Go to the Parish Website (www.saintmarycc.org) under Parish Life-Flocknote and get connected for the latest information from the Parish.



Movie Night?

There are hundreds of movies and documentaries for both children and adults available on FORMED. The FORMED platform 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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may faithfully live as God's stewards, fulfilling the plan He had for each of us as He formed us in the womb.

VOCATIONS

"To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people." Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." ISAIAH 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

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
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College St. Martin de Porres – Hinche, Haiti

12 Scholarship Students 2019-2020



Jean Edy JEAN-MARY
Philo - Gr 13



Carmelle Andrelle DUVIL
Philo - Gr 13



Jeanne d'Arck FIDEL
Philo - Gr 13



Fedelin AUGUSTE
Philo - Gr 13



Anselm Ruth PIERRE
Grade 11



Reginald LEGROS
Philo - Gr 10



Catoocia BASTIA
Gr 10



Markenly BENJAMIN
Gr 10



Nelta JOSEPH
Grade 9



Stanley CANTAVE
Grade 8



Saylove NOEL
Grade 8



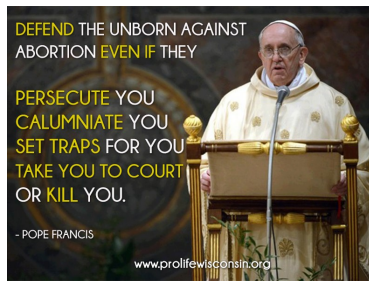
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Grade 7

College St. Martin and St. Mary of the Annunciation have been twinning partners since July 2006 as part of the Diocese of Richmond Haiti Outreach. St. Mary's parishioners have provided the following:

- Primary School Project (interior construction of 3 classrooms, 2 lavatories, and 1 office)
- Classroom benches and Library-in-a-Box
- Cafeteria tables, benches, and a gas stove
- Supplemented lunch-time meals
- 10 to 12 tuition scholarships for the last six school years

Donations are requested quarterly: third Sunday of January, April, July, and October.

Thank you for your continued support.



The "Choice" is Ours at the Ballot Box

As Catholics we have a duty to assist and promote all social justice issues e.g. helping the poor and destitute, improving health care etc. There are some Catholics who argue that we should be free to prioritize the various social justice orders and act according to our individual consciences.

However, the Church has made it abundantly clear that not all these issues carry equal weight----some issues such as abortion are defined by the Church as "intrinsically evil", and can never be morally justified. Thus, our consciences are not ours to form as we think best; they must be formed by the Laws of God and the teachings of the Church, not personal political preference.

Pope John Paul II called abortion "an unspeakable crime' and "an attack against God Himself." The Pope also made it clear that all other rights and social justice issues are irrelevant if the right to LIFE is denied, "The first right of the human person is his life. He has others but this one is fundamental - the condition of all the others."

Similarly, Cardinal Egan and the Catholic bishops of New York released a statement (Our Cherished Right, Our Solemn Duty) urging voters to make pro-life issues their first priority when voting. They say the destruction of 60 million children and the injury of countless millions of women eclipses any other political issue.

The bishops warn against voting solely out of party loyalty or self interest and say voters should be guided by the pro-life teachings of the Catholic Church. "The inalienable right to life of every innocent human person outweighs other concerns where Catholics may use prudential judgment, such as how best to meet the needs of the poor or to increase access to health care for all," they add.

"The right to life is the right through which all others flow," they wrote. "To the extent candidates reject this fundamental right by supporting an objective evil, such as legal abortion, euthanasia or embryonic stem cell research, Catholics should consider them less acceptable for public office."

Today, in America 3,500 innocent babies lose their lives each day and in the words of Pope John Paul II "the blood of the victims cry to God for justice." Tragically, that figure could be even greater depending on the outcome of this election. The choice is ours!

Pro-Life Articles

