

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



Catholic Diocese of Richmond
1820 Bicentennial 2020



January 26, 2020

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

AND 11:00 AM

(+Warren Kirsch req. by Cindy Straub)

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, January 27, 2020: 2 SAMUEL 5:1-7, 10; PSALMS 89:20-22, 25-26; MARK 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 28, 2020: 2 SAMUEL 6:12b-15, 17-19; PSALMS 24:7-10; MARK 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 29, 2020: 2 SAMUEL 7:4-17; PSALMS 89:4-5, 27-30; MARK 4:1-20

Thursday, January 30, 2020: 2 SAMUEL 7:18-19, 24-29; PSALMS 132:1-5, 11-14; MARK 4:21-25

Friday, January 31, 2020: 2 SAMUEL 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; PSALMS 51:3-7, 10-11; MARK 4:26-34

Saturday, February 1, 2020: 2 SAMUEL 12:1-7a, 10-17; PSALMS 51:12-17; MARK 4:35-41

Sunday, February 2, 2020: MALACHI 3:1-4; PSALMS 24:7-10; HEBREWS 2:14-18; LUKE 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

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

Monday, January 27, 2020	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, January 28, 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 29, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, January 30, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, January 31, 2020	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, February 1, 2020	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, February 2, 2020	8:30 AM Mass ; 9:45 AM Religious Education; 11:00 AM Mass (+Ann Bolecek req. by Gloria Bolecek); First Reconciliation

Upcoming Parish News/Events

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

January 25/26, 2020

Is 8:23–9:3, Ps 27:1 4 13-14, 1Cor 1:10-13 17, Mt 4:12-23

We notice a big change of Life for the disciples – they leave the past to follow the Lord, leaving behind their old jobs and roles but also what might block them from living fully. To follow the Lord joyfully we need to believe in ourselves as valued in the sight of God. We pick up messages about ourselves from significant people and we have to let them go. A child whose parents separate often feels unloved and needs the care and love that shows they are okay, many addicted people have, deep down, a sense of not being loved. Every child coming into the world deserves to know that he or she is loved. We believe that the first gift of our faith is the love of God, the humble God who became one of us in love. In religion we need to touch into the love and the call of God, by gradually letting go of the things in the world that prevent us from knowing God's love. The first of the apostles had something new. Each of us, week by week can get this new thing, the love of God.

Everything else flows from that. To know the love of God is a huge gift, and to know the love and acceptance of another or a few others in life is also a huge gift. Both are one, in every love and friendship we have.

Is there anything keeping you from living in God's love?

Ask his help in this.

Lord, Let me know your love day by day and share with all I meet.

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.

Thank you!



We would like to say thank you to everyone who helped celebrate our 37th Wedding Anniversary and sharing our renewal of vows. We truly thank you for sharing our special day.

Sincerely,
Ed & Patsy Miskin



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.


MARCH FOR LIFE



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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE CANCELED IF NO DIRECTOR IS FOUND.

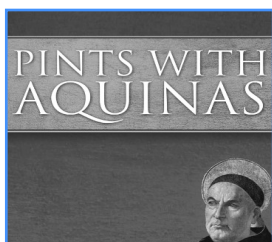
We are looking for someone with some new ideas to take over VBS for Summer 2020.

If we can't find anyone by the beginning of February, we will cancel VBS for this summer.

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

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Pints with Aquinas - 12 Stories about Aquinas



January 28 is the feast day of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

View on FORMED. Click on the St. Mary website (www.saintmarycc.org) and sign up!



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.



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, 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

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

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.



IF YOU PLEDGED TO GIVE MONEY TO OUR PLUNGERS FOR THE POLAR BEAR PLUNGE BEING HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, PLEASE PAY THEM THIS WEEKEND. AFTER THIS WEEKEND, THE MONEY WILL NOT COUNT TOWARDS THEIR TOTAL MONEY FOR THE TROPHY

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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.

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.

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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Bishop of Richmond

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“He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him.” Let us answer God’s call to make our marriages the best they can be by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend** 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.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may faithfully follow Jesus, wherever and whenever He calls.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” *MATTHEW 4:22*
Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

VOCATIONS

“Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

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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