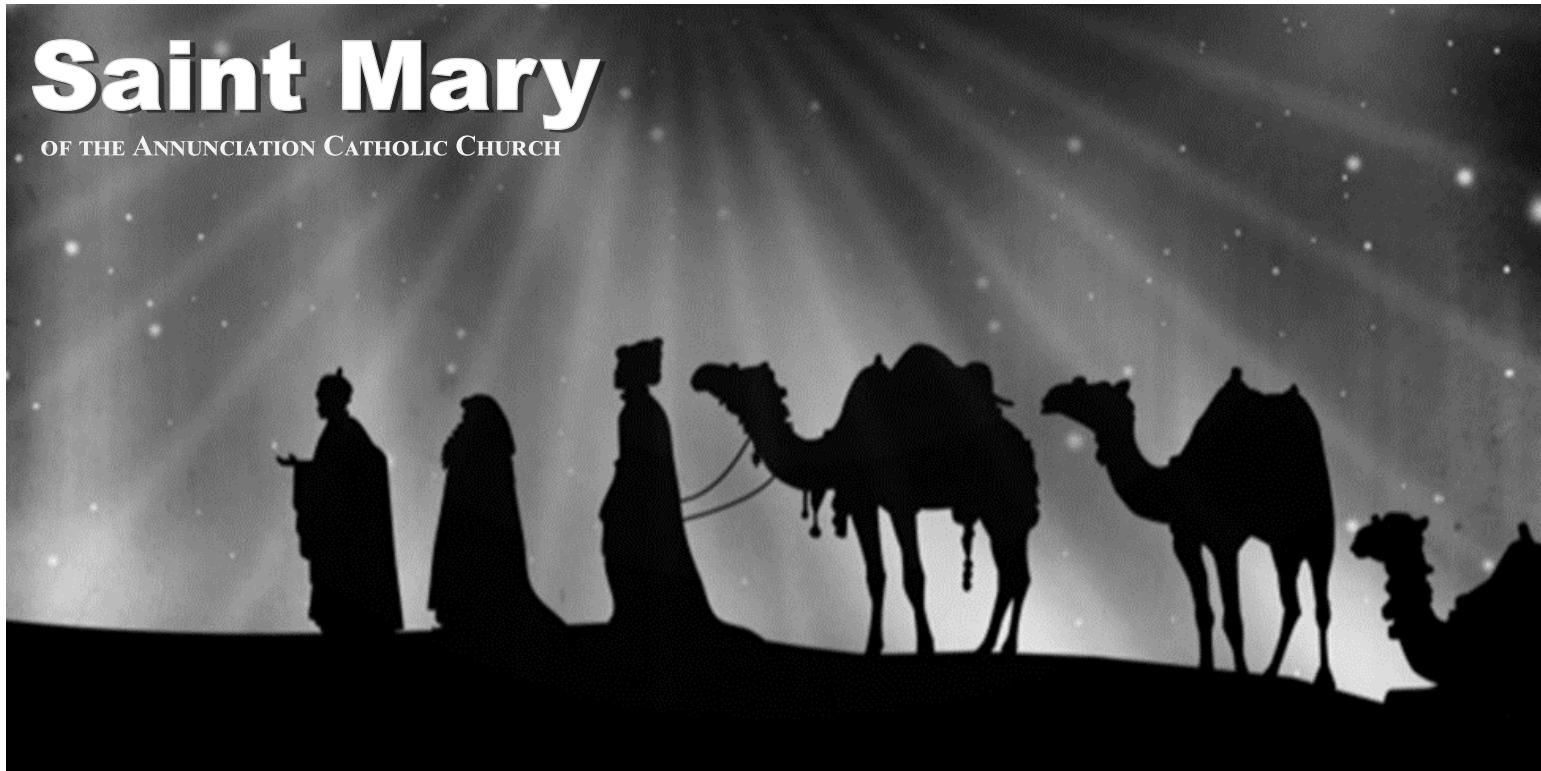


Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



January 5, 2020
The Epiphany of the Lord

MASS
SATURDAY 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
(THEO PHILLIP DEMICK REQ. BY HOLLY NGUYEN)
AND 11:00 AM

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, January 6, 2020: 1 JOHN 3: 22-4:6 / PSALM 2: 7bc-8. 10-12a / MATTHEW 4: 12-17. 23-25
Tuesday, January 7, 2020: 1 JOHN 4: 7-10 / PSALM 72: 1-4. 7-8 / MARK 6: 34-44
Wednesday, January 8, 2020: 1 JOHN 4: 11-18 / PSALM 72: 1-2. 10.12-13 / MARK 6: 45-52
Thursday, January 9, 2020: 1 JOHN 4: 19-5:4 / PSALM 72: 1-2. 14 and 15bc. 17 / LUKE 4: 14-22
Friday, January 10, 2020: 1 JOHN 5:5-13 / PSALM 147: 12-15. 19-20 / LUKE 5: 12-16
Saturday, January 11, 2020: 1 JOHN 5: 14-21 / PSALM 149: 1-6a and 9b / JOHN 3:22-30
Sunday, January 12, 2020: BAPTISM OF THE LORD: ISAIAH 49: 1-4. 6-7 / PSALM 29: 1-4. 3. 9-10 (11b) / ACTS 10: 34-38 / MATTHEW 3: 13-17

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

Monday, January 6, 2020	6:30-8:00 PM T-SMOTA
Tuesday, January 7, 2020	9:00 AM - 10 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM Mass (+ <i>Maria Anna Thanh Van Tran req. by Holly Nguyen</i>); 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, January 8, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, January 9, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, January 10, 2020	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, January 11, 2020	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, January 12, 2020	8:30 AM Mass ; 9:45 AM Religious Education; 11:00 AM Youth Mass

Upcoming Parish News/Events

Solemnity of the Epiphany January 5, 2020

Is 60:1-6, Ps 72, Eph 3:2-3.5-6, Mt 2:1-12

The Feast of the Epiphany invites us to consider once again the real meaning of Christmas and to respond accordingly. The wise men, in presenting Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, acknowledged him as Savior of all people.

The feast invites us to ask: what gift can we present to Jesus that acknowledges him as our Savior?

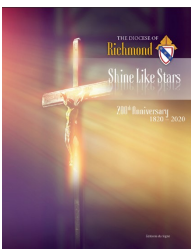
Surely the most appropriate gift is striving to live a life that imitates his teaching and example. Therefore, the Epiphany is an ideal time to reflect on the practice of our Christian faith so that, during this New year 2020, we will 'show' the world the glory of the Savior who has redeemed us from sin and who gives us life through his Church and the celebration of the sacraments.



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.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

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 on January 5th & 6th and January 11th & 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Carroll at 804-592-8146.

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.

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we are generous with all of our gifts, especially the one thing that means the most to us.



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 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



**Second Collection this week
January 5th
is for our Building Fund.
Thank you for your generosity!**

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**Second Collection next week
January 12th
is for our Haiti Twinning Campaign**

“Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.” The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends are 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.



VOCATIONS

“Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.” Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddioocese.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, 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, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Hadley Spacht, Mary Stella Summers, Scott Trice, Richard Wassels, Jonathan Webb, Joan Williams

If you would like to add/remove someone to the Sick of our Parish list, please call Chris Nowark at 804-448-9064 or email her at office@saintmarycc.org. All prayer requests will remain in place for 6 months and then be removed. Thank you.

BREAKING BREAD

LAST CALL for dinner reservation slips. First dinner being served on Jan. 11, 2020. New reservation slips in Narthex. Please return filled out applications to basket in Narthex. People who tried it last year have signed up for this year. Time to really get to know your fellow parishioners. Where did Jesus meet most of His disciples? At a meal! All are welcome. Families want to meet with other families too. Text me 540-710-3368 or email me at . Thank you, Penny Geary



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 4th 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.



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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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