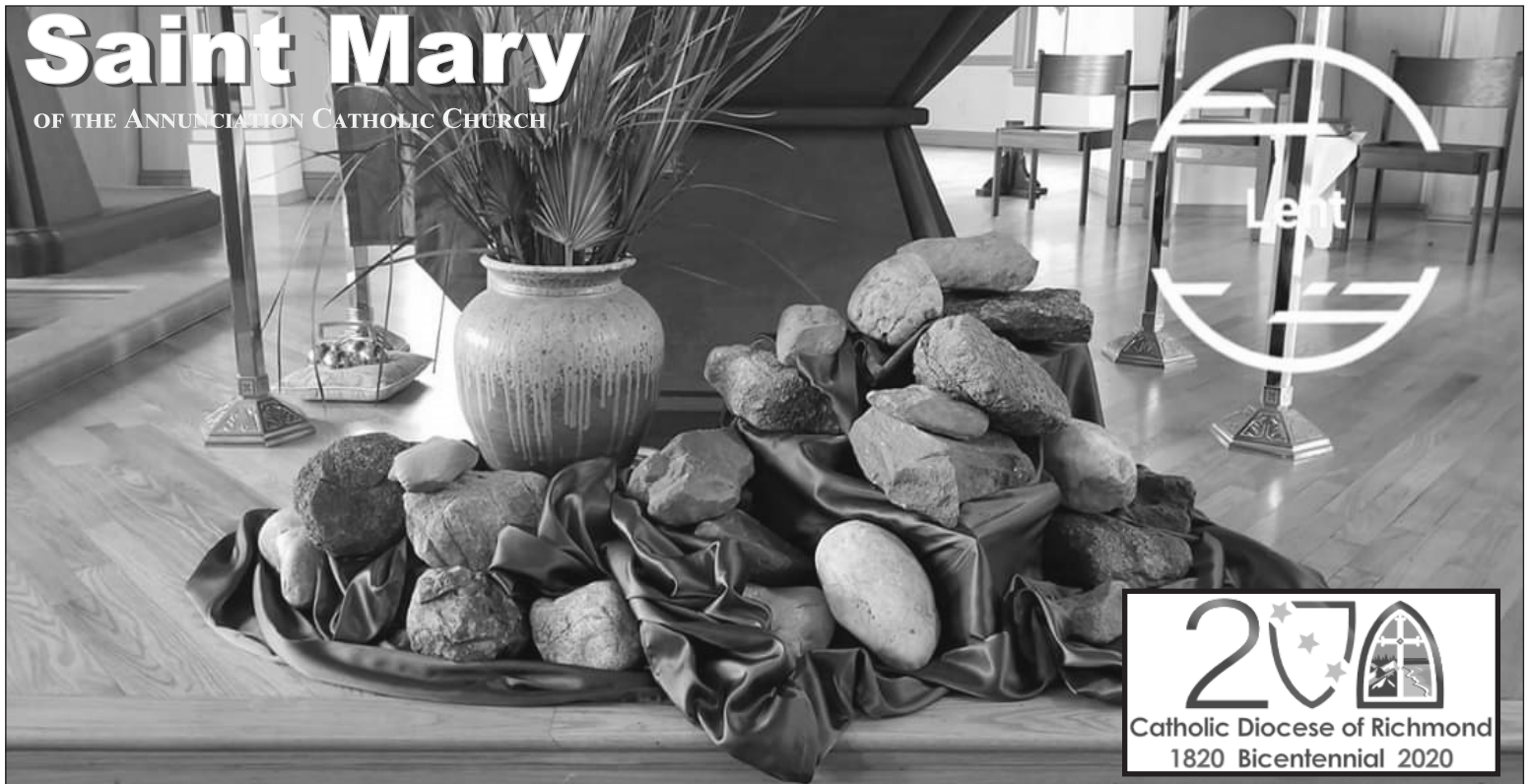


Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 11, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(+Vincent Nguyen req. by Holly Nguyen)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT: 2 KINGS 5:1-15AB; PSALMS 42:2, 3, 43:3, 4; LUKE 4:24-30

TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT: DANIEL 3:25, 34-43; PSALMS 25: 4-5AB, 6 AND 7BC, 8-9; MATTHEW 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT: DEUTERONOMY 4:1, 5-9; PSALMS 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; MATTHEW 5:17-19

THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT: SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 2 SAMUEL 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16; PSALMS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29 ROMANS 4:13, 16-18, 22; MATTHEW 1:16, 18-21, 24A

FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT: HOSEA 6:1-6; PSALMS 51:3-4, 18-21B; LUKE 18:9-14

SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT: HOSEA 6:1-6; PSALMS 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21AB; LUKE 18:9-14

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

Monday, March 16, 2020	
Tuesday, March 17, 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, March 18, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, March 19, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, March 20, 2020	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Supper; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 21, 2020	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass (+David Phillips req. by Conrad and Kathy Kost)
Sunday, March 22, 2020	8:30 AM Mass (Deceased members of the Demick Family req. by Holly Nguyen); 9:45 AM Religious Education; 11:00 AM Mass

Upcoming Parish News/Events

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

Many people have a problem accepting the Good News of God's unconditional love. If God loves us unconditionally, then why should we make effort to discipline ourselves and grow in holiness? Since God loves us under all conditions, what is the need for the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving? The answer is that these spiritual devotions and disciplines are necessary not as means of earning God's love but as means of expressing our gratitude and reciprocal love for God and God's people. No amount of good deeds or spiritual discipline can repay the debt we owe to God or make us innocent before God's throne of justice. Only by God's grace can we be acquitted and raised to the status of God's beloved children. After we have been restored to God's friendship, we can then undertake acts of prayer, self discipline and Christian charity as ways of expressing our gratitude to God and growing in maturity in our new status as God's children. But the initial act that transforms us from the state of sin to the state of friendship with God is entirely a free offer of God's mercy. All we need to do is open our hearts and accept it as a free gift of God's unconditional love.

On Ash Wednesday, we received ash on our foreheads with the words, "Repent and believe the Good News." Today is a good day to do just that. Today is a good day to open our hearts and accept God's offer of unconditional love. And if we have already done that, today is a good day to immerse ourselves more deeply in the experience of God's gratuitous love such that we begin to radiate unconditional love in our relationships. Conversion is not just a once and for all affair; it is also an ongoing experience.



This Lenten season we are encouraged to donate new black dress shoes for both boys and girls in Uganda between the ages of 4-13. ***These shoes can be purchased through Amazon or at your local Target or Wal-Mart stores.***



May the Lord bless
all of us and reward
us abundantly



In light of the growing concern about the coronavirus (COVID-19) and out of an abundance of caution, Bishop Knestout is instructing all parishes, schools, residential adult care centers and campus ministries to take the following measures in their communities for the foreseeable future:

- Cease distribution of the Precious Blood (Christ is fully present under both species of the Blessed Sacrament)
- Refrain from shaking hands during the Sign of Peace (bow or verbal gesture is appropriate)
- Refrain from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer
- Remove Holy Water from the Baptismal and Holy Water fonts

A new web page has been implemented at richmonddiocese.org/coronavirus which provides additional safety precautions. This web page will be updated regularly with important information about our diocesan response. Additional resources can be found through the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov) and the [Virginia Department of Health](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov) websites.

As always, prayer is an important way Catholics can respond to any crisis as we express our dependence on God. We continue to stand in solidarity with all those affected by the disease as well as those health care professionals who care for them. We ask parishioners to keep these people in mind while we pray – especially as we continue our Lenten journey.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

2019	Dec	Jan	Feb	YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 18,001	\$ 15,422	\$ 9,830	
On Line Giving	\$ 6,495	\$ 6,291	\$ 5,421	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 24,496	\$ 21,712	\$ 15,251	\$ 148,094
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 19,658	\$ 19,658	\$ 19,658	\$ 157,264
Over/Under	\$ 4,838	\$ (2,054)	\$ (4,407)	\$ (9,170)
Building Fund Collections				
Actual Receipts	\$ 4,030	\$ 4,839	\$ 4,094	



PRIZE BINGO HAS BEEN CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" in our daily actions and decisions.

FORMED Lenten Reflections

Take a moment and sign up for Lenten Reflections through FORMED!

Christ's love for you is bursting forth. Embrace him and let his mercy pierce your heart during this Lenten season. Join others in the Parish for a 40-day journey of welcoming Christ's tender love, beginning with these short, daily videos from Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray. Live in Christ's love and let him transform your life this Lenten Season.

To sign up click on the FORMED banner link on our website or visit <http://formed.org/lent>.



Next week, our second collection will be for The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays throughout Lent starting on 2/28/20. Soup is at 6pm; Stations of the Cross start at 7pm. Join us as

we retrace the final journey of Christ to Calvary. Sign up sheets for soup and bread are in the Narthex. For questions, call Valerie Sparks at 804-572-1768.



CELEBRATE SPRING IN D.C.

The Catholic Woman's Club of Richmond invites everyone April 7, 2020 to a fun and faith-filled day trip to Washington DC. See the cherry blossoms, Roosevelt Memorial, luncheon cruise on the Odyssey and tour the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America. Roundtrip transportation, lunch, cruise and all gratuities are included. Leave the Columbian Center at 8:00 am; return at 7:30 pm. Contact Theresa Carroll 804.346.9858 with questions. Make check to CWC, cost is \$145 mail check to Joan Walton, 300 Burnwick, Richmond, VA 23227. cwerva.org



Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Eli Ames, Bob Arnold, Mike Arnold, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, Kevin Bera, The Biddulph Family, Maria Bridge, Debbie Brooks, Daniel Clarke, Cindy Cook, Brandon Dineff, Levie Edmond, Ted Foster, Dave Frank, Peter Frank, Deacon Dave Geary, Verde Halley, Celeste Henkel, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Deborah Landsnes, Jennifer Leaming-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, Joan Williams

Lenten Schedule

Every Friday, February 28th– Friday April 3
 Obligatory day of abstinence
 6:00 PM Meatless Soup Supper Church Hall
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 Wednesday, March 25- Solemnity of the Annunciation
 10:00 AM Mass
 7:00 PM Mass
 Thursday, April 2—Penance Service
 7:00 PM
 Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday
 Regular Mass schedule for Saturday and Sunday
 Thursday April 9—Holy Thursday
 7:00 PM Mass
 8:00 PM -Midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Friday, April 10-Good Friday
 Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence
 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross
 Saturday, April 11 - Holy Saturday
 10:00 AM Blessing of the Food
 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass
 Sunday, April 12th- Easter
 8:30 AM Easter Sunday Mass
 11:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass






Community/Diocesan Events

Catholic Diocese of	Richmond Bicentennial	Event Calendar
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday, May 9, 2020	Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Knestout	Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Baltimore
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
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

VOCATIONS

“But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty.” Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.” Let Jesus fill your thirst for a blessed marriage. Participate in the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on Mar 20-22, 2020 in FAIRFAX, VA and May 1-3, 2020 in Hickory, NC 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.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” *JOHN 4:13*

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered”.

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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.