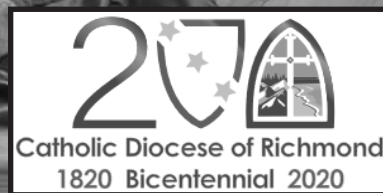
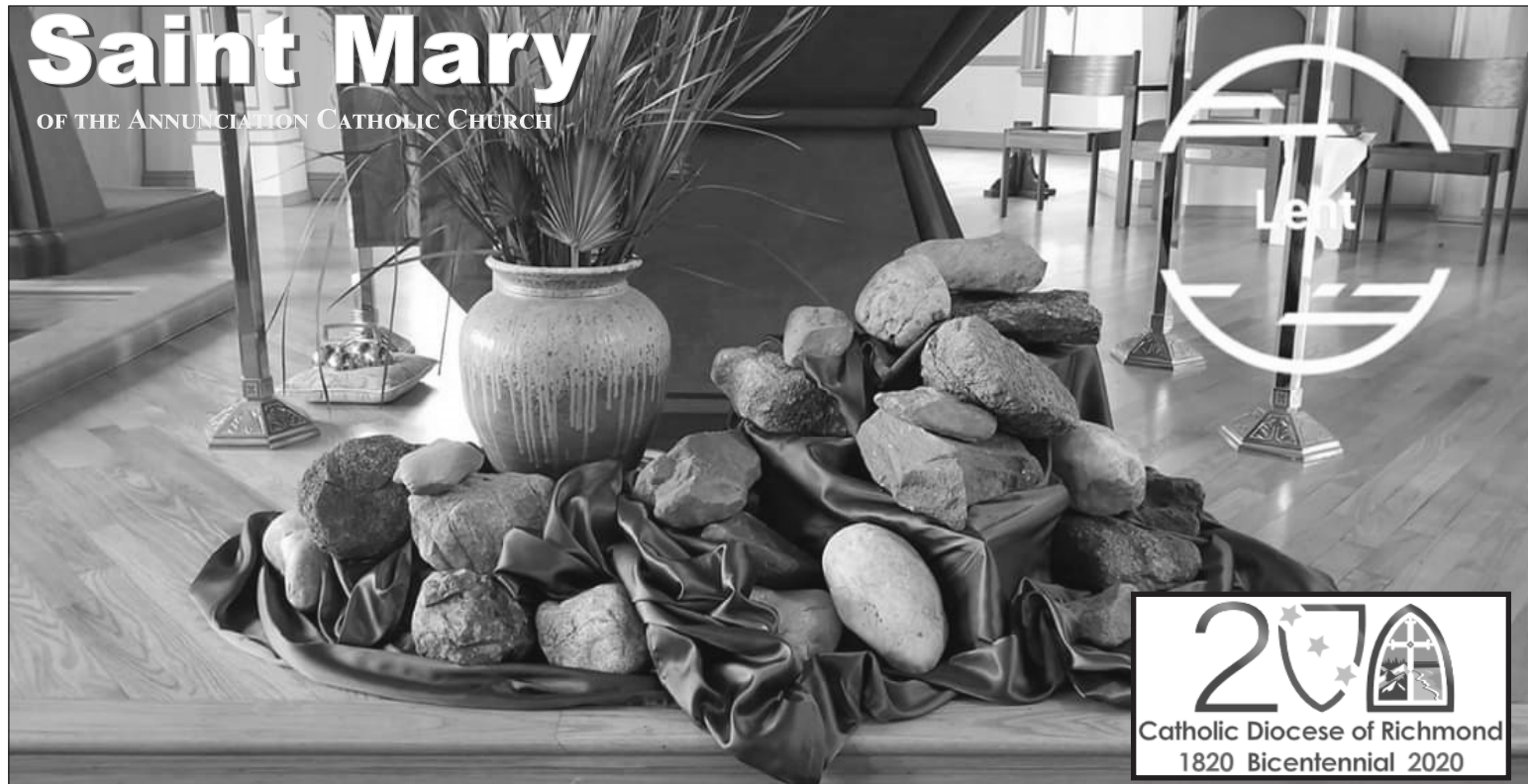


Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM AND

11:00 AM

(+David Phillips req. by Danielle, Beth, Kurt, Greg & Michelle Kost and families)

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

MONDAY OF 1ST WEEK IN LENT: LEVITICUS 19: 1-2, 11-18, PSALMS 19: 8-10,15 MATTHEW 25:31-46

TUESDAY OF 1ST WEEK IN LENT: ISAIAH 55: 10-11, PSALMS 34: 4-7, 16-19 MATTHEW 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY OF 1ST WEEK IN LENT: JONAH 3:1-10 PSALMS 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19 LUKE 11:29-32

THURSDAY OF 1ST WEEK IN LENT: ESTHER 12, 14-16, 23-25 PSALMS 138: 1-3 7C-8 MATTHEW 7:7-12

FRIDAY OF 1ST WEEK IN LENT: ESTHER 18: 21-28 PSALMS 130: 1-8 MATTHEW 5: 20-26

SATURDAY OF 1ST WEEK IN LENT: DEUTERONOMY 26: 16-19 PSALMS 119 MATTHEW 5: 43-48

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

Monday, March 2, 2020	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, March 3, 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 4, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass (<i>Angelica Vita Demick req. by Holly Nguyen</i>) ; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, March 5, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, March 6, 2020	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Supper; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 7, 2020	9:00 AM - Noon CCM Play Practice; 4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, March 8, 2020	8:30 AM Mass ; 9:45 AM Religious Education; 11:00 AM Mass

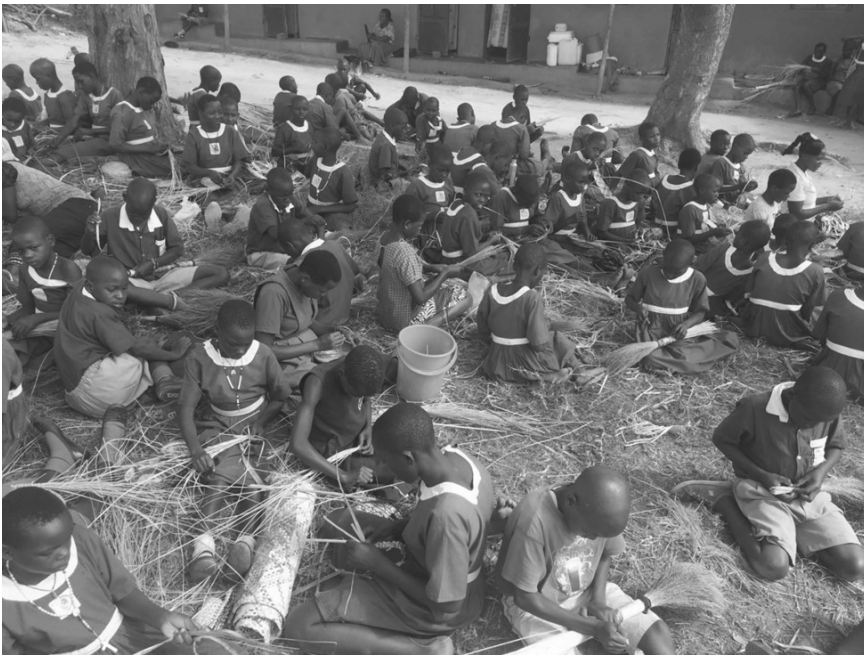
Upcoming Parish News/Events

BASIC LENTEN DISCIPLINES

FASTING: Expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God.

PRAYER: Changes our relationship to God. Through prayer we admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. In the process, we open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.

ALMSGIVING: Provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us when we give away or share our wealth out of love for God and for others. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the orbit of Christ's love.



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.

May the Lord bless all of us and reward us abundantly



Second Collection **THIS** week
February 29th—March 1st
is for our Building Fund.
Thank you for your generosity!

Home Mission Grant Given to Saint Mary of the Annunciation

In December of 2019, one of the two large HVAC systems that heats/cools the Church stopped working. It was determined that it was too old and costly to repair. Estimates to replace the unit was over \$18,000. With limited cash on hand and other repairs that needed funding, we did not have the money necessary to complete the purchase. We requested an emergency Home Mission Grant from the Diocesan Home Mission Program. We have been blessed to have been granted \$10,000. This means we can move forward with the purchase the unit without taking out any additional loans.

We would like to sincerely thank the Diocese of Richmond for making this grant available to us. Home Mission Grant funding is provided through the Diocesan Annual Appeal. It is part of the Office of the Propagation of Faith, a Diocesan branch of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This office helps in the procurement of funds for the support of Catholic missions in Virginia, the United States and in foreign countries. It administers the Mission Cooperative Program and the Home Mission Grant program to support our mission parishes. It also provides aide to smaller parishes such as Saint Mary of the Annunciation outside of the Home Mission designation.

Money our parishioners donate to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, reaches a broad range of those in need from our Diocese. As the Diocesan Annual Appeal kicks off for 2020, please contribute with the good of the whole Diocese in mind.



Silver Rose Rosary Service – March 12

As part of your Lenten journey this year join us for the saying of the Rosary, Readings and Reflections on March 12 at 7pm at St. Mary’s in the Church!

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes

throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We’re excited to be hosting the Silver Rose again this year!

BOOKS IN BLOOM! The Catholic Woman’s Club of Richmond invites you to celebrate five Richmond authors March 14, 2020 11:30 am at the Hermitage Country Club. Meeting the authors, book signings and a luncheon are included in the ticket. Reservation: Send check for \$35 to Joan Walton 300 Burnwick Road, Richmond, VA 23227 or pay on-line at www.CWCRVA.org For more information about event, authors, payment and directions go to www.CWCRVA.org.



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>.



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.



The Parish Pastoral Council currently has one vacancy in the role of Infrastructure Lead. If you are an active, registered member of our parish who is knowledgeable about general maintenance and building infrastructure, have the availability to coordinate and/or meet with service personnel when necessary, and are willing to coordinate various projects related to the general upkeep of our parish properties, we’d love to talk to you! Basic commitment is one meeting per month (third Thursday), participation in annual day of recollection, and group communication via email and Flocknote. Contact Anne Bradshaw (ambonner@hotmail.com) for more information.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we prune ourselves of earthly things and ask God how he is calling us to serve.



Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Eli Ames, Bob Arnold, Mike Arnold, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, Kevin Bera, The Biddulph Family, Maria Bridge, Daniel Clarke, Cindy Cook, Brandon Dineff, Levie Edmond, Ted Foster, Dave Frank, Peter Frank, Deacon Dave Geary, Verde Halley, 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

Thursday, March 25- Solemnity of the Annunciation
10:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Mass

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

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



“At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.” If the devil tempted Jesus, who was God, how much more will he tempt us into sin. Bring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit into your marriage to help you resist temptations. Attend 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

“It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”

MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

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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.