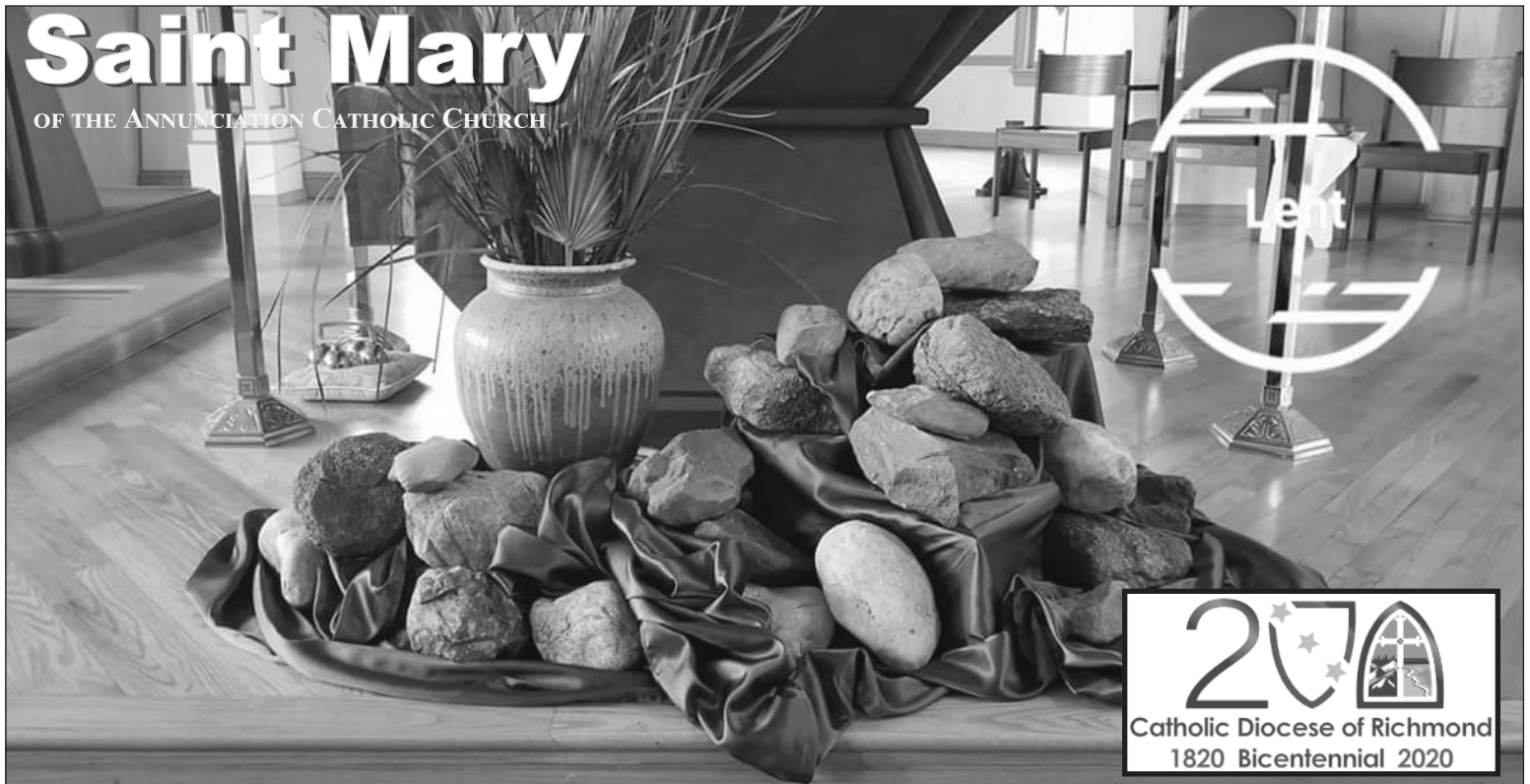


Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

MASS

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM AND
11:00 AM**

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY OF 2ND WEEK OF LENT: GENESIS 12-1-4A PSALMS 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 2 TIMOTHY 1:8B-10 MATTHEW 17:1-9

MONDAY OF 2ND WEEK OF LENT: DANIEL 9:4B-10 PSALMS 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13 LUKE 6:36-38

TUESDAY OF 2ND WEEK OF LENT: ISAIAH 1:10, 16-20 PSALMS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23 MATTHEW 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY OF 2ND WEEK OF LENT: JEREMIAH 18:18-20 PSALMS 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 MATTHEW 20:17-28

THURSDAY OF 2ND WEEK OF LENT: JEREMIAH 17:5-10 PSALMS 1:1-2, 3, 4, AND 6 LUKE 16:19-31

FRIDAY OF 2ND WEEK OF LENT: GENESIS 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A PSALMS 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 MATTHEW 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY OF 2ND WEEK OF LENT: MICAH 7:14-15, 18-20 PSALMS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

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

Monday, March 9, 2020	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers; 6:00 PM - 9:00 Knights of Columbus
Tuesday, March 10, 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 11, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Music Ministry; 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, March 12, 2020	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass ; 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Rosary Service; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, March 13, 2020	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Supper; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 14, 2020	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass (+ <i>Vincent Nguyen req. by Holly Nguyen</i>); Holy Land Souvenirs in Narthex after Mass
Sunday, March 15, 2020	8:30 AM Mass ; 9:45 AM Religious Education; 11:00 AM Mass ; Holy Land Souvenirs in Narthex after each Mass

Upcoming Parish News/Events

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

From the event of the Transfiguration I would like to take two significant elements that can be summed up in two words: ascent and descent. We all need to go apart, to ascend the mountain in a space of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. This we do in prayer. But we cannot stay there! Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to "descend the mountain" and return to the plain where we meet many brothers weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, ignorance, poverty both material and spiritual. To these brothers in difficulty, we are called to bear the fruit of that experience with God, by sharing the grace we have received. And this is curious. When we hear the Word of Jesus, when we listen to the Word of Jesus and carry it in our heart, this Word grows. Do you know how it grows? By giving it to the other! The Word of Christ grows in us when we proclaim it, when we give it to others! And this is what Christian life is. It is a mission for the whole Church, for all the baptized, for us all: listen to Jesus and offer him to others. Do not forget: this week listen to Jesus!



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



Congratulations to our raffle winners for the month of February!



Marguerite Dineen
Alan Dean
Ed Schwartz
Timothy Blain
John O'Leary

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
That we may learn the difference between what we want and what we need, trusting that God will provide all that we need.



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.

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.



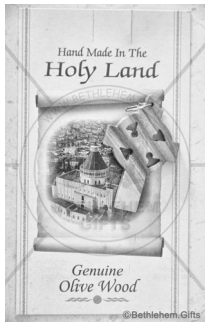
Silver Rose Rosary Service – March 12

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!



Knights of Columbus will be meeting on Monday, March 9th. Dinner is at 6:30 PM and meeting starts at 7:30 PM.



Today, more than 600 Christian families, mostly Catholic, living in Bethlehem rely completely on the hand carved olive wood figures to make their livings on. So, we are sent in a mission to market some of the beautiful religious handcrafts made by these poor families. **We will be set up in the Narthex NEXT WEEKEND (3/14-3/15)** and would like to encourage everyone to take a look at the display and see if there is something you would like to purchase.

Thank you,
Holy Land Souvenirs/Bethlehem Olive Wood.

Parish Pastoral Council Vacancy

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.



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, 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

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>.



Please Join us for some family game time!



PRIZE BINGO

Saturday March 28th
Doors open at 5:30 PM

Concession/Kitchen will be open!

Come join us for an evening of FUN and PRIZES!

Donations go to the Building Fund!

Second Collection NEXT week
March 14th—15th
Will be for Easter Flowers.
Thank you for your generosity!



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
7:00 PM—Reconciliation Service
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

“God has called us with a holy calling... according to His own purpose and grace.” Do you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

 "Rise, and do not be afraid." Let us not be afraid to live out our Sacrament of Marriage to the fullest. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage by attending a **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](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or 757-690-1369.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

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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.